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SYMPOSIUM XV - REGISTER TODAY

The Gay/Lesbian Alliance at the University of Southern Maine is hosting this year's statewide gathering, the Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's Symposium XV, planned for the Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, 1988, on the Gorham campus of the University, about 12 miles west of Portland. *Visible '88*, this year's theme, will include speeches by two nationally-noted activists: Eric Rofes, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, and Sue Hyde, Director of the "Privacy Project" of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The weekend will include two panel discussions focusing on AIDS politics in Maine, the second dealing with Maine's first lesbian-gay youth group, *Outright*. Over 20 workshops are planned, ranging in topics from "leadership training" to "gay-lesbian sexuality".

A variety of social activities and entertainment begins Friday with a "get to know you" cheese and cracker social. "Cheek to Cheek", Boston's premier gay and lesbian swing band will debut at 8pm Saturday, followed by disco dancing. And a cabaret is planned for Sunday evening, featuring talent from throughout Maine.

REGISTRATION for Symposium workshops and events is \$15, sent in by May 10, or \$25 at the door. MEALS are extra, and a package plan is available: \$20 per person includes all meals: Saturday/Sunday/Monday breakfasts, Saturday/Sunday lunch and dinner. HOUSING is available on a first-registered, first-reserved basis, for \$5 per night per person, double occupancy, in one of the dormitories on campus; you need to bring your own bed linen and towels.

A pre-registration form, supplied by Symposium, is included in this newsletter. Send in your registration today! ▽

NLN WANTS TO HELP YOU GET TO SYMPOSIUM

A little arithmetic with the figures above will show you that your Symposium weekend will cost \$50: \$15 registration, \$20 meals, and \$15 housing - plus your costs for transportation and extras. In order to encourage more Lambs to go to Gorham for Memorial Day weekend, the following was approved at the April 24th business meeting. From the NLN "Help Fund", Lambda members attending Symposium XV can be reimbursed \$20 for expenses, up to a maximum of 10 members. In order to be reimbursed, a Lamb must attend the Symposium and get a receipt for payment. Then merely present that receipt at the June 26th business meeting (or mail it in by then), and you'll get \$20 back. At Symposium XI in Bangor, there were 13 Lambs present; let's see if we can top that number this year! ▽

SYMPOSIUM WEEKEND MEANS MORE THAN JUST THE CONFERENCE

In addition to Symposium XV in Gorham over the Memorial Day weekend, there is a series of events planned by the Portland Pride Committee: Saturday, the Second Annual Lesbian and Gay Pride March through downtown Portland. (Last year's march organizers expected 75 people; over 200 showed up! Coinciding with Symposium weekend this year, the numbers should be much higher). NLN members will be marching with a banner; there's a prize of \$100 for the best banner in the march. Monday, activities include events at Two Lights State Park - a free barbeque,

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entertainment, and group games. Also on Monday, is the AIDS Vigil in Monument Square, Portland. So, don't miss this "Gayla" weekend, May 27-30th!! ▽

— SUMMARY OF APRIL 24th MEETING —

OLD BUSINESS included updates on the Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber 30-second announcement on WCXU radio - the message has been airing and NLN requested that one word be changed in the announcement: from "staffed" 24-hours to "operates" 24-hours, a better explanation of how the Phonenumber operates. The change has now been made, and a copy has been provided by WCXU for presentation to other radio stations in the area. WTMS will be approached first. NAMES PROJECT - The three quilts, honoring the memories of three men we know who have died from AIDS, are being sewn together. Anyone wanting to help, attend any Lambda function. The quilt panels will be worked on at every meeting/event until they're completed and sent to Boston to be sewn to the existing quilt. GRANT FOR NEWSLETTER - A grant application for \$985 (one year's cost of this newsletter) has been prepared and is being sent to the Haymarket Fund of New England/Maine committee. The application awaits input from last year's Symposium sponsors, BAGLSC ("Bagels") in Bangor, who received a grant from Haymarket with NLN as their "sponsoring non-profit group". BAGLSC's report on how the \$2000 grant for Symposium was spend must be included in our application this year. NON-PAID MEMBERS of NLN will receive "final request" notes for payment of the balance of their 1988 dues (two earlier notes have been sent). MEMBERSHIP DUES as of October 1, 1988 - those present at the April meeting voted to increase annual dues to join NLN from \$13 to \$15, US or CDN funds. Fee increases must be approved by a vote of the general membership; ballots will be included in your June newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS - much of it was spending money: \$10 donation approved for the Portland Pride Committee, organizers of the Gay-Lesbian Pride march. \$25 advertisement in the Symposium XV booklet, approved. \$15 fee for a display table for Lambda at Symposium XV, approved. One of the NLN displays from previous years will be up-dated and used. \$20 reimbursement to help Lambé with costs of going to Portland for Symposium XV, up to 10 people, \$200 maximum from the NLN Help Fund. Receipts must be presented for reimbursement. \$100 pledge towards cost of underwriting gay-lesbian radio program, "InsideOut", broadcast on MPBN. Pledges will be requested from individuals and other groups, total goal is \$1300. No word yet on whether MPBN radio has decided to broadcast the program, but if the money is forthcoming, the program probably will be, too. \$30 approved for purchase of a volleyball set from Service Merchandise in Presque Isle, for use at NLN activities. Members will also purchase (from personal funds) croquet set and bocce ball set. JUNE PARTY will be at Caribou Country Club - NLN member has donated \$100 towards \$150 cost of rental. Following were approved: \$75 maximum for food - Food committee will purchase and prepare platters; Prizes - \$25 for each of two prizes, "best dressed" man and woman. \$15 for decorations. THEME will be "prom", with semi-formal attire requested. Door charge will be the usual; \$2 for NLN members, \$6 for non-members.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES - The following were suggestions for weekend activities. Specific dates will be planned at the May meeting. All events will be planned for June, July, August, early September: Field & lawn games (croquet, volleyball, bocce,...); Picnics at Grand Falls, Saint David, Eagle Lake; Picnics and swims at Arnold Brook Lake (Presque Isle), Long Lake Provincial Park, Aroostook State Park, Madawaska Lake; Picnic and hike to Haystack Mountain/Castle Hill; Afternoon canoe trip; overnight canoe trip & camping; day-trip hiking; golf; miniature golf; trip to King's Landing; trip to Woolastook Provincial Park and water slides; evening at the theatre (Pioneer Playhouse in Presque Isle); Visit Acadian Village in Van Buren; trip to the Allagash (day trip); Road rally; Walk-a-thon; Scavenger Hunt; Mexican Fiesta. SPECIFICS will be discussed at the June 25th meeting in Caribou.

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If you have any other suggestions, comments, etcetera, and would wish to help plan any of these events, please attend the meeting. ▽

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'THE QUILT' - Stories from the NAMES Project

The NAMES Project/AIDS Memorial Quilt, was begun in 1987 in San Francisco where volunteers revived the old fashioned notions of quilting and the quilting bee, creating a lasting memorial to those who have died of AIDS. The result weighs over 7 tons, covers the size of three football fields, and is the largest on-going community arts project in the United States. The 3x6' panels come from throughout the US and five other nations, each panel unique with its own meaning and memories, each celebrating a life, and love, and hope of those who have made the panel. Fashioned with paint, applique, stencils, and embroidery, some contain mementos of the person's life, including clothes, photographs, or locks of hair. Some are bright celebrations of fur, feathers, and glitter. Others are stark and solemn, bearing only a name or initial. THE QUILT: Stories from the NAMES Project, is a "keepsake edition" in full-color photos and text of The Quilt, published by Pocket Books Hardcover/Simon & Schuster, New York City (1988), \$22.95. ▽

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

SYMPOSIUM XV

MAY 27-30, 1988

Hosted by the Gay/Lesbian Alliance At the University of Southern Maine - Gorham

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Male-Female _____ Telephone _____

Housing

Requests must be received by May 10. Cost will be \$5 per night per person, double occupancy. You must bring your own bed linens and towels.

PAY FOR HOUSING WHEN YOU ARRIVE

I WILL NEED HOUSING

- ☐ Friday night ☐ Smoking
☐ Saturday night ☐ Non-smoking
☐ Sunday night

I will share a room with _____

Special Needs

- ☐ Wheelchair accessibility
☐ Signing for non-hearing
Other _____

Child Care

Number of children _____

Their ages _____

- ☐ Friday ☐ Sunday
☐ Saturday ☐ Monday

Meal Plan

Includes breakfasts Saturday, Sunday and Monday, ^{Saturday lunch,} Sunday dinner. (Saturday's dinner is included in the registration fee.) Price for all meals is \$20.

☐ Vegetarian

Special dietary needs _____

PAY FOR MEALS WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Registration Fee

Includes all workshops, speakers, films, Saturday dinner and dance, and Sunday night cabaret.

- ☐ Registration fee \$15 (more if you can)
☐ Seniors and students \$10

I request work exchange in lieu of the registration fee. (Requests for work exchange should be made as soon as possible.)

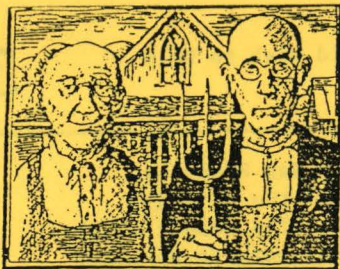
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— NEW PUBLICATION FOR GAY/LESBIAN CHRISTIANS —

A new bi-monthly newspaper, *The Second Stone*, features news and information by and for gay-lesbian Christian people as well as ecumenically approached features and columns. According to publisher Jim Bailey, the newspaper will "present uplifting, upbeat features for readers and help put them in touch with worship and social resources that will facilitate their spiritual growth. To be gay and Christian is a struggle and we want to provide much support in that area. We will address social issues and denominational problems, but our main focus is personal spiritual renewal and growth." THE SECOND STONE, POB 8340, New Orleans, Louisiana 70182. ▽

— VICTORIA DE RETOUR EN ANGLETERRE (Le magazine RG, Montréal) —

La prude Victoria est bel et bien morte il y a belle lurette, mais son fantôme revient hanté les britanniques. En effet, la Chambre des Communes vient de voter la clause 27, qui interdit toute promotion de l'homosexualité en Angleterre. Ce qui a d'ailleurs soulevé un tollé de protestations et de colère dans la communauté gaie britannique. La loi en question se lit comme suit: interdiction aux municipalités d'encourager l'homosexualité et de montrer aux enfants toute publication qui l'encourage. De même, il sera illégal de présenter aux élèves des écoles publiques une relation homosexuelle comme équivalente à celle d'une famille, et de publier tout document qui irait dans ce sens... On jurerait que c'est Reagan qui est au pouvoir en Angleterre!

La riposte des gais: un grand rassemblement et un festival national qui se sont tenus à Manchester. ▽

— ANTI-GAY BRITISH LEGISLATION EXPECTED TO PASS (Gay Community News, Boston) —

In the wake of Britain's largest lesbian and gay demonstrations, the House of Commons is expected to pass a repressive piece of legislation that would forbid local governments ("authorities" in Britain) from spending funds on anything that "promotes homosexuality". Clause 27, seen as one more attack on Britain's historically progressive authorities, also forbids teaching the "acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship". Recent protests opposing the law drew 12,000 people, and a second demonstration over 9,000.

Because so many gay and lesbian organizations rely on local authorities for funding, office space, resources, and services, any loss of access to resources would have a chilling effect on the gay and lesbian community, putting many groups out of business.

Despite the vocal opposition from lesbians, gaymen, and their supporters, including some members of the Labour Party, liberal Anglican bishops, and the National Council on Civil Liberties, the Conservative Party of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is expected to push the legislation through the Commons. ▽