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NEWS LETTER - SEPTEMBER, 1979

- Wed. Sept. 5: Informal Drop-in. 8:00PM, 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg.
- Wed. Sept.12: BEGININGS- A new semester, a new academic career. Come out and find out what's happening in the fall. 8:00PM, 9th Floor Lounge, Arts
- Wed. Sept.19: GAYS AND THE LAW- What laws affect us? How are they enforced? How can they be changed? 8:00PM. 9th Floor Lounge, Arts.
- Wed. Sept.26: FILM NIGHT- No idea what films, but you can bet they'll be interesting, and not commonly seen elsewhere. 8:00PM, 9th Floor Lounge, Arts.
- Fri. Sept.28: DANCE- Electrical Workers Hall, Silvercreek Rd. N. Shake it up at the old school house, 9:00PMto2:00AM
- FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE GAYLINE 836-4550, JIM AND PAUL 822-XXXX, OR BRUCE 821-XXXX

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## BAWDY HOUSES - BAWDY MINDED COPS

A common bawdy house is "a place that is kept or occupied or resorted to by one or more persons for the purpose of prostitution or the practice of acts of indecency" (Criminal Code, Section 179). This law has been used recently to justify raids on private homes where either pornography or sex toys/aids were kept. Consensual sex acts are legal in private. However, asking someone to commit a sexual act (soliciting), keeping pornography, (even The Body Politic, if the cops have their way), keeping sex toys or aids(does this include KY?), or having sex with more than one person are all illegal. If they want to, and there is growing indication that they do, the local constabulary can bust you for any of the above. And get this kiddies - YOU CAN'T DO A DAMNED THING ABOUT IT.

The police need a valid warrant, or writ of assistance, to enter your home. But once they are inside, the only course you can follow is to smile sweetly and keep your mouth shut. Resisting police is a crime, and anything you say can and will be used against you. Co-operate with them, but give them a statement only after consulting a lawyer. The time to fight back is later, in court.

In public, the police have the right to ask for valid identification. Co-operate with any reasonable request for information. In the event of harassment or arrest, again, co-operate to the best of your ability, and fight back later, either by complaining to the police commission, or through the courts. Do not resist arrest. Do not give information before consulting a lawyer. Do not plead guilty to an offence before consulting a lawyer.

For more information, read GAYS AND THE LAW published by Gays of Ottawa, available through GGE, or contact Guelph Gay Equality

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