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Guelph Gay Equality

APRIL 1984

GGE ELECTIONS APRIL 3

On April 3, GGE will once again hold it's yearly elections. There are three positions on the Executive Committee which will come open this year.

As some of you may know, GGE is one of the longest running, most active Gay organizations in Canada and we should try to maintain that status.

Any organization that has such a reputation, has it because of it's strong leadership and even more importantly, because of it's dedicated membership. If you would like to see GGE prosper even more in the future, why not volunteer your services and run for office?

If you feel so inclined, talk to Bob or June and make your intentions known, or come out to the General Meeting on April 3. Very little time is involved and the rewards are many.

Members of Guelph Gay Equality who have voting privileges are requested to be in attendance at this very important meeting.....April 3, 1984 - Room 536 at 8 PM.



"It's nice to see such a rapid re-industrialization of America".

HELP FOR AIDS VICTIMS

While not yet fully proved, early exploratory trials suggest that psychotherapy may reduce the number and severity of the symptoms of the much feared disease of the 1980's - AIDS.

Twenty-six men with AIDS were treated by psychotherapy, which included hypnotherapy. In some cases, the treatment eliminated such symptoms as fevers, night sweats and fatigue. Clinical testing confirmed that an improvement had taken place: the white blood cell count was up, the abnormal T-cell ratios were balanced and the condition of the lymph nodes had appreciably improved. Among patients who suffered from severe lesions (known medically as Kaposi's lesions), no new lesions developed for four to six months following psychotherapy.

Emphasizing that his results are preliminary, Dr. Jeffrey Leiphart, co-ordinator of the AIDS study at the University of California in San Francisco, says: "I feel that psychotherapy can make a significant improvement in the clinical symptoms of AIDS and AIDS-related conditions. It may positively affect not only the quality but also the quantity of life following a diagnosis of AIDS.

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MORE ON THE ONTARIO PAROLE BOARD

We received a letter recently from an inmate in one of Ontario's Correctional Facilities who was very interested in hearing that our group had had John Walter, Vice-chairman of the Ontario Parole Board come to speak to us about the system.

The writer of this letter had some interesting things to say about gay life while incarcerated and also about the parole and correctional system from an inmates point of view.

The following are some interesting excerpts from his letter:

"One of the factors....is the 'stereotypical' gay relationship, and the usual inability of a Gay inmate to publicize not only his being Gay, but his 'street' relationship. Members of parole boards, as well as institutional staff must realize that their own personal prejudices inhibit many Gays from openly revealing their parole plans. Additionally, Gay inmates, if, as or when they are 'discovered' to be Gay, face the wrath and violent attacks from other inmates."

"All too often, Gay inmates are denied parole because their plans include living with a Gay friend or lover."

"Some board members indicate that such plans are not 'concrete enough', given the nomadic lifestyle of Gays." "Others feel that to allow a person out on parole, when the plans include living with a Gay lover, would be an indication that the Board approves of homosexuality..."

".....too often, Gay inmates end up in 'protective custody'....as a result of beatings at the hands of inmates....or simply 'policy'... either the institution segregates the Gay because they are afraid he'll be assaulted or because they don't want him 'molesting' other inmates. Either way once in Protective Custody, an inmate is marked - painted with the same brush that applies to rapists, child molesters and informers. As a result, it is difficult for them to create a 'good' institutional record - they are usually not able to work in order to create that necessary record."

WHEN TALKING WITH THE POLICE

WHEN TALKING:

- 1 Be polite.
- 2 You have the right to remain silent. To avoid problems we suggest giving name, address and where you're going, if asked.
- 3 You don't have to go anywhere with a police officer unless under arrest or for a breathalyzer test.
- 4 If you are the driver of a

car, produce your driver's licence, insurance ownership and give details of any accident.

IF ARRESTED:

- 1 Give your correct name. Don't resist.
- 2 The Charter of Rights requires the police to tell you promptly why you are under arrest.
- 3 You have the right to call a lawyer.
- 4 Remember: anything you say may be used against you in court and probably will be.

AFTER ARREST:

- 1 Note names, badge numbers, licence numbers, car numbers of police officers and witnesses.
- 2 Write out a complete account of the incident as soon as possible under the heading "For my Lawyer Only."
- 3 If you need assistance, or feel you have been treated inappropriately, contact the R.T.P.C., 961-8046 in Toronto. (HALO Mar 84)

GGE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

As of this date Guelph Gay Equality has a total of 36 members in good standing.

Since the attendance at our dances approaches 80, you would wonder why our membership list is so low, especially since GGE members attend the Dance free of charge.

WHY NOT JOIN NOW!!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

Tue. Apr. 03: GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION

The most important meeting of the year!!
Our yearly elections to be held this evening. All members-in-good-standing are requested to attend.

Tue. Apr. 10: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT

Dustin Hoffman starring in 'Tootsie'.
Reputed to be one of Dustin's most memorable performances.

Fri. Apr. 13: DANCE

Monthly Dance in Hamilton sponsored by HUGS. Check Gayline for time & place.

Tue. Apr. 17: GUEST SPEAKER

Postponed from last month. Brent Hawkes of the Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto is scheduled to speak.

Tue. Apr. 24: GUEST SPEAKER

Representatives from the Unitarian Church are scheduled to speak about gay week at their Uni-camp.


Fri. Apr. 27: DANCE

Our monthly Dance at the Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Pkwy., Guelph at 8 PM. All GGE Members admitted free, CGRO affiliated group members, 1/2 price, non-members \$3.00. Remember... membership cards MUST be shown.

Tue. May 01: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT

"Ordinary People" starring Mary Tyler Moore and Timothy Hutton

Tue. May 08: GUEST SPEAKER

 A guest speaker from the Gay Counselling Centre of Toronto will speak on being gay, coming out to yourself, friends and family, etc.

ALL EVENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ARE HELD
IN ROOM 536, U.C. BLDG., U of G AT 8 PM