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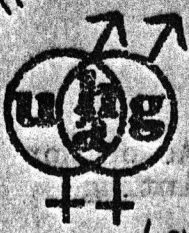
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THE GAILY PLANET

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Last issue till January

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NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH HOMOPHILE ASSOC. - VOL. 1, No. 2.

DO GUELPH GAYS NEED THE UGHA?????

In a city of 64000 people with a university of over 10000 students the UGHA should meet the needs of most gay people in the community, theoretically 7000 people. However there are only 42 paid members this fall. The average attendance at our meetings is 15 and at the dances 120, with minimal turnout for the lesbian drop-in.

Reaching gay people is more difficult than most members think. Even though a large portion of our budget is devoted to advertising, most to date has been carried on only on campus. Attempts are now being made to move our advertising off campus.

From talking to gay people at the dances there appears to be a great need for social outlets where gays can enjoy themselves in a comfortable atmosphere. This is why UGHA dances are now held weekly even while dances are being held in Kitchener every other week.

In the past other social activities have been organized such as parties, barbeques, picnics and out-of-town excursions. These happenings were suggested, worked on and enjoyed by our members and this is why they were successful. We would like ideas and suggestions and a willingness to contribute some time so that we can maximize the benefits of having this group. One idea has been to open a coffee house off campus which would serve as an afterhours spot. The group has the capital to make this a reality but

we lack researchers and organizers to take this project off the shelf.

Education on homosexuality, the double oppression of women, and consciousness raising on these issues among people of varying sexuality is available for those who are interested. It is astonishing to see the number of gays who are still misinformed about the homosexual world. Liberation begins with liberating yourself from the misconceptions and myths which surround the lives of most gay men and women.

A more formal and structured approach to this is available from the books and periodicals which can be lent by anyone from the library in our office. Watching the transition and growth of people in our group (including myself) increases our awareness for ourselves and each other and is good therapy.

The UGHA is not a structured organization operating within the 'system', but rather a group of people learning, working, sharing and enjoying together the benefits of helping other people like themselves. There are problems to be worked out in improving our relationship with the rest of the community, but positive gains have already been achieved towards this goal.

The UGHA will exist only as long as there are people to benefit from and to support its existence.

PAUL SHEPHERD

ELECTIONS DEC. 4.

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LETTERS

October 29, 1974.

Dear friends,

Good luck with your newsletter, The Gaily Planet. As editor of a gay newsletter I know the hardships involved in printing and publishing such.

Please find enclosed issues of Back/Chat, the official newsletter of the Community Homophile Association of Toronto. I hope that we will be able to exchange newsletters and other information which will become available to us.

Hope to hear from you in the near future and if I can be of assistance with regards to the newsletter please do not hesitate to ask.

In Peace and Friendship,

J. Charles Sullivan,
Editor, Back/Chat.

Nov. 14, 1974.

Dear Friends,

Wanted to write and compliment you on your new newsletter. It is a very impressive publication for a first attempt. The separate Women's News is a great idea. The content of the newsletter is generally well chosen and avoids the drivel which characterizes so many other gay newsletters. The quality of the newsletter reflects it seems to me the quality of the group which you have gotten together. I have been very impressed with your first year's accomplishments. Other university gay groups would have a great deal to learn from your enthusiasm and this newsletter will help a lot in informing others of your accomplishments. Just want to let you know that we in the other gay organizations in larger cities admire your work.

I have one complaint to make however concerning the newsletter. I was appalled on reaching the report on the Under Attack taping to read the following: "In closing, however, I would like to commend Dr. Socarides for at least offering a means by which a homosexual who truly desires to become heterosexual, may do so." To publish such slander in a gay publication is to only reinforce all those concepts which Dr. Socarides has been foisting on us for years. There exist no "cures" for homosexuality, unless you wish to swallow Socarides and friends aversion therapy theories hook line and sinker. Those who wish to "become heterosexual", must on the contrary be made to understand and come to grips with their homosexuality and be shown that it is an internalization of societal oppression to wish to change that sexual orientation. Please leave the publication of such dangerous myths to straight publications. God knows we've been victims of them for long enough.

In gay struggle

Ron Dayman.

MEETING HAPPENINGS

- on Oct. 9 Heather Ramsay noted that a videotape on male prostitution made in 1969 by Dr. Richard Carlton of the Sociology Dept. was available for use in the library. She said that it was the only audio-visual presentation on homosexuality available to students at the present time.
- it was announced that the office would be relocated, probably by the following week.
- FAGRAG, THE OTHER WOMAN, and the HALO Newsletter were announced to be available in the office.
- Tony Tucker volunteered to attend the first International Gay Conference to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland in December. Tony plans to be in Ireland at the time.
- a point-by-point discussion was held on the revision proposal for the UGHA Constitution.

- on Oct. 16 it was announced that the office was moving to Rm.218 University Center.
- announcements were made of the Oct. 19 GATE Dance, the first issue of THE GAILY PLANET was available, and more books had been added to the UGHA Library.

- on Oct. 23, it was announced that the move to the U.Center had been completed, and that the Twilight Villa Social Club in St. Catharines had finally received its licence.
- nominations for by-election of a new Vice-Pres. were opened following the resignation of Cynthia Brown for personal reasons.
- the Mills Hall newsletter The BASTPHUQUE was discussed at length, discussing the validity of and reasons for taking action against the editors of this periodical. It was moved and passed that the UGHA advise UGCSA to take action to halt publication of the paper.

- on Oct.30 members cut out pumpkins for the Hallowe'en Dance.

- on Nov. 6, it was proposed that interested members look into the possibility of setting up a bursary, or support research dealing with homosexuality.
- it was announced that a Gay Line would soon be set up by the UGHA. It would consist of a recorded message giving information about homosexuality and the UGHA.
- the revised constitution passed its first reading with no opposition.
- it was moved and passed that the UGHA purchase a tape deck for the dances as soon as economically feasible.

BOOKS

In this issue we will be listing the books which are presently in the UGHA library, Room 218, U. Centre. In later issues we hope to review many of them. The books and subjects are listed alphabetically by subject and title.

Feminism:

The Female Eunuch	Germaine Greer
The Nature and Evolution of Female Sexuality	M.J. Sherfey
Sexual Politics	Kate Millett
Voices of the New Feminism	Mary Lou Thompson

Fiction/Drama/Poetry/Film/Art;

The Charioteer	Mary Renault
The Cook and the Carpenter	The Carpenter
Different (short stories)	ed. Stephen Wright
Fortune in Men's Eyes	John Herbert
Looking at Women	Fran Winant
Nightwood	Djuana Barres
The Other Face of Love	Raymond De Becker
Patience and Sarah	Isobel Miller
Place D'Armes	Scott Symons
Riverfinger Women	Elana Nachman
Screening the Sexes	Parker Tyler
This Is Not For You	Jane Rule
We Are ALL Lesbians: A Poetry Anthology	Violet Press
The Well of Loneliness	Radclyffe Hall

Homosexuality:Coming Out, Dealing with Being Gay:

Come Out!	Times Change Press
The Gay Liberation Book	Len Richmond and Gary Noguera
The Gay Mystique	Peter Fisher
Homosexuality From the Inside	David Blamires
Homosexual Liberation	John Murphy
Homosexual:Oppression and Liberation	Dennis Altman
Is Gay Good	W. Dwight Oberholtzer
On Being Different	Merle Miller
Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation	Karla Jay and Allen Young
Roommates Can't Always Be Lovers	Lige Clark and Jack Nichols
Society and the Healthy Homosexual	George Weinberg

General:

A Not So Gay World	Marion Foster + Kent Murray
Dancing the Gay Lib Blues	Arthur Bell
Gays and the Law	Gays of Ottawa
The Gay Insider	John Francis Hunter
The Homosexual Dialectic	ed. Joseph McCaffrey
Homosexuality: The Psychology of the Creative Process	Paul Rosenfels
Mother Camp: Female Impersonators in America	Esther Newton
The Politics of Homosexuality.	Don Milligan
Psychiatry and the Homosexual	Pomengranate Press.
The Queen's Vernacular: A Gay Lexicon	Bruce Rodgers
What About Homosexuality	Clinton R. Jones (cont'd...)

Homosexuality:

Religion:

The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay Troy Perry
 Religious Roots of the Taboo on Homosexuality John Lauritsen
 Time For Consent Norman Pittenger

Sociology/Psychology:

Homosexual Behaviour Among Males Wainwright Churchill
 Homosexuals and the Military Colin Williams and Martin Weinberg
 Identity and Community in the Gay World Carol Warren
 Male Homosexuals: Their Problems and Adaptations Martin Weinberg and Colin Williams
 Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female Kinsey, Pomeroy and Martin
 Sexuality and Homosexuality Arno Karlen
 Out of the Closets: The Sociology of Homosexual Liberation Laud Humphreys
 Tearoom Trade Laud Humphreys

Sports:

Sports and the Macho Male John Mitzel

Human and Sexual Liberation:

Begin at Start Su Negrin
 Children's Liberation David Gottlieb
 Children's Rights essay collection
 The Dialectic of Sex Shulamith Firestone
 Making Sexuality Human Norman Pittenger
 Sexuality and Class Struggle Reimut Reiche
 Unbecoming Men Times Change Press
 Youth Sexuality Times Change Press

Lesbianism:

Amazon Expedition edited Collection
 The Girl's Guide
 The Lesbian Myth Bettie Wysor
 Lesbian Nation/The Feminist Solution Jill Johnston
 Lesbian/Woman Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon
 Sappho Was A Right-on Woman S. Abbott and Barb. Love

Newspapers, Journals: (some only as odd back issues)

The Body Politic (Toronto)
 Gay Tide (Vancouver)
 Long Time Coming (Montreal)
 The Other Woman (Toronto)
 The Advocate (California)
 Amazon Quarterly (California)
 Fag Rag (Boston)
 The Furies - A Lesbian Feminist Monthly (Washington, D.C.)
 The Gay Alternative (Philadelphia)
 The Gay Liberator (Detroit)
 Issues in Radical Therapy (Berkeley)
 The Lesbian Tide (Los Angeles)
 Out (New York)
 Vector (San Francisco)

REMEMBER UGHA ELECTIONS ON WEDS. NIGHT DECEMBER 4. COME OUT + VOTE!

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On Wednesday night, Nov. 20, about a dozen members and friends of the UGHA (including four women) attended a discussion group with at least sixty students in Mills Hall, an all male residence hall. This meeting had been previously arranged with the hall council.

The format for the evening started off with Parts 2+3 of the sound filmstrip, "The Invisible Minority". Questions were then flooded by both Mills Hall and UGHA people concerning homosexuality and the attitude which many people have on this campus toward Mills Hall students.

All in all, it was a very interesting evening. Many of the Mills Hall people had honest if somewhat hostile questions relating to the validity of the gay life. There were questions on religion, the family, parents reactions, parenthood and the necessity for the UGHA's public openness on campus. Some of the men were not as open as others. For example, when one house advisor asked quite sarcastically did one member 'bleed the first time' there was a lot of laughter and smug remarks. But when that question was answered with very specific information as to why bleeding did not occur during anal intercourse, many men left in disgust, including Doc Thor of Bastphuque fame. Once these people left the atmosphere seemed to clear and take on a more relaxed feeling which led to some honest discussion.

It was generally felt that Mills Hall is suffering from unjust criticisms and misconceptions about itself just as gay people suffer from myths about themselves and their lifestyle. The evening was spent destroying misunderstanding on both sides. We hope that such meetings will be held again since they are so mutually beneficial. Jim Dougan

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Weekly Meetings - every Wednesday night, 8pm in the 9th floor lounge of the Arts Building.
- Lesbian Drop-in - every Thursday night, 8pm in Rm. 218 University Centre. Coffee and conversation, all interested women welcome.

Dances - will be held weekly in The Club Room of the Royal Hotel(2nd Floor) until Dec. 20, and starting again on Jan. 10.

Dance dates: Nov.29, Dec.6,13,20.Jan. 10.

*****Christmas Dance - Dec. 20 -stay tuned for more news.

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Waterloo Dances: Held at the Bridgeport Community Center on Dec. 13, 20. Jan. 3,17, 31.Feb.7.

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