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# Guelph Gay equality

Because of a number of important developments we are sending out a newsletter for January. There are several important items:

1. At our meeting of December 7, there were five women present for a discussion of what gay women want/need in Guelph, at least as far as G.G.E. is concerned. Some suggestions for activities were:

Regular Drop-in  
Trips to Theatre etc.  
Sports Events  
Community Volunteer Work

Women's Dances  
Guest Speakers  
Women Counsellors for  
Gayline.

A gay women's drop-in will be held in Room 221, University Centre, on Monday, January 16th, beginning at 8pm. Women are urged to attend.

2. On December 15, 1977, the National Assembly of Quebec passed into law a bill giving civil rights to Quebec's gay men and women. Only two votes were registered against the bill in the 110 seat assembly. This is the same type of legislation which has been recommended for Ontario by the Ontario Human Rights Commission. The Quebec bill is the first to be passed in North America covering the general public. Why didn't any papers in Ontario cover the news?

3. Anita Bryant will visit Toronto on Sunday Jan. 15th, and we are getting ready to "welcome" her. A rally and demonstration will be held on Yonge St. on Saturday night, and there will be a peaceful demonstration at the People's Church in North York on Sunday, where Bryant will be appearing. We hope to send a bus down, so if you're interested, call Jim Dougan at 822-██████.

4. The offices of the Body Politic were raided by the police on Friday December 30, and most of the files of the paper were seized. The raid is thought to have come as a result of Toronto Sun columnist Clare Hoy's attack on the article entitled Men Loving Boys Loving Men, which described the relationships of four Toronto pedophiles. This is a touchy subject in any circle of people, gay or straight, but it is also one which must be dealt with, since homosexuals are so often told that they are only interested in children.

Two charges of obscenity were laid, one for the article, and one for possession of copies of 'Loving Man', a gay sex guide which was previously cleared by Canadian customs. It seems that the police and Roy McMurtry were desperate to find something to damage the public's attitude towards gay people, because McMurtry claims we won't get our rights because of this.

## JANUARY EVENTS

- Wed. Jan. 11 - Orientation for Gay Students - 8pm, 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Building.
- Mon. Jan. 16 - Women's Drop-in, Rm. 221, Univ. Centre. 8pm.
- Wed. Jan. 18 - Gay Life in Amsterdam - 8pm, 9th Floor Lounge.
- Fri. Jan. 20 - Dance at the Country Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Parkway, 9pm.