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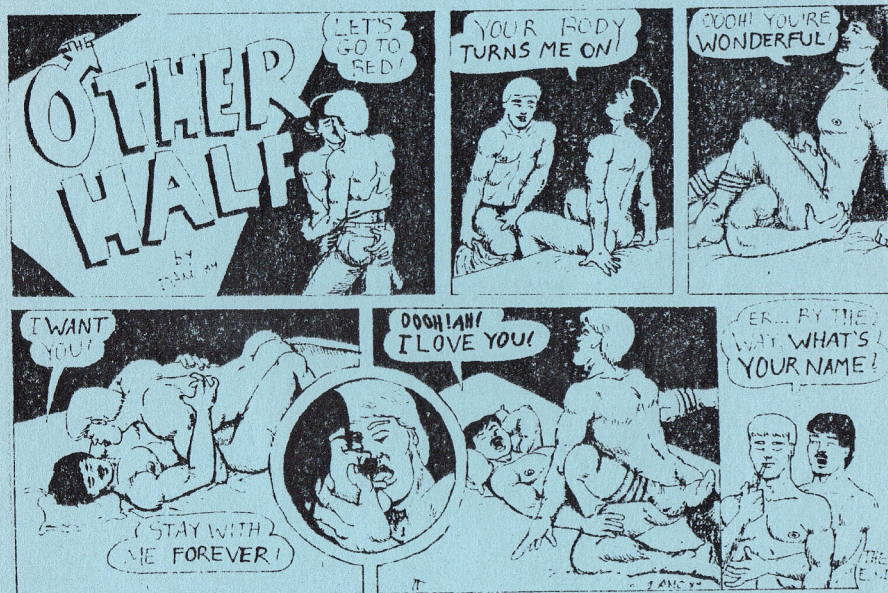
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# Guelph Gay Quality

NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 1986



You may not need to ask their name, but at least get a medical history !

This month we will be having a guest speaker from the VD clinic in Guelph. While all the attention appears to be focusing on AIDS, we must not forget Sexually Transmitted Diseases. They still pose a health problem for both men and women and you should be just as concerned about STD's as you are about AIDS. So come out for a very informative evening.

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## WOMENS GROUP !!

There is a newly formed Women's group in Guelph. The group is called GLAD. Guelph Lesbians and Dykes. This is a non-political group designed to provide an opportunity for women identified women to get together in a comfortable space. The format of the meetings will be discussion oriented. Topics will vary from "coming out" to sex and fantasies. Also pot luck dinners and social gatherings (i.e. skating, bowling, card games etc) are planned. For more information please call the gayline at 836-4550 or write to GGE at Box 773 Guelph Ont N1H 6L8 or c/o the CSA office. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb 20 beginning at 8 P.M. in room 536 of the University Centre.

## HEALTH FAIR '86

This year on Feb 24 and 25 GGE will be setting up a display table at Health Fair '86. Anyone interested in helping to organize the literature and the type of display for this year please let us know. If you can staff the table during any of that time it would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Debbie or any other Executive Member.

## ELECTIONS '86

That's right folks, it's election time again. During the general meeting of April, three positions on the Executive Committee become vacant. Persons who are in good standing of Guelph Gay Equality may nominate other members who are also in good standing. Members who have been in good standing for a minimum of four weeks prior to the election may cast a vote. Vacancies will be filled by the candidate with the largest number of votes. The following is a brief description of the positions that will be available for nomination.

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the gayline 836-4550

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**Position 1:** Managing the Schoolhouse dances each month. This involves securing a liquor licence, purchasing the liquor, beer, pop, food etc, booking the hall, booking the equipment and the return of the above where applicable. The person also coordinates the gayline schedule. A new schedule is made every 4-5 months.

**Position 2:** Responsible for the financial matters of Guelph Gay Equality. This includes the preparation of monthly statements, issuing of cheques, bank deposits and year end fiscal financial statement. Also involved is advising GGE on their financial status as money matters arise.

**Position 3:** The programming of the weekly meetings. This involves having ideas for for the meetings and possibly contacting speakers for the meetings.

Another position is also available to fill the vacant position of a member who is leaving. The person will be elected by the new Executive and shall finish the year of this two year position.

**Position 4:** CGRO representative. This requires travelling every two months to meetings held in the province. (travel expenses are paid by GGE). The running of the Navy Club every second month. This involves the booking of the club and the sound equipment. This person is responsible for getting the equipment to the dance and for its return.

The functions of the above positions are flexible in that the duties of the Executive are shared, no single person is left responsible for all the work.

Also involved is regular attendance at the Executive meetings, some attendance at General Meetings, and someone should be present at weekly meetings. General input to the function of the group is also expected.

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The elections will be officially announced at the General Meeting on Feb 11, 1986.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday February 9, 1986, there will be a MCC church service held in the Chapel at the University of Guelph. MCC has an ecumenical ministry with a special ministry to gay people. Service begins at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel on the Fifth floor of the University Centre. People of all denominations are welcome. Come out for brunch beginning at 12:30 P.M.

COALITION for GAY RIGHTS in ONTARIO (CGRO)

As some of you may or may not be aware of, CGRO is in the process of organizing a brief to the Ontario Legislature. The purpose of the brief is to have the Legislature include in the Human Rights Code protection from discrimination based upon sexual orientation. Your help is required. If you have ever lost your job, had difficulty with landlords, experienced anti-gay verbal/physical abuse or any other kind of discrimination/harassment, CGRO would like to hear about it. Please feel free to contact CGRO at Box 822 Station A Toronto, M5W 1G3. Please mark "attention brief research" on the envelope. You may also contact us at GGE and we can provide you with more information. Confidentiality will be respected.

CGRO would also welcome any financial contribution to help with the funding of the brief. Donations can be sent to CGRO at the above address. Please help this cause, it affects us all.

\* NOTICES \*

1. The ACT Community Education Committee has recently organized a 24 hour information line. (416) 924 - 5200  
Persons wishing to speak with a counsellor or wishing to receive more information may call (416) 926-1626 between the hours of 10:00 to 5:00 Monday to Friday.

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2. Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to GGE along with its newsletter form HALO. The HALO political action committee is asking that we either sign the letter and mail it to our local MP or to the Prime Minister. These letters are urging them to support the recommendations of the committee on Equality Rights. Please enclose your address with your signature. You may also write your own letter and mail it to the same people. Your own letter would be most effective, but either way please let your MP know your views along with the Prime Minister. Remember no postage is required when you write to Parliament.

(HALO stands for the Homophile Association of London Ontario)

3. The series "Theology from Experience" sponsored by the University of Guelph Catholic Community, will be having a discussion entitled :

Spiritual Development and the **BLACK** Person  
**HOMOSEXUAL**  
**MINORITY**  
**FEMALE**

This will be held in Rm 335 of the University Centre beginning at 7:30 P.M. Feb 26

4. Action's Lab Theatre presents "Mephisto's Dream" a play about the eternal feminine. Opens Feb 26 and runs to March 16. Wed thru Sun at 8:30 P.M. Location 155a George St (1 block east of Jarvis S of Queen) Box office 363-3853.

"The Passionate Woman" at the St Lawrence Centre 27 Front St East on Friday March 7 at 8 P.M. Box office 366-7723 (\$15 and \$13) Tickets are also available from the Toronto Women's Bookstore. This is an evening of music and stories on the eve of International Women's Day.

5. CGSL presents and AIDS Benefit Dance on Friday February 14th at 8 P.M. Location Showbiz 3 Gould St. Yonge and Dundas. (CGSL = Cabbagetown Group Softball League)

6. Altered States presents the First Annual Raffle to Benefit The Aids Committe of Toronto. Prizes includes : pants, shorts, shirt, t-shirt, 1 pr socks, jacket, sweater. Draw date is Feb 22, at 3 P.M. at Altered States in the Church st Village Tickets are 99¢ at Altered States or by contacting 66 Wellesley St East 926-1626.

7. On Tues Dec 10, at the General Meeting, there was a proposal to ammend the constitution regarding elections.

The proposal is as follows:

Move to ament Article VII Elections and Terms of Office.

Section (b) reads : Elections will take place once per year at the General Meeting during the first week of April.

Change this to read: Elections will take place once per year at the General Meeting during the first week of February.

Section (c) reads: Notice of the elections will be given at the General Meeting during the first week of February. Nominations, in writing, will be accpeted four weeks prior to the election, up to and including the day of the election.

Change this to read : Notice of the election will be given at the General Meeting in the first week of December. Nominations, in writing, will be accepted four weeks prior to the election, up to and including the day of the election.

Section (j) reads : In the case of any vacancy on the Executive Committeee during the electoral term, the other members of the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to complete the term of the vacant position.

Change this to read : In the case of any vacancy on the Executive Committee during the electoral term, the other members of the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to complete the term of the vacant position. At the next General Meeting, there will be a by-election to confirm or alter this appointment.

Add section (l) : The term shall be from April to April. The Executive elected in February will work in conjunction with the old Executive, the new Executive Committee will officially take office in April.

Moved - Sheldon L.  
Seconded - Karen P.

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In favour 4 , Opposed 1

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This amendment will be voted upon at the next General Meeting on February 11, 1986. All members please show up to cast your vote on this amendment.

8. Are you tired of just being on of the crowd ? Well offer your help to GGE. Volunteers are needed to help out at the dances, to help with the meetings i.e. a member's own night, or if you are creative lend your thoughts to the newsletter. A poem, an article or even a story, let your imagination run wild. If you fit this description, contact any executive member to see how you can be a contributor to your organization.

\* CLASSIFIED AD \*

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Dial-Your-Match #187  
P.O. Box 1992 GGE  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3R3

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\* SYNDICATED COLUMN \*

Dear Bobbie : I have a serious problem. I am young cute and happily attached. Unfortunately I met someone else I would also like to be happily attached to. My lover will MURDER me if it is discovered that I'm not solely, madly in love with ny one and only.  
Help, what do I do now ?

Dear Help: I suggest you make out a will. Just kidding. I think you better decide who is more important, depending of course on how long you have been together. You could also talk it out or you could have yourself cloned so you could be in two places at once and no one would be the wiser.

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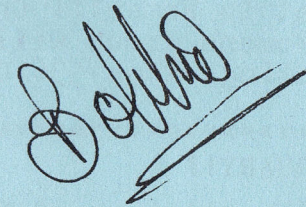
Dear Bobbie : Here is a small problem that I would really like help on. Please answer my letter.

I live with my lover and have done so for many years. We do lots of things together. This is great but I never seem to get time for myself. I just want an hour or so to myself regularly when we are together but I don't know how to tell my lover without hurting feelings. What do I say?

Dear Speechless: This problem is very simple to solve. First off you could send your lover on a trip home or something without you. Second, you could try to find something that your lover likes to do and send him/her to do that while you relish in your privacy.

If all that fails you could always put on a set of headphones and crank up the music and simply block out your lover for an hour or so.

If you have any letters you want to send to Bobbie send them c/o GGE newsletter and your letters will be answered.



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FROLICING IN FEBRUARY

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Tues Feb 4 ; Video Night. Tonight we will be showing " La Cage Aux Folles " . Showtime is 8 P.M. Fresh popcorn!!!

Tues Feb 11 : Health Night. Guest speaker from the VD clinic in Guelph. Special Valentines present for all who attend. 8 p.m. sharp!

Tues Feb 18 : Members Own/Coffeehouse. Come out for a coffee and a game or two of cards or CLUE !! 8 P.M.

Tues Feb 25 : A discussion on the principles of washroom sex. Also a presentation from the Silvercreek Society. ( scrap book of clippings from the media) 8 P.M.

General Meeting will be held on Feb 11 after the guest speaker. This is an important meeting that requires members to be present to vote on a constitutional amendment.(see inside for more details).

Special Interest to Women!!! On thurs feb 20 at 8 P.M. the Women's group will be holding their first meeting. Room 536 U.C. All women welcome.

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DANCES FOR FEBRUARY!!

Navy Club Feb 8th starting at 9 P.M. Location is 16 Commercial St. 2 blocks north of the Church of our Lady. Admission is \$3.00

Schoolhouse Dance Feb 28 starting at 9 P.M. Location is 611 Silvercreek Pkwy N.(just north of Woodlawn Road.). Admission is \$3.00 for non-members and members are admitted free.

COME ON OUT AND BOOGIE TO THE GREATEST SOUNDS  
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All events in Rm 536 U.C. unless otherwise noted.