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GUELPH GAY EQUALITY

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1990

Gay Games, prayers set to go in spite of 'spiritual warfare'

Ban on gay ministers revoked by church

THE NAME CHANGE — AND THE WINNER IS... The July 10 General Meeting saw just under twenty voting members appear to decide on the new name for what is now formerly the GGE. Personally, I would have liked to see more members in attendance to decide how we'd like to be recognized. But since the constitution does not have rules for quorum the ballots cast, although some will argue are not entirely representative of all members' decisions, will be the governing factor. The results of the vote are as follows:

Proposed Name	Votes Cast
1. GALG Guelph Area Lesbian and Gays	1
2. GGLA Guelph Gay and Lesbian Association	3
3. GLG Guelph Lesbians and Gays	0
4. GGL Guelph Gays and Lesbians	7
5. GGLE Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality	8

The amendment to the constitution will therefore appear as follows:

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality.

Thank you to all members who were able to make it to the General Meeting.

Peter

ONLY IN HAMILTON... Self-declared and practising homosexuals are now eligible to be considered for ordination in the Hamilton Conference of the United Church of Canada according to a June ruling by the judicial committee of the United Church. The Conference, comprised of 350 congregations totalling 90 000 members, isn't saying the church will welcome homosexuals with open arms. Instead, they will look at each individual case for its own merit and pass judgement accordingly. In other words, it will be no different from before the time the ban was in place. Candidates for the ministry will therefore have to undergo normal testing at the congregational, presbytery, and conference level before being ordained. Perhaps there will be time in the future where one's sexual orientation will actually not be a consideration in applying for a job [gasp...can it possibly be so?]. *The Spectator*, 07 07 1990

RAISE YOUR LEFT HAND A new study out of McMaster University has discovered a larger than expected percentage of homosexuality oriented men and women are left-handed.

Dr. Edward Kingstone, who co-authored the study with Cheryl McCormick and Sandra Witleson, suggested that the results tend to support the theory that homosexuality is biologically based. In the 'Nature vs. Nurture' debate, it seems that homosexuality is likely a result of biological determinants rather than related to how children are raised and/or other environmental factors.

In a study of 70 people, 32 lesbian women and 38 gay men, 69% were lefties — about double the average. 'Left-handedness happens biologically; it's not something we learn,' said Kingstone. 'The fact that a high percentage of homosexuals are also left-handed helps to show sexual orientation is also a result of biology.' The study speculates that the high percentage of left-handedness could be attributed to hormonal imbalances during pregnancy and perhaps the same imbalances affect sexual orientation.

Check your hands and hormone levels — if you are lesbian or gay, it would seem that you likely tend to the left.

- Toronto Sun 072590



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FREAKS AND QUEERS — BIGOTRY LIVES Now I am quite sure that Barry's Bay is a very nice place even though I personally, have never been there. I have travelled through the area though, on my way to our Nation's Capital but I do not think Barry's Bay would be on my list of Top 5 Cities in Canada.

An editorial in Barry's Bay This Week pegged Lesbian and Gay Pride Day in Ottawa — this year held on Father's Day — as a display of 'freaks and queers,' and has led to the resignation of one reporter from the paper. The editorial was written by Helen Conway, editor and co-owner of the paper and though her words are distasteful I will quote from the article:

(Father's Day) was desecrated by the freaks and queers that roam our nation's capital. I find it revolting to think about to the point of vomiting, and I'm sure many others feel this way about honouring gays and lesbians. Why should our children and grandchildren be obliged to see such a stomach-wrenching event, such as this parade honouring these rejects of the human race?

I would suggest that the only thing 'revolting' and 'stomach-wrenching' are Ms. Conway's comments. Dwight and I, and about 25 000 others from across Canada attended Pride Day in Toronto this year, and while the weather was not the greatest, I do not remember anything revolting. In fact, there were many touching moments that I will remember for a lifetime. Even my mother does not find anything revolting about lesbian and gay expression — and she's straight! — (she's the one who pointed out the editorial). My doctor doesn't find anything stomach-wrenching except perhaps the flu. The only thing my mechanic finds revolting is the way I neglect to wash my car.

What I consider surprising and dangerous is that fact that some people still live in the dark—ages. We walk, march run and sometimes reluctantly amble toward the challenges of the 21st century with, what it seems, our heads firmly buried in the sand. Apparently, we still live in a country where it is ok to ignore Native Peoples human rights and freedoms; where it is possible to discriminate against people with a genuine desire to belong to this great nation but are prevented by arbitrary decisions made by regional authorities and political wrangling; where it is possible to enjoy the rights and freedoms of all white Anglosaxon Protestants living in Canada and still be a bigot. Publisher of BB This Week, Phil Conway (is there a relationship here?) said, 'These things die down, we're just ignoring anything from it.' I would suggest that being ignored is one reason lesbians and gay men believe it is necessary to celebrate their identity. Conway said that, 'if we had to do it over again, we wouldn't use that language. We would have been more tasteful.' When you are scrapping bottom UP is your only direction. More importantly are changing attitudes.

HATE HURTS — it really does. If the changes are not generated from within oneself then there has been nothing gained by the experience — the feelings persist. It is not so much the words that are shocking but the emotions behind the words. People can say anything, nasty or nice, but if the words do not reflect and represent the emotion which motivated the person to speak then the words are empty and meaningless. People do not die because of words; people are not killed because of words; people do not resign their positions over a few words; love is not lost or gained, accepted or given because of words; people do all of these things because of feelings and their perceptions of others' emotions and convictions.

Living in peace is something most people claim to want. But ignoring your neighbour and hating your brothers and sisters is not peace. Fear and hatred are the foundations of war. These are the festering conditions of everyone's greatest battles — the changed such that fear and hatred and human values are lost. When that happens we only have war and societies and cultures — civilization — crumbles.

I believe in the awesome motivating power of emotion. It is up to each one of us to choose to be motivated by love and understanding or controlled by fear and hatred.

Marty

- The Beacon Herald (CP) 072090

GAYCARE PROGRAM — see the July newsletter

Oops...I goofed! As Reggie pointed out at the meeting after July's newsletter was first available, I misunderstood the details of the proposal for this program. There will be no cost to members unlike I described in the article concerning this program. Hopefully, this will alleviate any concerns members may have — if members were required to pay \$20 each (to include refreshments) for possibly ten people to attend it does sound like an expensive venture...oh well.

LOOKING AHEAD October 14 — 20 AIDS Awareness Week '90. Many exciting and interesting events have been planned to raise awareness for all members of the Guelph community.

T—SHIRT UPDATE There are four tanks and two T—shirts still available. If we are to consider ordering any more I would like all of these to be sold first. The prices for the tanks and t—shirts are \$14 and \$16 respectively. Buy one for your mother, father, spousal unit or any family member for that matter. Just don't make me discuss their merits as stocking stuffers come December!

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 calendar. The focus of past shows has been to interview people on their experience of coming out, dealing with discrimination and other topical issues.

MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS/EVENTS

THE CAR RALLY—THE LAST WORD Well, the great GGE Car Rally, with its faggots flitting in the fountain and its dykes doused in disgusting Aqua-Velva (the York Road Short Stop will never be the same) has once again come and gone with its tires screaming. We are happy to announce that there were no fatalities, speeding tickets or 'known' traffic infractions of any kind. There was, however, a near miss at the St. John's Anglican Church due to a particularly nasty dyke tackle as an unnamed team attempted to make up for time lost when they headed blithely past the Volvo graveyard to Toronto.

Our route took the leaping lesbians and fleeing faggots through the surrounding countryside and back into and out of Guelph. The Bookshelf Bar may never be the same as fervent ralliers streaked in and out, with nary a beer to be consumed. Any Guelphites out for a stroll near the fountain undoubtedly got an eyeful of dedicated light counters as we jogged, arabesqued and boogied our way around the fountain. As of this writing, we hadn't heard of anyone taking an uncheduled plunge underneath the fig leaf.

Some very fuzzy directions led to considerable confusion as some teams, frantically counting little yellow diamonds, headed for the 401. One team counted almost one hundred of the little buggers before they thought of abandoning the directions and faking it. Who says diamonds aren't a girl's best friend?

The final score was close, with one point separating the top two teams. The Bookshelf will be rewarded for its patience though as first prize was a gift certificate for dinner at... the Bookshelf.

The great 1990 rally ended with a barbeque and party at Lynda's, a finishing point festooned with telling pink balloons. Thanks to the organizers and the eight teams (25 people) who showed up to continue the tradition. I wonder if we'll get points next year for tackling the opponents?
Nicole

TREATMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR HIV/AIDS INFECTION On June 28, 1990 The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, released details of a long awaited National AIDS Strategy. Included in this strategy is a commitment of six million dollars for a computerized treatment information system to provide up-to-date information on new treatments to doctors and people affected by HIV/AIDS.

The idea of a National Treatment registry has been advocated by AIDS Action Now! (AANI) for almost two years. AANI is a community-based lobby group located in Toronto. This group is concerned specifically with the provision of treatment for people living with HIV or AIDS.

One of AAN's main issues regarding treatment for HIV/AIDS has been the difficulty of accessing information. For example: constant changes in the field makes it difficult for physicians and people affected by HIV/AIDS to keep up with the treatment information. There is also no formal mechanism whereby clinical information on patients can be shared in order to assess treatments for different opportunistic infections.

As a result, lack of knowledge in the field of AIDS, and the increased workload required in order to become knowledgeable to provide treatment to patients, have made many physicians reluctant to accept HIV/AIDS patients.

In announcing the Federal Government's plan to implement the Treatment Information System, Mr. Beatty noted that the Information System would allow physicians to have the most up-to-date information and that people living with HIV/AIDS would no longer always have to move to major urban centres for proper medical care.

Some of the key elements of The Treatment Information System, outlined by Mr. Beatty, are:

- Information for both drug and non-drug therapies will be included
- Information on available persons providing care will be included
- Information will be accessible for both patients and physicians
- Information on treatment will be reviewed and any information obtained by users will include expert comment
- Information will be available through telephone, print and video
- The Treatment Information System will be responsive to breaking news and will disseminate new information in both official languages

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AUGUST 1990

Phone Numbers of Interest	1	2	3	4
GEM (416) 536- [redacted] Gary (N.P. for GEM) GLOW (519) 844-GLOW (4569) GRFS (519) 570- [redacted] Office for GRFS Community Church FLAG (416) 457- [redacted] Mary Jones WOODS Call Gayline for info	We are Everywhere CFRU 83.3 FM 12:30 & 5:15 p.m.	Gaywire 7-8 PM CIUT 89.5 FM	WOODS Camping B'n'r Festival Goderich (3-6) Call Kim at WOODS	WOODS Camping
GRFS Community Church Call for location GEM Outing Winona, B.I.'s Roadhouse	WOODS Michigan Wornyn's Feat. (15-19) See Triangle Meas. Bd. Once There	Gaywire as above	WOODS 10	WOODS 11
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The model for the Treatment Information System has four components: first, information will be collected from numerous network and sources inside and outside Canada. The information will be reviewed critically by an independent Information Review Board, consisting of an expert panel. The data will then be processed through a computerized system which will break the data down to different levels of complexity, depending on the user. Finally, the information will be disseminated through a computer link, telephone and newsletter.

According to Mr. Beatty, the Treatment Information System should be implemented by 1991. There will be a design phase of two — four months, followed by a development phase of up to a year.

Once implemented, Canada will be the only country in the world having a Treatment Information System specific to AIDS and HIV infection. This will indeed, do much to benefit the many individuals who are living with the virus and to whom quick access to information and resources regarding treatment is necessary for survival.

- Deborah Azim, Support Co-ordinator, AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County.

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

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