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**GUELPH
GAY &
LESBIAN
EQUALITY**

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1990

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The last newsletter 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.

Peter

THE BUDDY SYSTEM

After almost a year, many false starts, and delays the Buddy System is finally getting 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.

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.

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 be to have patrols by homosexual officers.

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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DEBORAH AZIM, SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

PLAY

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

DECEMBER 1990

Calendar table for December 1990. Columns: Day, Event, Date. Includes phone numbers of interest and various community events like GEM, GGLE, and GFRS.

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 potluck dinner as a private house party instead. Come on folks...show your support for the GGLE. Besides where would all the "Suzie homemakers" 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 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.

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!

DEADLINE

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by: December 17, 1990.

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