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**GUELPH  
GAY  
EQUALITY**

**NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1990**

# Cleveland police harass gay men and lose Lesbian and gay males do it differently

on lesbian rights

gay rights

**EDDIE IS NOT A SISTER YET** Prince Edward, the real Queen's youngest son has recently denied he is gay. The 26-year-old who dropped out of the British marines in favour of a career in theatre is currently working in New York on the Andrew Lloyd-Webber musical, *Aspects of Love*. Ed's friendship with one of the stars of the production, Michael Ball, 27, is rumoured to be slightly more than friendly.

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**CONFINING RECKLESS AIDS CARRIERS** Dr. Perry Kendall, Toronto's medical officer of health, seems to think that AIDS should be classified as a virulent disease. In so doing, it would allow the city health department to seek a court order permitting them to confine reckless AIDS carriers thus preventing them from knowingly spreading the disease. Michael Sobota, executive director of the AIDS Committee of Thunder Bay, said at Guelph's recent OAN conference, that although reckless AIDS carriers must be dealt with, the legal system is the better forum to do that. Furthermore it could lead to people hiding from testing altogether according to Barbara Li (of the Gay Asian AIDS Project). The committee that was formed to study this matter has chosen inaction and has voted to review the matter by initiating discussions between Dr. Kendall and the community.

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## MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS/EVENTS

**NEW EXECUTIVE** The executive members of the GGE for 1990 - 91 are:

Executive Director	.....	T. Shawn
Education Director	.....	Reggie*
Financial Director	.....	Lonny
Co-Activities Directors	.....	Linda*
	.....	David
Dance Director	.....	Nicole
Publicity Director	.....	Peter

\* Newly elected

Many thanks go to our outgoing executive members (Kathy, Marty, and Dwight) for all their efforts.



AIDS COMMITTEE OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY  
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DEBORAH AZIM, SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

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**IMPRESSIONS OF AMSTERDAM** It struck me on my second day in Amsterdam that life in this city appears to be nothing less than a year-round CNE. The city is alive until the early morning hours. Many dance bars (locally referred to as Discos) open at 11:00 p.m. and close at 5:00 a.m. (a civilized closing hour in my books). This allows for a day of doing "touristy" things such as visiting museums, art galleries, or historical sites. In the evening, you can do that dinner thing, go out for drinks at a local water-hole (or pub), perhaps go to the Opera House, attend live theatre and/or bands, or listen to the symphony at the Concertgebouw. And since the discos open after most of this alternative entertainment finishes for the evening, you can dance yourself silly into the wee early hours only to repeat the process the next day. Oh yeah, I suppose you could sleep sometime as well. But to get a true flavour of this city you should try to experience all of its decadence — something I did not have time to complete during my brief four-day weekend stay. Nevertheless, I did have time to reflect on the differences between life in Guelph and life in Amsterdam.

Say Hello to:

- being asked for drugs in the street and being able to buy them in some of the bars. Hash bars anyone?
- being able to buy sex just like any other commodity — marketed and packaged for your convenience in bright red lights. When the curtains are drawn and the red light is off, business is in progress.
- movies you saw in Canada ...six months ago. It takes about that long to subtitle them.
- small cups of coffee. They're small because it's what we'd get before they're diluted 100-fold.
- wine and beer in abundance in grocery stores. Don't expect to find much breakfast cereal there, however. Let's get our priorities "straight"!
- foul smelling tobacco and cigarettes. And you thought the American brands were bad!
- punctual trains — and frequent too - a good thing since distance to your connecting train is directly proportional to the amount of luggage carried (but allowing only for 5 minutes between trains)
- maniacal drivers (includes busses, cars and bicycles), lunatic cabbies, trams (above ground "subways"), and non-existent parking. And you thought it was bad in T.O. — try parallel parking next to a canal!

Say Goodbye to:

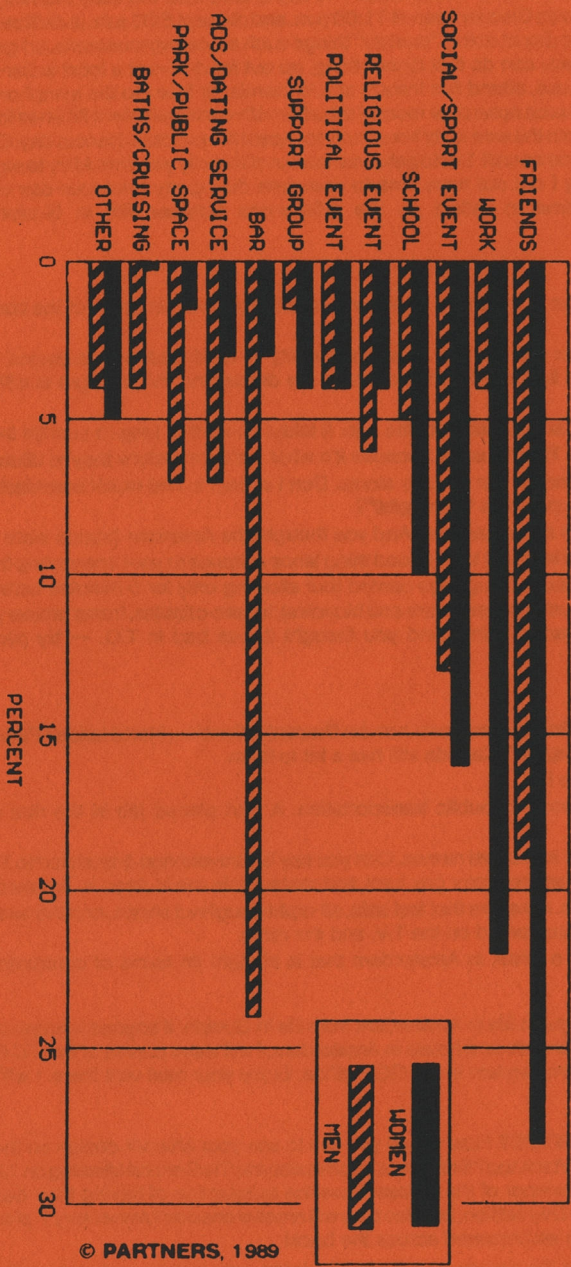
- quibbling about multilingualism. Spreken zie Deutsch? Sprek u Nederlands? Parlez vous Francais? Do you speak English? Canada still has a lot to learn.
- tipping. It's part of the bill.
- politeness on any mode of public transportation. A well placed jab in the ribs gets you the best seat.
- unpronounceable city and street names. Can you say 's-Gravenhage (translated to The Hague) or Reguliersdwarstraat (where many gay bars and restaurants are located in Amsterdam)?
- understandable toilets, elevators that feel safe, all-night doughnut shops, and the number of channels to which we're accustomed on the T.V. and the radio.
- finding a building or a street in Amsterdam that is straight (in terms of construction). It seems fitting.

So that's what seems to distinguish life in Amsterdam from life in Guelph. If anyone is interested in names and addresses of some popular bars and hotels in Amsterdam, I will leave copies of the *ITC Guide to Gay Amsterdam* and *Information Amsterdam* in the GGE office. Enjoy your next visit there. I will. Peter

**GGE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST** How would you like to see your artwork design on the 1990 Gay Pride edition of the GGE T-Shirt/tank top? Bring your submissions to the General Meeting on Tuesday, May 8 in UC 536. Not only will the winner of the contest have the satisfaction of having their design forever immortalized as the 1990 Pride Day edition, but also they will receive one complementary T-shirt or tank top with their 1990 Pride Day logo emblazoned across the back!

Please be advised that printing the design on a T-shirt/tank top may require that some adjustments be made to the artwork to facilitate standard printing practices. We will, of course, endeavour not to change the content of the submission too much but warn that the final version may not look exactly like the artwork submitted.

The cost of this year's T-shirts and tank tops have not yet been determined.



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Preliminary results from a national survey of gay and lesbian couples conducted by **PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**. Based on 663 couples, about half the data available. Respondents answered more than 100 questions; in this case, completing the sentence "We met through:"

## HOW SAME-SEX COUPLES MET

MAY 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Grand River Free Spirit Community Church* 2 pm Robins Nest Cambridge	7 GGE General Meeting/ Discussion Night T-Shirt Design Contest 8 PM UC 536	1 GGE Movie Night "Comedy" 8 PM UC536	2 We are everywhere CFRU 93.3 FM 12:30 & 5:15 PM	3 Gaywire 7-8 PM CIUT 89.5 FM GEM Movie Night	4 WOODS Camping & Bird Watching Point Pelee**	5 WOODS
13 GRFS as above WOODS CAMPING	14 GGE Social Night 8 PM UC 536	15 GGE Games Night 8 PM UC 536	16 We are everywhere as above	17 Gaywire as above	18 GEM Dance, Clark Hall 161 Lakeshore W. Mississauga	19 GLGRO Monthly Meeting 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. UC 536
20 GRFS as above	21 GGE Games Night 8 PM UC 536	22 GGE Games Night 8 PM UC 536	23 We are everywhere as above	24 Gaywire as above GEM AIDS "PALCO" Meeting	25 GGE Dance Polish Hall 5 Empire St. 9 PM - 1 AM	26 GLGRO Monthly Meeting 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. UC 536
27 GRFS as above CLGRO Meeting 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. UC 536	28 GGE BBC: River Side Park 6:30 p.m.	29 GGE BBC: River Side Park 6:30 p.m.	30 Gaywire As above	31 Gaywire As above		

\* Call Brian for details 741-  
\*\* Call Lisa for details 579-

**THE GGE - A BRIEF HISTORY** The Guelph Gay Equality came into being over 16 years ago and since that time has undergone many changes. Armed with our past experience we eagerly meet the many challenges our future holds for us.

We have come a long way from our first General Meeting in 1974. The GGE continues to hold monthly dances that are well attended by both womyn and men. Attendance at our weekly meetings continues to grow, and we have averaged about 30 - 40 men and womyn per meeting over the last year.

Our T-shirt Design Contest for Lesbian and Gay Pride Day (LGPD) has become an annual event. In 1989 we staffed a booth in Cawthra Park and about 20 members marched in the parade. This year we are planning to enter a float in the 1990 LGPD event - and of course, the new T-shirt design will be finalized in May.

Our Car Rally last summer was very well received and we are already planning our 2nd Annual rally for this summer.

We have just completed a major overhaul of our Constitution. Our next major project currently on the agenda concerns a proposal to change the name of our group. In our constitutional amendments we renewed our commitment to eliminating sexism as a basis of discrimination. To that end, it has been proposed that the GGE change its name to use more gender inclusive language. We hope to have a decision on this point by the end of the summer.

The GGE continues its efforts in education with an ever expanding library of books and periodicals. We have recently up-dated the format of the Gayline to be more informative and helpful to those individuals who are just coming out and may be calling for the first time. The GGE continues to produce a weekly radio program called, "We Are Everywhere" on the University of Guelph's radio station. Recently, we interviewed Karen Andrews concerning her brave fight for spousal benefits.

Additionally, we are closely linked with the efforts of the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC) in terms of education and support. In fact, in April, the GGE co-sponsored the ACGWC's Spring Fever Dance. The dance was a "mixed" event and was very well attended. Future plans are in the works but it is only with the help, support, and dedication of our membership that we succeed as a group. It is my hope that Guelph is seen as a warm and welcoming place for gays and lesbians to live. I know the GGE plays a large role in that success.

We look forward to the 90s with enthusiasm! Play safe

Marty

## Manfred's Meadow Guest House

Dear GGE Members,

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**ACGWC SPRING FUNDRAISING DANCE** The Spring Dance held at the Loft on Saturday, April 7 was very well attended by members of the GGE, the Guelph community, and volunteer/members of the AIDS committee. Approximately \$1600.00 was raised for the ACGWC and therefore they are clearly showing their commitment to becoming a self-sufficient organization. Members of the GGE should be happy with the knowledge that a large part of the efforts by the AIDS committee at this dance were directly supported (financially) by the GGE and could not have been achieved without our backing.

**50/50 DRAW** We collected \$37.00 at the March dance. The money raised was donated to and graciously accepted by the Women's Resource Centre. We will be donating the proceeds from April's dance draw to The Gay and Lesbian Appeal (GALA).

**POLISH HALL RENTAL (see April's newsletter)** After a letter was sent to the Polish Alliance of Canada on behalf of the GGE indicating our status as a non-profit community based organization, the Alliance agreed to reduce our monthly rental of the hall by \$30. We, of course, have already thanked the Alliance for their understanding in this matter.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1990

#### Income Statement

<b>Income</b>	
Dances	5172.09
Memberships	808.00
T-Shirts	231.00
Donations	15.00
Interest	3.71
	<u>6249.80</u>

#### Expenses

Newsletter	1710.08
Dances (net)	1113.23
Meetings	875.93
Phone (Gayline)	419.09
Miscellaneous	360.44
Advertising	303.82
Phone (ext.)	264.00
Special Events	125.91
Donations	115.20
Library	101.19
Bank Charges	62.70
Dues & Subscriptions	37.17
Printing	34.40
Office Supplies	13.83
	<u>5536.99</u>

#### Net Profit

**712.81**

#### Balance Sheet

#### Assets

Chequing Account	1189.18
Savings	35.81
Petty Cash	10.34
Dance Float	1350.00
Promissory Note	295.00
	<u>2880.33</u>

#### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0
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#### Capital

Member Equity	1912.79
Retained Earnings	967.54
	<u>2880.33</u>

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

June 10	Car Rally
June 17	Human Sexuality Conference: PCH University Centre
June 24	Gay Pride Day 1990
	We will likely be entering a float so let's get some ideas for what we'd like to include. Nicole has said that we can decorate (i.e. Paint) her truck.
July	No Monthly dance

**GGE MEMBERSHIP** A GGE membership entitles you to *reduced* (\$2.00) dance admission, voting privileges, discounts at GEM, GLOW and CLGRO affiliated activities and GGE newsletter free in the mail. Get yours today, only \$12.00. Help support the GGE!

**PUBLICATIONS** The GGE office receives regular issues of Xtra, Rites, RFD, LGYT newsletter, HUGS newsletter, HALO newsletter, GLO Niagara newsletter, GO Info and several others. Check out these and our library - all available in the GGE office.

**VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE** GLOW has a regular volleyball league that meets Thursdays. Call 844-GLOW (4569) during staffed hours for details.

**DEADLINE**

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by: May 22, 1990

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