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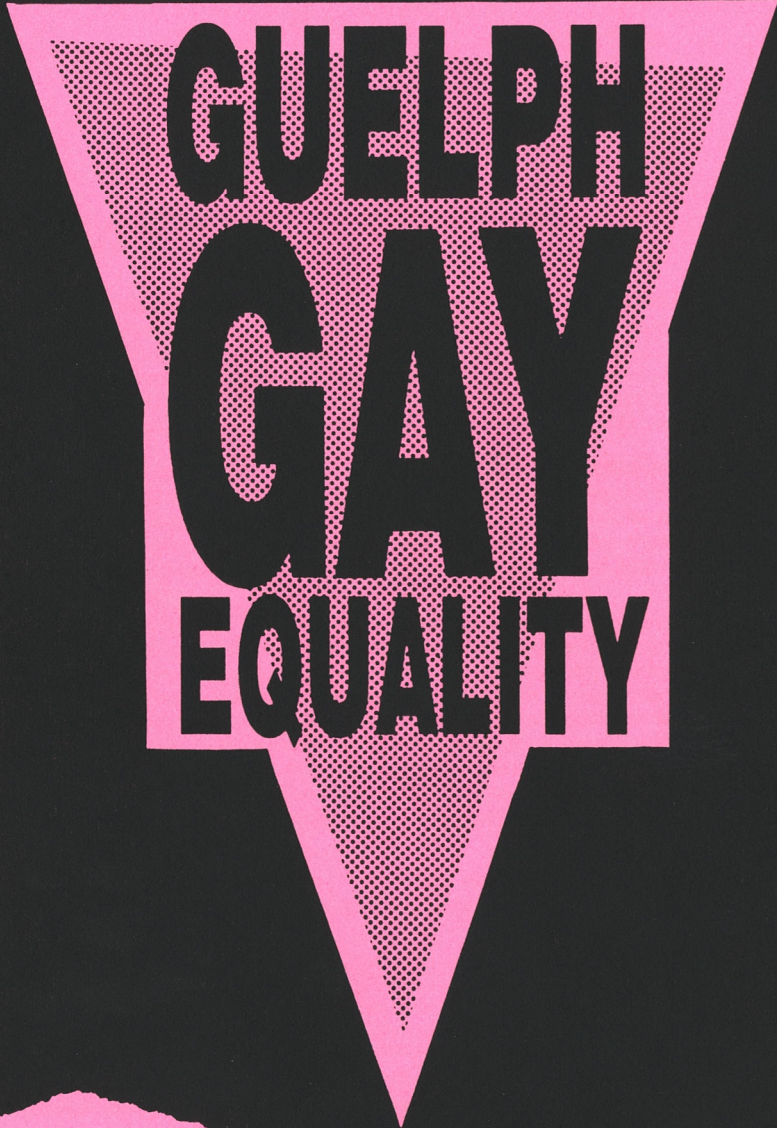
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**GUELPH
GAY
EQUALITY**

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1990

AIDS IS A HUMAN CONDITION, RATHER THAN A DISEASE OF LIFESTYLES OR RISK GROUPS. THE WORD MUST GO FORTH THAT PEOPLE WITH AIDS ARE OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LOVERS AND FRIENDS, PEOPLE JUST LIKE US. BECAUSE WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, THEY ARE US.

BELINA MAISON P.L.W.A.
GLOBE & MAIL, JUNE 6, 1989

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE DAY 1990 This year's Pride Day is fast approaching and is certain to be a success. The theme that has been selected for this year's LGPD is "By all means necessary". At the last GGE executive meeting, we tried to decide what the intent of the theme was and the consensus seemed to be that all of us should strive for acceptance of Gays and Lesbians everywhere **by all means necessary**. Having never attended this event personally (I suppose we can all be virginal at something!) I'm looking forward to going. I'll be staffing a booth (it's a better location for taking pictures of the parade I hope) along with anyone willing to volunteer. On Tuesday, June 19th, there will be a special organizational meeting for Pride Day. Please plan to attend. Peter.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? The GGE has existed for many years with its current name, but recently its membership proposed that we should enter the 90s with a more gender inclusive name. At the General meeting held May 8th a number of suggestions were made — some rather tongue in cheek. HOG (Homosexuals of Guelph) may be indicative of the "Aggie" flavour at Moo U but it may be just too much of a reminder of that "wonderful" slogan: The University of Guelph — where men are men and sheep are nervous! Oh well, different farm animal but it's the thought that counts. Besides, we are after all a community service organization and our name should reflect this.

The members in attendance at the May 8th meeting suggested we could exist without "Equality" in our name for reasons that it sounded too militant or that Lesbians and Gays were fighting for equality amongst ourselves. Some differing opinions on this have been expressed to myself so I will voice these here. While some may argue that "Equality" may sound too militant, the GGE has been accused of just that, as well as being not militant enough. However, the equality that we are fighting for is truly for all people, ultimately, regardless of their sexual orientation. But as that is still somewhat of a holy grail, we could more realistically say that we are struggling for equality with our heterosexual counterparts. Perhaps, as others suggested, we should enter the 90's not only with more gender inclusive language but also with a name that breaks away from the past. To that end we could proceed in a new direction. And lastly, either for nostalgic reasons or historical ones, we could maintain part of the original name to indicate our ties to our past as well as looking to the future. Thus five proposals have been suggested:

1. GALG Guelph Area Lesbians & Gays
2. GGLA Guelph Gay & Lesbian Association
3. GLG Guelph Lesbians & Gays
4. GGL Guelph Gays & Lesbians
5. GGLE Guelph Gay & Lesbian Equality

Since this name change will encompass a change to our constitution, the proposed amendment to the constitution will read as follows:

Article 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be (insert ONE of the above five options).

On Tuesday, July 10th, a General Meeting will be held to decide the name you would like to adopt. The above suggestions need not be exhaustive but they do give us an adequate selection from which to choose. So in all fairness to the GGE, do COME OUT and cast a ballot for a name that will carry the GGE into the next (gasp!) millenium. Peter.



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DEBORAH AZIM, SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

AP
PLAY

Ben Wicks



"SO HOW COME THE BIRDS AND BEES DON'T GET AIDS?"

LOOKING AHEAD

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| July | No monthly dance for GGE or GEM |
| July 10 | Meeting to vote on name change |
| July 25 - 29 | Camping trip to Tobermory |
| August | No monthly dance for GEM |

GGE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST The competition was fierce...but we have a winner. The 1990 Pride Day edition of the GGE T-shirt will be coming to you soon.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, printing the design on a T-shirt/tank top requires some adjustments be made to the artwork to facilitate standard printing practices. We of course attempted to maintain the integrity of the design with as few changes as possible. You will notice that the final version will be printed with the design either on the front of the shirt or on the back. For those shirts having the design on the back, the slogan "Our pride with your's" will appear on the front left side (chest level). This slogan has been typeset to match the wave on the back.

The shirts are currently being printed therefore their cost has not yet been determined. Barring any complications, the shirts should be available well in advance of Lesbian and Gay Pride Day 1990!

WE ARE EVERYWHERE This radio talkshow is featured on CFRU 93.3 FM at 12:30 and 5:15p.m. Look for the specific dates in our calander. The focus of past shows has been to interview people on their experience of coming out, dealing with discrimination and other topical issues.

A NEW FEATURE As you noticed in this month's newsletter, we are featuring a regular column from the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC). Thanks should go to Marnie Neve, Education Co-ordinator for ACGWC, who contributed to this month's issue. Future columns will include a variety of subjects that are sure to be informative and entertaining.

WOODS EVENTS Woods go cycling every Thursday (6: p.m.). The meeting point is the Zehrs plaza parking lot in Waterloo at Fisher-Hallman and Erb Street.

GLLOW EVENTS GLLOW has a regular volleyball league that meets Thursdays (7 to 9 p.m.) at Eastwood Collegiate, 760 Weber Street East, Kitchener. Call 844-GLOW (4569) during staffed hours for details of this and other special summer events.

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.

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