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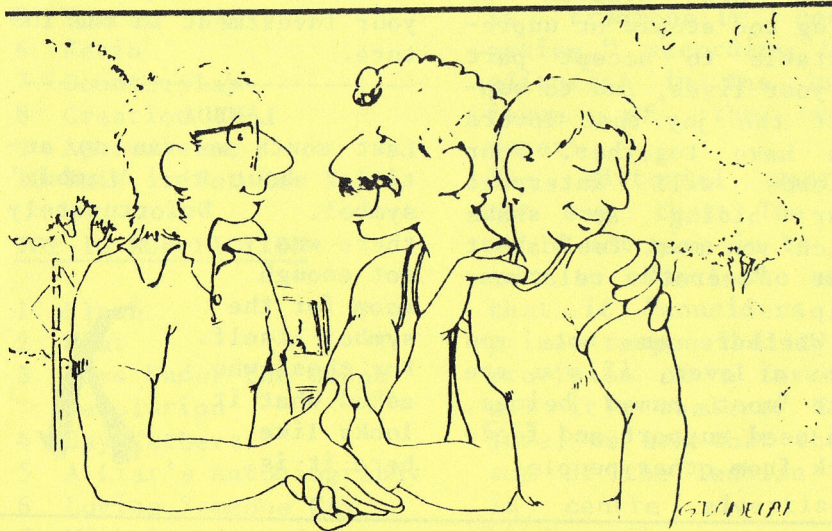
newsletter

SEPTEMBER 1982

LITTLE LIES

Susan and Jean have been having a relationship for over a year, and they plan to move in together in a few weeks. Susan's brother, Bob, lives nearby and although he and Susan are very close, Bob hasn't been told about the lesbian relationship because Susan and Jean don't know what his reaction would be. Bob isn't stupid, and he understands what Jean and Sue are up to but doesn't want to rock the boat by letting them know that he is wise to them. Meanwhile, Susan and Jean take great pains to make sure that none of their openly lesbian friends are around when Bob is visiting, and they consciously avoid showing affection in front of him. In fact, they plan to have separate bedrooms for display purposes after they move in together.

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Doug, I'd like you to meet MY Mr Right

From the outside, the most striking feature of Jean and Sue's relationship is the amount of energy they put into trying to deceive other people. Many new couples discover that this form of hiding undermines their relationship because; a) it takes a lot of energy which should rightfully be devoted to building trust between lovers and; b) it is a statement to others, like it or not, that you are concealing something you are ashamed of. If one of your goals is a long-term relationship, this is not the way to get off to a good start.

The other problem with this type of relationship is that close friends with whom you share some mutual affection and respect are treated as being too stupid or unpredictable to accept part of your lives, and to support the joy that lovers can have together. Your friends will interpret your hiding as shame which you must feel about your "secret" relationship.

Whether or not you have a lover, if you are like most human beings, you need support and feedback from other people.

When you treat close friends, relatives or workmates as not important enough to be "bothered" with the fact that you too have feelings and loves, you are putting yourself down. This is not to say that you should be "out" to everyone, but rather that you should not be wasting energy hiding from people who accept you as a person already.

Being gay in the 80's is a challenge. Ours is one of the few struggles where our openness to people we are close to will change the face of society. The closet would probably be better described as a very long tunnel, and most of us only manage to travel an inch at a time. Dealing with self-denial can be your investment in the future.

LAMBDA

Last month we ran an article about the 'Lambda' symbol. Unfortunately there was not enough room for the symbol itself. For those who asked what it looks like, here it is.



WANT ADS

Do you have anything to sell, buy, trade; need accomodation?; send a message to a friend?. Do we have the deal for you! Send us the copy of your ad, and for only \$1.00 we will run it in our Newsletter.

Please limit your ad to 25 words or less. We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad. Send your ad, along with \$1.00 to GGE Want Ads, P.O. Box 773, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6L8.

BOOKS

TOP 10 FICTION

- 1 History of Shadows
- 2 A Brothers Touch
- 3 Song of the Loon
- 4 Making Love
- 5 Tomcat
- 6 Kevin
- 7 Counterplay
- 8 Creation
- 9 Aphrodisiac
- 10 This is Not For You

TOP 10 NON-FICTION

- 1 Flesh
- 2 Meat
- 3 Gays Under the Cuban Revolution
- 4 Gay Fathers
- 5 A Liar's Autobiography
- 6 Loving Someone Gay
- 7 With Downcast Gays

- 8 Anal Pleasure and Health
- 9 Rocking the Cradle
- 10 Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality.

(from Glad Day Bookstore)
TBP July/Aug. 1982.

EDITOR CALLS FOR HALT TO LESBIAN AD DEBATE

The Abbotsford, Sumas and Matsqui News has politely asked their readers to put a lid on discussions relating to that paper's decision to continue running an advertisement for a lesbian drop-in centre.

The controversy over the ad "degenerated into an argument of biblical interpretation and the liberalization of sexual mores in a community that is traditionally conservative," according to an editorial in the June 2 issue of the weekly paper.

The editorial went on to say that The News would not give in to pressure to cancel the ad and that it "considers as a prime responsibility the provision of a forum for all it's readers." Therefore, we ask that the issue of the lesbian drop-in centre advertisement be dropped.

(TBP July/Aug. 1982)

DANCE INFO

A Dance being held on September 17, 1982, at the Bridgeport Arena, is the result of planning by the Dance Committee for the Southwestern Region of the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario. This note is to inform our membership of the progress and the reasons for the formation of the above-mentioned Dance Committee.

There are at the moment, six, member groups represented on this committee; LONDON (HALO), WINDSOR, GUELPH (GGE), KITCHENER (GLOW), (GAY MEDIA COLLECTIVE) & (GAYS AT WILFRED LAURIE). This Dance Committee was set up to help each group meet its once-a-year fund-raising commitment to CGRO. Part of the Dance profits will go to CGRO, with the remaining portion distributed equally amongst the member groups.

At present, there are six Dances per year planned at two month intervals, with each member group hosting one Dance.

One of the primary reasons for holding these Dances is to give Gay people a chance to meet

and talk to other Gays from different regions in our area.

The first Dance of this type will be held in the Bridgeport Arena, Bridgeport, Ontario, on Friday, September 17, 1982, starting at 8 PM. Advance tickets are \$3.00, and at the door, tickets will be \$4.00. As this is a fund-raising Dance, membership discounts will not apply.

Support CGRO, and support us, come out and have a good time.

FREE DANCE TICKETS

That's rights. We will send you a pair of GGE Dance tickets if you are the person who sends us the most interesting article or news story re-printed in this Newsletter. If you are submitting material, please try to keep it 500 words or less and give us the original source of the item and date of it's original publication. Address all material to GGE, P.O. Box 773, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6L8, to the attention of the Newsletter Committee.

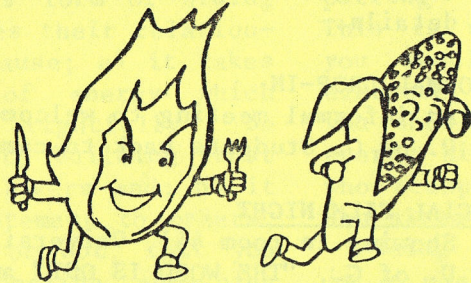
COMING EVENTS

- Tue. Sept. 7: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
"THE LIFE OF BRIAN" starring the Monty Python Gang.
- Sat. Sept. 11: CORN ROAST
(See advertisement inside for full details.)
- Tue. Sept. 14: INFORMAL DROP-IN
An informal meeting to welcome U. of G. Students back to campus.
- Mon. Sept. 20: SPECIAL FILM NIGHT
Showing in room 441, University Centre U. of G., "THE WORD IS OUT" an excellent film of interviews of Gay people and their 'Coming Out' experiences. Beginning at 8 PM.
- Tue. Sept. 21: GUEST SPEAKER
Harvey Hamburg, a Lawyer from Toronto, will discuss, "GAYS AND THE LAW"
- Fri. Sept. 17: CGRO REGIONAL DANCE
Bridgeport Arena, Bridgeport, Ont. 8PM
Admission: \$3 Advance; \$4 at the door.
- Fri. Sept. 24: DANCE AT SCHOOLHOUSE
611 Silvercreek Pkwy., Guelph, 9 PM
Membership cards required for discount and door prizes.
- Tue. Sept. 28: WOMENS' NIGHT
Tentative speaker from Gay Counselling for Lesbians. (Check Gayline)
- Tue. Oct. 5 : VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
"MAKING LOVE" starring Kate Jackson and Micheal Ontkean.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL EVENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE HELD IN ROOM 536, UNIVERSITY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH AT 8 PM.

Guelph Gay Equality

1st ANNUAL CORNROAST



Saturday, September 11, '82

at Clearwater Abbey, Puslinch, Ont.

Home of the Nude Universe Olympics

\$10 - ALL YOU CAN EAT - 4pm to ?
AND DRINK

- SWIMMING
- SUNBATHING
- CAMPING (ADDITIONAL CHARGE)
- FOOD
- BEVERAGES
- MUSIC & DANCING - 8pm

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

FOR TICKETS CALL THE GAYLINE 836-4550

WED - FRI - 7:30 to 10 pm

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of comfort blow the rest away.

the gayline 836-4550