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UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER 1

The University of Guelph Homophile Association is an organization dedicated to educating the community about homosexuality, working to combat discrimination against homosexuality and bringing about a social and personal acceptance of homosexuality.

MORALLY, SOCIALLY, PHYSICALLY, PSYCHOLOGICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND IN EVERY OTHER WAY, THE HOMOSEXUAL IS NOT INFERIOR TO THE HETEROSEXUAL, AND HOMOSEXUALITY IS IN NO WAY INFERIOR TO HETEROSEXUALITY AS A VALID WAY OF LIFE. GAY IS GOOD!

The U of G Homophile Association has held four meetings since its formation last February. Its membership is expanding rapidly. Meetings are held weekly in one of the third floor seminar rooms in the Arts Building and occasionally at private residences: details of location are announced in advance. Formerly held on Tuesday evenings, these weekly meetings have shifted to Thursday nights in order that those members who wish to, may adjourn to the Campus Pub for drinking and dancing after the meeting. Guest speakers will be invited to many of the meetings to speak on topics dealing with homosexuality.

GAY-IN

On the evening of Thursday March 18th, the Homophile Association held its first Gay-In at the Campus Pub. It was a great success with a turn out of fifty to fifty-five gay people. Visitors from the Waterloo, York, and Toronto Homophile Associations joined the Guelph Homosexual community at the dance. Everyone had a good time and the gay-in was well received by the majority heterosexual crowd present. Gay dancing is expected to be a regular aspect of the Campus Pub.

The Homophile Association is subscribing to a number of homosexual periodicals. These will be kept in the hands of the secretary for the general perusal of the membership. The Association also will be pressing the library to order more and better books dealing with the subject of homosexuality. The present collection of homosexual literature in the library is very insufficient, indeed.

NEWSLETTER

This is our first newsletter and we hope to be publishing a newsletter at least once every two weeks. Also, we hope to print educational handbills dealing with homosexuality to distribute around campus.

On Monday, March 29th, Dr. Franklin Kameny, president of the Mattachine Society, Washington, D.C., will be speaking at the University of Western Ontario as a guest of the UWO Homophile Association. Dr. Kameny is an outstanding leader of the homophile movement in the United States. Try to get down to Western to hear him.

The homophile movement is growing in strength with remarkable rapidity across Ontario. There are now seven associations in the province: the University of Toronto, The Toronto Community, York University, University of Guelph, Waterloo University, the University of Western Ontario. It appears that a group is forming at McMaster University in Hamilton also.

For further information about our Association, write:

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