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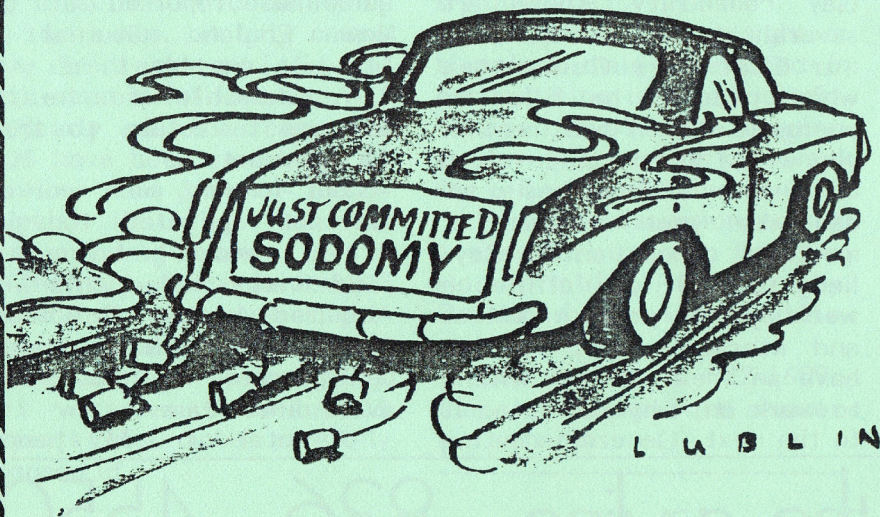
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Guelph Gay Equality

OCTOBER 1983

OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY!

On October 23, 1973, a group of about 30 women and men gathered in a small apartment on Chapel Lane in Guelph. This was the first meeting of the University of Guelph Homophile Association, which became Guelph Gay Equality in 1976. Today we are one of the few Gay community groups in Canada surviving from that period of our history, when Gay liberation was young. The activities of GGE over the past ten years have played a significant role in the growth of the Gay community in Guelph and area. We have held weekly meetings throughout the ten years, and regular dances. Representatives from our group present educational seminars to hundreds of students each year. The Gayline has reached out to thousands of men and women since 1975. GGE has devoted much time and money to helping develop a Gay rights lobby and networking organization, the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario (CGRO). We have offered several conferences to .../2



help build our community.

In the tenth year of our operation, GGE co-sponsored the "Dialogue on Homophobia" conference, and is now co-sponsoring the "Self-Positive" sexuality Workshop Program. However, there are many other projects which would also benefit our community, but for which we lack sufficient volunteers.

To celebrate our tenth anniversary, the GGE Executive Committee has plans for several events. Our next dance on Friday, October 28 will be a Halloween-10th Anniversary Special - be sure to come in costume! Our Christmas dance on Saturday December 17 will start with a banquet. Tickets should be available this month (Oct.) from members. Other special events will take place at the weekly meetings.

GGE needs your support to keep us reaching out to the Gay community. There are several vacant positions on our Executive Committee which need to be filled by energetic women and men. If you would like to be involved on a more informal basis, we can use your services at meetings, dances, on the Gayline, to staff our office on weekdays, to prepare notices and literature ect. If you have an idea you are willing to work on, why not bring it to the next General meeting

on October 6, or speak to a member of the Executive at the next meeting or dance. With your support, GGE could be around for another decade!!

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE WAITING PATIENTLY BY YOUR MAILBOX FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE GGE NEWSLETTER, OUR APOLOGIES. IT NEVER GOT TO PRESS. HOWEVER WE'RE NOW BACK ON TRACK FOR ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR WITH GGE.

BID TO STIFLE AIDS PANIC

Boston (UPI) - Trying to combat the largest "health scare since the bubonic plague," a task force on AIDS said yesterday that victims of the killer disease do not have to be isolated.

The task force of San Francisco area health officials also said in its guidelines reported in the New England Journal of Medicine that it was "inexcusable" for health workers to refuse to treat AIDS patients.

But it said such workers are not obligated to give direct mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to patients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and that pregnant health care workers should avoid direct care.

A total of 2,339 people

have been stricken by AIDS in the U.S. and 945 have died. It's cause is unknown, but doctors believe it stems from a virus transmitted through contaminated blood products and intimate sexual contact.

"There hasn't been any health scare like this since the days of the bubonic plague," said Dr. John Conte Jr., chief of infectious diseases at the University of California, San Francisco, who wrote the report.

The report recommended health officials take the same precautions against AIDS as for the blood disease hepatitis B because the similar pattern of its spread - apparently transmitted through blood, semen and bodily excretions.

"Based on the scientific knowledge we know, the AIDS virus does not jump across from one bed to another," Conte said. "It is not transmitted casually - you can't get it at the office or waiting for a bus. It only comes from direct contact. So you don't need strict isolation."

Nearly all the cases of AIDS have been restricted to the four risk groups - homosexuals, Haitians, hemophiliacs and drug abusers.

The task force said AIDS patients do not require private rooms and masked isolation unless they are coughing. But wastes from AIDS patients should be carefully disposed of.

WANT ADS

19 year old student at Hotel School, 5' 9", 120 lbs., dark complexion, very attractive would like to hear from older gay men between 45 and 65 years of age. My interests are sports, movies, reading, travelling etc. Please write with photos!

Mahen Karthigesan,
Thumpalai,
Point-Pedro,
Sri Lanka.

Who says the GGE Newsletter doesn't get around!!

As you may be aware, rooms are at a premium this year in Guelph, and many students are looking for places to stay. If you have the room, we have the people. For more info, call the Gayline Monday to Friday, 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Are you - Anti-sexist, Anti-racist, Gay-positive, or trying to be?

Are you a gay, straight or bi-sexual male interested in participating in a topical discussion group? Time requirement - one evening per week for 6-8 wks., starting in Oct.

Possible discussion topics: Male Sexuality, Sexism, Homophobia, Pornography, Relationships, Ageism, Lifestyles, etc.

Contact Jim at 822- [redacted] - leave a message with answering service.

the gayline 836-4550

COMING EVENTS

- Tue. Oct. 4: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
"Outrageous" starring Craig Russell. A critically acclaimed film, chronicalling the life of a female impersonator. Some say the film was based on the life of Russell himself. Don't miss it!
- Thu. Oct. 6: GGE GENERAL MEETING
A general meeting for all members of GGE and those interested in it's operation. Policy setting and discussion of upcoming plans. All members please attend. Km. 332 U.Centre. 8pm.
- Tue. Oct. 11: INFORMAL DROP-IN
An evening of informal conversation. A good chance to meet old and new friends alike. Refreshments available.
- Tue. Oct. 18: WOMENS' NIGHT
An evening of special interest to women. Call Gayline for more information. Gentlemen, as usual, welcome.
- Tue. Oct. 25: DISCUSSION AND VIDEO
A video tape of a Phil Donahue television show dealing with AIDS. Includes a discussion with experts in the field and also a conversation with a victim of the disease.
- Fri. Oct. 28: DANCE AT SCHOOLHOUSE
Our annual Halloween Dance at the Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Prkwy., Guelph, beginning at 9 PM. Prizes for the best costumes. Drag yourself and your friends out early for a great time.
- Tue. Nov. 1: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT
This time a real thriller, and if you know the story, don't spoil it for the rest of us. Michael Caine and Christopher Reeves star in "Deathtrap". If you haven't seen film, don't miss it.

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