

President's Bit!!

Well, the committee have finally got our butts in gear and we have produced this wonderful newsletter for you all. We hope you enjoy it!

The format of this newsletter will be to round up all the events we have had so far this year and then to highlight some of the coming events this semester...not too many though, or we'll have nothing to put in the next newsletter!!

VPE's Bit

Hope you are all enjoying the new semester and are looking forward to the varied and fun events that have been organised for the coming weeks. As always, suggestions (of most sorts!) are very welcome. If you have a particular idea, want help organising something yourself, or simply want to be the event (!!)

then feel free to get in contact with me anytime.

VPW's Bit

Firstly, I'd like to thank Mike for his great work on World Aids Day - he made over £100!! and he looked fab!! Now the new semester is underway, the main Welfare Event is the Equality Network speaker from Edinburgh. This will be an interesting evening so I hope to see you all there.

Just remember that I am here if you need advice, condoms etc. - I can be contacted through the society email /pigeonhole in the Union.

The Gay Saint

The official newsletter of St. Andrews University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Society

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The Semester that was!

Although it seems so long ago now, it was only last semester that many of you became part of our merry band. However, whether new or old, young or aged (no names!!) I hope that I have satisfied all your cravings(!) From the 'Welcome Party' in the first week, the theatre trip to see "Smells and Bells", our Christmas Party, clubbing nights in Dundee, to our usual Monday night capers (and the now infamous "Pink Quiz"!), semester one was, I hope, a good experience and a success for you all. I know Ruth and I certainly have some amusing memories of you all (and ourselves!) from my own top-swapping capers with Steve in Libs, to the sexploits of John Gardner (Fife Healthboard). Hope semester two is as much fun!!

A Mass Debate (!)
The motion to be debated on Monday 15th of March is: "This house believes that gay men have more street cred than lesbians." Controversial! Come and have your say!!!

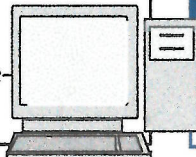
..VIDEOS..VIDEOS..
The society has been awarded a discretionary grant to buy some videos/books. If you have any suggestions please grab/email Martin or Karen before the Easter Holidays.

WEB PAGE

Check out the society website for all the latest society news and events. Worth a look, if only for Nor's "Site of the Week"! - funny, interesting and sometimes down-right weird!! Ideas, suggestions and contributions are welcome via the email. Find us at:

<http://www.st-and.ac.uk/~lgbsoc>

or via the Uni Home-page



Welfare Poster Campaign

Hopefully by now you will have seen some of our posters up, around the University buildings and Halls. The committee have produced a series of posters which will be visible in this manner for the whole of this semester in an effort to raise awareness and tolerance of our society throughout the student body.



Coming in the next issue: an events update, more literary genius and "Gay Grumbles" the new Gaysoc Problem Page. Comments and suggestions always welcome...



Irish? Lesbian? Writer? It must be Emma Donoghue!

Yes, the hallowed Dr Donoghue will be visiting St. Andrews English Department, in conjunction with our society no less, on **Wednesday 3rd of March**. She will be giving a lecture and a reading, both of which will be held in **Room 1 of Kennedy Hall on the Scores**. The lecture will be given at 2.15pm and is entitled "Digging up Queer History", and the reading will be of two short stories and will be held at 8pm. If you can't come to both then we urge you to come to the evening reading. Karen says she is a great writer - very funny and touching and if that isn't motivation enough, Karen will be out for the blood of any absent!! (You think she's joking?!!)

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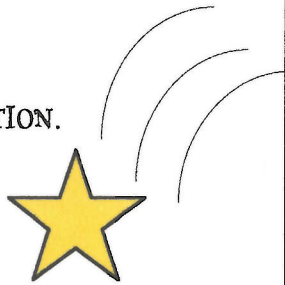
by Eli and Emma

Cuddles are good
 cuddles are groovy
 cuddles make life shagadelic and cool
 cuddles make muddles
 GO AWAY (hurray!!)

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION.

Ha!

Try telling us to stop.



Mel & Sue

Those gorgeous babes from Channel 4 are coming to the Dundee Rep Theatre on Friday 30th of April, accompanied by their band and "some very special guests"!! Any of you who fancy a Late Lunch should start saving their pennies now - tickets are £10.00!! Karen is trying to arrange for a discount and transport will be arranged in due course...if you want to come, email the society a.s.a.p.

Queer Viewing

"Queer as Folk" Tuesdays at 10:30pm, CH4. This is a new series following the lives of three gay men living it large in Manchester's Gay Village...loads of laughs and (ahem!) sex - great viewing for the gals too!! "Emmerdale" Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7pm, ITV. Zoe still hasn't had a shag, but she's trying (very)!! "The Lakes" Sundays at 9pm, BBC 1. The immortal line to the lesbian teacher: "I want my son to be able to spell dick before he can spell dykell" (oo-er). She may, or may not get it on with her ex-girly who is now married and very respectable!!

Don't forget, the **Equality Network** are coming to speak to us on **Monday 8th of March** in the Chaplaincy. This should be a very informative night and a good opportunity for everyone to find out what THEY can do to help fight for gay equality!!

Clubbin' in the Capital!!

A clubbing trip to Edinburgh has been planned for after the Easter Holidays. No club has been chosen as yet. However, if there is a "Joy" night, or if any of you know of a **HOT** gay night-spot (other than CC's!!) which you think would appreciate our wonderful presence, then email Karen via the soc account and she will "sort it outmaaaaan!!"!! There will be transport there and back - details will follow nearer the time!!



Night Watchman

Anon

It's 5am
I hear only your breathing
and silence and time passing.
Through your curtains, the dawn-light
edges and glows over your
slowly falling
rising chest
Skin turns pale red in this light.
The cool air flowing over
makes it tight, silky to touch.

You are turning;
so that your face
is next to mine.
I feel warm breath on my lips,
lie appreciating
Quiet completing reason
At 5am like this
I am glad I exist.

When I give in
and touch your smoothness,
You fully wake
and my insides try to come
out through my mouth.
I make out that you're smiling
It is easy to move close
and taste that you are perfect



Capricorn *December 21 - January 19*

Your practical outlook on life may prove profitable in the coming month. However, the intersection of Saturn and Neptune on the 16th reflects your inability to take risks. As a result, you will get nowhere with your life this month, so don't bother - just go to the pub and get pissed.

Aquarius *January 20 - February 18*

You have an inventive mind and lean towards progressiveness. However, the alignment of the planets this month will bring out your propensity to be careless and impractical. You will fail most of your assessments - you'd be better off down the pub with the Capricorns.

Pisces *February 19 - March 20*

You have a vivid imagination and would make a good tabloid journalist. However, your fantasies do you no good, although they keep everyone around you entertained - especially the one about you, Michael Owen/Pamela Anderson and the sheep.

Aries *March 21 - April 19*

You are a courageous and motivated person. People turn to you for support and you turn to them for drinks. You are quick tempered, impatient, rash and scornful of advice - so we're not giving you any.

Taurus *April 20 - May 20*

You are determined which makes you work hard. As Venus comes opposite to Uranus the possibility of an erotic encounter is increased - pity that all of your spots have erupted.

Gemini *May 21 - June 20*

You are a quick and intelligent thinker (or so you keep telling everyone). You are inclined to expect too much for too little. You are constantly searching for a kindred spirit - try the toilets at East Sands.



THE ADVENTURES OF PIERRE

PART I

ANON.



He caught my eye across the bar. A wicked smile formed; it was almost a snarl. I didn't back down: I was in the mood. I don't know what it was about him...the way he leaned casually on the counter, his rusty hair paradoxically looking so soft to touch, his strong, worn hands grasping and stroking the pint in front of him. He was a stallion begging to be caught, and I...I can never resist a challenge.

It wasn't a gay bar we were at. But I'm one of those men who can always tell. The compass in my pants points the way. That night I followed his lead with no hesitations. I wove my way past the crowd and slipped up behind him. But he had kept track and knew I was there, standing and waiting. He waited too, stopped talking to his mates, left his fag smoldering in the ash tray, timing his move. A bead of sweat slid down my forehead. I could almost feel his firm butt brushing my jeans.

And then those gorgeous hands of his moved so swiftly I didn't see them coming. He grabbed the back of my thighs and pulled me in. I was pinned against him; my breath caught. My hips moved beyond my control.

Queer

by Timothy Buttercup

It's not about continuing the status quo, or
bragging about who you know,
It's not about chest size, dick size, wallet size or
breast size,

It's not about money, class position or status,
It's not about Gap, BMW, or living in the ghetto,
Forget styles, trends and pretending to be
hetero,

It's about brother loving brother; sister loving
sister; brother loving brother loving
sister loving sister.

It's not about objectification of bodies
It's about exploration of possibilities, of our
heart and soul.

It's about drag queens at Stonewall, fairies and
leather;

Nature and magic, revelling in pleasure.

It's not about Crystal Meth, cover charge,
attitude or greed,

It's about acceptance and love, truth and
healing.

It's about fighting AIDS and expressing what
we're feeling

It's not about being fabulous at the expense of
other people,

It's not about red ribbons or those goddamn
freedom rings

Which buy us all complacency

And make us forget the important things.

It's not about being told where to go, who to
fuck, or what to buy,

It's about questioning the status quo and always
asking why.

It's not about "straight acting", "straight
appearing" or self-hatred.

It's about breaking free from the ties that bind
us and give us something back.

It's not about living a lie and putting on an act

It's about taking what is rightfully ours and
never selling out.

It's about fucking and kissing, sucking and
fisting

Queer means no apologies to anyone, no fears,
no assimilation.

Thanks to Karen, Emma and Eli who have all spent a lot of time working on this newsletter. If you enjoyed it, why not get involved with the next one? If you didn't enjoy it, have your say via a letter or e-mail and then get involved with the next one!

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STARS

Cancer *June 21 - July 22*

Your sympathetic and practical nature stems from your ability to listen to other people's problems - you don't care, really, they just make you feel better about yourself!! You are also quite lazy this month, as per usual. We recommend that you get pissed, but you probably can't be bothered!

Leo *July 23 - August 22*

You consider yourself to be a born leader, but everyone else just thinks you're bossy. This month you may well feel insecure, but try not to resort to your usual trick - gazing into the mirror, telling yourself how wonderful you are!

Virgo *August 23 - September 22*

You are very logical and hate disorder. You are always in a rush to get things done and this month you are so efficient that instead of one brush sticking out your ass, you have five! This efficiency could cause you to be very tired and so, if you're lucky enough to get a shag, you'll probably fall asleep during it!!

Libra *September 23 - October 22*

Due to your artistic streak, this month finds you having difficulty accepting reality. So instead of being a miserable sod, this month you will be a paranoid miserable sod. Try some retail therapy - first stop, the plastic surgeons.

Scorpio *October 23 - November 21*

You are shrewd in business but cannot be trusted - you'd sell your own mother!! This leads to your sexual advances being rejected by even the most desperate prostitute and so you'll probably end the month in hospital suffering from third degree burns as a result of a loose connection in your vibrator!!

Sagittarius *November 22 - December 21*

Your optimism and enthusiasm for life are equalled only by your dreaminess and utter lack of co-ordination. The good news is there is a potentially advantageous planetary alignment this month. However, to benefit from it, you need to remove your head from your arse and come back down to earth. Remember, interacting with others is the key.

Helen Whitehead is looking for subjects for her SH Psychology dissertation. It's painless and she even provides sweets for you!! Contact her at hmw1@