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# guelph gay equality

## newsletter

JANUARY 1982

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone had an exciting and gay holiday season. In the coming weeks we will be organizing a committee to:

1. Hold elections 2. Develop a budget and 3. Produce a long-range plan of action appropriate to Guelph Gay Equality's status as a community service organization. Any student or community member is encouraged to become a member of the committee, or to pass their ideas and offers of assistance on to me. We expect to receive a substantial increase in funding by May, and we need direction and guidance as to how this money can best benefit our community.

All positions on the executive are open to any card-carrying member of Guelph Gay Equality whether they are students or not. Now is your chance to demonstrate your leadership ability and to see your ideas put into action.

THINK ABOUT IT!

Roy G.



*"Look, Charley—the world changes."*

GUELPH GAY EQUALITY - QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
September 1981 - December 1981

REVENUE

Memberships and Donations	\$ 350.00
Social Events	302.90
	<u>\$ 652.90</u>

EXPENSES

Newsletters	\$ 136.43
Gayline	113.58
Office Expenses	96.30
Loan Repayment to Univ. of Guelph	120.00
Miscellaneous	33.36
	<u>\$ 499.67</u>
	<u>\$ 153.23</u>

The fall saw an improvement in our financial status, thanks mainly to the many new members who have joined us or friends who have renewed. We also have additional funds at our disposal thanks to the University of Guelph Central Student Association.

Thanks this issue to David, Pat, Roy and Jim. A special thanks to Harvey for sending in the cartoon!

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Do you see  
past us our  
facades in  
golden silhouette  
dark and fearful  
knowing the  
blind unthinking  
anger and  
righteous hate  
against we who  
dare - who  
challenge unreason  
My brothers and  
sisters, we are one.  
We stand alone  
in our moonlit  
haunts proud  
when one steps  
out in the open  
body stretched  
naked to the  
open sky free  
in the knowledge  
of who he is  
and how she  
cares for who  
we are  
why we live this  
way why history  
mocke us.

We are  
Homosexual  
we cannot help fear  
we who knew  
the dawn of time.

But we have survived  
and we have  
a Conscience

For we are Gay.  
a voice in the  
desolation cries  
out to all;  
We will be heard  
Our voice will not  
die away.

by DAVID

GAY RIGHTS IN ONTARIO - STILL A  
FEW YEARS AWAY

Ontario legislators have defeated by a vote of 69-23 an amendment to Bill 7 which would have enshrined our rights in the Ontario Human Rights Code. The vote followed months of Committee hearings on Bill 7, during which dozens of community, religious, labour and parents groups lobbied in favour of gay rights.

This was the first opportunity that most Ontario politicians have had to come in contact with gay-positive people. They clearly realize that they will be hearing from us again.

The end of this latest chapter in the struggle for human rights will allow the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario to devote more time to education and community-building. Two years ago CGRO sent a fieldworker into isolated Ontario communities, sparking the formation of several new gay organizations.

With new support from gay Ontarions, more grassroots organizing will be possible. If you have ever lived in a small town or city, you'll realize why this work is so important. Join CGRO today by sending a donation to CGRO, Box 822, Stn A, Toronto M5W 1G3  
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Your donations are CGRO's main source of funds!

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TIME TO RENEW? Send us \$10.00 and you'll receive the newsletter for a year, and discounts at dances throughout the region. Mail today to the address at left.

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DO YOU HAVE a poem, letter, short article, or spare time? Write to us or come out to a meeting!!!

FOR YOUR LIBRARY

The following publications are now available from G.G.E.  
Be informed - send for yours today!

Equal Protection for the Gay Minority - A Guelph Perspective - A brief presented to Ontario legislators. Discrimination, denial of health and legal services, violence and some answers. 16 pages - \$3.00

The Ontario Human Rights Omission - By the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario (CGRO). Quiet terror. Queer Bashing. The Police. Discrimination. Childhood and Homosexuality. And more. With lots of actual cases. 32 pages - \$3.00

Gay/Police Relationship Reports - Presents a history of gay/police problems since the early 1960's in Toronto. Argues for better police training, accountability, etc. 75 pages - \$5.00

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Guelph, Ontario. N1H 6L8

COMING EVENTS

- Tues. January 5 - Film Night - "Mildred Pierce" with Joan Crawford. 9th Fl. Arts, U of G.
- Tues. Jan. 12 - Informal Drop-in - 9th Fl. Lounge, Arts.
- Tues. Jan. 19 - Gay Alcoholism, with a speaker. 9th Fl. Arts Bldg., 8pm.
- Tues. Jan. 26 - Of Special Interest to Womyn - 9th Fl. Lounge, Arts Bldg. 8pm.
- Friday Jan. 29 - DANCE DANCE DANCE at the Schoolhouse. 611 Silvercreek Rd. in Guelph - 9pm.
- Tues. Feb. 2 - The China Syndrome - Film Night. 9th Fl.

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the gayline 836-4550

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