

Noon **CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS**

UC 442 **Strengthening the Gay Community**
Acknowledging differences between gays, for unity.

UC 335 **Supporting Gays**
The workshops will stress the role of non-gays in gay issues.

1:15 p.m. **Overcoming Homophobia**
UC 442 Situational skits involving an element of homophobia will be observed and commented on, to derive tactics for overcoming homophobia.

3:00 p.m. **PLENARY**
UC 442

- Workshop Reports
- Comments
- Conference Evaluation

Childcare is available for all events, but please phone ahead, to:

836-5564 or 837-0906

Coffee and tea will be available in UC 536 throughout the weekend. Also in UC 536, Glad Day Bookstore will have a display of books for purchase.

For too long homosexuality itself has been thought of as the central problem of gay women and men. In fact, the real issue for gay people is not homosexuality, but homophobia; society's fear and persecution of homosexuality:

“ Homophobia is a pervasive, irrational fear of homosexuality. Homophobia includes the fear heterosexuals have of any homosexual feelings within themselves, any overt mannerisms or actions that would suggest homosexuality, and the resulting desire to suppress or stamp out homosexuality. And, it also includes the self-hatred and self-denial of homosexuals, who know what they are, but have been taught all their lives by a heterosexual society that people like themselves are sick, sinful and criminal. ”

Dr. G. Weinberg
SOCIETY AND THE HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL

Dialogue on Homophobia

A conference challenging the fears which alienate Gay and Non-Gay people

**February 18, 19 & 20, 1983
Level 4, University Centre
University of Guelph**

**Sponsored by
The Gay/Non-Gay Coalition**

**With the support of:
Ontario Public Interest Research Group/Guelph
Guelph Gay Equality
Central Student Association
Women's Issues Collective**

FRIDAY

February 18

8:00 p.m. Beer & Pizza Film Evening

UC 442 A selection of short films dealing with gay lifestyles and issues, featuring:

- *Homosexuality and Lesbianism, Gay or Straight: Is there a choice?*
- *Jenny*
- *Rollin' with Love*
- *Michael: a Gay Son*
- *Kinsey 3*
- *and others.....*

SATURDAY

February 19

Events and Workshops examining the social, moral and political implications arising from the harm created by being afraid of homosexuality.

10:00 a.m. Keynote Address

UC 442

10:45 a.m. Group Introduction

UC 442

11:00 a.m. Identifying Homophobia

UC 442 A panel discussion followed by an open conversation to identify homophobia in society and in ourselves.

Noon

Decoding the Gay Mystique

UC 442

GUESTSPEAKERS

Mariruth Morton

Toronto Rape Crisis Centre

Dr. Barry Adams

Sociologist, University of Windsor

A look beyond the stereotypes and misconceptions about gay people; and, the reasons for these popular, yet uninformed beliefs.

1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

2:30 p.m.

Walk a Mile in My Shoes

UC 442

Situations presented will involve hetero/homo role reversal and will give those involved a chance to acknowledge the power and privilege relationships between individuals.

3:15 p.m.

Power & Privilege

UC 442

Examination of normative, psychological and institutional power and prestige. Keeping in mind that taking responsibility for privilege involves seeing that our stereotypes of oppressed groups come from values and standards that subvert our common struggle to *change* a value system which is racist, sexist, classist, and homophobic.

Facilitator to be announced.

4:15 p.m.

CHOICE OF WORKSHOPS

UC 442

Lesbianism & Feminism

Facilitator: Janet Rowe

Women only, please.

UC 335

Gays in Non-Gay Movements

Facilitator to be announced

UC 334

Gays in the Family Structure

Facilitator: Anne Rutledge

Parents of Gays.

UC 332

Confronting Personal Fear

Facilitator to be announced

8:00 p.m.

PINK TRIANGLE DANCE

PCH

at Peter Clark Hall, o Level.

This dance is in support of the Southwest Region of the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario. Please attempt to purchase tickets in advance to avoid complications.

SUNDAY

February 20

Events and Workshops will focus on developing strategies to deal with homophobia.

11:30 a.m. Coffee, tea and muffins will be UC 536 available to begin the day.