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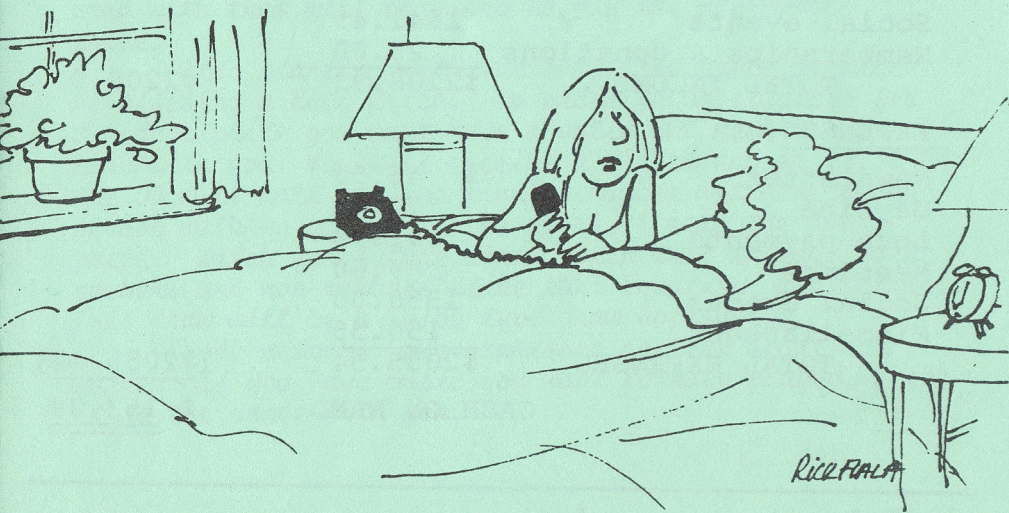
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WARNING: DO NOT INHALE CONTENTS DIRECTLY FROM BOTTLE -- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN!

Despite this label on every bottle of commercially available "poppers" (alkyl nitrates), any regular user knows that inhalation is the way in which these drugs are used. Concern over the non-medical use of these chemicals extends back several years, but to date they have been only banned in one U.S. state - Pennsylvania. Intensive research on their health effects has begun only recently, following suspicions that poppers may be related to immune deficiency, a condition under which the body loses its ability to fight off diseases caused by bacteria, fungi and viruses.

The present-day alkyl nitrates were introduced when amyl nitrate was restricted for prescription use

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"It's my parents. Quick, help me think of something heterosexual to say."

only. Amyl has been used since the 1850's to relieve symptoms of Angina, a heart ailment. This drug relaxes the involuntary muscles of the body - causing arteries to dilate and the heart to race. Today, other drugs such as nitroglycerine have largely replaced amyl for the treatment of Angina. Poppers are now being used to heighten sexual experiences. With over 5 million bottles sold in the U.S. in 1981, poppers are a lucrative business, considering that a bottle costing \$5 to \$10 consists of chemicals worth less than the value of the bottle that contains them.

Poppers can produce nausea, headache, shortness of breath, fainting and suffocation when taken in large quantities. Blood poisoning may result, and the longer-term effects are just now being discovered. Solvents and other chemicals added to commercial poppers can cause kidney and liver damage.

If you use poppers, you should understand that you aren't doing your body any favours!

G.G.E. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
APRIL - JUNE 1982

INCOME:

Cash balance forward	\$ 642.48	
Social events	1541.45	
Memberships & donations	25.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2208.93	\$2208.93

EXPENSES:

Newsletter	\$ 46.53	
Gayline	77.13	
Loan payments	141.73	
Meetings	89.60	
Social events	1550.00	
Miscellaneous	150.55	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2055.54	(\$2055.54)
CASH ON HAND		\$ <u>153.39</u>

FORUM: A REPORT FROM YOUR DANCE MANAGER

With the formation of the first executive of GGE under our newly revised constitution, which allows for six Directors to be elected from within our membership, we now have a basic structure on which to build. With regard to my particular position on the Executive Board, that of Dance Director, I have found that when it comes to arranging for volunteers, there has been no problem. I have spoken to different members who would like to help out at the dances on a rotating basis. We need a total of eight people; dance manager, 3 people to set up hall and sound system, 2 people to set up the door and 2 people to set up the bar. These eight people will be allowed free admission to the dance and will be allowed one free drink on the house. All other members, including the executive will be required to pay the regular admission charge.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at the dances, by all means contact the office and leave your name and phone number and I will get back to you. Or, if you are at a meeting let me or someone else know. Remember too, that if you have offered to help out and for some reason you cannot follow through, we will not send the RCMP out after you. I mention this because I feel that this could be one of the reasons why people have been reluctant in the past to offer their help.

As of our July 23rd dance, in order to receive your discount at the door, you must present your membership card. Any member who does not have their card with them will be asked to pay the non-member price.

Also starting with the July 23rd dance we will be offering a door prize. In order to be eligible for the door prize you must have a valid GGE membership card with you. You will receive a ticket and at 11:30 PM the DJ will call out the winning number with the lucky person walking away with the door!, I mean the door prize. Watch for future draws which will include both members and non-members alike (Ah! Equality, what Bliss). This draw will be a 50/50 type draw hopefully.

Some members have expressed concern about the music. If you have music you want to have played, bring it to the dance with you.

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Mark, one of our DJ's has offered to record your music on tape so you don't have to keep bringing your records. Some of the music we have very little of is New Wave and some Disco.

In September we are planning to hold dances again at the Polish Hall as well as at the Schoolhouse. There is some concern that by having two dances each month, one or the other will suffer. If we take Kinsey estimates, there should be enough gay people in Guelph to support a dance every week, let alone bi-weekly. Dances at the Polish Hall are an objective only if we have enough people to make them successful. Your comments on this would be appreciated. Call the Gayline, 836-4550, and voice your opinion, and above all 'get involved'.

COMING EVENTS:

- Tue. July 6 - Video Movie Night
"On Golden Pond"
- Tue. July 13 - Discussion
Parents, Siblings and Friends
(bring one or more of the above)
- Tue. July 20 - Games Night
Bring your favourite Gameboard
or cards for a fun time.
(No strip poker, please!)
- Fri. July 23 - Dance at Schoolhouse
611 Silvercreek Pkwy., Guelph, 9 PM
- Sun. July 25 - Excursion to Elora
Bring lunch. Meet at 1:30 in front
of Bookshelf Cafe. Leave at 2PM
- Tue. July 27 - Womens Night
Drop-in, men welcome. Possible
discussion and guest speaker.
Subject: Rape,
- Tues. Aug. 3 - Video Movie Night
Oldie but Goodie. "Sitting Pretty"

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMING EVENTS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ARE HELD IN ROOM 536, UNIVERSITY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH.

the gayline 836-4550
