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NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1990



#### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The last newletter of 1990. . . a year ago I never would have thought that I'd be sitting here writing articles for the GGLE. Taking just a moment to reflect on some of this year's happenings, who can forget Pride Day 1990. The weather was cold, wet, and miserable but the spirit of the day was electric for all those in attendance. I'm certainly looking forward to Pride Day 1991, especially since Toronto City Council has recently voted in favour of officially declaring the day from here on in. And who can forget the car rally, the camping trip to Tobermory, our picnic meetings during the summer time, the dances and above all, our name change to Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality. With the year rapidly drawing to a close, on behalf of all the executive I'd like to extend to all GGLE members, their lovers, their friends and their families a safe and happy holdiay season.

Peter

#### THE BUDDY SYSTEM

After almost a year, many false starts, and delays the Buddy System is finally geting off the ground. The policies and expectations have been completed. For those who don't know, the Buddy System came from the recognition of the lack of any structured form of aid and counselling for those individuals who come out to the meetings and are confused regarding their sexuality. In short the Buddy System is designed to help two groups of individuals. The first group is made up of individuals who have come to a point where they are reasonably comfortable with their sexuality, but do not have the network of friends or a knowledge of places where to meet other people who are gay. The second group is for those individuals who are are the point where they feel comfortable enough to either make the step of coming to a meeting, or calling the gayline for information, but have not yet come to terms with their sexuality. The latter group will undoubtedly form the majority of those in need of a Buddy.

To be a Buddy person can make their desire known to anyone on the Executive Committee. Linda and myself will be the administrators of the program. A potential Buddy will be asked to fill out an application form, read the policy and expectations, read any literature supplied, and be subject to an interview. The time requirements of a Buddy may very. For those who already are secure in their sexuality, but do not know the Guelph scene, having a Buddy may entail taking them to a few meetings, the Shelf, some nearby bars, and a dance. This could last a month or two. For those individuals who are searching for the answers regarding their sexuality, the Buddy process may take longer (perhaps a semester). Being a Buddy is a way to help make the "coming out" process less stressful. You are not expected to adopt this person forever. You will be an aid, a role model, a sounding board, a resource, and a friend. Didn't you wish you had a non-sexual gay friend when you were coming out to help you find the answers to all those questions? Let's try to make the experience easier for the next person!

David

#### BOY'S IN PINK?

So you thought you'd heard everything. Prior to the municipal election held earlier this month the mayor of Montreal, Jean Dore, suggested in a twisted sort of logic that the best manner to reduce the tension between the city's homosexual community and Montreal Urban Community police would to have petrols by homosexual officers. If nothing else, the suggestion made by Dore at least offered some hint of excitement in an otherwise dull and uninteresting election. Of course, since the MUC police were less than amicable in their dealings with the gay community when they arrested several people outside a private party this summer (see the September neweletter for details), perhaps having gay police patrols isn't such a bad idea. In a radio talk-show, the host even suggested that these patrols could wear mauve uniforms. It does seems oh so fitting. It wouldn't do if the "gay police" weren't fashionably dressed-whatever would people think! But of course all this is probably nought since the only way to discover someone's sexual orientation would be to ask them outright. . .a question that would be contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

From The Gazette, 04 10 90



AIDS COMMITTEE OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY SUITE 202, 73 DELHI STREET, GUELPH, ONTARIO N1E 6L9 TELEPHONE (519) 763-2255

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#### WORLD AIDS DAY

This year, World Aids Day will focus on the important and urgent issue of women and AIDS. Out of the 8-10 million people infected with HIV, approximately 3 million are women, most of whom are of the childbearing age. AIDS has had a great impact on women, both as an illness and as a social and economic challenge. The stigma attached to AIDS can also subject women to discrimination, social rejection, and other violations of their rights. Women's vulnerability is also heightened by a lack of status within the family and society in many cultures. Focussing on Women and AIDS on December 1st will hopefully bring these issues to the surface, and strengthen the effort to stop the spread of AIDS.

#### AIDS TREATMENT REGISTRY

The awarding of a contract to the University of Toronto has brought us another step closer to the establishment of an AIDS treatment registry—being called the Treatment Information System for AIDS/HIV (TISAH). Hopefully, TISAH will be operating next year. Although some fairly sophisticated computer software programming will take time to develop, TISAH will be put into action through the publication of a newsletter, and perhaps through a proposed 1-800 line.

### MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS/EVENTS

#### IMAGINE...

This is part of an actual incident that occurred somewhere near St. Kitts. Imagine...you're lying on a warm sandy beach. You notice the tide lapping up on the sands as the waves start curling around your toes. Ahead of you, the clear blue horizon is punctuated by several windsurfers racing across the water. Beside you is a cooler full of your favorite rum punch. Overhead the sun is dancing a tattoo on your forehead; when suddenly, a shadow walks across your sun-drenched face. You open your eyes and behold an apparition so stunning you almost drool. You gaze down the length of this magnificent body and discover it is clad only in one of our very own GGLE Tank Tops (available for only \$14). You decide, here and now, that you simply have to have it but don't know how to go about getting it (besides of course the obvious gesture of simply removing it...but that's another story!!). For your vacation memories of a lifetime, pick up your very own GGLE Tank Top and make this trip one you won't forget.

#### **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

Regrettably, we won't be having our Christmas Potluck Dinner this year. Since we wouldn't be having a dance afterwards we decided not to book the Polish Hall but couldn't get another hall instead and still be able to offer free wine as we have in the past. Perhaps someone with a large enough home would be willing to host the polluck dinner as a private house party instead. Come on folks....show your support for the GGLE. Besides where would all the "Suzie homomakers" be able to display their culinary talents?

#### 50/50 DRAW

The proceeds from last month's 50/50 draw were shared between the winner and The AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County. Thanks to all who contributed. Let's do it again at the next dance.

#### **WOODS EVENTS**

Please direct all your inquiries to WOODS c/o PTCC, P.O. Box 986, Waterloo, ON N2J 4S1. We regret that a current phone contact is still unavailable. Until a workable alternative can be found, we ask that all womyn wanting information about WOODS events use this method instead. It isn't the best solution but is is the only one that can be used at present.

#### WORLD AIDS DAY BENEFIT CONCERT

In recognition of World AIDS Day, a benefit concert will be held on December 1st, 1990, at the Dublin Street United Church. The concert, arranged by Ed Phillips of the music department at the University of Guelph, will feature several talented performers. The cost is \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and seniors. Call the AIDS Committee for further details at 763-2255.

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WE ARE EVERYWHERE This radio talkshow is featured on CFRU 93.3 FM at 12:30 and 5:15 p.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.

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

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