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## ▼ ANOTHER MILESTONE ▼

At a brief NLN business meeting in August, where money was the major topic of discussion (see news briefs) the NLN members present talked of the feasibility of establishing a telephone line - a gay telephone line. It's purpose would be to provide a way for non-Lambda people to get in touch with the group, to be an anonymous way closeted lesbians and gaymen could talk to another gay person, and, ultimately, to aid in the growth of Northern Lambda Nord. But the consensus was that though it was a good idea, the group could not now afford the deposit and installation fee plus the monthly charges, estimated at \$300 for the first year. The idea was tabled with the suggestion that money begin to be earmarked towards that goal.

But through the wonderful generosity of our brothers and sisters of Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), Northern Lambda Nord is now the operator of a "Gay Phoneline": 207/498-6556. Hearing of NLN's desire to establish but inability to afford a telephone, FLAG has donated the cost of the deposit and installation of a business telephone -- \$145 US. It is now up to the Lambs to support this endeavor, which will cost \$14 per month service charge plus any long distance calls. (As an organization, we are classified as "business" as opposed to "residential" service. This fee is for measured service -- 80 outgoing local calls per month. Because the local Caribou-Presque Isle-Fort Fairfield area encompasses only a portion of the region NLN serves, there will be a few necessary long distance calls each month, but they will be kept to a minimum.

Additional expenses will be incurred at a future time -- whenever NLN has the money. These expenses may include: a telephone answering machine (from \$100-200 - a one-time expense), and, if deemed necessary, white pages telephone listings in every phonebook in our 5-county area. (There is one white pages directory for all of Aroostook County; the cost of this listing, "Gay Phoneline", is included in the monthly service charge. But the New Brunswick phone books are organized in the manner in which the Aroostook book used to be: each town



listed separately in the white pages rather than an entire county's listings alphabetized together. That requires 12 separate listings in the 3 W-B books (\$100 per year).

October is membership renewal time at NLN. It seems fitting that a new membership year begins with a new project. Phil, the treasurer, is going to determine if the current \$10 membership fee will cover the cost of both the monthly newsletter and the phoneline. It may be recommended that the membership vote to increase the dues.

Some people may question the necessity of a group phone. But it serves a primary purpose; it is a point of contact. The phone is a means of outreach. Gay groups in Fredericton, Halifax, Portland, Quebec, and Boston have similar phone lines. Some places such as Toronto have 4 phones: one for youth, one for counselling, one for lesbians, and one which announces activities. The way in which the Lambda line is set up has yet to be determined; but because our energies are limited by the small size of our group, we may want to start with the phoneline "open" one night per week - "open" when a live person answers rather than a recording. However it is organized, it will take a commitment by members to sit by the phone for those 1 or 2 or 3 hours each week the phone is "open".

FLAG has felt the need great enough that their generosity is giving us this opportunity. The success will depend upon the Lambs of the North. --benj. ♥

## BIBLIOTHÈQUE LAMBDA

### ♥ A NOTE: FROM MARION THE LIBRARIAN! ♥

Dearest Lambs: It has come to my attention that your library has received a number of new bequests from our newest Roger. We would like to remind you that this library was set up for you members to use. We would gladly receive any books that you might have by or about gays. If you are travelling and happen to see something that you know we don't have or are unable to procure out here in the Boonies, grab it. If you have any books that you are through with and would like to donate, those, too, would be greatly appreciated. A memorial book for your dead goldfish, parakeet, or mouse? Why not!



Among the eleven books that were donated to our shelves are: The Persian Boy, The David Kopay Story, Front Runner, The Secret Lives of Lawrence of Arabia, two new Gordon Merrick novels, a couple thrillers, and more. There are also two new books that we received from the publishers. One of them is hot off the presses from Toronto. It was sent to us by our friends in The Body Politic office, and is called Flaunting It! A Decade of Gay Journalism from The Body Politic. This book is HIGHLY recommended reading. It is a beautifully-edited collection of many of the articles that have appeared in TBP over the last ten years. It is a storehouse of provoking memories. If any of you have ever wondered what "being political" could, and should mean to you as a gay person, then this book is for you.

One other recent addition to the collection is The Joy of Gay Sex, donated by Roger "de la vallée".

P.S.....Thanks again, Rogers; Jimmy and Cliff, bring back those books, and anyone else that has any out. Thanks. Sssshhhhhhhhh! Marion♥

♥ EDITOR'S NOTE: Last October, a complete list of all books and periodicals in the BIBLIOTHEQUE LAMBDA collection was sent to all members; new members should have received the list when they joined. If you did not receive these listings (dated 1 oct 81), please let someone at the Lambda office know; if you wish a second copy of either the book or periodicals list, they will cost \$1 each to cover cost of duplicating. An updated list (1 oct 82) will be sent to members; this list will include all additions to the library.♥

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### ♥ QUEERBASHERS: UPDATE, PART ONE ♥

CARIBOU: Last issue, the details of an incident at the Caribou Rest Area were reported. Several gaymen were harrassed and threatened with a crowbar by two queerbashers, and two of the gaymen's vehicles were vandalized. Since their apprehension, the two queerbashers have pleaded "not guilty" at a preliminary hearing at the Caribou Court House. They will be tried in State Superior Court in Houlton in November. Charges against these men include threatening with a deadly weapon, damaging state property, damaging personal property, and trespassing. The gaymen who filed the complaints at the time of the incident are expecting to be subpoenaed by the Court.



♥ QUEERBASHERS: UPDATE, PART TWO ♥

Five men accosted a gay man at the Prestile Hill (Caribou) Rest Area on Sunday evening, September 19, 1982, and caused damage to his vehicle.

The gay man was alone at the R.A. when a van pulled in. The five men and two women remained in the van, reportedly smoking pot. Soon, the men emerged and began verbally hassling the gay man. As the man drove away, the queerbashers attempted to block his car. One of the homophobes repeatedly smashed the trunk of the car with a tire iron or crowbar. The gay man managed to drive away, but not before driving through the R.A. a second time to get the license number of the van. He went to the Caribou police where he filed a complaint and requested the Caribou police to call the State Troopers so that they would be informed. After a short delay, a State Trooper arrived and was briefed as to the events, and he viewed the damage to the car. Tracing the license number, the owner of the van was determined to be a man from Presque Isle. We'll keep you posted on happenings.♥

♥ FAERIE REPORT FROM McDONALD MOUNTAIN ♥

This August saw the First Aroostook Faerie Frolic here in The County. For the first time in all the weekends that we have weathered on our sacred slope in Castle Hill, the rain was not with us. Puffy white clouds with brilliant blue patches in between them wisped by for the three days we were there and put cheer in all our frolicing. Our thanks go to all you wonderful men who braved miles and more miles to help make the Frolic the grand success that it was. There were faeries from as far away as Québec, Moncton, Fredericton, Millinocket, and Caribou. Special thanks goes to you, Carroll, for lending us your tents and the many trips up the hill. You should have stayed for the weekend.

And all of you that didn't make it, well, you'd better plan on setting aside next year's time slot. Everyone there found the time too short, and that people were just getting to know one another well when it was time to leave. Though the weekend was short, we forged some new and strong friendships with our brothers that were there. The more people that we meet, the shorter the distances between us seem to be. The First Aroostook

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Faerie Frolic surely shortened the spaces between those of us that were together.

We hope next year's will be on a four-day weekend, to allow for more frolicing. If you get to Caribou, make sure to see all the photographs that Cliff and Dick shot. Our thanks to Russell for allowing us to use his land in his most generous manner. We hope to see all you Faeries again next year, as well as all of you that didn't get to the First.

- Jonathan ▼

## ▼ NLN NEWS BRIEFS ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼

### ▼ NLN BUSINESS MEETING REPORT ▼

At a brief business meeting in August, those members present voted to donate \$50 CDN to THE BODY POLITIC to aid their legal expenses in what appears to be their third trial on the exact same charge. A donation of \$25 US was also allocated for GAY COMMUNITY NEWS for aid in their post-fire rebuilding. A collection was taken after the meeting and an additional \$25 US was raised for GCN.♥

### ▼ MORE NEWS ...

▼ FREDERICTON: On CBC Radio/Fredericton's morning pr gram, Information Morning, the host interviewed Ed Jackson, co-editor of FLAUNTING IT!, a collection of gay journalism. On Tuesday, September 28, Ed Jackson talked of Fredericton now and years earlier, in terms of the gay/lesbian "community". He didn't feel that Fredericton had a real community, yet, but the situation in the City of Stately Elms was much improved since he had been there last. FLAG was mentioned as the local organization. It's nice to hear programs which talk of OUR issues and interests on the radio.♥

▼ HALIFAX: The Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), a member of the Atlantic Lesbian and Gay Association (ALGA), is opening a new meeting place to replace the Turret. The new club, Rumours, will be divided into two rooms separated by plexiglass and swinging doors. The New Turret room will be a disco; the New Options room will be a quiet space. Located at Granville near Sackville, it is twice the size of the old club. The new club's directors hope to attract more women patrons than the old Turret did; they will have a woman bartender on a



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regular basis. GAE borrowed \$20,000 from their community centre fund, money that is being saved to buy a building, in order to renovate Rumours. GAE's plans to sponsor this fall's Atlantic Lesbian and Gay Conference (October 10, 11) have been "put on the back burner" because of a shortage of funds. (from THE BODY POLITIC)♥

♥TORONTO: When Toronto's only gay bookstore was raided April 21, assistant manager Kevin Orr was charged with "possession of obscene material for the purpose of sale." Police chose to overlook the fact that the two sexually explicit magazines in question were readily available at 49 milk and tobacco stores in and around Toronto. None of them was raided or charged. Kevin Orr's trial has been remanded to late 1982 or early 1983. He faces a maximum \$500 fine and six months in jail. He needs at least \$2500 to help in his legal defence. Please contribute generously. Make cheques or money orders payable to Hamburg/Trollope in trust for Glad Day Defence Fund and mail to Hamburg/Trollope, 400 Dundas St. East, Toronto, Ontario M5A 2A5. (from THE BODY POLITIC)♥

♥SAN FRANCISCO: A U.S. District Court Judge has issued a permanent national injunction banning discrimination against gays and lesbians entering the U.S. The order prohibits the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) from "enforcing, and/or implementing any policy, practice and/or course of conduct...that limits, impedes or prevents the entry of any person in the United States and that is based solely upon his/her homosexuality." The ruling is a result of a legal battle begun in 1979. Although the government has appealed the decision, it has not asked for a stay in its execution, which means that the order is presently in effect. This affects Lambs directly, since, in the past, when Canadian members entered the U.S. they did so illegally. Now the INS may not exclude you because you are gay. A victory for our side! (from GAY COMMUNITY NEWS and THE BODY POLITIC)♥



▼ IMPORTANT NOTICE TO N.L.N. MEMBERS ▼

It's October and now is the time to renew your Lambda membership. We hope you realize how important it is to continue to support the only organized homophile group in this area. For three years, Northern Lambda Nord has been planning and organizing social events for our members, has been involved in regional and national gay conferences, has monitored how our legislators vote on gay issues, and has published 28 issues of COMMUNIQUE -- the only lesbian and gay-oriented publication in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Without your financial support, without your contribution of articles, without your time to address envelopes and sort and file mail, books, and magazines, NLN cannot continue. After three years, life without NLN would surely leave an empty spot.

This is the only reminder you will receive, and this is the last newsletter on your membership (memberships expired September 30, 1982). So, PLEASE send in your renewal TODAY. NLN membership is only \$10 per year; we accept Canadian money at par. Merci! ▼

▼ CALENDAR OF COMING N.L.N. ACTIVITIES ▼

- Friday, October 15, Caribou, 7 pm: discussion group
  - Saturday, October 16, Fredericton, 9 pm: FLAG dance
  - Friday, October 22, Caribou, 8 pm: office 'party'
  - Sunday, October 24, Presque Isle, 1 pm: monthly gathering, business meeting and pot luck meal
  - Friday, October 30, Presque Isle, 8 pm: Hallowe'en party
  - Saturday, November 6, Edmundston, 7 pm: roller skating
  - Saturday, November 13, Caribou, 7 pm: discussion group
  - Friday, November 19, Caribou, 8 pm: office 'party'
  - Sunday, November 21, (location needed), 1 pm: monthly gathering, business meeting and pot luck meal
  - Saturday, December 11, Caribou, 7 pm: discussion group and/or office 'party'
  - Saturday, December 18, Presque Isle, 8 pm(?): Christmas party
  - Friday, December 31, Caribou, 8 pm(?): New Year's party
- ▼ This calendar is correct as of October 1, 1982. Any changes and/or additions will be sent to members in a future mailing. Maps for locations of gatherings, and food list for pot luck meals are enclosed in members newsletters. ▼

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