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Guelph gay equality

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1980

Coming Events

Wed. Jan. 23 - POTLUCK DINNER at 91 Conroy Cres. - tel. 822-████ - bring a dish (salad, main course or desert) + drink. 7pm.

*****SATURDAY JAN. 26 -- DANCE! DANCE DANCE DANCE*****
at the U.E.W. Hall, 611 Silvercreek Pkwy. 9pm. ←
PLEASE TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!!

Wed. Jan. 30 - Film Night ., 9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg., Univ. of Guelph. 8pm.

Wed. Feb. 6 - Discussion - Gay Ethics - What are they?
9th Floor Lounge, Arts Bldg. 8pm.

Wed. Feb. 13 - Informal Drop-in, 9th Floor Lounge.

Wed. Feb. 20 - Film Night - shorts and features of the past and present. 9th Floor Lounge, 8pm.

Wed. Feb. 27 - speaker - to be announced. 9th Floor Lounge.

One or more dances will probably be held in February. We're checking out new and larger locations. We'll try to notify you. If you're in doubt, call the Gayline - 836-4550 - 24 hrs. 8888888888

We hope that you all had a fine holiday season. Please let us know if you've moved - call the Gayline on Tues. or Thurs. evenings, 7-10pm. In case you don't know already, dances are now being held at the Univ. of Waterloo. Next one is on Friday Jan. 25 in the Psychology Bldg. Bridgeport dances are cancelled until further notice.

ENCLOSURE THIS MONTH

This month we are sending you information and pledgecards from CGRO - the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario. They've been working for us since 1975, and in case you've been out of touch lately, lots has been happening:

- met with Dr. Stuart Smith, MPP regarding Bill 188, a bill to protect handicapped persons. The Tory government was trying to weasel out of protecting gays by introducing an exclusive bill for the handicapped, rather than amending the Human Rights Code. The handicapped didn't want to be segregated and opposed the bill. The Tories finally withdrew it.
- met with the full Ontario Human Rights Commission.
- received a \$400,000 grant from PLURA, a multidemominational church organization, to hire a grass roots organizer, to travel across the province.
- gathered funds from gay businessmen in Toronto to hire a full-time office manager.

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GAY ARCHIVES

CGRO has set several priorities for the next few months:

- increase membership in CGRO from individuals across the province, and get non-gay people to join FFLAG (Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).
- produce educational material for distribution across the province.
- help people in small towns and cities set up organizations to help each other.
- get people to write to their MPP's and government leaders to show that gay rights (job protection, housing etc.) is an important human rights issue. We pay our taxes too!

CGRO NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!! They need money, and your letters to politicians. For the first time gay men and lesbians in Ontario have a voice which the politicians in Queen's Park are beginning to listen to. A lot of hard work lies ahead, but with your support, we'll make it!!

PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL AND ACT!!!