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# EQUALITY

**NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1988** 

# **Ministers** set to fight gay proposal



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Bay Marty Gervais/Star Religion Editor

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ministers here are threatening to divert church funds to show they are sein their fight to 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

### BEING GAY NOT A CRIME

The Israeli Parliament (Knesset) has voted unanimously to envoke major changes to the penal code making homosexuality no longer illegal. The previous anti-gay laws gave legitimacy to discrimination of gays in Isreal 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.

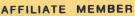
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### **AUSTRALIA**

Sydney, Australia was the site of the 11th Annual Gay Mardi Gras parade and festival on Feb. 27. More that 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.

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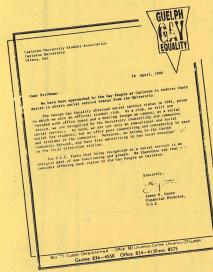




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	men to speak out. Meet-Commission. 519 Com-O & RTPC.  ay, Harbourfront, Toronto.  33.  s of Ottawa, 318 Lisgar	28	Trip to HALO Club London?	GLLOW Dance Caberet Kitchener	7 "Victoria's Room" Guelph Little Theatre: Closing Night party afterwards GLAUT Homo Hop. 100 St. George St. SAC Hangar Pub Toronto, Ontario	Saturday

# LETTERS







Guelph Gay Equality P.O. Box 773 Guelph Ontario

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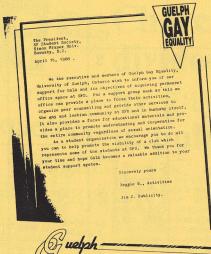
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# MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS

### 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-

### 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 accommodation 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 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 regualr 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
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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

CAPITAL	
Members Equity	1912.79
Retained Earnings	636.52
Total Liabilities	
and Capital	2549.31

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

