

Northern Lambda Nord
Communiqué
CP/POB990 Caribou Maine 04736 USA 207/498-2088

Volume VII: number 4

April 1986

Volume VII: numéro 4

avril 1986

Here is the fourth in a series of commentaries.

DEAR COMMUNIQUE by Carl T.

In response to Ruth's comments in the February issue of *Communiqué* - The whole thing is totally asinine. Where and when has the "cat and mouse game" been played (between men and women) at the Lambda or private parties. In the year and a half I've been attending these functions I've yet to see it. I must admit I've seen it played man against man or woman against woman - but never man against woman (unless it was verbal volleyball amongst friends).

After hosting several parties (both by invitation only and open to everyone) I find I enjoy the open parties more. The conversations vary on a wider range of subjects and tend to be more interesting and educational than anything else.

After being married to a lesbian for over seven years, I find myself at a loss without women around. I find their views and opinions to be a very valuable asset.

As for Dick's observation in the January *Communiqué*, I find myself truly disgusted with the excuses given, by women for not attending Lambda gatherings. Excuses. That's just what they are.

Ruth: When was the last time you attended a Lambda function or a mixed party given by a Lambda member or associate?

This is not only directed to Ruth but to other gay men and lesbians. Not all people who attend parties are Lambda members (some don't want to be), but that doesn't stop them from attending and having fun. If you're having an identity crisis or an 'aphobia', you'd really be surprised at the number of us who are willing to lend an ear and a shoulder to cry on.

Remember: We've all been there at least once.

LAMBS MEET; VOTE TO SPEND MONEY

An Executive and a General business meeting were scheduled for March 23 in Caribou. Only 2 Executive members were present (4 are necessary for a quorum) so a meeting was not held. All business was discussed at the general meeting. In summary, here's what's happening:

* NLN has filed a formal complaint of discrimination against the Caribou Country Club, since they denied us rental of their building for our 6th anniversary party; they rented it to us for the 5th anniversary. The Maine Human Rights Commission received the complaint, and said that in essence, because there was not a "gay rights bill" in Maine, they couldn't do anything, but would keep the letter of complaint on file for future reference. The Lambs at the meeting voted to issue a press release stating that a complaint has been filed with the Commission. The press release will go to local radio stations, Channel 8. (WAGM TV in Presque Isle), plus the gay/lesbian press.

* NLN will contribute \$100 to the Bob Gravel Legal Aid Fund. Bob was repeatedly harrassed by "queerbashers" in his Lewiston neighborhood for over

a year. When they attempted to enter his apartment, he called the police. When police failed to arrive, he went downstairs to see if the hoodlums were still there. One of the men near the door ran towards Bob. Bob fired his gun into the air. When the man continued towards him, Bob fired at the man who was hit and killed. The Grand Jury chose not to indict Bob on murder charges. They apparently accepted his testimony that he had been harassed to the point where he feared for his life. Bob's legal fees, however, are nearly \$4000. Lambda is contributing to these costs.

*NLN will renew our membership in the International Gay Association/
the International Association of Lesbians/Gay Women and Gay Men - \$75 U.S.

* An advertisement has been placed in the Aroostook County tourist book which is published every two years. The Chambers of Commerce in the County coordinate the book which is put together by a company in Oklahoma. The ad (at right) is 1/8th page and will appear in the front half of the book with other County resources. The distribution of the 20,000 copies is geared not only towards tourists but to new people at Loring Air Force Base and businesses who are trying to recruit new workers. The book is distributed through all the County Chambers and many offices in the area. Cost: \$225.00 US.



NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN AROOSTOOK
COUNTY AND WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK
SINCE 1980.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, NEWSLETTER,
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, LENDING LIBRARY,
SPEAKERS BUREAU, MUTUAL SUPPORT.

BOX 990 • CARIBOU • MAINE • 04736
GAY—LESBIAN PHONELINE — 207/498—2088

* A party has been planned for April. If NLN is to continue to spend money for outreach and donate to worthy causes, money must be generated; parties are the only income Lambda has during the year. The door donations pay for this newsletter and other expenses. Memberships are also very important. Encourage people to join Northern Lambda Nord. A \$6 door donation at two parties is only \$1 away from the cost of a year's membership.

*Caribou Post Office incident. As reported in last month's *Communiqué*, Paul Michaud, Postmaster at the Caribou Post Office, opened, read, and returned a piece of first class mail addressed to this newsletter. He did not receive a request to do so from this newsletter nor did he notify us that he returned the mail. The item was AIDS/health related information. He viewed it as "sexually explicit advertising". An apology was given by the USPostal Service. The Harvey Milk Lesbian-Gay Democratic Club of San Francisco, producers of the booklet ("can we talk?") have notified Northern Lambda Nord that we "have an excellent legal case against your local postmaster for his interception and reading of your mail, and his returning it without notice to you! Damages, we're told, could be "considerable" in \$\$ for your organization!" The USPS replied to the Milk Club's letters and local news coverage. "In their 'apology' they lay out a legal case for damages AGAINST THEM and cite their laws and regulations to support a lawsuit against the USPS! You (Northern Lambda) have a very good case against the USPS, according to our attorneys! So do we! We'll render any assistance you need." NLN has voted to notify the Harvey Milk Lesbian-Gay Democratic Club that we are interested in taking joint legal action against the Caribou Post Office/Paul Michaud. A

letter to this effect will be sent to the Milk Club; copies of the letter along with the correspondence we've received from the Milk Club will be sent to our representatives in Congress: Rep. Olympia Snowe and Senators Cohen and Mitchell. (It was voted to keep them informed of the situation, since the Milk Club's Representative, Barbara Boxer, has already gotten involved, questioning the actions of Paul Michaud, actions which were totally against all postal regulations.)

*The meeting adjourned and those in attendance dined on delicious cabbage rolls and other delectable foods. Yum, Yum.

HELP FUND -- BUILDING FUND?

Several years ago, an NLN Help Fund was established. Money is set aside from the annual budget to help those people who need financial aid to pay their memberships or when hard times make it imperative that they need help. Lambs use this money to help other Lambs. At the end of each fiscal year, there is inevitably money left in the fund. Phil, the NLN treasurer, suggested at the March meeting that the money that is left every year from the Help Fund be set aside for a Building Fund. (The "Aroostook Regional Gay-Lesbian Community Center!?") He requests that you think about this and it will be on the agenda at the April meeting in Fort Fairfield.

NLN RECEIVES ANOTHER GRANT

The Chicago Resource Center has notified Northern Lambda Nord that they have awarded us a grant in the amount of \$3600. This is the second time in two years that the CRC has given NLN a grant. This year's money is targeted for operating expenses for the Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's Symposium XIII which NLN is hosting in Presque Isle in May. The money will be used to help defray the cost of renting the dormitory. Again, much thanks go to Ben who wrote the successful grant application.

SEPARATE COMMUNITY PLANNED BY/FOR LESBIANS AND GAYS

The National Association of Lesbians and Gays, a non-profit Nevada corporation, plans to develop a resort/residential community for lesbians and gay people. "Stonewall Park" will be both a destination resort with full recreational and legal gambling facilities and a planned residential community. It will be located in the Sierra Mountains in northwestern Nevada. For information: National Association of Lesbians and Gays, Liberty Center, Suite 350, 350 South Center Street, Reno, Nevada 89501 702/322-8093.



PROTECT YOURSELF! - Practice Safe and Sensible Sex!

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <u>SAFE</u> | <u>POSSIBLY SAFE</u> |
| Massage | French kissing (wet) |
| Hugging | Anal sex with a condom |
| Mutual masturbation | Sucking - stop before climax |
| Social kissing (dry) | Watersports - external only |
| Body-to-body rubbing (frottage) | RISK INCREASES WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS!!! |
| Light S&M (no bruising or bleeding) | |

UNSAFE - Rimming, Fisting, Blood contact, Sharing sex toys, Semen or urine in the mouth, Anal sex without a condom. RISK INCREASES WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS!!!

AIDS symptoms may include: Persistent fevers or nights sweats - Unexplained weight loss - Enlarged, hardened, or painful lymph nodes - Recently appearing new growths on top of or beneath the skin or on the mucous membranes (inside mouth, anus, nasal passages, or underneath eyelids) - Dry cough not related to cold or flu - Persistent diarrhea - Thrush, a whitish, thick, persistent coating on tongue or in throat - Easy bruisability or unexplained bleeding. CHECK WITH THE LAMBDA LIBRARY FOR LITERATURE ON AIDS AND STAYING HEALTHY.

top guys

HUNDREDS OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF NUDE HANDSOME YOUNG GUYS FOR ALL TASTES. SEND \$2.00 US FOR CATALOGUE AND DETAILS TO:

D. SILVA, BOX 6 - MOZELOS
4539 LOUROSA codex, PORTUGAL

Gay/Lesbian GUIDE Lesbienne/Gai

- ★ **NORTHERN MAINE & NEW BRUNSWICK:** Northern Lambda Nord (NLN), CP/POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736-0990 USA. Gay-Lesbian Phoneline/Télégai, 207/498-2088, Wednesdays/mercredi, 7-9pm (Eastern time/heure de l'est)
- **FREDERICTON:** Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), POB 1556, Station A, E3B 5G2 - FLAGline, 506/457-2156
- **ORONO:** Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine 04469 - they meet Sundays, 7pm, South Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
- **BANGOR:** Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition (BAGLS), POB 1805, 04401 - meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, at 87 Sunset Strip, Brewer - 989-3306
- **BANGOR:** INTERWEAVE, POB 8008, 04401 - Pot-luck suppers on the first & third Saturdays, 6pm, 126 Union Street (Unitarian Church)
- **QUEBEC:** Centre homophile d'aide et de libération (CHAL), 175, Prince-Edouard, G1K 2M2, 418/523-4997
- **QUEBEC:** Groupe gai de l'Université Laval (GGUL) et Groupe des femmes gaies de l'Université Laval (GFGUL), CP 2500, Pavillon Lemieux, Cité Universitaire, Ste-Foy, G1K7P4
- **SAINT JOHN:** Lesbian and Gay Organization in Saint John (LAGO/SJ), POB 6496, Station A, E2L 4R9 - Gayline, 506/633-1256
- **MONCTON:** Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton/Gays and Lesbians of Moncton (GLM), CP/POB 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0
- **PORTLAND:** Gay/Lesbian Alliance, University of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street, 04102, 207/780-4085
- **PORTLAND:** Harbor Masters, Inc., leather-levi group, POB 4044, 04104
- **HALIFAX:** Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), Box 3611, South Postal Station, B3J 3K6, 902/429-6969
- **NEWFOUNDLAND:** Gay Association in Newfoundland (GAIN), Box 1364, Station C, St. John's, A1C 5N5
- **MONTREAL:** Télégai, 514/933-2395
- **ARCHIVES FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAY HISTORY AND LITERATURE:** Box 6368, Station A, Saint John, New Brunswick E2L 4R8
- **OUR PAPER:** A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine - monthly newspaper; \$12 for one year subscription, POB 10744, Portland 04104
- **MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE:** POB 108, Yarmouth 04096

AIDS information SIDA

- **AIDS-Line,** information and referral service, 207/775-1267 - 1-800/851-AIDS (-2437)
- **GAY HEALTH ACTION COMMITTEE,** POB 10723, Portland 04104
- **MacAIDS,** the Metro Area Committee on AIDS, POB 1013, Halifax, B3J 2X1

★★★★ **COMMUNIQUE** is published ten times yearly by Northern Lambda Nord, an organization serving the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual community of northern Maine and northwestern New Brunswick. Subscriptions - \$10 per year. NLN Membership - \$13 per year, which includes Communiqué. Low-income people may make arrangements to pay in installments. NLN accepts Canadian and U.S. funds at par. NLN is a non-profit organization; all donations are U.S. tax deductible. Advertising rates in Communiqué are available upon request. Your comments and contributions are welcome.