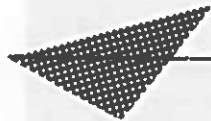


T H U N D E R



Gay

Fall '86

Baptist boomerang

GTB was approached via our phoneline to participate in a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour television program concerning homosexuality and human rights in Ontario.

The program was to be produced by McLean-Hunter for local Broadcast as part of their "Life In Focus Series".

Michael Sobota, member of GTB's Education Committee, was contacted, agreed to be taped and a session was actually filmed in his living room.

However, David Belrose, another Education Committee member happened to see one episode of the series and warned about the propoganda usage of our views. Further inquiries revealed that the series is 1) sponsored by the Baptist

church, 2) has a Baptist minister or spokesperson on every show who is given the "last word on the program" and 3) the Baptist spokespeople are given the privilege of screening other participants' taped remarks prior to adding their own response.

Michael phoned one of the co-producers of the show, Derrick Cook and after having the above information confirmed, canceled GTB's participation in the series and refused to allow them to use the already taped interview.

Members of the Education Committee wish to state they are happy to participate in public education efforts where there is a free, open and fair exchange of views.

Annual...

The Sixth Annual Meeting of Gays of Thunder Bay will be held at the GTB office, #7 - 214 Red River Road on Tuesday, November 4. All persons in the community interested in keeping the many activities of the group going are urged to attend and possibly stand for the various positions on the executive.

GTB has three objects which include providing services and facilities, information and referrals and to strive for legal equality and for social acceptance of people with differing sexual orientations.

Posts on the executive include president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary members at large, phoneline and others. All are necessary to keep the group functioning.

Any persons interested in standing for an opening is urged to attend and keep "the only show in town" running.

7:30 pm

**...it's
your
future.**

An ad hoc committee of GTB has been meeting regularly since July to continue the search for a home for the lesbian and gay community. Currently exploring the possibilities such a center would house GTB offices, phoneline, hold socials and other activities.

Committee members are looking to expand their current membership to include others in the gay community who may want to help or provide ideas; all assistance would be most welcome.

Looking at various considerations the committee is exploring the use of a limited partnership arrangement. One of the main problems though continues to be the finding of a suitable building which needs little renovations.

With optimism, the committee reports that such a place could be found "within a year" - and that "gay community involvement would guarantee its success."

Calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 3 - 7:30 PM at the Waverley Resource Library.
NO SAD SONGS - the first Canadian documentary film about AIDS. It's an honest look at AIDS patients, their friends and families. **FREE.** Introduction by Karen Maki of Northern Women's Centre. Discussion following film.

NOVEMBER 13 - 7:30 PM at the Waverley Resource Library.
AIDS: SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED?
A public education forum on AIDS. Guest speaker: Joan Anderson, chairperson of AIDS Committee of Toronto. Panel of local AIDS resource people. Open forum with questions from audience. **FREE.**

NOVEMBER 14,15,16 in **TORONTO.**
ACTION/DIRECTIONS - a national conference on AIDS. Speakers, workshops, panels. Modest fee for registration. Ask for forms from any AIDS Committee of Thunder Bay member, or phone 345-2315.



AIDS Should We Be Concerned?

A PUBLIC EDUCATION FORUM ON AIDS

Keynote Speaker: Joan Anderson

AIDS COMMITTEE OF TORONTO

— Resource Panel

**— Open Forum
for Discussion**

— Literature

**Waverley Resource Library Auditorium
285 Red River Road**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1986

1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Education

Two members of Thunder Bay's gay community will be speaking to sociology classes at local high schools. Michael Sobota and Doug Broman will be addressing classes at Westgate and Hammorsjold in question and answer sessions. They report that it is so important to speak to people of high school age who have more than likely never heard gay people talk openly and honestly about what it is like growing up gay. Just going through puberty themselves, high schoolers have many questions about sexuality and such forums give them an opportunity to explore these events in their lives. For those who may be gay themselves, positive views can only help.





Violence at GTB socials has seriously jeopardized the use of the Ukrainian Labor Temple for future dances. At the September 20th social someone tore a clock off the wall, set off a fire extinguisher and broke a lock on the kitchen door. As a result, GTB is going to be billed for the damages and members have been told that any further outbreaks will bar the group from the hall.

According to witnesses, the police were called but the person responsible for damaging the property had "cooled off" and police sent away.

Further warnings from the Labor Temple owners also indicate that the hall must be left in a clean condition before locking up.

A GTB spokesperson advised that persons disrupting socials receive a warning and further acts could justify permanent exclusion for the individuals from GTB functions.

GAY A.A.

The Twelfth Tradition Alcoholics Anonymous Group is a fellowship of lesbians and gay men in Thunder Bay who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; they are self-supporting through their

own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

The primary purpose of A.A. members is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

The group meets every Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the GTB office. Anyone with a drinking problem is welcome.

Are You An Alcoholic

To answer this question, ask yourself the following questions and answer them as honestly as you can.

(The Test Questions below are used by John Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., in deciding whether or not a patient is alcoholic.)

- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Do you lose time from work due to drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 Is drinking making your home life unhappy? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 Do you drink because you are shy with other people? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 Is drinking affecting your reputation? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 Have you ever felt remorse after drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6 Have you gotten into financial difficulties as a result of drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 7 Do you turn to lower companions and an inferior environment when drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 8 Does your drinking make you careless of your family's welfare? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 9 Has your ambition decreased since drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 10 Do you crave a drink at a definite time daily? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 11 Do you want a drink the next morning? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 12 Does drinking cause you to have difficulty in sleeping? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 13 Has your efficiency decreased since drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 14 Is drinking jeopardizing your job or business? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 15 Do you drink to escape from worries or trouble? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 16 Do you drink alone? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 17 Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 18 Has your physician ever treated you for drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 19 Do you drink to build up your self-confidence? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 20 Have you ever been to a hospital or institution on account of drinking? | ☐ | ☐ |

If you have answered YES to any one of the questions, there is a definite warning that *you may be alcoholic.*

If you have answered YES to any two, the chances are that you *are an alcoholic.*

If you have answered YES to three or more, you *are definitely an alcoholic.*

IT'S RAINING MEN... DO YOU HAVE YOUR RUBBERS ON?

CONDOM TIPS

- Practice while jerking off, before you use them in sexual encounters
- Don't give up after one try. It takes a while to get used to them
- Squeeze the air out of the tip when you start putting it on
- Only buy condoms made of latex (lambskin membrane condoms break more easily)
- Use lots of lubricant, but only use water-soluble lube (like K-Y, Lubafax or Muco). Don't use Crisco, Vaseline or other oil-based products — they damage latex rubbers
- To avoid leakage, pull out soon after ejaculating (grabbing the cock and condom)
- If you want to be absolutely safe, pull out before ejaculating