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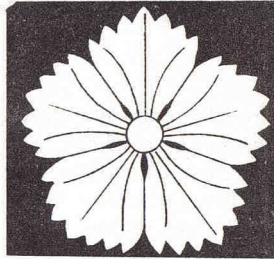
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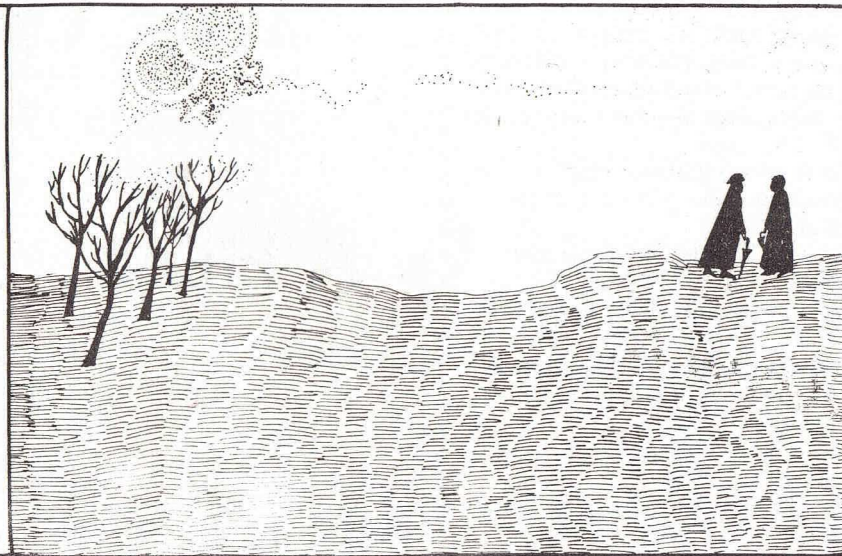
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EDITORIAL

The Kitchener-Waterloo Gay Media Collective is a group of openly gay and politically active people.

We bring you Gay News and Views on radio three times a week.

We bring you movies.

We bring you 'OUT'.

Why 'OUT'? Because the collective believes that it is important for lesbians and gay men to be visible. One reason we don't have rights in our society is because we are invisible. We believe that it is better to be blatant than latent. We believe that we are under attack. We believe that caution in face of attack is another word for retreat. And we are never going back!

We want to provide the local gay community with a means of communication.

We want to talk about our gay experience.

We want to talk about our sexuality.

We want to explore lesbian culture.

We want to explore gay male culture.

We want to talk about our sexual oppression.

We want to talk about fighting back.

We want to talk about gay liberation.

We want to explore new areas.

We want to do all this. And we can. But we need you.

We need your ideas, poems, stories, thoughts, book reviews, theatre reviews, criticisms and your help.

We need your support.

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Men oppress me when they refuse to go beyond the personal -- the "I".

I, they say, have never oppressed a woman, a black, a child, or a homosexual.

I, they emphasize, am also oppressed.

Hear MY oppression, sister, for I bleed.

I hate you because you hide in your singularity: because you draw security from your detachment. I want to draw you kicking and screaming into the fight.

Unlike you there are millions like me, and together we are stronger than you.
Women together are beautiful.
Women together are potent.

Has anyone noticed the increasing number of impotent men?

Wiz Long - 78



*There's a rather odd couple in Hert's
Who are cousins (or so each asserts);
Their sex is in doubt
For they're never without
Their moustaches and long, trailing skirts.*



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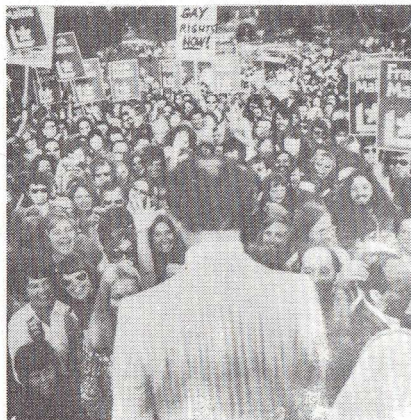
Guelph Gay Equality (formerly University of Guelph Homophile Association) was formed five years ago this October. The following are some of the outstanding events of the first five years.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1973. A letter appears in the University of Guelph student paper, entitled 'U. of G. needs gay liberation.' On September 20th, two more letters appeared calling Guelph 'a sexually repressed university.' By October 4th, the bigots reacted with a letter entitled 'Gays are Sick.' Meanwhile, four authors of the gay letters got together and began making plans. A weekly column began in the student paper. The first meeting was held on October 24th at 15B Chapel Lane in downtown Guelph, with over 30 people in attendance. There had been threats of violence but none materialized. Regular on-campus meetings began, and on November 7 a public forum was presented with George Hislop from the Community Homophile Association of Toronto, and members of the Gay Alliance Toward Equality in Toronto. On November 29th, a highly successful first dance was held on the University campus after some adverse reaction from students.

MARCH 2, 1974. The U.G.H.A. offered a kissing booth and information centre during the University's open house, better known as College Royal. We managed to hand out 10 dozen minced tarts and 50 dozen cookies to cautious but supportive on-lookers. Regular dances, at first biweekly and later weekly, were held in the Club Room of the Royal Hotel in Guelph. We fought for and finally got our own office, at first in Massey Hall and then in the new University

Centre. Big things at the time included consciousness raising groups and zap-ins at the campus pub.

JUNE, 1974. Four gay demonstrators at a Liberal rally in Guelph managed to upstage Pierre Trudeau and got his 1974 attitude on gay rights ("You didn't thank us in 1969.") Guelph participated in the National Gay Election Coalition, which preceded the National Gay Rights Coalition.



LABOUR DAY, 1974. Five members of our organization attended the second National Gay Conference in Winnipeg, forming the largest Ontario delegation. In September, we joined with various women's and racial groups calling for the censure of a sexist, racist and anti-gay residence newspaper. We spoke at many university classes and in residence halls, and took part in the club week each semester. In fall, we purchased our sound equipment and continued holding dances at the Royal Hotel. In December, we sent a delegate to the first international gay conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. We had also set up a small library of gay liberation books and periodicals.

FEBRUARY 1975. The U.G.H.A. marched in and contributed to the International Women's Year festivities in Guelph. We confronted the



Guelph Daily Mercury for their refusal to print our ads and convinced them that they should. In April, the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario was formed and held its first conference in Guelph. By this time regular women's drop-ins were being held. We managed to get sex, sexual orientation, and age added to the non-discriminatory clauses of the student organization registration.

JULY 1975. A 24-hour gayline counselling service was established. Guelph sent delegates to the third national conference in Ottawa. In September, Guelph sent a large contingent to a demonstration for CGRO in Toronto. In November, we held a public forum at the Guelph Public Library. In the late fall of 1975, we changed our name, after much debate, to Guelph Gay Equality.

JANUARY 1976. A weekend phoneline councillor training session was held with staff from the Department of Psychological Services at the University of Guelph. In February, Jim Dougan became the first full-time employee of Guelph Gay Equality, thanks to a grant from the Department of Student Affairs. Dances were being held at various locations in Guelph. We were closely involved at this time with the Sex Education Committee of the Department of Student Affairs. Pot-luck dinners were held at regular intervals. In April, we began visiting gay inmates at the Guelph Correctional Centre. In August, we opened the August Club in the Royal Hotel, probably the only

club in Canada with a "Gay Disco--After Hours Club" sign outside. The club was not overly successful, and drained the energy from our former political and educational might. The club finally closed in March and we have held monthly dances at the schoolhouse ever since. In the autumn of 1977, Guelph raised \$285.00 for John Damien's Defence Fund.



JUNE 1977. Anita Bryant raised the wrath of local gays and we started letter-writing campaigns to protest her. In July, we sent a delegate to the fifth national conference in Saskatoon. At that conference the National--Provincial petition 50,000 was launched, which is still in progress. During the summer of 1977, Guelph sent protesters to the anti-Bryant rallies in Toronto. In the autumn of 1977 we continued our regular meetings, featuring films, speakers and discussion groups. In December, a special meeting was called for women due to the decline in their participation. Members continued to speak to classes. Gayline counselling was expanded from one to three nights per week.

JANUARY 1978. Guelph participated in the largest gay rally and demonstration in Canada's history, during the Anita Bryant visit. Guelph Gay Equality had a successful women's dance in late March and expanded in June with a Gay Youth Group. In July, we sent a delegate to the 6th National Gay Conference in



Halifax, where we took on the responsibility of regional co-ordinating of the CLGRC. Beginning the fall semester, we have had womens' film nights, put-luck dinners, Brent Hawkes from the MCC, Transvestites in Toronto as guest speakers, and our best achievement, a social evening with parents and relatives of gays. In the future, we hope for an open house and more contact with other social services. Not bad for a group merely five years young. For more information we may be reached at

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Look love I don't know who you are
or what you are.
I only know that you are
And the truth is
I was not nor could ever be
The most is
I wouldn't have minded.

I can't remember what I didn't see.
Was beautiful secluded in the warm
wet world of the fetus--my tongue
groped for you and found.

Dark Light Night -- come always.

I can't remember what I didn't feel
Was wonderful soft bulging belly-
breasts -- my nose nudged thighs you
prodded and I moved.

Dark Night Light come always.

Remember -- was beautiful soft,
warm.

Now always dark and night light
come.

Women you puzzle me
Strung out somewhere between bitch
and goddess.

Piece by piece I find you human
but interlocking remains difficult
And I'm left
With a picture and a puzzle
Not quite complete.

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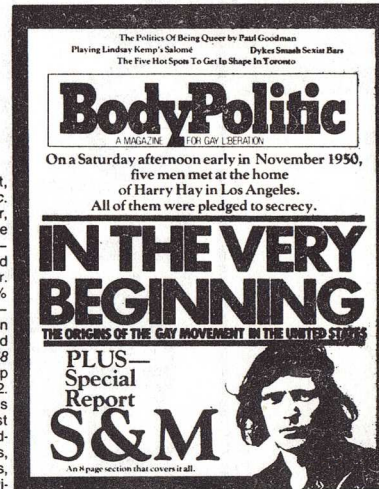
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