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Guelph Gay Equality

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1979

COMING EVENTS

- Wed. Jan. 10 - Welcome-back meeting for students + others. 8 pm in 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg.
- Mon. Jan. 15 - GAY YOUTH GUELPH meets at 8pm Rm. 221, University Centre.
- Wed. Jan 17 - Gay Youth Guelph will give a presentation on their group and its activities. 8 pm, 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Building.
- Wed. Jan. 24 - a discussion on personal 'drag' - the images we try to put across using our clothing etc. 8pm in 9th Floor Lounge.
- Mon. Jan. 29 - GAY YOUTH GUELPH meeting in Rm. 221, University Centre, 8 pm.
- Wed. Jan. 31 - Film Night - 8 pm, 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Build.

SOME THOUGHTS FOR 1979

A lot of things happened on the gay scene in 1978. Anita B. ran out of gas, the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario received good media response for their brief to the government (entitled 'Discrimination and the Gay Minority'), Gaydays in Toronto was a tremendous success, new gay lib groups sprang up all over the place, a regional newsletter was started, and two anti-gay initiatives were defeated in the U.S. On a negative note, San Francisco's Harvey Milk was slain and the Barracks steam bath in Toronto was raided on Dec. 9.

These events of the past year have marked the discovery by our minority that we can exercise political clout when we take a vocal stand on issues affecting us. Obviously the era of closety 'social' organizations, so common in the 1960's, has ended. We are beginning to act like self-confident and mature citizens.

On the other hand, our critics still attack us using statistics on alcoholism, drug abuse, VD, loneliness and suicide, as well as other problems that we have to deal with because of our oppression. It is unfortunate that there are still some people in the region who put personal profit ahead of supporting those who are working to alleviate these problems. We at G.G.E. have been forced to suspend our monthly dances because a local group of individuals has increased its dances to weekly instead of biweekly. Over the past five years we have attempted to cooperate with all groups to minimize competition. G.G.E. must now slash our community service budget of \$150 per month. Is that good for the gay community??

We urge you to support us and other gay organizations in the region which openly support gay people and their struggle for equal treatment as citizens. Help us maintain and expand our services by attending our events, volunteering, and making donations to keep us above the red ink.

Gayline - 836-4550 Office - 824-4120 ext 8575 (OVER)

COUNSELLING If you are interested in phonenumber counselling for a few hours each month, call Jim at 822-██████ or Peg at 822-██████. The line can be operated from our office or even in your own home, thanks to call forwarding. N.B. A counsellor-training session will be held at York University on Feb. 24+25. Why not join our delegation by calling us?

GAY YOUTH GUELPH - This group has developed its roots and is now planning an active programme for its members. If you are 25 or under, or know someone who is, why not get in touch by coming to a GYG meeting (see coming events for dates).