

Immigration

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"You fall in love with someone who is not a Canadian and Canada says to you drop your lover or leave the country," he said. "Heterosexual marriage is treated as a basic right and gay and lesbians are not given that right," says Sanders, who is also

co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Task Force on Immigration (LGTFI).

The task force was organized in December as a lobbying and support group for lesbians and gay men who have lovers outside the country — as well as those here who would like to apply to stay in Canada. They also seek some status for same-sex couples.

"There are a group of us here who are Canadian citizens, who have partners of the same sex, and who are not

Canadians," said Sanders. "It is a group of couples who have immigration problems."

A similar group was formed in Australia in 1984, and successfully lobbied for changes to Australian law.

Sanders says LGTFI is seeking equality with the system for straights, in which heterosexuals can sponsor a partner but marriage is required and a financial guarantee. There is no waiting period or time requirement.

"Canadian law does not permit same sex couples to marry, so we are quite prepared to accept some alternate criteria such as deferring immigration status two or three years. Something like this would verify the stability of the relationship."

But Immigration Canada is not willing to deal with Coll and Morrissey's case.

"The question of what homosexuals are entitled to, I don't think that that is something that immigration should deal with and I think that that is something that the government should deal with as a whole," said Chapman. "To be honest, I don't think that the government of Canada has an articulated policy on homosexuality."

The federal department of justice is currently reviewing the Canadian Human Rights Act and sexual orientation is one of the issues under consideration.

Change is essential, according to the BC Human Rights Coalition, which has called on the federal government "to end all practices which discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation."

Mary Brookes of Vancouver's Gay and Lesbian Centre agrees. "It is long past the time for the federal govern-

ment to act to ensure this form of discrimination is no longer legally tolerated in Canada," she says. "All citizens must be treated as equals under the law."

These two organizations, as well as the United Church of Canada, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Vancouver Lesbian Connection and the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, have expressed their support for Morrissey's challenge.

Morrissey and Coll applied for a Minister's Permit May 21, based on humanitarian and compassionate grounds in case their challenge is not resolved before Coll's work permit expires. Hughes doesn't expect their case to be heard for at least a year and says they have only received a form letter acknowledging their application.

"It is just beginning," states Morrissey. "If they [heterosexuals] can immigrate, why can't we?"

Morrissey's 76-year-old mother wonders that herself. "I cannot understand why Christine is not allowed to sponsor Bridget for immigration," she says.

"I consider Bridget to be part of our family."

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Feb. 9 DAL @ MUN 10 a.m.
Feb. 12 ACA @ DAL 7:30 p.m.

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KIRK YANOFSKY - VOLLEYBALL FEB. 3 - 9
Third year middle blocker, Kirk Yanofsky had a strong weekend for the Dalhousie Men's Volleyball Team. At the Winter Carnival (Laval Rouge et Or) Tournament in Quebec, Kirk had an impressive 23 stuff blocks, 51 kills and 4 service aces. Kirk is a Bachelor of Science major.

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