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DECEMBER 1982

"SELF POSITIVE" GROUP TO START  
IN JANUARY

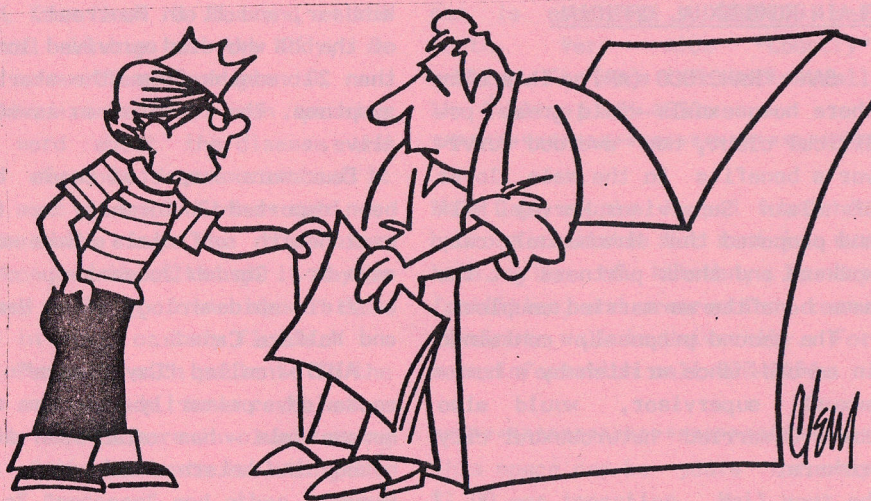
For nearly a year now Guelph Gay Equality has been cooperating with the Counselling and Student Resource Centre of the University of Guelph, to develop a self-help group for women and men who are struggling with their homosexual identities.

In January 1983, a 7 week program entitled "Self Positive" will begin under the guidance of a counsellor from CSRC, and a participant-trainee from GGE. This pilot program will be directed at students and if successful will be extended to community members.

Candidates for the program will be students who are:

- 1) "gay-identified;
- 2) struggling with homosexual feelings;
- 3) "coming out" or;
- 4) bisexually inclined.

The goal of the program will be to help participants feel positive about and accepting of their own sexual feelings and preferences. .../2



"The hell with the birds and the bees — tell me about bondage."

If you are interested in finding out more about the Self positive program, call 824-4120 and ask for extension 8575, where you can listen to recorded details.

QUEEN'S FORMER GUARD IS CLEARED

LONDON (Reuter) - The Queen's former police bodyguard has been cleared of breaching Buckingham Palace security while he lived a secret double life as a homosexual having affairs with male prostitutes.

Ex-police Cmdr. Michael Trestrail, 51, quit in disgrace last July, but former Appeals Court Judge Lord Bridge, appointed to investigate, said, the detective carried out his duties loyally and efficiently.

Bridge added, however, that was "no reason for complacency" over royal protection.

-Toronto Star-

BENEFITS GIVEN TO LOVER OF SLAIN HOMOSEXUAL OFFICIAL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - This city where homosexuals wield great political clout, has awarded survivor's benefits to the male lover of slain Supervisor Harvey Milk and proposed that homosexual city workers and their partners get the same benefits as married couples.

The second proposal, contained in an ordinance written by a homosexual supervisor, would also cover unmarried heterosexual city workers.

Both moves would be unprecedented in San Francisco, where the homosexual population is usually estimated at more than 100,000 of the city's 674,000 residents.

The San Francisco Retirement Board, whose decisions must be approved by the state, ruled 3 to 1 Tuesday that Scott Smith - Milk's business partner and lover - was entitled to a \$5,500 settlement.

Milk was shot to death by Dan White, a former supervisor, on Nov. 27, 1978, after White had slain Mayor George Moscone. White was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and is serving a seven-year, eight-month prison term.

-Toronto Star-

'GAY PLAGUE' HAS ARRIVED

A mysterious new illness nicknamed the "Gay Plague" has arrived in Canada and already killed 10 out of 14 people afflicted.

Of these confirmed cases of Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Disease Syndrome (AIDS), one occurred in Toronto, one each in Vancouver and Windsor, and 11 in Montreal. None of the 10 who died survived longer than 20 months from the start of symptoms. The Toronto man is still alive.

Four more suspected cases have been reported informally to federal health officials this week, says Dr. Gordon Jessamine, chief of field epidemiology for Health and Welfare Canada.

AIDS - called "Gay Plague" because it primarily affects male homosexuals - has also been diagnosed in heterosexual men and women.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

In going over the present records of membership in Guelph Gay Equality, some very interesting facts and figures came to light. YOU may be interested in them.

First of all at the moment we have approximately 60 paid up members in the organization.

With the population of Guelph at around 75,000, and using Kinsey's figures very conservatively, it would follow that we have in the vicinity of 3,000 Gay people in this city. I think it not unacceptable to expect at least 10% of the gay population would want to become members of Guelph Gay Equality, the only organization of its kind in Guelph.

Another interesting fact about the present membership roster is that it includes only 3 women, one of who lives in Toronto.

With the coming of 1983 just around the corner I think we should make a concerted effort to enlarge the membership roster at least 100%.

If YOUR membership in GGE has expired, or is close, renew now. If you have friends who are not now members, get them to join, now.

Remember, the benefits of being a member increase largely as the membership roster grows.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year and allow you discounted admission to our Dances, eligibility for door prizes and this monthly newsletter, among other benefits.

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G.G.E. FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

INCOME

Cash Balance forward	\$ 680.53	
Social events	2945.63	
Memberships/Donations	<u>30.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$3656.16	<u>\$3656.16</u>

EXPENSES

Newsletter and Advertising	\$ 60.80	
Gayline	239.16	
Meetings (Guest Speakers)	50.00	
Social	2219.70	
Miscellaneous	<u>127.28</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2687.94	<u>\$2687.94</u>
CASH ON HAND		<u>\$ 968.22</u>

the gayline 836 - 4550

NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR GGE

Your Executive Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Mary Ann Robinson to the Executive Committee. She will be replacing Vince C. who stepped down recently due to a very heavy work load. According to our Constitution, the Executive Committee may appoint a person to fill an empty seat, for the duration of the term of the departing member. Elections for three of the six Executive positions will be held in April 1983.

GGE LIBRARY TO BE EXPANDED

Recently, your Executive decided to allocate a sum of money to expand the present library. We are in the process of deciding what publications would best serve the membership. Your input is requested. If you have any suggestions for new books of interest to our group, please make them known as soon as possible. Call the Gayline, or express your views or choices to any Executive member.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Take time to think, it is the source of power;  
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth;  
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul;  
Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege.

FOR YOUR LIBRARY

The following publications are now available from GGE. 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. 75 pages - \$3.00

"Gay/Police Relationship Records"

Presents a history of gay/-police problems since the early 60's in Toronto. Argues for better police training, accountability, etc. 75 pages - \$5.00.

Please include \$1.00 for postage and handling. Send order to Box 773, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6L8.

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And this brings to a close the last Newsletter of 1982. Just a final word of THANKS to everyone who helped out during the year. GGE has had a good year and we look forward to bigger and better things in '83. To you and yours, have a GREAT holiday season.

It's characterized by repeated, chronic and multiple infections and, sometimes, a rare type of cancer, Kaposi's Sarcoma, previously found mostly in elderly men in Africa.

The First National Conference on Sexually-Transmitted Disease at the Prince Hotel this week discussed the new health menace which has hit more than 600 people in the U.S. in the last two years.

"Obviously, Canada is not experiencing the same magnitude of the problem," Jessamine said, but it's expected that more cases will be reported.

Dr. Marc Steben of the division of infectious disease at Centre Hospitalier de Verdun, in Quebec, says signs of the illness include a chronic fever, night sweats, sudden, unexplained loss of weight (up to 70 pounds in some people), malaise, change in bowel habits, extreme fatigue, fainting and open sores that don't heal. Victims may suffer from sores all over the skin, from head to toe and on the mucosal linings of the body, as well as swollen lymph glands.

Homosexuals have been passing the word about the disease and some of them know more about it than most doctors, Steben said.

Jessamine says no one knows what causes it, although it may be "a bug we don't know about" carried in blood or body fluids.

Interviews with patients in the U.S. and Canada have revealed a number of factors involved among some of the patients including the use of "poppers" and other recreational drugs, promiscuity and the type of sexual practice indulged in.

-Toronto Star-

BOOKS

TOP 10 FICTION

- 1 Tricks
- 2 Colbalt
- 3 Further Tales of the City
- 4 Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up
- 5 Funeral Games
- 6 A Comfortable Corner
- 7 Annie on My Mind
- 8 Stud
- 9 Sunday's Child
- 10 The Frog Who Dared to Croak

TOP 10 NON-FICTION

- 1 Flaunting It
- 2 Sex
- 3 God's Bullies
- 4 Paedophilia: The Radical Case
- 5 Lesbian Studies
- 6 Anal Pleasure and Health
- 7 Gay and Gray
- 8 Flesh
- 9 Meat
- 10 Embracing the Exile

\*\*\*\*\* WANT ADS \*\*\*\*\*

Room for rent in a large house south of Guelph near Morriston. A car is essential. \$100.00 per month. Very nice "Country" setting. For more information call the Gayline, 836-4550.

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Male Gay couple have 1 furnished bedroom available for rent in our home. Use of kitchen, laundry facilities, and recreation room. 20 minute walk to University. For more information call 837- [redacted].

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This space can be yours for only \$1.00 per insertion. Mail your ad to Box 773, Guelph, Ont. N1H 6L8 in care of the Newsletter Staff.

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## COMING EVENTS

Fri. Dec. 3: DANCE

Kitchener Legion Hall sponsored by the Kitchener group. Check the Gayline for more information.

Tue. Dec. 7: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT

"A Christmas Carol" starring Rich Little. A special television movie with Rich doing all the voices in this Christmas Classic.

Tue. Dec. 14: DISCUSSION

A general discussion on the subject of 'Role Playing in Gay Relationships.'

Fri. Dec. 17: DANCE AT SCHOOLHOUSE

611 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph, at 9 PM. Our special Christmas Dance. Maybe even a visit from that man in red! Don't forget your membership cards for admission discount and door prizes.

Tue. Dec. 21: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party will be held in the home of one of our members. It's BYOB and Potluck Supper. Call the Gayline for time and location.

Tue. Dec. 28: MEETING CANCELLED

Tue. Jan. 4: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT

"Personal Best". Another one of Hollywoods newest 'Gay Positive' films that has won much critical acclaim. Not to be missed!

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

CHECK THE GAYLINE FOR THE MEETING ROOM NUMBER  
OF OUR REGULAR TUESDAY NIGHT MEETINGS  
AS OF JANUARY 4, 1983 WE ARE BACK IN ROOM 536, U.C.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
LOVE - PEACE - HAPPINESS