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#### Coming Events

FRIDAY JAN. 26 - Special DANCE at U.E.W. Hall (old schoolhouse), 611 Silvercreek Pkwy. For a free ride call 836-4550 after 8pm on the 26th. Dance begins at 9pm.

Mon. Jan. 29 - Gay Youth Guelph Meeting, Rm.221, Univ. Centre, U. of Guelph. 8pm. Wed. Jan 31 - Film Night - 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Building, U. of G. 8 pm.

Wed. Feb. 7 - Games Night - bring cards, games. 9th Floor Lounge. 8pm.

Wed. Feb. 14 - Discussion Series - On Being Gay - Part 1 - The Coming Out Process. 9th Floor Lounge, 8 pm.

Wed. Feb 21 - Film Night - 9th Floor Lounge, 8pm.

Wed. Feb. 28 - Discussion Series - On Being Gay - Part 2 - Dealing with Oppression. 9th Fl. Lounge, 8 pm.

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A NEW SERIES: Beginning on Feb. 14, we will begin a new series of discussion groups to look at how we deal with various aspects of being gay. The first session will be about coming out, and the second, on Feb. 28, will look at how we deal with oppression on a daily basis.

SPECIAL DANCE: On Jan. 26, we will hold a special dance. Many of you have asked when our next dance will be. As was explained last month, we were put into a bad financial crunch because of the weekly Bridgeport dances, but we are really desparate to raise funds for our various services. Please come out to the dance and encourage your friends to do so as well.

AS CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS: Recently. Toronto's Mayor John Sewell called for the provincial government to give gays the same protection other citizens receive on the job, in housing, and in access to public facilities, by putting "sexual orientation" into the Ontario Human Rights Code. Although there was considerable negative response in the press, there was an unprecedented positive response.

It is important that each of us be heard in this debate. Write to Mr. Robert Elgie, Minister of Labour, Queen's Park in Toronto, and urge him to put "sexual orientation" into the non-discrimination clauses of the Human Rights Code. And if you read anti-gay letters or editorials in the paper, write in and voice your opinion. It's up to you - no one else will do it.

SPECIAL THANKS: To those of you who have made donations to help tide us over this difficult financial period.

GAYLINE COUNSELLORS: There will be a weekend counsellor-training conference on Feb. 24 and 25. Call Jim at 822- or Peg at 822- for information. This is a good chance to get involved and help less fortunate persons with some of their problems.

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