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NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 1977

Well, no doubt you've heard the news. The Ontario Human Rights Commission has finally agreed that gay people should be given the same civil rights that everyone else enjoy. And the Canadian people apparently agree - in

a recent poll, 51% were in favour of basic civil rights for gay people. So finally the results of the struggles of a tiny minority of gay people have borne fruits!!!!

Where do we go from here? First of all, the Conservative government of Ontario will need more than a gentle push to put the OHRC's recommendations into law. Remember, they fired John Damien, and this past April blocked the vote on a gay rights amendment to the Ontario Human Rights Code. In view of the Anita Bryant campaign they may still be reluctant to act - time will tell. If they do need a push, let's give it to them. Let's get our legislators moving!

WE NEED HELP The effort required to put on dances and meetings is really quite minor considering the fun that those who come to the events have. But for the few people who seem to get stuck with all the work, it gets to be a real drag. If you are free on the evening of a dance or meeting, donate some time. Just call 822-████ and offer your services. We'll appreciate them!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOTE: Our meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. in the 9th Floor Lounge of the Arts Building at the University of Guelph, beginning at 8 PM.

Wednesday Aug. 3 - Wine and Cheese evening - bring one or the other.

Wednesday Aug. 17 - Politics and Guelph Gay Equality - now that we've made some gains, where do you think our politics should be - left, center, right, ... or apolitical?

Friday August 26 - Dance at the Old Country Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Parkway, just north of Woodlawn (Hwy 7) Starts at 9PM.

Also in August - we hope to have a joint picnic with members from the groups in Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo and Mississauga. Call the GAYLINE to keep in touch - 24 hour recorded message.

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