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Guelph gay equality

COMING EVENTS

Please Note: As of Sept. 8th, our weekly meetings will be held on Tuesdays, for the fall.

- Wed. Sept. 2 - Informal Dropin - 9th Fl. Lounge, Arts.
- Tues. Sept. 8 - Welcome back to students and other members. 9th Fl. Lounge, 8pm.
- Tues. Sept. 15 - Discussion - Career options for gay people. 9th Fl., 8pm.
- Tues. Sept. 22 - Self Defence Demonstration by Gay Liberation Union of Toronto. This is in preparation for an 8-week course which will begin in October. 9th Fl. Lounge, 8pm.
- Wed. Sept. 23 - GGE presentation to members of Ontario Legislature in Toronto. See details below.
- Fri. Sept. 25 - DANCE DANCEDANCE at the Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek. 9pm.
- Tues. Sept. 29 - Nomination/Film Night. 9th Fl. Lounge. Elections will be held on Oct. 6.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE! Thanks to the mail strike, you haven't heard from us for quite a long time. We held two dances over the summer - hope you remembered to call the Gayline!

SELF DEFENCE COURSE A self defence course for lesbians and gay men is planned to begin early in October, probably on Wednesday nights. There will be 8 sessions lasting three hours each, one session per week. The cost will be \$40. The course will feature:

- weekly exercise period - your chance to shape up!
- instruction and weekly review of self defence moves and techniques.
- group learning about violence - how to avoid it, how to deal with it when it happens.
- instruction and practice on dealing with verbal abuse
- plus much more!

Registration is limited to 20, and you must register before Sept. 30. Register at a meeting or call 822- [redacted] today!

GGE GOES TO QUEEN'S PARK On Wed. Sept. 23, GGE member Jim Dougan will give a presentation to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources, the Ontario government committee which is holding hearings on Bill 7, an Act to Amend the Ontario Human Rights Code. As you should know by now, the bill presently doesn't protect gays, but that could change, especially if you write to your local MPP and urge him/her to support the protection from discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation.

CAN YOU HELP? We need to present the legislators with some local examples of discrimination and other antigay events. If you or someone you know have been the victims of discrimination or attack because you are gay, please let us know as soon as you read this - TODAY! You can remain anonymous if you wish, but your information can help us to change the law! Call 822- [redacted] if you can help, or come out to a meeting.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MEMBERS IN ELMIRA*ELORA*FERGUS*BELWOOD AREA If you live in Wellington/Dufferin/Peel riding, your MPP is Jack Johnson (PC) who is a member of the Standing Committee we will be appearing before. He needs to know that there are concerned gays in his riding. If you live there or know someone who does, write or have them write to him c/o Queen's Park, urging him to support the amendment of Bill 7 to give all citizens (OVER)

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protection from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

WRITE TO CHRIS TODAY!!!

This is our regular letters column. If you have a question, comment or idea, write to us at Box 773, Guelph. N1H 6L8

Dear Chris,

I just recently came out and on my first visit to a gay bar I met and went home with someone. After a week of seeing him, he professed his love for me. Although I like my friend as well as anyone I have ever met, I do not love him and have told him so repeatedly. As I'm new to gay life, I feel that I should meet and get to know a variety of people before deciding if I want to take a lover. My friend says that he doesn't want anyone but me, and although it will hurt him, he will accept the fact that I may have relations with others. Unbeknownst to him, I have met another fellow who I also like. My new friend has not come right out and said so, but I feel that he too is beginning to think in more serious terms. Is it possible in the gay life to establish more than one deep friend sex relationship concurrently? I see the next couple of years as exciting ones if I can avoid suffocating entanglements.

Yours truly,
Brad T.

Dear Brad,

Not only in the "gay life" is it possible to enjoy more than one relationship, but this should be so in any life. Don't follow other folks' social norms - gay or straight - establish your own!

Lovers should encourage one another to be free to come and go. Where real freedom exists, it is respected and seldom abused. Is it possible that your friends are overly serious because you want them to be? Be sure that you're open and honest with all of them.

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GOOD READING Just in case you weren't aware, there are some other gay publications around which you might be interested in.

The Body Politic. A Magazine for Gay Liberation. News, views, reviews, personals. Canada's monthly gay magazine. 1 yr. 1st Class mail - \$20; 2nd Class - \$10 For subscriptions write TBP, Box 7269, Stn A, Toronto . M5W 1X9

International Justice Monthly Serving the Great Lakes Area - Canada & USA Regional news, social information, personal ads. Only \$7.00/year Write I.J.M., R.R.4, Harrow, Ontario. NOR 1G0

R.F.D. A Country Journal for Gay Men Everywhere. Artwork, poetry, useful information on laid-back country living. Herbalism, artwork etc. Published quarterly. \$12 (US) per year. Write RFD, Route 1, Box 127-E, Bakersfield, N.C. 28705.

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