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Guelph Gay Equality

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1978

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Anita Bryant certainly created a stir in Toronto! Gays haven't received so much press coverage in years. Apparently Bryant and hubby are beginning to realize that she's actually doing us more good than harm. More and more people are realizing that there are large numbers of gay men and women who face discrimination and prejudice every day. Just a few of the events of the past week:

Saturday Jan. 14th - 1000 gays, including several hundred lesbians, attended a rally at St. Lawrence Market, then marched up Yonge St. in freezing weather.

Sunday Jan. 15th - about 300 gays protested across from the church where Bryant gave 'testimony' for a fee of at least \$5000. Meanwhile 300 other gay men and lesbians were gathered in a multi-denominational church service, along with representatives from the United Church, Anglican Church, Catholic Church, and the Jewish faith. Both church services were covered on both national TV news programs.

Monday Jan. 16 - Bryant held a press conference in a room lined with plainclothes police. A panel on TV Ontario received a phone-in vote of 480 people in favour of gay teachers, 330 against. CBC national news did a story on gay liberation in Canada. Toronto Sun cut up Bryant as a poor representative of her cause.

Sunday Jan. 22 - CBC radio phone-in show with Charlie Hill of Gays of Ottawa received a majority of calls favouring civil rights for gay people. Point Blank on Global TV featured a panel consisting of Dr. Bruce McLeod (former United Church moderator), Rev. Bob Wolfe of MCC (gay church), Anita & hubby, and Rev. Bob Campbell of Renaissance (they brought in Bryant). At the show's end Bryant was seen fumbling through her bible in disbelief after being told by Dr. McLeod 1st Corinthians also says 'women are not to speak in church'.

Monday Jan. 23 - Man Alive, a CBC religious program interviewed gay Christians and clergy and urged listeners to support gay people. Next week's topic (Jan. 30) will be 'Born Again Christians; Is This A Cover-up For Bigotry?'

There have been other programs too.

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Meanwhile, on Mon. Jan. 16th, a drop-in with 8 women was held at the U. of G. and another is planned for Jan. 30th.

COMING EVENTS

- Mon. Jan. 30th - 7pm. - A 1 hour meeting of persons who wish to be involved in gayline counselling - Rm. 221 University Centre, University of Guelph.
- 8pm. - Drop-In for Gay Women, room 221 University Centre, University of Guelph.
- Wed. Feb. 1st - 8pm. Pedophilia - discussion with Dr. S. Que Hee of McMaster Homophile Association. 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Building, University of Guelph.
- Wed. Feb. 8th - Potluck dinner at 74 Janefield, Unit 20. Bring a food item and drink. Everyone welcome. 7pm.
- Wed. Feb. 15th - 8pm.-John Damien and Michael Lynch will discuss the progress of John's case. 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg., University of Guelph.
- Fri. Feb. 17th - 9pm. Dance at country schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Parkway.

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