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GUELPH

GEMINI II will now be accepting advertising from established business groups at the following rates. Full page \$10.00, half page \$5.00, half column \$2.50. Enquiries or ads can be sent to GEMINI II, Rm. 217C, Campus Centre, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.

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The second Guelph dance at the Royal Hotel proved to be a great success, with lots of physical contact necessitated by the close quarters of the Club Room.

The big event of the evening proved to be the performance of the Gilda Girls from St Catherines. Although the act was not perhaps as glittery as the name, they were rather good and proved to be popular with the audience.

The evenings music was reminiscent and easy to dance to. During some of the music however, there were so many people dancing that the floor began to vibrate.

The group at Guelph is also active with an educational programme and supplies a weekly column to the university paper, THE ONTARION. Sometime in February or March THE ONTARION will run a special issue of commentaries, poems and graphics written by the gay community.

They have a weekly radio call-in programme on the university station and hope to run a film night sometime in the near future.

NEXT MONTH: The HASP Trial
Kweer Komix
The Doctor Is In

WATERLOO

The GLM social committee has been continuing its search for suitable dance locations to hold regular functions. A location had been found and arrangements made for a dance in February, however, a few problems developed which forced its cancellation.

On January twenty-fifth, the social committee contacted the Waterloo branch of the Royal Canadian Legion with regard to holding a dance. It was made clear at that time who the group represented. An agreement was reached to hold a dance on February fifteenth. However, the next day we were informed that due to a mix up in bookings the fifteenth had already been booked but that the twenty-second of February was free if we wanted that date. The booking was made at that time for the twenty-second under the name of gay liberation.

On February fourth, the social committee was contacted by the same person as in the previous cases and told now that because bookings had been taken by so many people, the twenty-second had also been previously booked. When asked about future dates he replied that things were in such a mess that they were not able to give us any future dates.

HAMILTON

The regular dance of Hamilton-McMaster Gay Liberation will be held the first Friday in March at the Textile Workers Hall, Main Street East.

LONDON

February 9 - Dance, University Community Centre, 8:00 p.m.
Members \$1.00, Non-members \$1.50.

February 23 - Dance, University Community Centre, 8:00 p.m.
Members \$1.00, Non-members \$1.50.

March 2 - Dinner and dance, Party Room, 517 York Street, 7:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m. Advance tickets only (before February 25) for dinner and dance are available locally from Waterloo GLM. (\$4.00 members, \$4.50 non-members) Tickets (\$2.50) for the dance portion only, will be available at the door.

March 9 - Dance, University Community Centre, 8:00 p.m.

March 23 - Dance, Party Room, 517 York Street, 8:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.

Effective February 9, 1974, door prices for regular London dances have been increased to \$1.00 for members and \$1.50 for non-members. The increase in admission will be used towards establishing a community organization.

POLICE HARASS TORONTO WOMEM

On Sat. Jan. 5, 74, Sue Wells, Pat Murphy, Adrienne Potts, and Heather Beyer were sitting in the Brunswick House, drinking beer and being entertained by other customers. A man from a nearby table joined them. They were friendly at first but after awhile he became obnoxious. They then asked him to leave. He did so, but then returned to pour his beer over Adrienne's head. The women then told the manager who said that the man would leave. Getting back into the spirit of things Pat and Adrienne went to the stage and started to sing to the tune of 'I enjoy being a girl'.

when i see a man who's sexist
and does something i don't
like
i just tell him him that he can
fuck off
i enjoy being a dyke
i've always been an uppity woman

i refuse to run i stand and
strike
cuz i'm gay and i'm proud and
i'm angry
and i enjoy being a dyke.

The manager disconnected the mike after the first verse and they went back to their table amid applause. The man who "spilled" his beer was still there, being very obnoxious. The manager told them that they would have to leave. They asked for an explanation but did not receive one and refused to comply without one. The manager then told them they were 'cut off'; at this time, patrons around them began to buy them beer. Eight police arrived; the women were still given no explanation and when they refused to leave without one, they were DRAGGED outside. Heather's ankle was badly wrenched and the ligament torn by the policemen carrying her left leg. Pat's right arm was bruised and twisted. They were thrown into a paddy wagon and taken to the station. After an hour of verbal abuse, they were told they could go home if they were GOOD LITTLE GIRLS. They refused to leave until allowed to call a lawyer and then were BODILY REMOVED. One was punched in the back of the head and in the jaw.

The women returned to the tavern to get an explanation and collect some witnesses. Upon entry they were apprehended by two uniformed officers, the manager, two bouncers, and two plain-clothes officers. Adrienne, Pat, and Heather were forced into an unmarked police car and taken back to the station. At the station Pat "wasn't walking fast enough" and an officer found it necessary to throw her down the hallway where she hit her head against the wall and bruised one side of her body. The officer then stated that she "had tripped" and that the other officers present were witness to that "fact".

During the five hours it took to complete the paper work, the women were subjected to shifts of five or six different officers coming in to make wisecracks and jokes such as "I bet you drive a tugboat" and, between officers, "Did you ever stick your finger in a dyke?" Upon completion of the paper work, Pat and Adrienne were charged with creating a disturbance and Heather was charged with creating a disturbance and obstructing the police.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

WOMEN OR MEN WHO STEP OUT OF ACCEPTED ROLES AND TRY TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN, NOT ONLY MEET WITH PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ABUSE, BUT ARE ALSO DENIED THE RIGHTS ENJOYED BY THOSE WHO BEHAVE IN THE TRADITIONAL WAYS.

These women were not behaving in traditionally feminine ways.

-The uninvited man at their table began to be obnoxious and traditionally aggressive. Instead of meeting his challenge with fluttering eyelids and giggles, they took offense and were untraditionally aggressive in return. Not physically aggressive but verbally.

-He responded to their honesty by pouring his beer on one of their heads. (Physically aggressive).

-The women then chose to sing THE song which stated clearly that they didn't like sexist men, don't need sexist men, and are quite happy without them. (Verbal)

-Enter the POLICE! (Physically aggressive) There was no discussion. The women dragged outside; an ankle sprained and many bruises inflicted. They were thrown into a paddy wagon with no explanation and kept at the station for an hour with verbal and ultimately physical abuse. They were released with NO CHARGES.

-They returned to the tavern to obtain witnesses and to demand an explanation. (Verbally aggressive).

-They were arrested (Physically aggressive), verbally abused, and charged with creating a disturbance and one with obstructing the police.

Women are FORCED to play traditional feminine roles. This coercion is demonstrated by aggression displaying unconventional behavior or attitudes. Despite the common belief that we live in a relatively free society, we allow this violence, both physical and verbal, to carry on. This is a dangerous practice. WHEN WE TAKE THE RIGHTS OF THE MAJORITY FOR GRANTED, BUT FAIL TO GUARENTEE THOSE OF OTHERS, WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME OUR OWN VICTIMS.

Anyone or group wishing to make a donation to the fund for the legal defense of these women, please make cheques out to HASP and mail to PO Box 6248 Postal Station A Toronto Ont.

THE FIFTY MINUTE HOUR RIP-OFF

further notes on medical psychology.

Utopia at last! Break open champagne - into the streets - a major victory has been won by the radical gay. As promised in the first article of this series, there is a happier side to the general horrors of psychiatry. The American Psychiatric Association, late in 1973, waved its magic wand and cleansed us, oh joy, of our dark and horrible sickness. Cancer no longer exists; the priests have exorcised the evil spirit. Lest you should feel that I am ungrateful and downright cynical about my new found health, let me explain.

First the good news. The decision to strike the term homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (that's the new bible friends) is sure to cause some rustlings in the musty halls of the lawmakers. This in turn could very well effect changes in social attitude, wider acceptance of individual rights and all the attendant updraft on the winds of change. Hopefully, our Canadian counterpart, the CPA, will follow the generous lead set by the American group and we might even get that ridiculous immigration law struck off the books.

Let me not put down the tremendous effort put out by gay leaders in the past two decades in pressuring this amazing reversal. With this change we might also expect a more humanist stand by individual psychologists and psychiatrists to help swell the ranks of the minority of real human beings in these professions. So why am I not in the streets waving my tiara? Two reasons. Tread softly with the radical liberal. They would simply change the status of homosexual from nigger to that of household pet. Which brings me to the bad news.

I have never considered myself to be sick. I am therefore unimpressed by a gaggle of high priests who tell me that I am no longer sick. It smacks of charlatanism. The witch doctor tells me I have the creeping Caledonian croup and only his brand of medicine will relieve the fatal disease. So I take his medicine and he tells me I am cured. You have to suspend belief twice to accept this: first you have to accept that you have the disease and second you have to believe that the medicine will cure you. And so it is with the APA.

The APA has moved on a surge of blatant liberalism. Basically the ringing of bells and noisy confusion can be reduced to typical half-assed psychiatric twaddle. Here is what the change means in plain English: for 'homosexuality' now read 'sexual orientation disturbance'. In the eyes of the APA we have, by their

gracious leave, been changed from a sick minority to a bunch of pumpkins. Which is to say that nothing has changed except the words. This ploy is a favourite little game in the psychiatric jungle and is used to quiet the restless natives lest they resort to violence. There is a minor concession here. We are adjudged no longer sick, but we are still not quite normal. This juggling with words is a symbolic exercise in intellectualism and has very little to do with reality.

For example, research conducted by interested observers several years back found that in an area approximately the size of Southern Ontario, no two psychiatrists could agree upon any single diagnosis. Now this takes in a lot of psychiatrists and a lot of psychiatric hospitals. It turned out that each hospital or clinic had a preponderance of a particular type of patient and this in turn was entirely dependant upon the fantasies of the chief witch doctor. So you can be a schizophrenic in Chicago, a manic-depressive in Vancouver, a behavioural problem in Halifax and a shit-disturber in Kitchener.

Further, in the bruhaha following the APA statement, a spokesman for the association really went out on a limb by saying that the inner circle might even consider admitting homosexuals into the psychiatric training programs. (Pause for laughs). Now that is a little like the madam of a whore house proclaiming that she wouldn't mind having a few prostitutes in her establishment now that they were officially called hookers. Anyway, I'm sure you get the point. It's going to take a lot more than changing a few words in the gospel according to Dr. Freud before ignorance is removed and replaced by some real understanding.

It seems to me that the two great uglies of psychiatry will continue for some time. There will still be 'schizophrenics' dragged screaming into behaviour modification and 'manic-depressives' zapped by electroconvulsive 'therapy' while many thousands of 'neurotics', and that term includes us brothers and sisters, will be fleeced for vast amounts of money in order to be psycho-analysed and therapized info believing that we are the way we are because our great grand parents were left handed or hooked nosed or some such trifle.

Take heart. We are at least moving in some direction, which is better than standing still. In order to keep moving and to gain understanding of the game we just have to move a little faster. Next time around we'll scrunch the two uglies (behaviour mod and psychoterapy) and see if we can keep the shrink at bay. Meanwhile if the man calls, just tell him that the APA has stated that you're not sick - just a little abnormal.

Last September, the Carriage House Hotel on Jarvis street, south of Carlton, opened officially as Toronto's first gay hotel. Since then its popularity has soared.

The hotel has two beverage rooms downstairs and a lounge upstairs. The downstairs rooms, with a total capacity of one hundred and thirty, have conventional tables and chairs with a juke box providing the music. Upstairs, a combination dining room and lounge can accommodate about the same number. The lounge area with soft sofas and chairs spread people out to a more comfortable density. For those that like to get closer there is a small area for dancing with taped music.

Either upstairs or downstairs, the Carriage House has provided a welcome change for the Toronto scene. Unlike some other places it seems to be popular with a wide variety of people, including many women.

Ed Sipprell, manager at the Carriage House, indicated that no distinction was made in serving women or men. It seems to be a friendly place with friendly people

the carriage house

The hotel also caters to groups from outside Toronto. Visitors from places as far away as Rochester N.Y. and Detroit book blocks of rooms in the one hundred and ten room hotel. Mr. Sipprell hopes that they will be able to expand this to bring many other visitors to Toronto.

Last December's Mr. Club of Toronto contest at the Carriage House one Sunday afternoon indicated people in Toronto were willing to come out on Sunday as well. Since then the Carriage House has offered a Sunday afternoon buffet which again has caught on quickly.

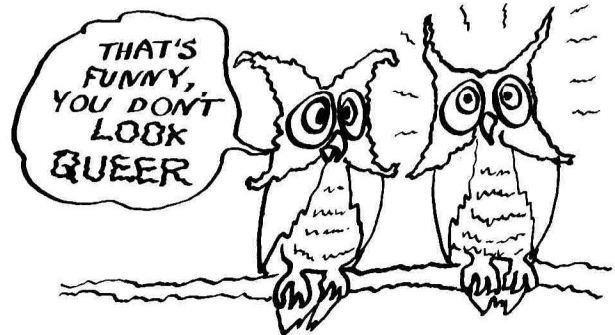
All this points to the fact that Toronto can and does support a venture such as the Carriage House. Next time you are in Toronto, it should be worth a visit.

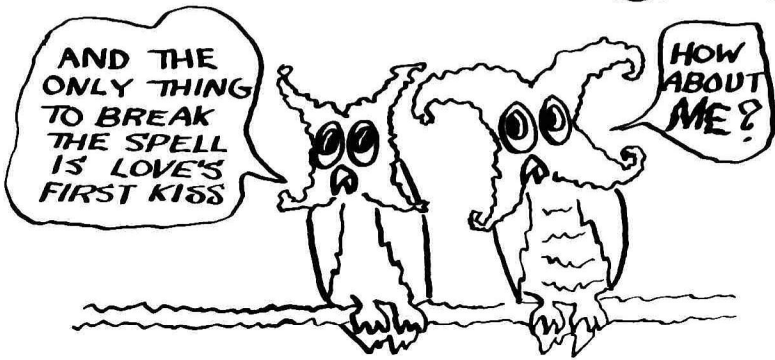
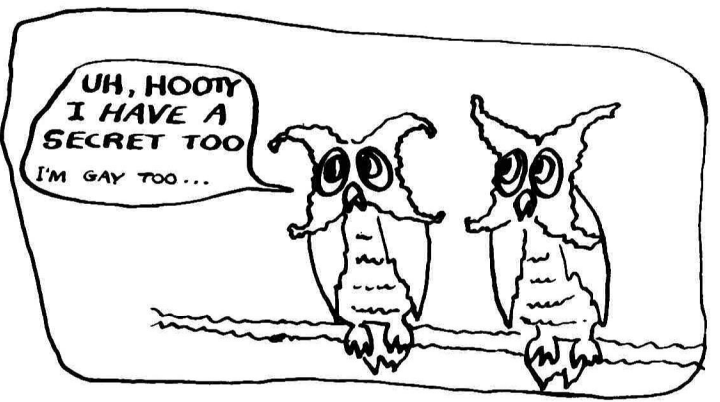
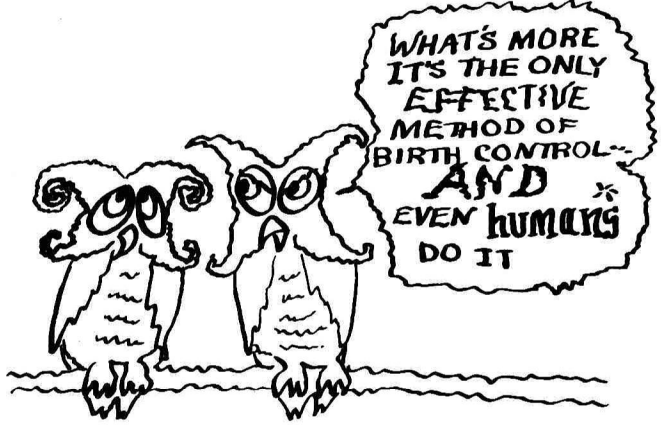
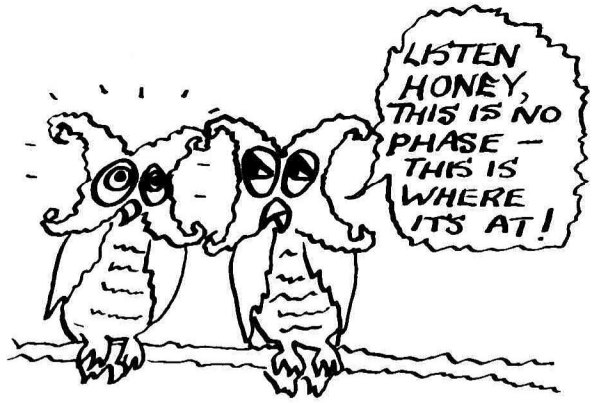
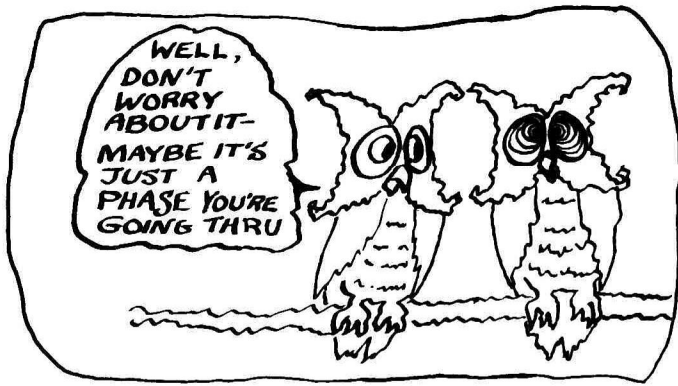


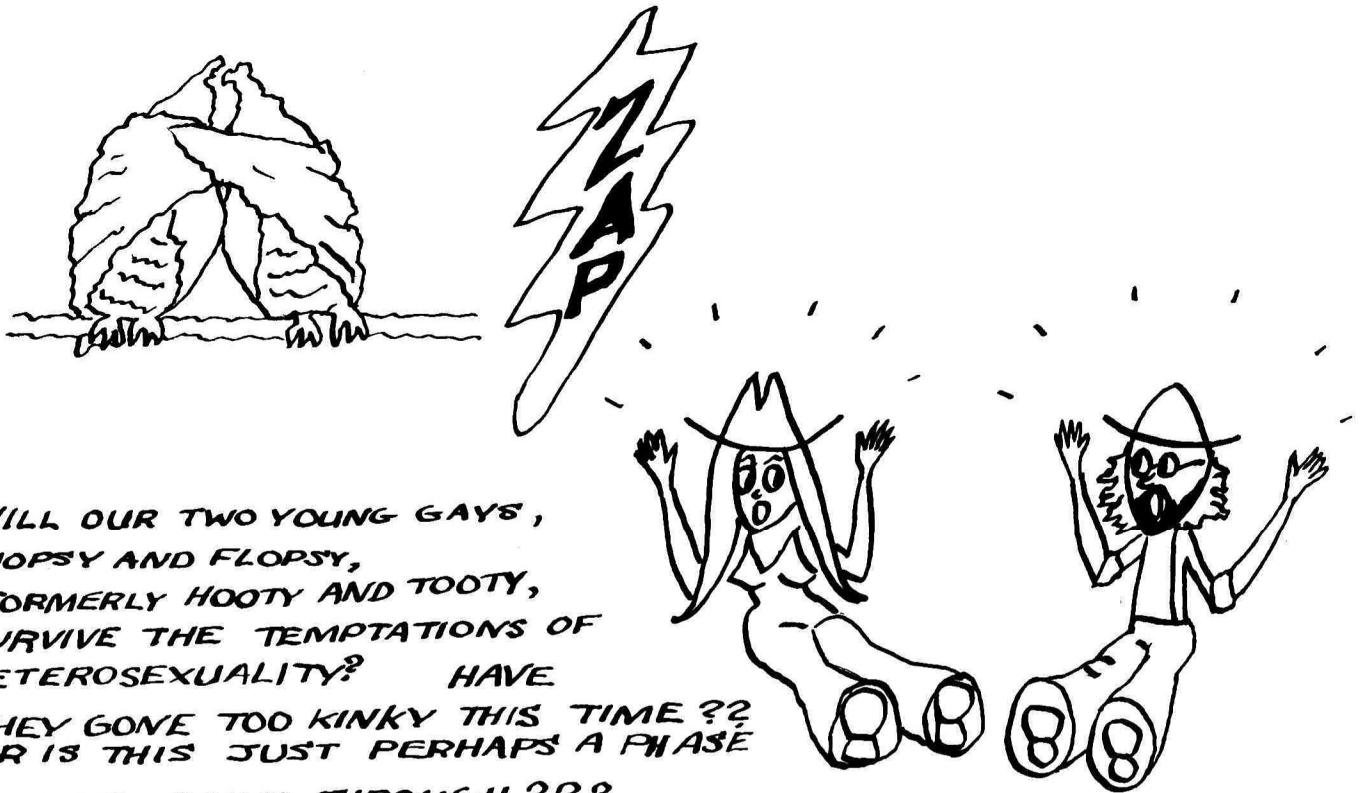
ANIMAL THEATRE



MOMENTS LATER







WILL OUR TWO YOUNG GAYS,
 MOPSY AND FLOPSY,
 FORMERLY HOOTY AND TOOTY,
 SURVIVE THE TEMPTATIONS OF
 HETEROSEXUALITY? HAVE
 THEY GONE TOO KINKY THIS TIME ??
 OR IS THIS JUST PERHAPS A PHASE
 THEY'RE GOING THROUGH ???
 BE SURE TO READ THE
 NEXT ISSUE FOR THE ASTOUNDING ANSWERS AND
 MUCH, MUCH MORE.

briefs

Latest word from Toronto indicates that Judy LaMarsh will be defending Heather, Adrian, Sue and Pat (H.A.S.P.) when the trial comes up on March 4.

GEMINI II will have further developments in the March issue.

THE TORONTO STAR again tried to protect Toronto from reading about gays. This time a personal ad regarding Sunday evening services at Holy Trinity Church was rejected. However, latest reports indicate that the STAR has changed its stand and the ad will be accepted.

LONG TIME COMING will be publishing a special issue in March featuring Lesbians and Mental Health. The issue which will contain articles on attitudes towards conventional therapy and personal experiences will also contain experiences with alternate kinds of 'therapy'. This will include radical therapy, yoga, or other positive aspects happening to gay women when they 'get out of their isolation and into gay liberation groups'.

The special issue is available for \$1.00 from Box 161, Station E, Montreal.

comment

I have known homosexuals for five years of my life. In fact most of my friends are gay and they are all extremely close to me. I have found much love in their friendship and I admire them greatly. I admire their courage, their strength, their patience, and most of all their love of life.

None of this has changed by heterosexuality, nor my identity. It only hurts me to know that so many heterosexuals have condemned something they know nothing about. By condemning homosexuality my heterosexuality is condemned.

Being gay or straight is only realizing that we are all searching for the same thing, someone, some person to share our dreams and to share our lives, because no man and no woman can conquer loneliness.