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**GUELPH
GAY
EQUALITY**

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1988

Ministers set to fight gay proposal

By Marly Gervais/Star Religion Editor



BRUCE McLEOD
T.S. 0415

Church divided by gays in pulpit

It's not a question of straights versus gays

OTTAWA (CP) — United Church ministers here are threatening to divert church funds to show they are serious in their fight to keep homosexuals out of the pulpit.

Rev. William Wan said Sunday that he and 17 other ministers are urging parishioners to contribute to the church's international fund but not to the national fund to protest a report

Harsh judgments against the lifestyle of gays and lesbians lie behind each public outrage over the affirmation before next August's United Church

More than half the United Church clergy in Windsor and Essex County registered their formal opposition Wednesday to their national church's proposal to lift the barriers preventing gays and lesbians from ordination.

In a statement called The Windsor Declaration, 23 ministers out of about 100 in the area, are calling upon congregations to turn out and voice their concerns at a major rally being planned at the Cleary Auditorium May 1.

At a news conference at the Cleary Auditorium May 1, three area ministers and remained per United Church, three area ministers have the 23, read a declaration stating they will "vigorously oppose ordination and commissioning practising gays and lesbians in the United Church.

The three reverends Al Black, Edward Black and Paul Black, pastor of Lincoln Road United, said there are too many who are "hurting and angry" to let this recommendation pass.

Currie, pastor of Westminster, said although some congregations have

BEING GAY NOT A CRIME

The Israeli Parliament (Knesset) has voted unanimously to invoke major changes to the penal code making homosexuality no longer illegal. The previous anti-gay laws gave legitimacy to discrimination of gays in Israel thus the new laws not only decriminalizes being gay but also cancels legitimate degradation and discrimination in that country.

Xtra 0415

GAYS BARRED FROM NIGHT CLUBS IN SINGAPORE

Bars and Nightclubs have been told by the Criminal Investigation Dept. to stop admitting gays as patrons. Homosexual acts between men are punishable as an unnatural offence in Singapore according to the British colonial laws which date from the 1800's. Acts between women are not mentioned in the laws or in the latest order by the CID. There are fears that an anti-gay campaign by police and others will result from this. The ILGA had initiated a "call for action". The GGE has responded by sending a letter of protest to the Singapore Embassy in New York as outlined by the ILGA.

ILGA Bull 2/88

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AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Australia was the site of the 11th Annual Gay Mardi Gras parade and festival on Feb. 27. More than 100,000 people turned out to participate. The parade included a group of Dykes on Bikes, PWA's and a group of gay Aborigines. The night before the Gay Mardi Gras a group of Christian Fundamentalists prayed together claiming that the Lord would scatter the demonic powers and break their control over the heart of Sydney. All in all the Gay Mardi Gras was a great success.

ILGA Bull 2/88

AFFILIATE MEMBER



GAY AND LESBIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

DEADLINE

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 24, 1988.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HUGS Tea Dance 96 McNab St. 6-11 PM Hamilton, Ont.	2	3 GGE Movie Night 8 PM UC 536	4 GLOW Coffeehouse U. of Waterloo	5 GEM Coffee Nite Unitarian Hall 84 S. Sen. Rd. Mississauga 8 PM 416-278-6010	6 PFLAG Brampton meeting 416-457-4570	7 "Victoria's Room" Theatre, Closing Night party afterwards GLADT Homo Hop. 100 St. George St. SAC Hangar Pub Toronto Ontario
8	9	10 GGE Bowling Night, Town & Country Bowlerama, Victoria Rd. Guelph	11 GLOW Coffeehouse	12 " as above	13	14 GLOW Dance Cabaret Kitchener
15	16	17 GGE Social Nite UC 536 8 PM	18 " as above	19 " as above	20	21 Trip to HALO Club London?
22	23	24 GGE Discussion Night Relationships: What About Them? UC 536 8 PM	25 " as above	26 " as above	27 GGE Dance UEW Hall, 611 Silvercreek 9-1 AM	28
29	30	31 GGE Social Nite UC 536 8 PM				

TO NOTE:
May 10 Setting the Agenda. An open forum for lesbians & Gay men to speak out. Meeting with Raj Anand, Chief Commissioner of Ont. Human Rights Commission. 519 Community Centre, 519 Church St., Toronto. Sponsored by CLGRO & RTPC.
May 26 & 27 Symposium on Women's Health Issues. York Quay, Harbourfront, Toronto. Details & Registration form in GGE office or call 416-483-6433.
May 28 & 29 CLGRO Annual General Meeting. Hosted by Gays of Ottawa. 318 Lisgar St. Ottawa

LETTERS

GUELPH GAY EQUALITY

Carleton University Student Association
Carleton University
Ottawa, Ont.

14 April, 1988

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have been approached by the Gay People at Carleton to endorse their desire to obtain social service status from the University.

The Guelph Gay Equality obtained social service status in 1981, prior to which we were an official student club. As a club, we still are provided with office space and a meeting lounge on campus, as a social service, we are recognized by the University counselling and community centre. As such, we are not only an educational and community social service for students, but we offer peer counselling and comradeship to gays and lesbians in the community. Moreover, we belong to the Guelph and Guelph Gay Equality community network, and have free advertising in two local newspapers and on the local television station.

The C.U.S.A. feels that being recognized as a social service is an integral part of our functioning and growth. We therefore ask that you consider offering such status to the Gay People at Carleton.

Sincerely,
Lenny D. Coote
Financial Director
G.G.E.

Box 773 Guelph, Ontario N1H 8A8 Office: 811 University Centre, University Of Guelph
Gayline: 836-4550 Office: 824-4120 ext. 8575

GUELPH GAY EQUALITY

The President,
SF Student Society,
Simon Fraser Univ.,
Burnaby, B.C.
April 15, 1988.

We the executive and members of Guelph Gay Equality, University of Guelph, Ontario wish to inform you of our support for GALA and its objectives of acquiring permanent office space at SFU. For a support group such as this an office can provide a place to focus their activities, organize peer counselling and provide other services to the gay and lesbian community at SFU and in Burnaby itself. It also provides a focus for educational materials and provides a place to promote understanding and cooperation for the entire community regardless of sexual orientation.

As a student organization we encourage you to do all you can to help promote the viability of a club which represents most of the students at SFU. We thank you for your time and hope GALA becomes a valuable addition to your student support system.

Sincerely yours
Reggie B. Activities
Jim C. Publicity.

Guelph Gay Equality

March 28, 1988

Mr. Oswald Robinson, M.P.
Room 386 C.B.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Thank you for including our group to receive an update on federal policies of concern to the gay and lesbian community. We are most interested in continuing such correspondence to inform our members of issues that affect their lifestyles. To this end, we would appreciate a copy of Bill C-54 and a copy of your second reading speech.

Although there have been many significant victories for our community, largely through the efforts of your party, we realize there are many more discriminatory and unfair policies to overcome. Our group has strived for the past fourteen years to not only provide a social and emotional outlet for gays and lesbians, but especially to educate the community at large. In particular students who represent tomorrow's attitudes. Your courageous act of publicly announcing your sexuality is not only a significant advance in our community's cause, but serves as inspiration to us all to accept and be proud of who we are. Congratulations and thank you.

Sincerely,
Lenny D. Coote
Financial Director

P.S. Please note two changes to our address as it appears in your files.

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April 10, 1988.

Guelph Gay Equality
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Dear Mr. Boraso:

Many thanks for your letter of February 9th. We are always pleased to learn more about organizations helping our gay brothers and lesbian sisters.

As you may know Kinship Canada is part of an international organization of Seventh-day Adventist Christians. We are a support group who help gay Christians in their experience of coming out and therefore in maintaining a Christian perspective in their life, and give news of personal interest to Canadian members. I have enclosed a copy of this newsletter - please share it with those who may be interested. Also the international organization has a monthly newsletter which has been described as one of the best gay publications on the continent. There is a program for community centres to receive this publication free - if you are interested details are in the enclosed copy of the Cosmique.

Best wishes in all your future pursuits.

In Kinship love,
Don Evans
Public relations

MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS

THE QUILT

The Quilt: The Names Project is a lasting memorial to those who have died of AIDS. Created by friends, parents, lovers and siblings the quilt now covers the size of three football fields. Each panel is unique with its own meaning and memory celebrating and remembering a special persons' life. There is now a book out (The Quilt: Stories from the Names Project by C. Ruskin) highlighting the construction of this giant memorial. Funds raised as a result of the sale of the book will go to groups providing services to PWA's. Check out the Pocket Books brochure in the GGE office for more info regarding The Quilt.

Parents of Gays

During the best attended meeting of the semester two speakers (Mary & Larry Jones) provided us with a forum for a lively discussion regarding parents of gays. After outlining their personal experiences with their lesbian daughter and outlining the formation of the Parents of Gays group in Brampton, Mary Jones and her husband fielded numerous questions from our members. It was a very informative, lively and productive meeting. They left some very good literature outlining their group and how to approach one's parents with the fact that one is gay. New copies of these pamphlets should be available in the GGE office soon. Parents of Gays can be contacted through Mary Jones 416-457- [redacted]

CLGRO STEERING COMMITTEE MTG.

CLGRO held a regional committee meeting here on March 26 & 27. A group of 8 - 12 committee members met to discuss various aspects of CLGRO's activities. These included:

- CLGRO historical booklet
- distribution of the CLGRO Brief: Discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men. The Ont. Human Rights Commission
- CLGRO's Aids Policy: quarantine laws, homophobia, Aids hysteria, drug testing / approval, chronic care, education, health / life insurance, confidentiality, AIDS and the Law / Police, Aids and Gay Liberation
- CLGRO's new "mission statement" which now includes "feminism"
- Ont. Human Rights Commission Proposals
- Setting new goals
- Group reports (including the GGE's outlined in this newsletter)

Check out the latest CLGRO newsletter for updates on those and other activities. Special thanks to these members who helped to host this meeting, provide lunches, provide accomodation and make the meeting a success.

SFU

We were once again contacted by the new group GALA at SFU in Burnaby B.C. They outlined their current organization and objectives. They also asked us to send some letters of endorsement and support to their student union so that they could acquire permanent office space at SFU. Check out their letters in the GGE office.

INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY ASSOCIATION

ILGA Annual Conference will be held in Oslo, Norway, June 26 - July 3, 1988
Check out the latest ILGA bulletin in the GGE office.

London, U.K.

J.W. left us an updated gay guide to London this month. It is in the GGE office.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help staff the gayline weeknights (Mon. - Thurs.) 7:30 - 9:30. Contact Paul S through the gayline 836-4550 when staffed.

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Guelph and the GGE office.

ANNUAL REPORT

Guelph Gay Equality has been very active over the past year. We currently have 44 paid members, but we regularly get 2 or 3 times more non-members than members attending our events. Our newsletter, which sports a new look and continues to improve, is mailed to 15 other groups, as far away as G.A.L.A. at Sir Simon Fraser University. As a publisher of a newsletter, we joined the Gay and Lesbian Press Association, Chicago, as an affiliated member. We continue to receive other newsletters as well as to subscribe to larger publications. In fact, the G.G.E. was responsible for making Xtra available in Guelph.

We have begun correspondence with the Hon. Svend Robinson to remain up to date on federal policy-making of concern to the lesbian and gay community. We also sent a communique to the British High Commission in Ottawa to voice our disapproval of local government Bill - Clause 28 before it was accepted by the House of Lords. Members of the G.G.E. were among the founding members of the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County which we officially endorsed and supported with a monetary donation.

Members of G.G.E. presented talks in undergraduate Family Studies and Human Sexuality classes; helped staff booths during AIDS Awareness Days and Clubs Days at the University of Guelph; and took part in training sessions at the 8th Annual Human Sexuality Conference also held at the University of Guelph. We also conducted two safe sex workshops. G.G.E. library provided a source of educational material for many undergraduates writing essays or presenting talks, as well as being of educational, entertaining, and personal value to our members. To accommodate the increased demand for our resources, we have put more effort into updating our library with new books. Our video library was boosted with donations of seven AIDS videos and five popular videos. Information in the form of pamphlets is always available either during regular office hours or on our office door. Peer counselling is still available through our well-used Gayline, staffed four nights a week.

Our monthly dances continue to be well-attended, including reciprocated attendances by members of G.E.M. and G.L.L.O.W. Our weekly Tuesday night meetings bring out new faces almost every week. These meetings were of various educational and social forms, including visits by the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto and Parents of Gays, Brampton. Other activities included bowling, camping near Tobermory, and a trip to Canada's Wonderland (with G.L.L.O.W.).

With a newly-elected executive, 1988-89 promises to be even better than last year. We plan on repeating popular outdoor activities and will do more of these in cooperation with G.E.M., G.L.L.O.W., and H.U.G.S. We hope to bring more guest speakers to our meetings and are looking into a more central, larger alternative hall for our dances. Our library will continue to grow as new titles are suggested. We will strive to continue our prime objectives of educating the community, and helping straights and gays/lesbians become more comfortable with their sexuality.

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1988

INCOME

Dance	3855.22
Memberships	516.00
Micellaneous	75.00
Interest	32.49
Total Income	4478.71

EXPENSES

Dance	1141.10
Newsletter	661.33
Dues & Subscriptions	454.66
Meetings	419.87
Sponsored Events	361.94
Phone - Gayline	348.02
Advertising	299.65
Special Events	361.94
Phone - Off. Ext.	264.00
Library	157.05
Miscellaneous	149.22
Office Supplies	134.53
Printing	33.30
Bank Charges	29.75
Total Expenses	4727.12
Net Loss	248.41

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF MARCH 31, 1988

ASSETS

Chequing Account	868.29
Savings Account	665.43
Promissory Note	295.00
Dance Float	694.00
Petty Cash	26.59
Total Assets	2549.31

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	0
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CAPITAL

Members Equity	1912.79
Retained Earnings	636.52
Total Liabilities and Capital	2549.31

STAFFED MONDAY THRU THURSDAY, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

THE GAY LINE 836-4550