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Guelph Gay Quality

NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 1986

GUELPH GAY EQUALITY HITS LUCKY 13

Thinking of Halloween yet? If not, you should be! Next month, come out to the best dance of 1986 and help celebrate our thirteenth birthday. So get your dancin' shoes polished, put together your favorite costume and we'll see you FRI OCT 31 611 Silvercreek Pkwy N..

Prizes for the best costume.

Anyone wishing to help decorate for the dance, please phone the gayline and leave a message for Deb.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
GGE!

IT IS TIME FOR ACTION

During the summer (July) representatives from Guelph Gay Equality spoke with Rick Ferraro concerning Bill 7 which will be given consideration in October when Parliament resumes. This bill when passed, will prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

While Mr. Ferraro was positive but non-committal, you can do your part by seeing the enclosure and/or writing to Mr. Ferraro (or your local MPP) expressing your support for the passing of Bill 7.

Please take the time to write to Mr Ferraro Every letter helps.



GAY FILMS HIT THE 3 STAR



During a contemporary film festival this month you can see two fabulous movies.

September 19 - 21 My Beautiful Laundrette

September 22 & 23 Desert Hearts

Both of these films are very good and well worth seeing.

The 3 Star cinema is located on Woodlawn Road just west of the Hanlon Expressway.



the gayline 836-4550

Did you know that

GGE has a library full of books just waiting to be borrowed ?
- all you need is legible writing to sign one out

GGE has the Body Politic for sale at meetings only \$2.50

GGE also receives the monthly publications of various other gay groups in Ontario

GGE has a subscription to Rites and Sortie magazines

GGE also receives the country journal for gay men RFD

GGE has office hours every Mon through Thurs evenings 7:30 to 9:30 and starting in Oct the office will be open during the day on Tues and Thurs from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00P.M.

GGE is a volunteer organization and relies on your efforts to keep things going

GGE does speaking engagements for classes on campus

GGE is thirteen years young next month

Now that you have a little information about the group, come on out to the next meeting or the next dance and find out a little more. You may be suprised at what you find out.

Welcome back to all those familiar faces and greetings to the new faces. Let's keep up the spirit and make this a year GGE will never forget.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

TUES SEPT 16 : Video Night
We will be showing the Ron
Howard film " Cocoon".
Don't miss this wonderful
film.

TUES SEPT 23 : Guest Speaker
Tonight Norm Taylor of Kai
Visionworks will give a
special presentation on
"Organizing for Change"

TUES SEPT 30 : Members Own
Tonight a member will lead a
discussion on Coming Out.
Don't miss this enlightening
evening.

TUES OCT 7 : Video Night
This month's movie will be
" Kiss of the Spiderwoman".
This is one movie not to be
missed.

TUES OCT 14 : GENERAL MEETING NIGHT.

TUES OCT 21 : Members Own
After You're Out

the above events will be held in room 536UC
beginning at 8 P.M.

FRI SEPT 26 SCHOOLHOUSE DANCE 9 PM
611 Silvercreek Pkwy N
Members FREE Non Members \$4.00

FRI OCT 31 GGE'S BIRTHDAY/HALLOWEEN BASH
611 Silvercreek Pkwy N 9 PM
Prizes for the best costume.

for further information please call 836 - 4550

The TIME is RIGHT for GAY RIGHTS !

The Ontario Legislature will soon consider Bill 7, a law which will amend the Ontario Human Rights Code to give equal protection to homosexuals.

Gay and Lesbian citizens have worked toward this goal since 1972. WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

Opposition to this part of Bill 7 is coming from right-wing church and political groups such as REAL Women, Coalition for Family Values and the National Citizen's Coalition. Below is an example of the mentality of these people, reprinted from the Guelph Mercury, Sept. 5/86:

Old values disappearing

Legislation to forbid discrimination in housing and jobs on the basis of "sexual orientation" has been approved in principle by the three major parties. (Have you noticed how the media have ignored it?) The federal and provincial governments have indicated their intention to pass the bill that would, in practical application endorse the source of AIDS and support prostitution. Prostitution is certainly "sexually oriented." AIDS may be transmitted in various ways and can infect innocent people, but its source seems to stem from male-to-male

copulation. If public health is a government responsibility then sexually transmitted disease is a public and government responsibility. John Reimer is the only local member of either parliaments, who has declared stong opposition to this conflicting and contradictory legislation. Contradictory?

The proposed legislation, approved by our well rewarded parliamentarians, could foster any number of outlandish situations. Or is this a subtle first step to legalize prostitution, even though sexually transmitted disease is a big part of total health costs?

The problem is not exclusively with our politicians. As a body I believe them to be intelligent, hard-working and reasonably well motivated. They are simply a part of, and a reflection of, society's abandonment of traditional values. However if Government confers on a behavioural group (practising homosexuals) preferential treatment, the result will be a strange situation.

Harold D. Ghent
Box 118, Ayr, Ont.

Clip here and mail today!

WHAT CAN YOU DO ?

Clip off the form letter and send it to your MPP today. TIME IS TIGHT - the bill may be considered as early as October, 1986. If you prefer, write a letter in your own words!

Send TODAY to: Your MPP (Guelph - Rick Ferraro)
Legislature of Ontario
Queen's Park, Toronto.

Call your local town or city hall for the name of your MPP.

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

_____ M.P.P.

Legislature of Ontario,
Queen's Park,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear _____

I understand that the Legislature will soon consider BILL 7, a law designed to bring the Statutes of Ontario into conformity with the Canadian CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

One of the proposed changes would be the addition of the term "sexual orientation" to the prohibited classes of discrimination covered by the ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS CODE. Such an amendment has the support of a majority of Ontarions (69%), as evidenced by a Gallup Poll taken in 1985. Many prominent religious, labour, legal and educational bodies in Ontario also support such a move.

As one of your constituents I urge you to support BILL 7, and in particular, the provision to make illegal those discriminatory practices based on "sexual orientation" in the areas of employment, housing, and provision of services to the public.

Sincerely,
