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## Gay Quality

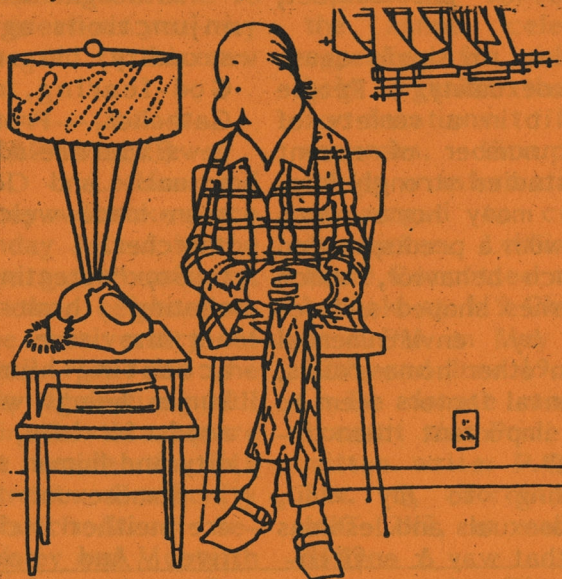
### NAVY CLUB DANCE A SUCCESS

Our first Party/Dance at the Navy Club went off without a hitch on May 12. Total attendance for the first evening

was 50; not bad for an opening night. Comments received from those in attendance were mostly favourable, with a few suggestions for the future.

Since we don't realize any income from the bar, we must rely on the door admission to cover our expenses. To cut our costs, we are operating without a DJ, although Lyn, our Schoolhouse DJ, is supplying us with tapes. This being the case, we are openly soliciting your requests. If you wish to hear your music, bring your tapes and/or records.

If you missed the first Navy Club Dance, don't miss this one. Circle your calendar, Saturday June 9 at 9PM.



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Harvey Ferguson prefers to buy only from telephone solicitors. Right now he's in need of vacuum cleaner.



## THINGS ARE LOOKIN' UP

The following is a letter to Dear Abby, one that is worth reprinting in our opinion. Here it is.

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Dear Abby:

I am terribly confused about this subject. Are homosexuals and lesbians born that way? If so, is it possible to detect it before birth or in the early stages and avert it?

Nobody wants to be a homosexual today; it's a living death. If they are born that way, perhaps society would be more willing to accept them and treat them more humanely.

Human Being

Dear Human:

My consultant, Dr. Judd Marmor, a psychoanalyst who is one of the most respected authorities on the subject, says:

"There is no single cause for homosexuality. People come to it in a variety of ways. A number of recent research studies strongly suggest that many homosexuals are born with a predisposition toward such behavior, which then becomes shaped and reinforced by environmental factors. In other homosexuals, environmental factors seem to be more important than in-born ones."

According to my mail, most homosexuals and lesbians are born that way & environ-

ment has little or nothing to do with it. (Why in a family of two, three, four or more children raised in the same environment is one gay while the others are not?)

However, one thing is clear: The vast majority of gay people do not "choose" to become homosexual; their homosexual inclinations feel just as natural to them as heterosexual inclinations feel to straights.

The statement "Nobody wants to be a homosexual today--it's a living death" is not true. In recent years, more and more homosexuals are "coming out," demanding their civil rights and in many quarters are living happy, productive lives without apologies or feelings of inferiority.

Although there are biblical injunctions against homosexuality, in recent years God-fearing, churchgoing Catholics, Protestants and Jews who are admitted homosexuals and lesbians have been made welcome in their churches.

So, "detecting" and "preventing" homosexuality are not the issue. The issue is accepting homosexuals as human beings with the same needs for love, personal dignity and human support.

Homosexuals and lesbians are neither sick nor defective. And nobody "went

wrong". They are simply a minority (approximately 10% of the population) that for years has been misunderstood and discriminated against.

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## G.O.O.D. (GAYS OUT OF DOORS)

Become a GOOD Guy. We are now organizing an outdoor activities and social club (camping, skiing, canoeing, cycling, picnics and bar-b-cues, potluck supper and special parties) for the gays of Kitchener/Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph areas. Join now as a charter member and help plan and organize your club.

For detailed information come out to our regular Tuesday night meeting on June 19. Our guest speaker that evening is involved with G.O.O.D., and will be able to answer any questions you may have with regard to this new organization.

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## WE ARE EVERYWHERE

TORONTO - Lesbian and Gay Pride Day will take place here on Sunday July 1 in the heart of the gay community. This year the celebration, marking the anniversary of the Stonewall riot and the birth of gay liberation, will take place in Cawthra Square Park, right beside the 519 Church Street Community Centre. Church Street between Wellesley and Monteith will be used for a street festival with lots of dancing and partying. The Festival

will last from 1 to 8PM.

The theme for this year's celebration, taking place in the International Year of Lesbian and Gay Action, is **WE ARE EVERYWHERE**, as an expression of the diversity and international character of our community.

Plans for the day include entertainment, dancing, information displays, food, beer and a Mardi Gras type parade to highlight the day.

Entertainment will include singer Arlene Mantle, singer-pianist Anna Gutmanis, reggae band the Gayap Rhythm Drummers, dancing by Lim, performance theatre by David Roche and Sky Gilbert and many others.

The Lesbian and Gay Pride Day Committee, a coalition of lesbian and gay groups and individuals, which organizes the annual celebration is appealing for volunteers to help organize the day, and for donations to help defray expenses. Groups wishing tables or information displays are urged to contact the committee. Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee meeting will be held at 519 Church Street at 8 PM on May 29th, June 12th, and June 19.

To donate money or to contact the Pride Day Committee write: P.O. Box 793, Stn. Q, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2N7, or call (416)929-0689.

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SUPPORT GGE - JOIN NOW!

the gayline 836-4550



## WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

- Tue June 05: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT  
"9 to 5" starring Dolly Parton.
- Thu June 07: GENERAL MEETING  
A general meeting of GGE to discuss upcoming events and to set policy for the organization. All members are requested to attend. Non-members are welcome. Room 314, UC Bldg. at 8 PM.
- Sat June 09: PARTY/DANCE  
Our second event at the Navy Club of Guelph, 18 Commercial Street. Admission \$3.00 per person. Starts at 9 PM. If you want to hear your music, bring your records and tapes, requests gladly taken.
- Tue June 12: GUEST SPEAKER  
Representatives of the Unitarian Church are scheduled to speak about gay week at their Uni-Camp.
- Tue June 19: GUEST SPEAKER  
A representative from the newest gay organization in Kitchener, G.O.O.D. (Gays Out Of Doors) will outline the mandate of the organization.
- Tue June 26: TRIVIAL PURSUIT  
Once again its 'test your knowledge night'. Back by popular demand. For a fun evening don't miss this event.
- Fri June 29: DANCE  
Our monthly dance at the Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Pkwy., Guelph at 8PM. All GGE members admitted FREE, CGRO affiliated group members, 1/2 price, non-members \$3.00.
- Sun July 01: PARADE  
It's the annual Gay Pride Day Parade in Toronto.
- Tue July 03: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT  
"Raiders of the Lost Ark".

ALL EVENTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ARE HELD  
IN ROOM 536, U.C. BLDG., U of G AT 8 PM.