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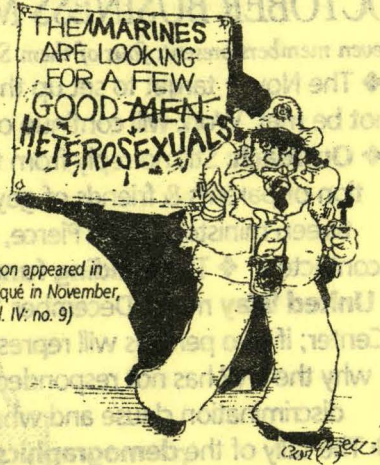
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U of Maine student challenges ROTC

A student in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Maine campus at Orono is fighting his dismissal from the campus military program. Neal Snow, who was fourth in command at the U of M ROTC program, is being dismissed from the program because he is gay. He had been in ROTC for six semesters when he told his commanders of his sexual orientation. "I'm tired of everything that's happening—the hiding, the lying, the stereotypes, the labels, homophobia, being alone, politicians, ignorance, and people telling me what I can and cannot do."

Administrators at the university are assisting Snow in his attempt to remain in ROTC and to challenge the military ban on gay and lesbian soldiers. John Diamond, representing the school administration, noted that the ROTC and U.S. Defense Department ban violates the University of Maine system's five-year-old policy against anti-gay bias. A conflict arises because the University of Maine is a Land Grant College, and as such are mandated to offer military training. School administrators will work with the National Association of Universities and Land Grant Colleges to pressure the Pentagon to change their exclusionary policy. ▼



This cartoon appeared in Communiqué in November, 1983 (Vol. IV: no. 9)

"There!..."

Edmundston, Bathurst

NEW GROUPS FORM

Two AIDS support groups and one social group have been organized in two New Brunswick communities. In Madawaska County, EAGLES is Edmundston Area Gays & Lesbians for Equal Status. They provide a way for people to meet other members of the community in that area. NLN members showed their support for the new group when nine Lambs attended EAGLES' first potluck in August. The Edmundston group had another pot luck in October and they plan a Christmas party December 12. EAGLES, POB 611, Edmundston E3V 3L2, 506.753-5029

AIDS New Brunswick/SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick has started support groups in Bathurst and Edmundston for persons living with HIV/AIDS, their family members, and friends. For information about their meeting place and time, contact AIDS NB, 65 Brunswick Street, Fredericton E3B 1G5, 800.561-4009. ▼

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LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL!

If you're a Northern Lambda Nord member ("MEM") and your four-digit mailing label number begins with "92" (9248, 9273...), your membership has expired and this is your last mailing. KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT and send in your renewal today! Cost is \$15 for one person, \$25 for two at the same address (you'll receive one mailing). Just send us your mailing label with a check. Remember: We accept US and Canadian money at par!

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Highlights

OF NLN'S OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING

Seven members present; four of them Steering Committee members.

- ◆ The Nov. 1 target to set up the **library** collection in the computer will not be met. Work will continue on sorting books at "First Friday", Nov. 6.
 - ◆ **Outreach:** Still no reply from the Caribou Unitarian Church re: formation of parents & friends of gays & lesbians group. Since they are between ministers, Janet Pierce, a leader of the congregation, will be contacted.
 - ◆ The **building fund** is up \$33.50 since September.
 - ◆ The **United Way** meets December 17, 3:30pm, at The Aroostook Medical Center; if two persons will represent NLN, they will be asked to question why the UW has not responded to two written inquiries re: their non-discrimination clause and whether it applies to gays and lesbians.
 - ◆ The tally of the **demographics survey** of members of the gay-lesbian-bisexual community is complete and will be published in *Communique*.
 - ◆ **Contributions** of \$100 each were sent to the Maine Coalition Against Hate, and Equal Protection/Portland who are fighting right-wing attempts to limit our civil rights at the state and city-level.
 - ◆ A design of the first of quarterly **newspaper ads** was approved for placement in four Aroostook County weeklies. Continuation of the NLN ad in the student paper at the U of Maine at Presque Isle was approved.
 - ◆ ACAP Family Planning has solicited a contribution from NLN towards the **ACAP Teen Conference**, March 31, 1993. Appropriate brochures for distribution at the conference will be obtained; a \$50 contribution was approved.
 - ◆ No application will be made this year for inclusion in the **MaineShare** campaign, which funds 19 statewide peace, social justice, and environmental groups.
 - ◆ **Activities calendar**
 - ☛ *New - "First Friday" event* - Fri, Nov 6, 7-9pm - help sort and arrange the books on the library shelves followed by a movie at 9pm;
 - ☛ *Discussion & Pot Luck Meal* - Sat, Nov 14, 4pm, Caribou; topic: HIV - to be tested or not be tested;
 - ☛ *Candlepin bowling* - Fri, Nov 20, 7pm, Presque Isle lanes;
 - ☛ *Monthly meeting* - Sun, Nov 22, 3pm, Easton;
 - ☛ *"First Friday" event* - Fri, Dec 4;
 - ☛ *Christmas party* - Sat, Dec 19, Presque Isle;
 - ☛ *Monthly meeting* - Sun, Dec 20, Caribou;
 - ☛ *New Year's Eve party* - Thurs, Dec 31, New Sweden;
 - ☛ *Discussion & Pot Luck Meal* - Sat, Jan 9; topic: getting our rights in Maine
- The meeting adjourned after 1 hour 5 minutes; final review of recommended changes to the Constitution took 30 minutes.* ▼



Results of Demographics Survey

During the first nine months of 1992, a survey was conducted to get a small sampling of who we are as gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in this region. Here is a summary of the 56 surveys returned. Not all numbers add to 56, since not everyone answered every question.

RESPONDENTS 33 men and 22 women identified themselves as: homosexuals 38, heterosexuals 0; two men were unsure, three women were unsure, and no one said they were bisexual. Age ranges: 15-20 (1) 40-44 (14) 21-24 (7) 45-49 (3) 25-29 (8) 50-59 (1) 30-34 (11) 60+ (0) 35-39 (10)

PLACE OF BIRTH Maine (22), New Brunswick (14), Québec (2), New England (3), New Jersey (2), New York State (2), and one each from Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Virginia, Washington DC, Massachusetts, Ohio, Georgia, and Tackikawo, Japan.

COUNTY OF RESIDENCY Aroostook 41, Madawaska 8, Carleton 4, Victoria 0.

CITIZENSHIP There were 41 US citizens, 13 Canadians, and one person with dual US-Canadian citizenship

LANGUAGES Primary spoken by your family? English 43, French 13. Your current primary language? English 44, French 10. Bilingual? Yes 14, No 40, Spanish 1

EDUCATION No high school degree 1, high school degree 9, some college 18, university degree 11, some graduate school 4, graduate degree 5, some post-graduate school 3, post-graduate degree, 2

EMPLOYMENT full time 37, part time 4, self-employed 6, students 2, underemployed 1, retired 1, unemployed 4

INDIVIDUAL GROSS INCOME \$US/CDN\$ under 10,000 - 13 10,001-15,000 - 7 15,001-20,000 - 11 20,001-25,000 - 6 25,001-30,000 - 5 30,001-35,000 - 5 35,001-40,000 - 2 40,001-50,000 - 3 over 50,000 - 2

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION? Catholic 25, Protestant 8, other

Christian 1, Unitarian-Universalist 3, Atheist 4, Agnostic 2, Pantheist 1, Hindu 1, Jewish 1, New Age 1, other 8. Have you ever felt it necessary to leave a congregation/denomination because of your sexual orientation? Yes 18, No 34

RACE White 53, African-American 2

EVER BEEN MARRIED? Yes 13, No 41. Have any children? Yes 12, No 43. Are you out to them? Yes 5, No 7. Are any of your children gay? Yes 1, No 9, I suspect 1.

PARENTS Are you out to them? Yes 28, No 46. You're not out to them but you know they know? Yes 18, No 9. If you're out to them, are they supportive? Yes 23, No 11.

AIDS Do you know anyone (including yourself) with HIV/AIDS? Yes 28, No 22. Do you know anyone who has died from the effects of AIDS? Yes 28, No 22

DISCRIMINATION How have you experienced it? getting a job 5, on-the-job 12, renting housing 0, obtaining credit 0

GAYBASHING How have you experienced it? verbally 29, physically 5, emotionally 15; by a stranger 23, by a friend 7, by a family member 8. No one indicated they had ever been refused professional services (medical, dental, legal, mental health, other business) because they were gay/lesbian

WHAT WE CALL OURSELVES gay 42, lesbian 12, queer 5, dyke 2, fag/faggot/fifi 5, queen 3, homosexual 20, sir 1, cocksucker 1

DO WE Smoke cigarettes? Yes 15, No 35; **Drink alcohol?** Yes 30, No 21; **Recovering alcoholic?** yes 8, no 35; **Use drugs?** yes 6, no 43.

VOTING Are we registered to vote? Yes 42, No 10. In which party? IN

THE US: Democratic 9, Republican 4, Libertarian 2, Independent 17; IN CANADA: Liberal 5, New Democrat 1

MEMBERSHIPS NLN 22, Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance 6, Gais.es-Nor-Gay 3, N-B Coalition for Human Rights Reform 3, Wilde-Stein Club at Univ of Maine/Orono 1, National Association of Physicians for Human Rights 1

MAGAZINES READ The Advocate 19, Gaezette 7, Gay

Community News 6, Mandate/Torso etc 7, NLN *Communique* 21, Our Paper 19, Sojourner 5, Washington Blade 1, N-B Coalition Newsletter 1.

PETS 22 cats, 29 dogs, 3 birds

HOME Own our own 22, Rent 20; Live alone 11, live with partner 19, parents 8, friend or roommate 5, other relatives 2.

SIBLING We have 35 brothers and 35 sisters; six of these siblings are gay.

A Portland statute which protects residents from discrimination based upon sexual orientation faces a repeal effort by a group of religious fundamentalists and ultra-conservatives. The November 3 vote will test the strength of not only the gay-lesbian community but of those who believe that discrimination against us is wrong. This battle is also being waged in Oregon and Colorado in statewide anti-gay referenda. Those who support the politics of bigotry and prejudice may initiate a similar statewide campaign in Maine. Our success or failure in Portland will affect everyone in Maine. This campaign is expensive. Send your contributions today to Equal Protection/Portland, POB 1894, Portland 04104. For more information, call 207.761-8480.

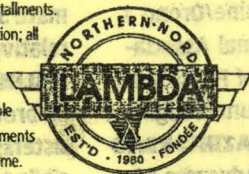


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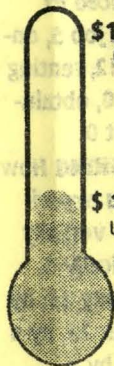
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BUILDING FUND



\$10,000 GOAL

\$1378.19
U.S. funds
as of
10/25/92

The NLN Building Fund is designed to raise money for a community center for this region.

The center would house the phoneline, library, office, meeting space, and party space.

Since NLN is a 501(c)3 group, all donations are tax-deductible on federal U.S. income tax; merely ask for a receipt. Donations of any amount - U.S. or Canadian funds - are appreciated. ▼

NEWS & FEATURES in this issue were from: The New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reform Inc. *Newsletter* (Fredericton), and *The ADVOCATE* (Los Angeles). ▼

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NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD (NLN), CP/POB 990, Carbou, Maine 04736 USA

GAY-LESBIAN PHONELINE 207.498-2088 *TDD/Voice* - staffed Wed, 7-9pm (Maine)

AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. *Groupes bilingue/bilingual group.* Call 207.498-2088 to make contact ▼

ACT UP/BANGOR POB 1554, 04402-1554, 207.947-3947

AIDS New Brunswick/SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick 800.561-4009 **AIDSline/Maine** 800.851-AIDS - Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Mon & Wed till 7:30pm

AMI CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; POB 5017, Portland 04101, 207.871-1014 (Bob) or 833-

6004 (Susan)

APEX: A Point of Departure, published monthly by Phoenix Press, POB 4743, Portland 04112

DIGNITY/MAINE Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104
EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK POB 2038, Bangor 04401-2038, 207.990-EMAN

EDMUNDSTON AREA GAYS & LESBIANS FOR EQUAL STATUS (EAGLES) POB 611, Edmundston E3V 3L2 506.753-5029

FREDERICTON LESBIANS & GAYS (FLAG) POB 1556, Station A E3B 5G2, 506.457-2156 (Mon & Thurs 6-9pm)

GAZETTE For Lesbians & Gay Men in Atlantic Canada, published 10 times yearly; POB 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, NS B3J 3S1
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MONCTON/GAYS & LESBIANS OF MONCTON (GLM) CP/POB 1072, Riverview E1B 1V0, 506.855-8064

GAYS ES NOR GAYS (GNG) CP/POB 983, Bathurst E2A 4H8

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE University of Southern Maine, 88 Winslow Street, Portland 04103, 207.874-6596

GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK POB 212, Bangor 04401, 207.862-5907/941-2189

GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP Portland, 207.780-4085/772-4741

HARBOR MASTERS, INC. leather-levi group, POB 4044, Portland 04104

INTEGRITY Episcopalian group, St. Matthew's Church, 18 Union Street, Hallowell 04347, 207.623-3041/845-2985

LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS POB 5112, Station A, Portland 04102

MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK POB 10772, Portland 04104

MAINE LESBIAN-GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE POB 232, Hallowell 04347

NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM/LA COALITION POUR LA RÉFORME DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK POB/CP 1556, Station/Succursale A, Fredericton E3B 5G2 506.457-2156

OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine, published monthly, 9 Deering Street, POB 10744, Portland 04104, 207.761-0733

OUTRIGHT: Portland Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth, age 22 and under, POB 5028, Station A, Portland 04102, 800.339-4042

OUTRIGHT CENTRAL MAINE for age 22 & younger, every Fri, 7:30pm 1st Unitarian Church, Pleasant St, Auburn; POB 802, Auburn 04212, 800.339-4042

OUTRIGHT TOO Bangor area Gay/Lesbian bisexual youth group, c/o POB 212, Bangor 04401

PWA (People With AIDS)

COALITION OF MAINE 377 Cumberland Avenue, Portland 04101, 207.773-8500

WOMYN'S GROUP POB 20082, Fredericton E3B 6Y8, 506.457-2156