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▼ A "SECOND COMING" ? ...

A revival of sorts has begun. A revival of Northern Lambda Nord. For too long, too few had been doing too little to keep NLN going. Parties were held and the newsletter came out monthly, but that was about all. Well, at the encouragement of a recently-joined member, NLN is rejuvenating. The executive committee met the day after the Hallowe'en party; this was the first meeting for quite some time. The constitution was reviewed and discussed. The general concensus was that there needed to be a more formal organization. The idea of a collective of six executives was fine, but not everyone could leave all the tasks to everyone else. These six people must more equitably divide up the work. To this end, the executives adopted the following structure: the Director, who will preside over the organization and ensure that committees execute their responsibilities; the Secretary, who keeps minutes at the executive and general business meetings and handles official correspondence; the Treasurer keeps accurate account of all monies and makes regular reports. You may think that these tasks were all divided up and things were running smoothly, but that was not the case. No one person had the authority to run meetings; it was the "executive" which would run the meetings and make decisions. The task of keeping minutes was left to one of the executives, whoever felt like taking minutes that time. So now, there are these three positions filled. You will definitely notice the change at the next gatherings.

In addition to these three positions, four standing committees were established: Social, Phoneline/Library, Newsletter, and Membership/Outreach. It was decided that the chair of each committee would be responsible for carrying out the duties assigned. The chair need not be from the executive. Since there are six executives and seven positions (four committee chairs and three other positions) members-at-large may also chair a committee. Members-at-large will also need to help each chair accomplish the goals of each committee, whether it be organizing a party, including clean-up the morning after, or keeping the library organized and answering the Phoneline on Wednesday nights.

IMPORTANT*IMPORTANT: These changes taking place will be

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discussed at the next meeting, Sunday, November 27. There has been a renewal rate so far of over 60% -- three-fifths of NLN membership has renewed for 1984. There must be something you want from Lambda, and that's what is going to be discussed on November 27. EVERYONE IS URGED TO ATTEND!!! The executive has met and begun discussing the goals and future of NLN -- now it's everyone's turn to have a say. TRY TO ATTEND THE NOVEMBER 27 MEETING and let us know what you'd like to see Lambda doing! If you are unable to be there yet wish to give some input, please feel free to write down your thoughts and mail them to the POB in Caribou. It will be read at the meeting. A copy of the NLN Constitution/Charte NLN is enclosed for your information.

▼ AGENDA for November 27 meeting:

Introductions; Treasurer's report; OLD BUSINESS: committee reports - Social, Phonenumber/Library, Newsletter, Outreach/Membership; other old business; NEW BUSINESS: Caribou Winter Carnival (they've refused our paid advert in the booklet this year - they accepted it last year); Grant proposal - Ben from Ft. Kent notes that \$500-\$20,000 grants are available for gay/lesbian groups. IF there is interest, "some fairly well-defined goals" must be established. Average grant, \$6500. He volunteers to write, type, and handle the proposal IF there is interest; Discussion of NLN goals and future; other new business (calendar, elections,...) Phone-tree established? (note: to limit the length of the meeting, discussion may be limited to NLN goals and future; have the other topics discussed by the executive at their next meeting, December 4.)

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▼ HALLOWE'EN

A last-minute change in the location of the annual NLN Hallowe'en party did not keep over 35 people away from the gayla evening. Women and men from as far away as Linneus (south of Houlton), Fort Kent, and Grand Falls wore a variety of original costumes. But because of the last-minute change, the need for a way to notify people in a hurry was demonstrated. Two years ago, a phone-tree was proposed but not established. This would allow any important changes or happenings to be relayed throughout the region in a systematic method. The Lambda office would be notified and they, in turn, would call several other locations. Each of these would call those people within their local calling area, reducing the expense of long distance calls. The Phonenumber was used this time and it was necessary to make nine long distance telephone calls. This is in addition to the phone calls several individuals made from their phones.

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GAY ENTERTAINERS PERFORM IN MAINE

Two gay men from San Francisco, Ron Romanovsky and Paul Phillips, write and perform rock 'n' roll pop songs about their relationship and the relationship of the gay population with the rest of the world. They have been called the "best and brightest new gay talents". It's not very often that we get professional gay talent in Maine. Here's a great opportunity to see and enjoy some. ROMANOVSKY AND PHILLIPS will have to shows: Friday, December 9, in Portland at the First Parish Unitarian Church, 425 Congress Street, and again on Saturday, December 10 in Bangor at the Unitarian Church on Main Street. Both concerts start at 8 pm and the donation is \$4 at the door. If there's enough interest in the County* we can arrange transportation to Bangor to see them on Saturday. Let us know at the next meeting! This concert series is sponsored by the Unitarian-Universalist Lesbian and Gaymen's Community in Maine: INTERWEAVE. (POB 215, Augusta 04330) *(and N-B, too!)

QUATRIEME SYMPOSIUM QUEBECOIS

Pour la quatrième année consécutive se tiendra à Montréal un weekend intensif d'activités qui regroupera environ 400 personnes de tous les milieux et métiers, de toutes les orientations sexuelles. Pendant ces deux journées, des hommes et des femmes écouteront, réfléchiront, s'interrogeront et discuteront. De la confrontation et du partage des idées jailliront chez les symposistes de nouvelles façons d'envisager leur devenir, tant personnel, professionnel que collectif. A travers une trentaine d'activités/ateliers, les personnes participantes pourront parfaire leurs connaissances ou approfondir celles qu'elles possèdent déjà. Les trois premiers symposiums se sont révélés une expérience humaine unique pour toutes les personnes qui y ont participé. Cette quatrième édition promet de renouveler l'événement. Une trentaine d'activités sont prévues dont quatre forums. Ceux-ci portent respectivement sur le SIDA, la prostitution, la pédophilie et la pornographie, quatre sujets qui défraient les manchettes depuis plusieurs mois. Ces forums permettront, grâce à l'apport de spécialistes, de faire le point sur ces questions et de les approfondir.

Quatrième Symposium Québécois sur les Homosexualités, organisé par le Service d'Education et de Consultation sur l'Homosexualité (S.E.C.H.) sous le thème "Les Sexualités", les 19 et 20 novembre 1983, Cegep de Maisonneuve, Montréal. Inscription - 70\$. (S.E.C.H., c.p.245; succ. N, Montréal H2X 3M4). An informational brochure about this symposium is available at the Lambda office.

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DEAR FRIENDS OF NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD:

• Gay male, looking for good friend, sexy lover, or just any "ole" body, who will write. I have some time to do and will be out in 1985. Need a lover; you decide. I'm 25, brown hair, dark eyes, 165 lbs, 6' tall. I also have a nice rump! If interested, write: BRADLEY ANTRIM, # 10401, POB 30, Pendleton, Indiana 46064.

• Young, sexy stud, lonely and looking for pen pals and more. Twenty-three years old, brown hair, brown eyes, 140 lbs., stocky build. If you're looking for a sexy lover, write soon with photo if possible: LESTER DAY, #23549, POB 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46360.

• Sexy young white stud, brown eyes, black hair, 150 lbs., 30 years, muscular build. MICHAEL K. SNOW, #26219, POB 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46360. Photos appreciated.

• Horny, Hairy, and Hot! Gay male is looking for a good friend, sexy lover, or just any "ole" body who will write. I shall be released early next year. I am 23 years old, 6'2", 160 lbs., brown hair and baby blue eyes. I also have a nice rump! DAVID L. MILES, #27173, POB 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46360 Please send photo.

• KENNETH DeVON PORTER, age 25, 5'11-3/4" tall, 181 lbs., black and extremely handsome, black hair, brown (bedroom) eyes, broad-minded, positive, polite, mannerable, gracious, unpretentious, truthful, respectful, understanding and with a delightful sense of humor. I have many "likes", however, my only "dislikes" are: wars, racism, a liar, drugs, hypocrisy and uncleanness of body and mind. Last but certainly not least, I am totally "attracted" to an older gay male.

GOING TO FLORIDA?...

GAYPAC, the Gay Political Action Committee, has called for a nationwide boycott of the Parliament House Motor Inn in Orlando, near Disney World. This establishment is billed as the world's largest gay entertainment center. In a statement to the Central Florida Gay Community, Parliament owners referred to gay public visibility as a detriment to the economic welfare of the area. "The vacationing tourist does not want to bring his family to an area where homosexuals are marching and demonstrating." GAYPAC responded, "Dollars of gays should not go to establishments that are dedicated to keeping gays in the closet. It is completely absurd to suggest that the gay presence in Orlando has, in any way, hindered the tourist industry or offended visitors to that area."

SLEEP AT NIGHT



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LESBIAN MOTHERS, GAY FATHERS:

A lesbian mother is in the process of writing a resource and support book for gay fathers, lesbian mothers, their lovers and children. The book will examine the social, legal, and emotional ramifications of being both gay and a parent in a positive, supportive light. It will also include listings of resources within the gay community. Individuals with these experiences and advice are requested to write. Identities of correspondents will be kept strictly confidential. For information and/or to contribute, write: Joy A. Schulenburg, Parenting Project, 806 Haight Street, San Francisco, 94117.

GLOBAL ACTION 1984

The 5th annual conference of the International Gay Association (IGA) held its meeting in Vienna and designated 1984 as the "International Year of Lesbian and Gay Action." The IGA represents more than 90 lesbian and gay groups in 40 countries, the only international grouping of lesbians and gaymen. Next year, the IGA will focus on anti-gay violence everywhere, the rights of lesbians and gays to employment, gay health, including AIDS, and the World Health Organization's classification of homosexuality as a disease, reproductive rights for lesbians and all women. Two international demonstrations are planned for 1984: (1) in Europe, a "pink chain" march will begin in three locations in southern Europe and converge on Helsinki in July, where the 6th IGA conference will be held. The marchers will be met by local festivals and demonstrations and will attempt to travel through every Eastern and Western European capital. (2) In North America, the IGA has called for a mass demonstration on the U.N. in New York City, scheduled for October 1984.

GAYS IN THE BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America will appeal a court order to reinstate a gay Boy Scout. "We just don't think parents want homosexuals in the troops," said a Boy Scout executive. But a Superior Court Judge instructed the Scouts to show "a rational connection between homosexual conduct and any significant danger of harm to the association" before they can expel gay members. Timothy Curran, an Eagle Scout, had been ousted by his area council when it was learned he is gay. He had applied to become an adult leader and was considered an "ideal scout" by his former scoutmaster in Berkeley, California.

GAIS SANS FRONTIERE...AMERICAINE -- U.S. BORDER OPENED (GO INFO, Ottawa)

Les hommes gais et les lesbiennes du Canada devraient désormais pouvoir traverser la frontière américaine sans difficulté. En effet, dans un

Canadian lesbians and gaymen should no longer have any trouble crossing into the US. A US Federal Appeals Court upheld the ruling that the

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jugement rendu par la Cour d'appel fédérale américaine, il a été maintenu que les services d'immigration et de naturalisation (INS) n'avaient pas le droit d'interdire à Carl Hill, un citoyen britannique, d'entrer aux Etats-Unis. Cette déclaration laisse la législation américaine en matière d'immigration dans l'impasse puisque la Loi contient encore des dispositions interdisant aux personnes gaies l'entrée aux E-U. En effet, le Service d'immigration ne peut interdire à quiconque l'accès aux E-U à moins d'un certificat délivré par le Service de santé publique attestant l'homosexualité de la personne visée. Or, par la suite de la décision de l'American Psychiatric Association de définir l'homosexualité comme un mode de vie alternatif plutôt qu'une maladie, le Service de santé publique refuse d'affectuer un tel examen médical, prétextant qu'il n'en a pas l'autorité. Par conséquent, les dispositions de la Loi sur l'immigration interdisant aux personnes gaies d'entrer aux E-U sont désormais non applicables. Cependant, selon de récents rapports, le harcèlement des personnes gaies se poursuivrait à certains postes de la frontière, particulièrement : enfers celles qui portent des badges ou qui ont en main des journaux les identifiant comme telles. Ce harcèlement se traduit généralement par une fouille rigoureuse des biens personnels et par une attente particulièrement longue aux douanes.

we can document the details for the record. Don't be afraid to demand your right of free travel across the international border.

Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) had no authority to deny a British citizen, Carl Hill, entry into the US. The decision leaves American immigration legislation in a shambles as the law still contains sections prohibiting gays from entering the US. The INS can only do so if it has previously obtained a Public Health Service (PHS) examination to certify the entrant's homosexuality. The PHS is refusing to carry out such examinations claiming it doesn't have the medical authority to do so as a result of the American Psychiatric Association decision changing its classification of homosexuality from a disease to an alternate lifestyle. The sections of the immigration law pertaining to the entry of gays are therefore not enforceable. While, technically, the decision applies only to the western US, in practical terms the ruling appears to apply across the country. Recent reports, however, indicate that harassment of gays continues at certain border crossings, especially if carrying anything such as buttons or magazines which make it obvious that you are gay. This harassment usually involves detailed searches of personal belongings and an unusually long wait to get through customs.

IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED ANY HARASSMENT CROSSING INTO MAINE let the Lambda office know and

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- ▼ Q: What do you call someone who speaks three languages?
 A: Tri-lingual
 Q: What do you call someone who speaks two languages?
 A: Bi-lingual
 Q: What do you call someone who speaks one language?
 A: *Anglais.*

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▼ CALENDRIER + CALENDAR + NLN + CALENDAR + CALENDRIER

- Wednesday, November 16 - Lambda office open house, 6:30 pm (Maine) 7:30 pm (N-B)
- Saturday, November 19 - NLN fundraising dinner, benefitting the Gay Phoneline; \$8 per person, Italian food
- Wednesday, November 23 - Lambda office open house, 6:30/7:30 pm
- Friday, November 25 - FLAG dance at the Kinsmen Centre, 9 pm \$2 for NLN members with blue card, \$4 all others
- Sunday, November 27 - NLN November meeting near Woodstock (N-B) at noon (Maine) 1 pm (N-B).
- Wednesday, November 30 - Lambda office open house, 6:30/7:30 pm
- Sunday, December 4 - NLN Executive meeting, 3 pm/4 pm
- Wednesday, December 7 - Lambda office open house, 6:30/7:30 pm
- Friday, December 9 - December discussion group, 7 pm/8 pm
- Saturday, December 10 - CONCERT! - Romanofsky and Phillips, at the Unitarian Church in Bangor, 8 pm, \$4
- Wednesday, December 14 - Lambda office open house, 6:30/7:30 pm
- Saturday, December 17 - NLN Christmas Party with a "Yankee Swap"
- Wednesday, December 21 - Lambda office open house, 6:30/7:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 28 - Lambda office open house, 6:30/7:30 pm
- Saturday, December 31 - NLN New Year's Party, 8 pm/9 pm

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