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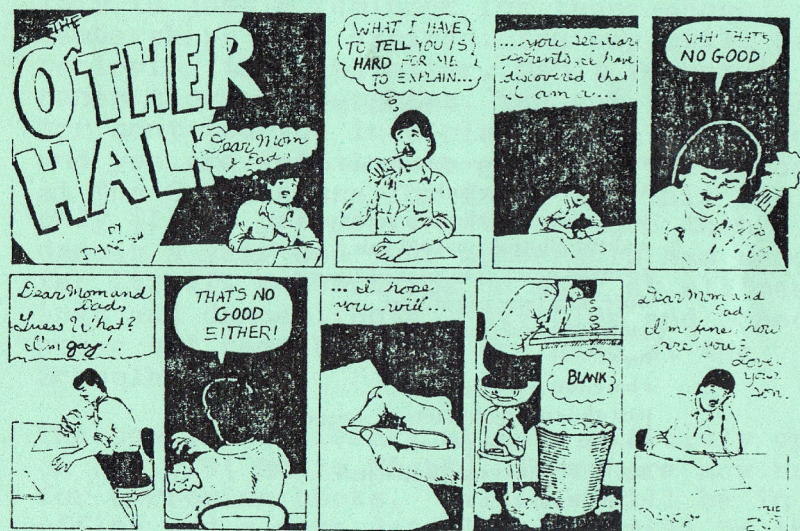
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Guelph Gay quality

DECEMBER 1985
NEWSLETTER

THE COMIC IS BACK!!



COMING OUT !

We all come out at some point in our life. Whether or not we tell everyone, we at least somehow acknowledge it to ourself.

There are various stages in the coming out process. First we usually tell ourself and then proceed to tell other important people with whom we associate. This could include family, friends and co-workers.

At this time of year, when families are gathering to celebrate the holiday season, it seems somewhat appropriate to tell our families

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of our "new" selves that we have discovered. It can be a trying time for all. Remember that while you are telling your family you too should have the patience that you are asking them to have while they listen to you. This is just as new to them as it is to you.

Coming out is not an easy process or a one step deal. It is continuous. Have patience, when the time is right you will know.

(editor's note)

REFLECTIONS!

DAPHNE

once, i might have dreamed of this
to be loved by a god
to run together through green places,
and the glint of sun-gold hair,
to make love in the arms of forests.
once, in a time of softness,
i might have dreamed of you.
now
i have run too often
past the cold perimeters of dreams:
now, at the sight of you
my body grows rigid and harsh,
locks into itself;
i forget how to breathe.
go away, go back where you came from,
leave me alone.
only with you gone
can i turn to flesh again,
can i grow my body back.

Karen Lindsey

Vampire

when they found theyd given birth to a vampire
they had her eye teeth removed.
it was a delicate operation;
still, they said, it was worth it.
for her fifth birthday, they bought her a yellow dress.
she got a nosebleed all over it, and laughed.
they got scared.
when she started her period,
they bought her boxes of white things that promised
not to impair her virginity & told her not to be frightened.
she wasnt.
its my blood, she said, i know what to do with it.
in school, the nuns prayed for her, every day.
one nun had a tiny phial, with the
blood of a holy martyr in it.
they found it one day under a desk, empty.
no one said anything, but her parents
sent her to the dentist to see
if the teeth had grown back.
she bit his hand, and licked her lips.
next day, she stole a suitcase and left town.
still, they all know shes there,
and no one goes out after dark.
they tuck their daughters into bed, and lock the doors.
they say, we should have killed her back then,
when we first knew.

and the daughters lie awake in their beds,
and smile.

Karen Lindsey

K. Lindsey's poems were in "the Second Wave"
magazine. Vol 2 Number 2.

the gayline 836-4550

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I love you
but that's not the only gift
I'll give you on this Christmas day.
Half the love you've given me,
I'll lend you back.
The other half's been spent already
building me into whatever kind of man I am.
Your love has made me whole,
if I was ever even half.
And so because it's Christmas
I'll lend you back a little of the love
you've squandered on me.
But please remember that it's just a loan.
The more I learn about your love,
the more I need to own.

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By Rod McKuen . Women's Day . Dec. 1973 .

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE !

IT IS IN THIS SPACE THAT THE EXECUTIVE OF GGE
WOULD LIKE TO SEND TO YOU OUR WARMEST WISHES
FOR A SAFE AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY. MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS
BE FILLED WITH EVERYTHING YOU WANT.

Executive of GGE

SYNDICATED COLUMN : DEAR BOBBIE !!!!!

Dear Bobbi :

I have this problem for which I need your knowledgeable advice.

Two close and dear lesbian friends have decided that they wish to mother a child, each. They have asked me if I would father their children. Being attracted to other men for as long as I can remember, I have never thought of sleeping with women.

What should I do ? Should I fertilize my two friends or not ?

Signed Debating Whether to get IT up or not.

Dear Debating: My have you a problem on your hands. First off, I must say that I hope you can get it up or you may have other problems to contend with. Assuming that all is well in that area here is my suggestion. If you can not bring yourself to make this sacrifice for your dear friends at this festive time of year, I suggest you get them a warm turkey baster filled with your personal gift to them. This will also prevent the possibility of spreading unwanted diseases. All you have to do is get it up for the turkey baster. Think you can handle it ? Good Luck !!!

I hope no one gets offended with my column, but I really and genuinely feel that all the others need some real competition. My apologies if anyone is bothered.

Bobbie

P.S. Merry Christmas all!

OTHER GOOD NEWS !!!!

NAVY CLUB

For those of you who have not yet attended the Navy Club dances, you don't know what you are missing. Recently these dances have been a great attraction. The dance is well attended by both men and women. The music is the best in Guelph with our very own and best D.J. So if you are just sitting around on the second Saturday of the month, why not come on out to the ^{DANCE} and see what fun you are missing. I guarantee it won't be your last.

WASHROOM ARRESTS!!

Recently one gentleman won his fight against his arrest for gross indecency in the Silvercreek Park washroom form early this year. This is the first case to be won. He was given a conditional discharge and his name was not mentioned in the paper. The Judge ruled that while an indecent act was being committed, you could not be sure that the man in question was involved or not.

CGRO !!

The Steering Committee of CGRO (Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario) is meeting here in Guelph Nov 30 and Dec 1 1985. All those interested are welcome to drop by and contribute. The meetings will be held in Room 536 U.C. For more information, please contact the gayline 836-4550.

LESBIANS !!

Are you tired of being around the men? Well, starting early in January you can be a part of GLAD. Guelph Lesbians and Dykes. This will be a space for women to get together to discuss issues pertaining to our lifestyle. A series of topics are planned. If you have any you would like to see please let me know. For further information please contact GGE c/o BOX 773 GUELPH, ONTARIO N1H 6L8 or GGE c/o CSA OFFICE, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH.

Please mark attention GLAD on your envelope.

The Survival Game II was a two-part presentation. Both evenings featured some games and discussion on group dynamics, organization and communication. People in attendance were asked to list their goal for belonging to our organization or participating in GGE sponsored activities. People were also asked what improvements could be made to our own group. Hopefully those suggestions will be implemented in the near future. Cheryl and I would like to thank those who participated in the Survival Game II.

Sheldon

NOTICES

1. This is just a reminder for those whose memberships have expired. You may still be receiving the Newsletter. Don't forget to renew those memberships. You get the Newsletter sent to you in a plain brown envelope and you are entitled to get into the dances at the Schoolhouse for free. All this for only \$12.00 per year. Attend more than 4 dances a year and your membership has paid for itself. Memberships on sale at all meetings and dances. (Both Navy Club and Schoolhouse but remember they are good ^{only} at the Schoolhouse).
2. The newly run library will be officially open on Dec. 10 (Music Night). There are new rules for borrowing books. All info will be in the office and a more detailed look will be in the January Newsletter.
3. Don't forget to return any books you may have forgotten about. Let others share the available reading material.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DEC 17th.

Please submit your ideas. They WILL BE PRINTED!

DECEMBER'S FESTIVITIES

- TUES DEC. 3 : Video Night. "The Hunger"
A modern day vampire story
starring David Bowie.
- TUES DEC 10 : MUSIC NIGHT. Come out to this
fun filled evening of music and
other goodies. Also tonight, we
will be having our general meet-
ing beginning at 7:30. Also
the Silvercreek Society will be
having a very important mtg.
- TUES DEC 17 : THE FIRST ANNUAL X'MAS COOKIE
CONTEST. That's right folks and
the entry fee is a mere half
dozen cookies. Prize? You bet!
The best cookie will be given
a cook book.
- TUES DEC 24 and TUES DEC 31 meeting will be
cancelled for the holidays.
- JAN 7 1986 : VIDEO NIGHT. Tonight we will
feature an oldie but goodie
starring Rock Hudson. This
will be a tribute to the movie
star. Name of movie will be in
next Newsletter.

DANCES FOR DECEMBER !!

- DEC 14 : THE EVER POPULAR NAVY CLUB DANCE!
16 Commercial Street begining at
9 P.M. Just when you need a break
from your exams!

- Sorry
Cancelled*
~~DEC 27 : THE SCHOOLHOUSE DANCE. We will be
here to celebrate the festival seas-
on so come on out and have a good
time. 611 Silvercreek PKWY N.
9 P.M.~~

ALL EVENTS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED WILL BE
HELD IN ROOM 536 UC. STARTING AT 8 P.M.