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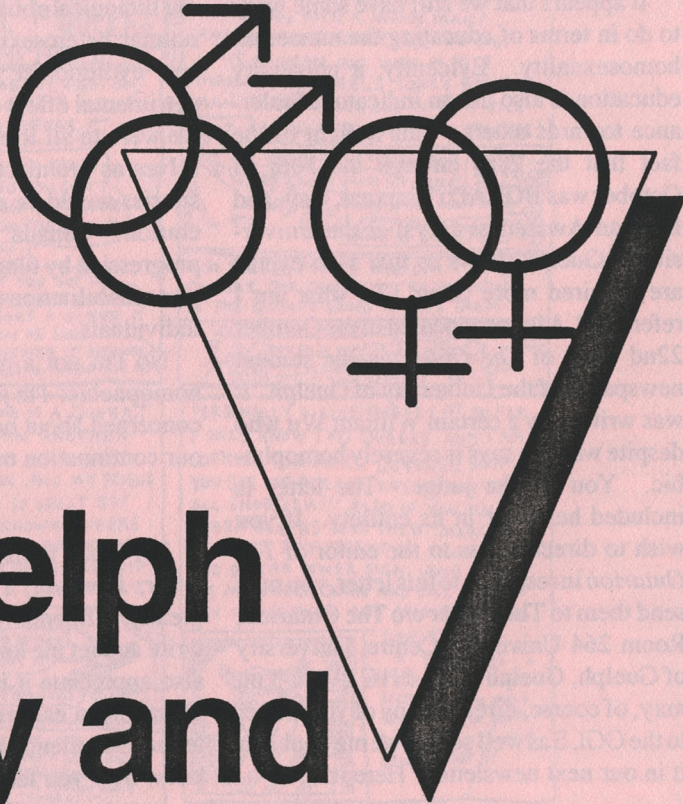
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# Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality

Newsletter for November 1991

Recycle or pass along to a friend when you're finished reading this newsletter.

## Hate hurts . . .

It appears that we still have some work to do in terms of educating the masses on homosexuality. Evidently, a university education is also not an indicator of tolerance towards others. This in light of the fact that the 28th through the 30th of October was BGLAD (Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Days) at the University of Guelph shows us that such events are required more often. To what am I referring? A letter appeared in the October 22nd issue of *The Ontarion*, the student newspaper of the University of Guelph. It was written by a certain William Wu who despite what he says is severely homophobic. You be the judge. The letter is included hereafter in its entirety. If you wish to direct letters to the editor of *The Ontarion* in response to this letter, you may send them to The Editor c/o The Ontarion, Room 264 University Centre, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1. You may, of course, direct a copy of your letter to the GGLE as well so that we may publish it in our next newsletter. Here it is:

On Wednesday October 9, 1991, the Federal Government of Canada and the Ministry of Defence commenced a nation wide acceptance of homosexuals into the Canadian Armed Forces. Until then, all homosexuals and any homosexual activity had been banned.

This is an objectionable maneuver by our Government, in our already declining state. The implications of this legislation is far more significant than the surface of the issue. Does this national decision imply the acceptance of gross sexual deviant activity, including bestiality and necrophilia? Are we condoning the act of sodomy? Are we allowing effeminate

soldiers to defend our country? This is an international embarrassment to our nation.

Our Federal Government is neglecting our biological obligation to reproduce from normal heterosexual relationships. This anti evolutionist position has the most detrimental effect on our environment. If we were to all irresponsibly conduct ourselves as promiscuous homosexuals, our species would be extinct within one generation. Canada would be much more progressive by funding and creating effective rehabilitation programs for these sick individuals.

No I'm not a gay basher and I'm not homophobic: I'm just a patriot who is very concerned about our national welfare and our continuation of species.

*William Wu*

My blood boils having to type-set this letter; however, I don't think that will greatly influence your opinions. Please write and let me know what you think. I'd also appreciate it if you would write *The Ontarion* to express your opinion of this letter. Our silence hurts us all. Let people know how you feel.

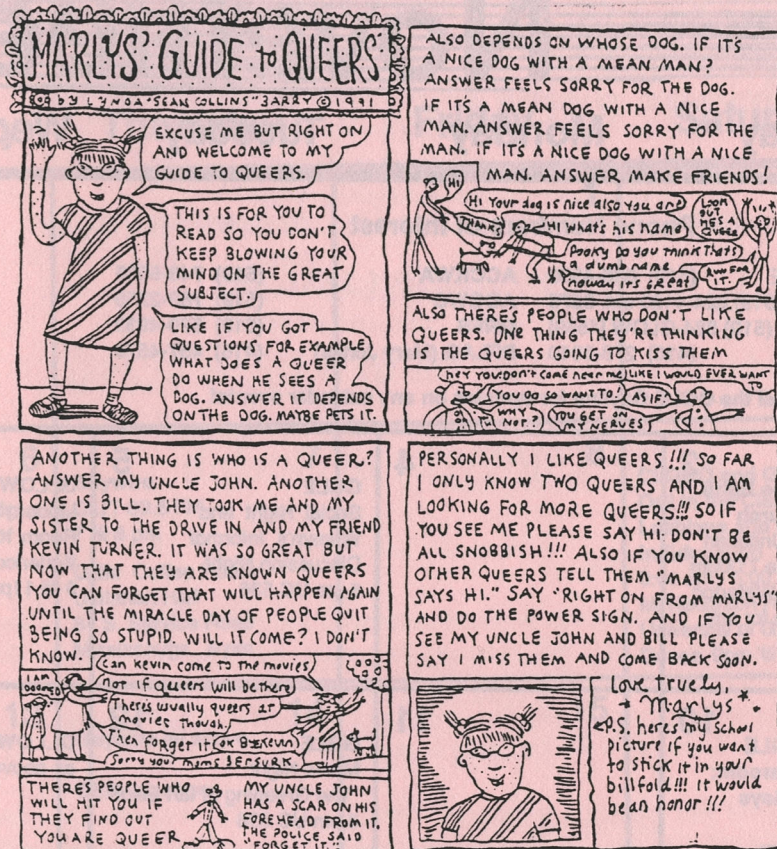
*Peter*

### Counselling for Gays and Lesbians

Relationship problems? Low Self-Esteem? Coming-Out? Stressed-out? Confused? Depressed? Addicted to sex?

Confidential Sessions \$60  
Male Counsellor, MASc.  
(Psychology and Human Relations)  
(519) 823-8080 Guelph  
Ask for Norm

## Ernie Pook's Comeeks



### Thanks to The Baker Street Bistro

To all GGLE members. Did you know that 20 cents of every beer or soft-drink purchased at The Baker Street Bistro on Tuesday evenings will be donated to the GGLE? When you show your membership card to the Bistro staff at the time you pay your tab, your patronage will benefit us as well!



# XTRA!

Your key to Toronto's  
lesbian and gay community

# November 1991

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## Phone Numbers of Interest

<b>GGLE-GAYLINE</b>	(519) 836-4550	<b>ACCKWA</b>	(519) 748-5556
<b>GGLE-Office</b>	(519) 824-4120 ext. 8575	<b>ACGWC</b>	(519) 763-2255
<b>GLLOW</b>	(519) 884-GLOW [4569]	<b>GRFS</b>	(519) 570-████
<b>GEM</b>	(416) 278-████	<b>PFLAG (Mary Jones)</b>	(416) 457-████

Remember to call the GGLE Gayline for updates on any calendar events!

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<b>Grand River Free Spirit Community Church</b> Service held at Unitarian Fellowship House 7:00pm 136 Allen St. E., Waterloo Call GRFS office for any changes.				<b>GGLE</b> Social Night and Womyn's Informal Discussion Night 8 pm UC 536		<b>GLLOW Night</b> Modern Languages Bldg. Room 104, University of Waterloo 9 'til 11pm	
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				<b>Gaywire</b> CIUT 89.5 FM 7 'til 8 pm  <b>GEM Coffee House</b> Unitarian Hall 84 S. Service Road Mississauga. 8 pm		<b>CLGRO and GGLE Out in the Classroom: Lesbians and Gays in Education</b> 9:00 am - 5:00 pm McNaughton Room 105 University of Guelph Dance 9pm 'til 1am UC103	
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<b>CLGRO and GGLE Out in the Classroom: Lesbians and Gays in Education</b> 9:30 am - 5:00 pm McNaughton Room 105 University of Guelph				<b>GGLE</b> Movie Night "The Greening of Ian Elliot" 8 pm UC 536		<b>GLLOW Night</b> as above	
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				<b>Gaywire</b> as above  <b>GEM</b> as above			
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<b>GRFS</b> as above				<b>GGLE</b> Discussion/Speakers Night Topic: Substance Abuse 8 pm UC 536  <b>Deadline</b> for December newsletter		<b>GLLOW Night</b> as above	
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				<b>Gaywire</b> as above  <b>GEM</b> as above			
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<b>GRFS</b> as above				<b>GGLE</b> Games Night 8 pm UC 536		<b>GLLOW Night</b> as above	
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				<b>Gaywire</b> as above  <b>GEM</b> as above		<b>GGLE Dance</b> At the time of printing it was not yet determined if there was going to be a dance. Please call the GayLine for an update.	
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# Out in the Classroom: Lesbians and Gays in Education

*A two-day conference on lesbo/homophobia  
in the education system*

Saturday November 9 and Sunday November 10, 1991

at The University of Guelph

## About the conference

This conference will address issues pertinent to lesbians and gays who are in some way affected by lesbo/homophobia and heterosexism within the education system. The format will involve Panel Discussions and Workshops conducted by individuals drawn from the educational system. These discussions will be concluded by Plenary Discussions designed to formulate a working plan or proposal to help address our concerns.

Panel discussions will address a broad overview of homophobia, heterosexism, and lesbophobia, the experiences of lesbians and gays within the educational system and with homophobia, and lobbying the Ministry and Boards of Education.

## Who should attend?

Any staff, faculty, students, members of school boards, administrators, or policy-makers who have been or are currently affected by lesbo/homophobia.

## Additional Notes:

We regret that although efforts were made to provide Day Care and Signed Interpreters, these services could not be provided due to funding being unavailable.

*Sponsored by The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario  
and co-hosted by Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality*

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## Schedule of Events

### Saturday, November 9

- 9:00 – 10:00 am Registration/Coffee & muffins, etc. (Room 105)  
10:00 – 10:30 Opening Plenary/overview of the conference (Room 105)  
10:30 – 11:30 Panel Discussion: "Homophobia in the education system: Issues and personal experiences" (Room 105)  
11:30 – 12:00 pm Questions and discussion  
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch  
1:00 – 2:00 Panel Discussion: "Grassroots organizing and lesbian/gay support networks" (Room 105)  
2:00 – 2:30 Questions and discussion  
2:30 – 2:45 Break  
2:45 – 4:15 Workshops: 1. Discrimination and harassment of lesbian/gay teachers and students  
2. Homophobia in legal education  
4:15 – 4:30 Break  
4:30 – 5:00 Plenary session (Room 105)

### Sunday, November 10

- 9:30 – 10:00 am Registration/Coffee & muffins, etc. (Room 105)  
10:00 – 10:30 Plenary session (Room 105)  
10:30 – 12:00 pm Panel Discussion: "Lobbying the Ministry, boards of education, and schools" (Room 105)  
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch  
1:00 – 2:30 Workshops: 3. Changes in curricula  
4. Counselling and crisis intervention  
2:00 – 2:45 Break  
2:45 – 4:15 Workshops: 5. Coming out and gay/lesbian role models  
6. Sex education and health education  
4:15 – 4:30 Break  
4:30 – 5:00 Closing Plenary (Room 105)  
*All workshops will be conducted in the McNaughton, Physical Sciences Building, Rooms 105, 121 (Saturday) and 118 (Sunday). Further room changes, if any, will appear in the final conference program and will be posted at the GGLE Office (UC 537).*

### **Dance – Saturday evening**

9pm until 1am University Centre Room 103. This will be a licensed event. We regret that the liquor licensing policy at the University of Guelph will not permit people who are underage into this event. Tickets will be available at the door.

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## November Dance

When this newsletter went to press it was undecided if there was going to be a November dance. As many GGLE members are by now aware, attendance at all of our dances (with the exception of our September dance) has been down this year. At the September dance we also encountered a rather pleasant problem (for the first time this year) of selling all our liquor and beer. Our liquor license permits us only a specific amount of alcohol, which is limited by the size of the hall. If you were one of the people who were required to get a refund for your liquor or beer tickets, please accept our apologies. Do not, however, let this deter you from returning to future GGLE dances.

So that we may continue to offer dances in the future as well as all of our other services, we may be required to cancel this dance. We'd like to remind members and their guests of the dance we'll be co-hosting with CLGRO as part of the Education Conference (9-10 November 1991).

### AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County

Suite 202, 73 Delhi Street  
Guelph, ON N1E 6L9  
Telephone (519) 763-2255



Hours: Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Deborah Azim, Support Co-ordinator

## Oops we goofed . . .

Last month we said it was the 17th anniversary of the GGLE. It was in fact our 18th birthday. Okay, so we can't subtract!! Anyway, we did have a party at our Hallowe'en dance and a good time was had by all. Here's to as many more successful years of the GGLE.

### GGLE Newsletter

The GGLE Newsletter is published monthly by the **Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality**, P.O. Box 773, Guelph, ON, N1H 6L8; (519) 824-4120 ext 8575. All submissions to the newsletter are welcomed and will be considered for publication. Opinions expressed in any articles or letters are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the GGLE executive or its membership. Direct your submissions or any inquiries **c/o The GGLE Executive** to the above address. Please note that names of contributors should be included but will not be used without their express consent.

### Deadline

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by **19 November 1991**.

### Monthly Advertising

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# The Gayline . . . . (519) 836-4550

staffed Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

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