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NEWS LETTER -- AUGUST, 1979

Wed., Aug.1: Informal Drop-in. 8:00PM., 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg.

Wed., Aug. 8: Hitting Back- Violence in the Gay Community. 8:00PM.,9th

Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg.

Wed., Aug.15: Pot-luck Dinner-- Bring something good to eat and drink to B15 Chapel Lane.

Wed., Aug.22: Planning for the Fall-- We NEED input for activities in the Fall and Winter. What do you want us to do over the next few months?? 8:00PM, 9th Floor Lounge.

Wed., Aug.22: Film Night-- No idea what films, but you can bet they will be interesting and not commonly seen elsewhere. 8:00PM 9th Floor Lounge, Arts.

BAWDY HOUSES -- BAWDY MINDED COPS

A common bawdy house is "a place that is kept or occupied or resorted to by one or more persons for the purpose of prostitution or the practice of acts of indecency" (Criminal Code section 179). This law has been used recently to justify raids on private homes where either pornography or sex toys/aid were kept. Consensual sex acts are legal. Asking someone to commit a sexual act (soliciting), keeping pornography (even The Body Politic, if the cops have their way), keeping sex toys or aids (does this include KY?), or having sex with more than one person are all illegal. If they want to, the local constabulary can bust you for any of the above. And get this kiddies- YOU CAN'T DO A DAMNED THING ABOUT IT.

The police need a valid warrant to enter your home, or a writ of assistance, but once inside, the only course you can follow is to smile sweetly and keep your mouth shut. Resisting police is a crime, and anything you say can and will be used against you. Co-operate with them, but give them a statement only after consulting a lawyer. The time to fight back is later, in court.

In public, the police have the right to ask for valid ident-ification. Co-operate with any reasonable requests for inform-ation. In the event of harassment or arrest, again, co-operate
to the best of your ability, and fight back later, either by
complaining to the police commission, or through the courts.
Do not resist arrest. Do not give information before consulting
a lawyer. Do not plead guilty to an offense before getting
legal advice.

For more information, read <u>GAYS AND THE LAW</u> published by Gays of Ottawa, available through GGE, or contact Guelph Gay Equality

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