

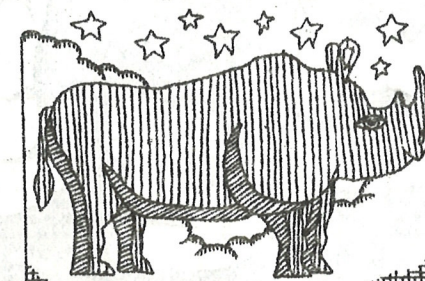
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Welcome to Maine Gay Symposium V -- a time for sharing, reflection upon the past year, planning for the future, and unity, hope and strength.

The past year has been one of both victories and defeats in our progress for equal rights. In June, the Dade County referendum passed repealing the gay rights ordinance, and we face the prospect of similar defeats in Wichita, Kansas; Seattle; Eugene, Oregon; St. Paul, Minnesota; Washington, D.C. and California. Gay rights bills were voted down in several states, including our own and Massachusetts. On the federal level, the Supreme Court, continuing its selective enforcement of the Constitution, ruled that school boards have the right to fire gay teachers. Lesbian mothers are still losing custody battles in the courts. In Toronto, the offices of "The Body Politic," a gay publication, were raided by the police who seized the files and arrested the employees. Though abortion is still legal, low-income women have lost their right to terminate a pregnancy as many states follow the federal government's lead in limiting Medicaid funds to finance abortions.

But there have also been the victories. Edward Koch, the Mayor of New York City, issued an executive order forbidding discrimination against Gays in all areas of city employment, as one of his first actions in office. Aspen, Colorado recently became the 42nd city in the country to pass a Gay rights ordinance. An amendment to the Legal Services Corporation appropriations bill to prohibit the use of LSC funds in Gay rights cases was killed in a House-Senate conference committee. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review a lower court ruling that required the University of Missouri to recognize the student Gay organization as an official campus group. On November 20, the women's movement openly and overwhelmingly threw its support behind Gay rights when the National Women's Conference passed a Gay rights resolution, giving further impetus to Gay Liberation. The Province of Quebec became the largest political unit in the world to pass a Gay rights bill and make discrimination against Gays a crime.

Locally, the Maine Lesbian-Feminists have organized a Political Task Force to create a strong, unified Lesbian presence in Maine's political arena. Maine Gay Men was organized in June. This year, we also witnessed the emergence of Gay-Straight Alliances in Orono, Brunswick and Waterville, a new step towards





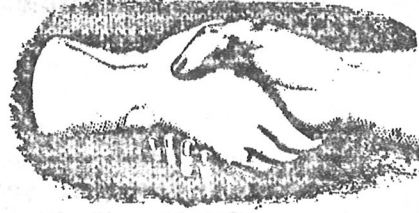
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establishing communication between Gays and straights in Maine. In October, the Wilde-Stein Club created utter chaos and havoc at UMO when it sponsored a Gay Bluejeans Day, one of the most successful events in the history of Maine's Gay movement.

The theme this year is **CELEBRATE!!!** Celebrate your gayness, our togetherness, and the joy of joining in unity with each other to share this weekend in an open celebration of the Gay Symposium's fifth year. United we stand - growing as our children grow along with us, sharing themselves with each other this weekend in workshops that they themselves have created. We are their present; they are our future.

We, of the Wilde-Stein Club, Mainely Gay, Maine Lesbian-Feminists, Gay People's Alliance, Growing Sober and Gay, Maine Gay Men, the Greater Bar Area Lesbian Support Group, and the Gay-Straight Alliances have attempted to organize the finest Symposium possible for you. But, the fact remains that the Symposium is people, and together we can break the barriers of oppression in our society, hand in hand with all other oppressed peoples. **CELEBRATE!!!**



FOR THE STRAIGHT FOLKS WHO DON'T MIND GAYS, BUT WISH THEY WEREN'T SO BLATANT

You know some people got a lot of nerve

Sometimes I don't believe the things I see and hear.  
Have you met the woman who was shocked by two women kissing,

And in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant,  
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the straight couple sits next to you in the movies,  
And you can't hear the dialogue cause of the sound effects,

But gays shouldn't be blatant.

And the woman in your office spends the whole lunch hour

Talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them,

But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the hip chick in your class rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the john,  
About the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend,

But gays shouldn't be blatant.

You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls  
There's "John Loves Mary," "Janice Digs Richard,"

"Pope Loves Delores," etc.,

But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or you go to the amusement park and there's the tunnel of love,

And pictures of straights painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out,

But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Fact is blatant heterosexuals are all over the place, Supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books, on television -

Every day and night, every place, even in gay bars, And they want gay men and gay women to go hide in the closets.

So to you straight folks I say -

Sure, I'll go

If you go too,

But I'm polite -

So AFTER YOU!!!

- From the album "Lesbian Concentrate", Olivia Records

OH MY JEEZIS' MABLE,  
**Them Homos Are  
At It Again!!**



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MAINE GAY SYMPOSIUM V  
BANGOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BANGOR, MAINE  
MARCH 31 — APRIL 2, 1978

FRIDAY, MARCH 31  
6 P.M.—Midnight  
8 P.M.-9:40 P.M.

Registration, Student Union  
"GAY U.S.A.", Documentary Film,  
Student Union

10 P.M.-11:40 P.M.

"GAY U.S.A.", Student Union

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR COFFEEHOUSE - MUSIC/POETRY WELCOME



SATURDAY, APRIL 1  
8 A.M.-9 A.M.

Registration, coffee and doughnuts

9 A.M.-10:15 A.M.

Welcoming Speech and Announcements:  
Dolores Cote

Keynote Speakers:  
Karla Jay and Allen Young —  
"What Do We People Do, Anyway?"

10:30 A.M.-Noon



Workshop Period 1, Eastport Hall

"Coming Out" - Room 103 - Connie  
Huntley (Women Only)

"Coming Out" - Room 105 - Rick Turcotte  
and Ken Mellinthin (Men Only)

"Helping to Raise Your Lover's Children" -  
Room 136 - Richard Steinman

"The Politics of Lesbians and Gay Men" -  
Room 100 - Kevin Mohr (Gays Only)

"How to Cure a Hangover" - Room 135 -  
Sarah Partly Cloudy

"Women-to-Women: Mothers, Daughters, Friends,  
Lovers, Sisters" - Room 101 - Diane Lemay  
(Women Only)

"Drawing Workshop for Children" - Eastport  
Lobby - Justine Lopes

"Committed Relationships" - Room 138 - John  
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Noon-1 P.M.

Lunch, coffee and doughnuts

1 P.M.-2:30 P.M.

Workshop Period 2, Eastport Hall

"Lesbian Sexuality: Technique or Communication" -  
Room 135 - Karla Jay (Women Only)

"Gay Male Sexuality: The Dynamic of Change and  
Self-Acceptance" - Room 100 - Allen Young  
(Men Only)

"Disco" - Student Union Ballroom - Bill Silsby  
and Bob Wilson

"Writing Workshop for Children and Adults" -  
Room 138 - Zoe Hinks (Girls and Boys  
and Adults)



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2:45 P.M.-4:15 P.M.

**Workshop Period 3, Eastport Hall**

"The Labelling Dilemma" - Room 135 - Allen Young

"Coming Out to One's Spouse and Children" - Room 100 - Richard Steinman

"Learn Folkdancing" - Student Union Ballroom - Silsby

"Rural Dykes" - Room 101 - Dolores Cote (Women Only)

"Lesbian Organizations" - Room 103 - Kate McQueen (Women Only)

"Women's Creative Writing Workshop" - Room 136 - Ruth Hawkensen, Karen Saum, Barbara Knapp, Lisa Creed and Bette Townsend (Women Only)

"Intimate Encounters of the Third Kind" - Room 105 - Irene and Laura (Women Only)

4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

**General Session, Student Union - Announcements and Working Sessions**

Federal Gay Legislation - Andy Bear

Maine Civil Liberties Union - MCLU Representative

Christopher St. Liberation '78 - Ken Withers, Gay

Academic Union of New England - A working session for anyone interested in planning Christopher Street Liberation (Gay Pride Week) activities. It is hoped that our National Holiday will be celebrated by activities coordinated throughout New England - rallies, a "freedom train" to the New York Gay Pride march, etc.

Body Politic

Clamshell Alliance

Mainly Gay - Susan Henderson - Followed by working session.

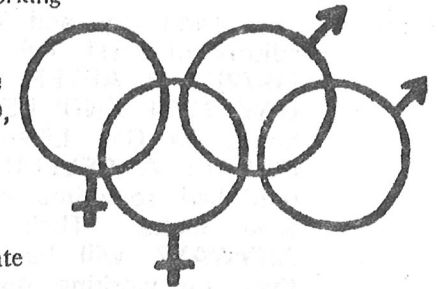
Portland Gay Community Center - Kevin Mohr - Followed by working session.

Lesbian Legal Defense Fund: Can We Start One in Maine? - Diane Elze - Followed by working session.

Maine Lesbian-Feminists - Nadine Lopes

Wilde-Stein Club: A Call for Support - Diane Elze

- Due to the anti-Gay sentiment at UMO, the Wilde-Stein Club is in danger of losing its funding. If that happens, the financing of Maine Gay Symposium VI will be in serious trouble. We will be needing warm bodies to attend the meetings of the General Student Senate when budget time comes around.



6:30 P.M.-8 P.M. Vegetarian Dinner by "Fig O' My Heart," Student Union

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The Butch-Femme-Fag-Folly Theater of Bangor (Underground) presents their latest production --

"OKLAHOMO! A State of Mind"

8 P.M.-1 A.M.

Dance, Student Union - NO LIQUOR ALLOWED!!!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9 A.M.-Noon

Brunch, Student Union

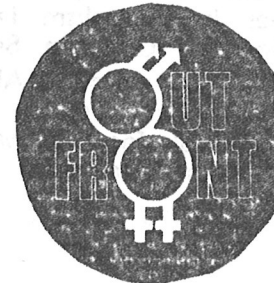
10:30 A.M.-Noon Workshop Period 4, Student Union

"Gays and Children" - Ballroom - Nadine Lopes and Connie Huntley

"Living with Parent(s)" - Pub Area - Diane Elze (Children Only)

"Building a Gay Community" - Ballroom - Susan Henderson and Kevin Mohr

"Gays Relating to Straights" - Pinball Room - Waterville and Orono Gay Straight Alliances





## KARLA JAY AND ALLEN YOUNG

Karla Jay and Allen Young, gay activists and writers, are co-editors of **OUT OF THE CLOSETS: VOICES OF GAY LIBERATION** (1972) and **AFTER YOU'RE OUT: PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF GAY MEN AND LESBIAN WOMEN** (1975), two widely acclaimed books on Gay Liberation and the Gay experience. **WE ARE EVERYWHERE: A CELEBRATION OF LAVENDER CULTURE** will be published sometime this summer as a mass market paperback by Jove Books. Their newest book, **WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE DO ANYWAY?**, will be published in the fall by Summit Books. Currently, they are working on a survey of American and Canadian Gay Men and Lesbians.

Karla has written for Ms. Magazine, Mother Jones, The Villager, WIN, Lavender Women, the Detroit GAY LIBERATOR, Gay Sunshine, the Lesbian Tide of which she was the East Coast Coordinator, and many other Lesbian and Gay Publications.



Allen's activities in the anti-war movement led to his involvement with Liberation News Service, the underground press. He became involved in gay liberation in 1970 with the Gay Liberation Front of New York City. His initial career in journalism included a Fulbright Scholarship to Brazil, writing for the Christian Science Monitor, the New York Times, and the Washington Post. Allen currently lives in rural Massachusetts where he is involved in organic gardening, the anti-nuke movement, a local food cooperative, and writing for many Gay periodicals. He "has hazel eyes and other charms."

## WORKSHOP PERIOD I

### **Coming Out - Rm 103**

This workshop will provide a space for women to discuss the many issues we face as we explore "coming out" - when? where? how? and what if...? We hope you come for an open sharing of feelings, so we may aid each other in the struggle for self-identity and freedom. **ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.**  
-Connie Huntley

### **Coming Out - Rm 105**

In this workshop we will discuss the levels and extents of coming out to self, other Gays, and to straights, as self-affirmation, to family and friends, and at the workplace and school. How, when and why we come out and/or our inability to do so, and what the consequences are of these actions. (Men Only)  
-Ken Mellinthin and Rick Turcotte

### **Helping to Raise Your Lover's Children - Rm 136**

Designed primarily for lovers at least one of whom has children sharing in the life of the gay couple. Among the topics likely to arise are: when and how to come out to the children; their freedom to "come you out" to others; dynamics of the "step-parent" role; the pros and cons of intervening between natural parent and child; dealing with the children's estranged parent.  
-Richard Steinman, Ph.D.

### **How to Cure a Hangover - Rm 135**

This workshop is designed to cover topics ranging from: the role of alcohol in the gay community; problems encountered in loving a problem drinker/chemical abuser; how to recognize alcoholism in its early stages; and options available in the state for helping the problem drinker, family, friends and lovers.  
-Sarah Partly Cloudy

### **Drawing Workshop for Children -**

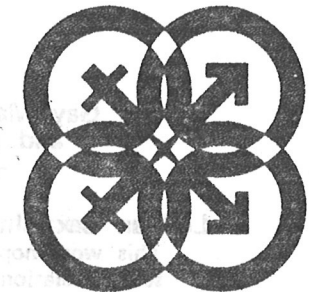
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In this workshop we will draw pictures and compile them into a picture book.

-Justine Lopes

### **Committed Relationships - Rm 138**

This workshop will provide an opportunity to explore the similarities and differences that appear to exist between gay and non-gay committed relationships. Emphasis will be placed on the external (outside the couple) and internal (within the couple) factors which affect the formation, stability and longevity of gay unions. This workshop will be an open discussion to which all interested persons are welcome.  
-John Silvernail.



### **Women-to-Women: Mothers, Daughters, Friends, Lovers, Sisters - Rm 101**

The focus will be on exploring women's relationships to one another on several levels. Some issues to be addressed are the relationship of social conditioning to interactions between women, women competing for male approval, and obstacles to women relating honestly to one another. The workshop will be primarily experiential and participants will have the opportunity to share their feelings with each other. (Women Only)

-Diane Lemay



## The Politics of Lesbians and Gay Men - Rm 100

This workshop deals with the political theories and practices of Lesbians and Gay men -- it will examine socialism/communism, it will draw links between the oppression of women and gay people, it will include our tactics in dealing with the violence of straight men -- the use of violence to protect ourselves. The workshop will look at the United States Government and how it has been involved in destroying the Gay movement -- by jailing our organizers, killing them, torturing gay organizers in other countries. It will discuss capitalism and how it affects women and Lesbians/Gay men. The workshop will discuss revolution in the U.S. and in other countries, and how we as Lesbians/Gay men do and do not fit into the scheme of economic revolution in the U.S. IT WILL MAKE YOU ANGRY. (Gays Only)

-Kevin Mohr



### WORKSHOP PERIOD 2

**Gay Male Sexuality: The Dynamic of Change and Self-Acceptance - Rm 100 (Men Only)**  
-Allen Young

**Lesbian Sexuality: Technique or Communication? - Rm 135**

This workshop will focus on having better sexual relations with other Lesbians, primarily through communication rather than technique. Among the questions to be addressed are: How do we get what we ask for? How do we ask for it?

(Women Only)

-Karla Jay

**Writing Workshop for Children and Adults - Rm 138**

In this workshop we will write poems and books about Lesbians, and draw pictures to go along with what we write. (For Girls and Boys and Adults)

-Zoe Hinks

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**Disco - Student Union Ballroom**

All that the instructors of this workshop assume is that you can walk, and if you can walk you can dance. The basic material this course will cover will be from basic boogieing to simple dance warm-up exercises, solo dancing to partner dancing, covering: the shuffle, the bus stop and its variations, the hustle, disco jitterbug, the samba and the waltz. Where the group goes depends on the enthusiasm of its participants.

Object: DISCOMANIA!

-Bill Silsby and Bob Wilson

**Inter- and Transpersonal Sensitivity:**

**Massage - Rm 101**

Removal of barriers between ourselves as the family of humanity - the door of sensitivity and a mode of expression. To touch each other beyond superficial sense attractions.

-Richard Salman

### WORKSHOP PERIOD 3

**Balkan Folkdancing - Student Union Ballroom**

The basic intent of this workshop is to expose people to the culture of the peoples of the Balkan Peninsula through their dancing. The material to be covered will be the customs, costumes, music and dances of: Bulgaria, Roumania, Serbia, Croatia, Greece and Macedonia. The depth of coverage will depend on the group's ability, beginner, intermediate and advanced.

-Bill Silsby

**Intimate Encounters of the Third Kind - Rm 105**

An exploration of the process of pairing and propositioning among Lesbians. This workshop will focus on a discussion of the difficulties of establishing intimate relationships between women and in shedding heterosexual, traditional passive-receiver role qualities. Some role playing may be used. (Women Only)

-Irene and Laura

**Coming Out to One's Spouse and Children - Rm 100**

Participants will consider the distinctive aspects of coming out in these relationships which seem to make it more difficult than coming out to friends, peers, workmates, etc. Reasons for coming out, timing, techniques for doing so, and consequences thereof will be among the topics considered. (As time permits, the unique aspects of coming out to fiancées, parents, grandparents and siblings may also be discussed.)

-Richard Steinman

**The Labelling Dilemma - Rm 135**

A workshop for people who feel restricted by the label "gay" for reasons other than sexual preference (in other words, not a workshop about bisexuality).

-Allen Young



### Rural Dykes - Rm 101

This workshop will explore issues which are of concern to women who are living in the country, as well as addressing concerns of women who are contemplating a move to the country. I am particularly interested in discussing isolation, and how that positively and negatively affects our lives, and also formulating some ideas for an information and skills sharing network among local country women. I would also like to spend some time at the end of the workshop sharing experiences of personal and/or spiritual growth which are resultant from living in the country, feelings of being in concert with nature, etc. I will have a bibliography of books and periodicals which are of particular interest to country women available at the workshop, and it is my hope that we can expand and improve it during the course of the workshop. (Women Only)

-Dolores Cote



Workbook/cpf

### Lesbian Organizations - Rm 103

Local, state and national Lesbian organizations - what, why, when, and how... Discussion of goals, visions, politics, and priorities. What we have in Maine and what we'd like to have. Discussion of new National Lesbian Organization and its relation to Maine. Also, Maine Lesbian-Feminists - can we be social and political at the same time? Where do we go from here?! (Women Only)

-Kate McQueen

### Women's Creative Writing Workshop - Rm 136

This workshop will deal with poems, stories, and journal writing. We will discuss the art of writing, read, and share constructive criticism. (Women Only)

-Ruth Hawken, Karen Saum, Barbara Knapp, Lisa Creed, and Bette Townsend



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Here are some of the restaurants in the area:



### Fast Foods

Chuck Wagon Restaurant  
1165 Union Street

Bonanza Sirloin Pit  
1001 Union Street

Kentucky Fried Chicken  
650 Broadway

Lums Restaurant  
643 Broadway

Pizza Hut  
659 Broadway

Napoli Pizza  
622 Hammond

Wendy's  
Union Street  
(near Airport Mall)

Nicky's Ice Cream Parlor  
931 Union Street

Everybody's Sub Shop  
6 Central Street  
(ground floor Sunbury Mall)




### Elegant Dining

Red Lion  
427 Main Street

Cityside  
277 State Street



Benjamin's  
119 Franklin Street



GOURMET NATURAL FOODS DINING  
Exotic Vegetarian Dishes from Around the World

## Heart

Closed Mondays and Tuesdays  
Wednesdays/Thursdays 5 P.M.-8 P.M.  
Fridays/Saturdays 5 P.M.-9 P.M.  
Sundays: Brunch 11 A.M.- 2 P.M.  
Dinner 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

"New England's Finest Vegetarian Restaurant"  
-Natural Foods' Guide to New England



## Others

The Dutch Door  
27 Central Street  
(inside Ta-Sita Health Food Store)  
(Vegetarian food)

Ho Sai Guy  
State Street  
Veazie  
(Chinese/Polynesian)

Sing's Polynesian Restaurant  
41 Washington Street  
(Chinese/Polynesian)

Italian Village  
Union Street  
(Westgate Mall)  
(Italian food)

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And let's not forget that bastion of American capitalism, that culmination of the American Dream—Look for the golden arches on Union Street and Broadway.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

Women's Counseling Service  
72 Front St., Room 23  
Bath 04530  
443-9531

Dial HELP  
c/o Bangor Counseling Center  
Illinois Avenue  
Bangor 04401  
947-6143  
24-hour crisis phone line

Crisis and Counseling Center  
79 Sewall St.  
Augusta 04330  
8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
623-4511

Crisis and Counseling Center  
224 Main St.  
Waterville, 04901  
8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
873-1146  
Crisis and Counseling Center  
87 Water St.  
Skowhegan  
8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
474-2797

Day One Drug Rehabilitation, Inc.  
158 Danforth St.  
Portland 04102  
774-6373

Fair Harbor  
Adolescent Women's Shelter  
c/o Portland YWCA  
Spring St.  
Portland

Gay Community Counseling Service  
Marjorie Meyer  
York County Counseling Service  
282-4151

## PUBLICATIONS WORTH READING!

Maine Civil Liberties Union Newsletter  
97A Exchange St.  
Portland

The Women's Voice  
c/o Orono Women's Center  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473

Maine Freewoman's Herald  
c/o Student Union Building  
92 Bedford St.  
University of Maine  
Portland 04103

Mainely Gay  
P.O. Box 4542  
Portland 04112

The Maine Issue  
Box 433  
Portland 04112  
Maine's Paper for Working People!

Maine Lesbian-Feminist Newsletter  
P.O. Box 125  
Belfast 04915

-or-

Nadine Lopes  
(Subscription Person)  
Chadbourn's Ridge Rd.  
West Buxton 04093

Maine Gay Men Newsletter  
P.O. Box 893  
Waterville 04901

Maine Peace Action Committee Newsletter  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473

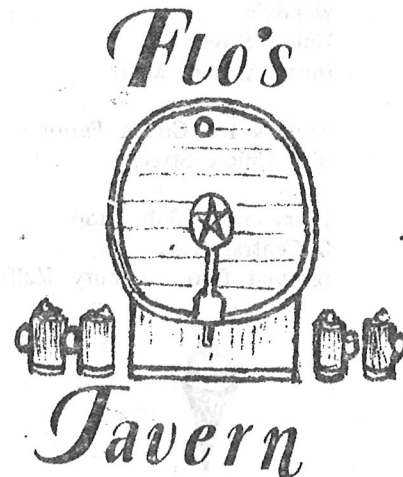
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*The Phoenix*

83 Oak Street  
Portland, Maine  
773-5695

for financing the film "Gay U.S.A."

The Symposium Organizing Committee  
expresses its thanks to



for providing coffee and doughnuts  
during the weekend



## KNOW THY FRIENDS!

Clamshell Alliance  
62 Congress St.  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

Nuclear Reaction  
Box 8265  
Portland, Maine 04104

### Better Active Today Than Radioactive Tomorrow!

High St. Resource Center  
68 High St.  
Portland  
772-6474  
9 A.M. - 5 P.M. M-F  
Multi-service resource center

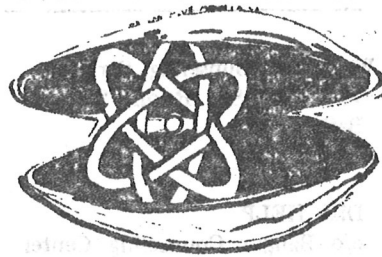
We Who Care  
81 Oak St.  
Portland 04101  
Organization of Low-Income People

Lewiston Tenants' Union  
48 Bates St.  
Lewiston 04240

Maine Civil Liberties Union  
97A Exchange St.  
Portland  
774-5444

Parents of Gay People  
Evelyn and Floyd Bull  
c/o Mainely Gay  
Box 4542  
Portland 04112

Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
178 Middle St.  
Portland 04111  
774-8211



Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
61 Main St.  
Bangor 04401  
942-8241

Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
Oxford St.  
Augusta 04330  
622-4731

Pine Tree Legal Assistance  
154 State St.  
Presque Isle 04769  
764-4349

Venereal Disease Clinic  
Portland Health and Social Services  
389 Congress St., 3rd Floor  
Portland City Hall  
775-5451

Northeast COMBAT, Inc.  
33 Idaho Avenue  
Bangor 04401  
947-3331  
Consumer Action Organization that Serves  
the People!

Maine Peace Action Committee  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473

## WORKSHOP PERIOD 4

### Gays and Children - Student Union Ballroom

A sharing and discussing of experiences concerned with having, wanting and living with children. Topics will center around the concerns of workshop participants. Space will be provided for further discussion of issues raised at earlier workshops.

-Connie Huntley and Nadine Lopes

### Living With Parent(s) - Pub Area

In this workshop we will explore, through art and discussion, the feelings and experiences that come from living with parent(s) - how the parent's lifestyle affects the children's relationships with peers, teachers and others; how their life-experiences may differ from those of their peers, and other topics the children may want to talk about. The workshop will be designed in such a way that those concerns important to the children will be illuminated. (For Children Only)

-Diane Elze



### Gays Relating to Straights - Pinball Room

This workshop is sponsored by the GSAs across the state. It will openly explore the relationships between gays and straights and ways of improving them for the benefit of both, including individual examples we experience every day.

-Waterville and Orono Gay-Straight Alliances



### Building a Gay Community - Ballroom

By dictionary definition, Gay people are an ethnic group. As such, what kinds of community institutions do we have and want? How can we overcome the separation imposed by distance, political disagreements, etc.? How can we create mutual aid and cultural institutions? How can we use existing institutions and services? This workshop will attempt to explore these and related questions and, if interest is there, start to organize some practical community endeavor.

-Susan Henderson and Kevin Mohr

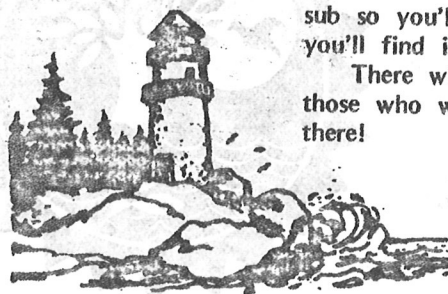


## MAINELY GAY NEEDS YOU...MAINELY GAY NEEDS YOU...MAINELY GAY NEEDS YOU

Mainely Gay Needs You!!! We are Maine's own Gay paper publishing news from all over - articles, poetry, short fiction, reviews, free unclassifieds, and other things of interest to folks in the Frozen North. We have recently reorganized and now publish bimonthly. We need your help - with articles, graphics, typing, production, money, and ideas!

Subscriptions are \$5 for six issues. (NOTE: If you are a current subscriber who paid \$5 for 12 issues, we'll extend your sub so you'll get 12 issues.) Take a look at us - we think you'll find it a bargain!

There will be a meeting after the General Session for all those who want to work for the paper - we hope to see you there!

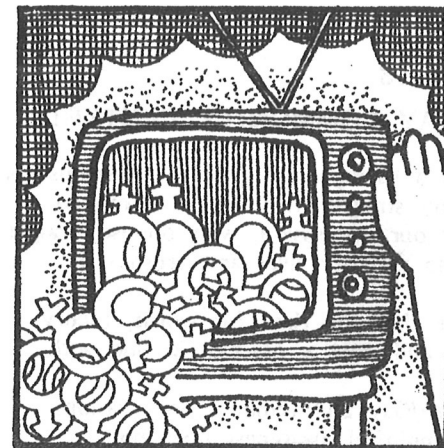


### MAINE GAY MEN

Since the last Symposium, a new addition to Maine's Gay community emerged with the establishment of Maine Gay Men. The first organizational meeting of Maine Gay Men (MGM) took place in Portland on June 26, 1977 as a result of several men feeling a need for their own space to deal with significant issues in their own lives and the lives of other gay men.

It was hoped that MGM would fulfill certain needs not met by current Maine Gay movement organizations, encourage growth of political consciousness, facilitate political mobilization, and bring about further social contact and peer support among Maine's Gay male population. A monthly newsletter published after each meeting serves as a primary unifying factor. Articles, reproducible art, poetry and letters are encouraged and welcome.

For further information write MGM, P.O. Box 893, Waterville, Maine 04901.



### WOMEN'S VIDEO WORKS, INC.

Women's Video Works, Inc. is a team of five women, committed to providing women of Maine - particularly working women - access to the media, in order to share information, discuss mutual concerns, explore current issues of interest to women, and to help create a better informed and more cohesive community which can begin to deal more effectively with its problems.

With the help of a grant from the Maine Council for the Humanities and Public Policy, and CETA positions from the Waldo County Committee for Social Action, Women's Video Works, Inc. is currently producing a half-hour color tape of Working Women in Waldo County. This tape will be an historical tribute to the work women have done, both paid and unpaid, in the home, factory, office, etc. Thus far, preliminary tapes have been made at Truitt Brothers, Inc., Stinson Canning, and Maplewood Poultry, all located in Belfast; and of Tibbetts Industries, of Camden. The group has also visited, and plans to make tapes of, Van Baalen of Rockland, and Edwards Manufacturing of Augusta.

Women's Video Works, Inc. is also producing a weekly show for Channel 11 (Cable T.V., Augusta) called Mainely Women. This show, aired every Tuesday, is a forum for discussing topical issues affecting, and of interest to, Maine women. The first few months of the program, have and will focus on various platforms raised at the National Women's Conference which was held in Houston, Nov. 18-21, 1977. Different guests discuss such issues as abortion, reproductive freedom, problems of welfare mothers, etc.

In the future, WVW, Inc. will be working with such groups as the HOME Cooperative of Orland, Family Planning, the Universalist-Unitarian Fellowship, the Women's Caucus of the AFL-CIO, Maine Mental Health Dept., and the Maine Public Broadcasting Network. For further information about Women's Video Works, Inc. please call 338-4476, or write 17 High St., Belfast, Maine 04915.



## WANTED: DYKES AND FAGGOTS FOR THE PORTLAND GAY COMMUNITY CENTER!

This is a call to dykes and faggots who have a strong and powerful consciousness of our oppression and the oppression of women by straight men. It is a call to those of you who have theories on the causes of our oppression, who oppose straight male dominance, and who oppose all of those who run our lives and crush our freedom.

This is a call to faggots and dykes who agree that the time for words, theory and rhetoric is over. This is a call to be active and start a practice in line with your consciousness and theory.

"Mainely Gay" and representatives from Lesbian/Gay and feminist organizations all over the state, recently decided that increased political awareness does not come from discos and alcohol. It doesn't come from listening to the straight man, and it doesn't come from silence -- because silence kills. It doesn't come from cruising tricks or chicks, apricot sours, Levis, 45's, or little boys.

We have decided that our words mean nothing to anyone unless there is a practice -- in an organization that exists ONLY for Lesbians and Gay men, with strong feminist ties. An organization dedicated to struggle against the hold of straight men -- that resists their attacks with equal vigor.

For this reason, a group of core organizers here in Maine has agreed to begin creating a Gay Community Center in Portland, in which alcohol will be noticeably absent, and where political dykes and faggots can gather for a variety of purposes. The Community Center is now in its planning stages and there is a mound of work that needs to be done if it is ever to get opened.

According to our plans, the Center will have a coffeeshop with entertainment by Gay men and Lesbians -- mostly guitarists etc., singing gay music. It will have a Gay/Feminist bookstore, selling literature from all over the country, and many other countries as well. Rap groups, political groups, newsletters, and many other gay organizations will be housed in the Community Center's offices. There will be a craft shop for revenue, selling regular things as well as gay buttons, T-shirts, pendants, etc.

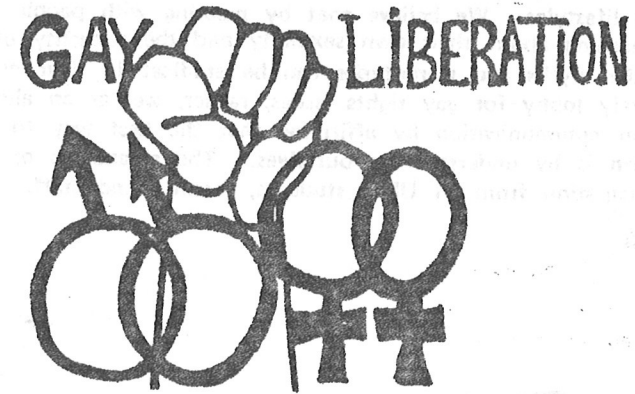
The Community Center will be a forum for all gay politics as well as many feminist speakers and organizations. It will unite all of us who either already understand where our oppression comes from, or who want to learn about it. And it will give us the opportunity to DO something about that oppression other than talk about it.

What the Community Center will NOT be is another pick-up station, a disco hall, or a bar. To say the least, the atmosphere will be an activist one.

There is a ton of work that needs to be done, from raising revenues, to finding a suitable place. We have to order publications and films from all over the world, contact speakers for Lesbian mothers, and contact people experienced in martial arts to lead self-defense classes for Gay men and Lesbians.

For once, the ideas and dreams of active gay organizers and realists will not be co-opted by straight male forces, or by the profit motive. We want to explore the idea of collectives of faggots and dykes here in Maine, and continue to organize our people.

If you are tired of talking, of nothing but bars, tricks, and straight male supremacy, now is your chance to do more than talk about it. The organizing committee will launch its activities about three weeks after the Symposium. The topic of the Community Center will also be discussed in the General Session of the Symposium, and possibly in the workshop entitled "Building a Gay Community," to be held Sunday morning. For those of you who have to leave before these events, you can still get involved by writing to: The Portland Gay Community Center Planning Committee, c/o Mainely Gay, P.O. Box 4542, Portland, 04112. We will contact you as soon as we are ready to begin the work.



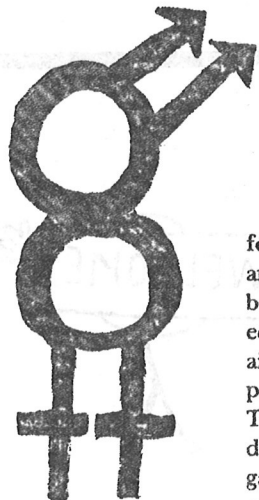
## HOUSING

Any person who can offer housing, or anyone who needs housing, please contact the staff at the registration table in the Student Union. HOUSING IS BADLY NEEDED...PLEASE SHARE YOUR HOME! You may specify your preference as to how many, what sex, and whether children are welcome.



## ORONO GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

The Orono Gay-Straight Alliance is an organization sincerely interested in promoting better relations between the gay and straight communities at UMO. The organization seeks to foster educational/informational, social and support outlets for those who wish to understand lifestyles other than their own, yet who have not had the opportunity to meet with gay or straight people in a non-sexist, non-threatening encounter. We believe that it is an individual's right to pursue a gay, straight, or bisexual lifestyle. We also believe an individual's pursuit of such a lifestyle should be treated with dignity and respect. Homophobic or misinformed responses to such alternatives can be most effectively met by an alliance of informed individuals who identify with any of these lifestyles. We believe that by meeting with people who are interested in learning about their own sexuality and the sexuality of others, that many of the myths and stereotypes can be eradicated. Our purpose is not to actively lobby for gay rights issues; rather, we, as an alliance, seek to build better communication by affirming that the best way to understand another person is by understanding ourselves. The alliance is open to and encourages participation from all UMO students, faculty, and staff.



## WATERVILLE GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

The Gay-Straight Alliance, organized in November 1977, was founded on the assumption that heterosexuals and homosexuals are capable of understanding each other and not only accepting, but appreciating each other's difference. The GSA has attempted to join together in an effort to educate the public and is aiming ultimately for the passage of human rights legislation protecting gays from discrimination in the State of Maine. The GSA hopes to accomplish this by enabling people to see, discuss and explore both the similarities and differences between gay and straight people. If you are interested in joining such an effort, contact: GSA, P.O. Box 893, Waterville, Maine 04901. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## *growing Sober and gay*

Growing Sober and Gay, organized in October 1976, is alive and well. Growing Sober and Gay is a group of Lesbians, Gay men and bisexuals living an addiction-free life, supporting one another through our endeavors of day-to-day living without the use of alcohol or any other drug.

Not affiliated with Gay A.A. or A.A., we meet every Sunday evening from 8 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

If you wish to find out more about us, we welcome your letters.  
**CONFIDENTIALITY A MUST!**

Contact G.S. & G., Box 893, Waterville, Maine 04901.

## Workshop for Women in Spirituality

In this workshop, we'll be working with knowledge of women's power, with affirmations of ourselves, with spiritual consciousness how to avoid MANipulation. We will be interacting in a witches' circle to get into spiritual harmony and focus our energy.

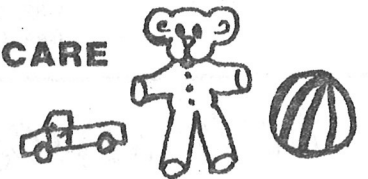
-Wendy Ashley

5:30 P.M. -- 6:30 P.M.

Eastport Hall Lobby



## CHILD CARE



Child care will be available throughout the weekend in the lobby of Eastport Hall. This year, in addition to the workshops facilitated by and for the children, we have video shows including Sesame Street, Electric Company, and Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. We also have cots available for naps. Many thanks to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network for the video shows and Bangor Day Care for the cots.

If you need child care, please contact the registration desk as soon as possible so a schedule of volunteer supervision can be set up.

Attendees are urged to sign up for a one half-hour child care slot. It is OUR responsibility to always and everywhere facilitate the participation of our sisters and brothers who have children. We need your support.



## MAINE GAY AND LESBIAN ORGANIZATIONS

Mainely Gay  
P.O. Box 4542  
Portland 04112

Gay-Straight Alliance  
P.O. Box 893  
Waterville 04901

Gay-Straight Alliance  
c/o Residential Life  
Estabrooke Hall  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473

Gay-Straight Alliance  
S. C. 314

Bowdoin College  
Brunswick 04011

Wilde-Stein Club  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473  
581-2571

Growing....Sober and Gay  
P.O. Box 893  
Waterville 04901

Gay People's Alliance  
Student Union  
92 Bedford St.  
University of Maine  
Portland 04103  
780-4089

Maine Gay Men  
P.O. Box 893  
Waterville 04901

Gay Community Counseling Service  
(see Counseling Services)

Portland Gay Community Center  
Planning Committee

c/o Mainely Gay  
P.O. Box 4542  
Portland 04112

Greater Bangor Area Lesbian Support Group  
Call: Laura Rizzardini  
989-1253

Confidential Gay Male Rap Group  
P.O. Box 1062  
Rockland 04841

Maine Gay Task Force  
P.O. Box 4542  
Portland 04112

Maine Lesbian Feminists  
P.O. Box 125  
Belfast 04915

WE ARE EVERYWHERE!!

## FEMINIST ORGANIZATIONS



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National Organization for Women  
142 High St.  
Suite 613-614  
Portland  
772-8743

University Women's Forum  
Student Union  
92 Bedford St.  
University of Maine  
Portland 04103  
773-2981 Ext. 512

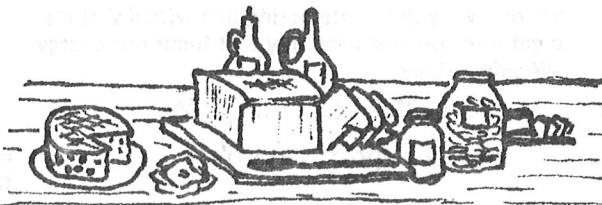
Maine Lesbian-Feminists  
(See Maine Gay and Lesbian Organizations)

Women's Video Works, Inc.  
17 High St.  
Belfast, 04915  
338-4476

Orono Women's Center  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473

Women's Counseling Service  
(See Counseling Services)

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### SYMPOSIUM DINNER MENU

Apple Juice  
Marinated Carrot Salad  
Spicy Bean Stew  
Homemade Bread and Cheeses  
Garnishes  
Dessert

Brought to you by THE FIG O' MY HEART,  
the restaurant serving gourmet natural foods  
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operated by Sarah Grant and Bobbie-Lynn  
Hutchins.

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23 FRANKLIN STREET  
BANGOR, 945-3101

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE GAY AND LESBIAN ORGANIZATIONS

N. H. Lambda (Lesbian Group)  
P.O. Box 1943  
Concord 03301  
603-228-8542

Concerned Gays  
Office of Student Activities  
Memorial Union Building  
Univ. of New Hampshire  
Durham 03824

Lesbian Support Group  
UNH Women's Center  
Univ. of New Hampshire  
Durham 03824

MCC - Extension  
292 State St.  
Portsmouth 03801  
603-382-4678

Nashua Area Gays  
Nashua  
603-673-5315

NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force  
4 Valentine Hill Rd.  
Durham 03824

## GAY BARS

Flo's Tavern  
North Belfast Avenue  
Augusta  
(About 3 miles east on Rt. 3 from downtown Augusta)  
WOMEN'S NIGHT the 2nd Wednesday of every month!!

The Blue Swan  
Lisbon St.  
Lewiston  
(Just off Main St.)

The Phoenix  
Oak St.  
Portland

Roland's Tavern  
413A Cumberland Ave.  
Portland

One Way  
10 Union St.  
Portland

## RAPE CRISIS CENTERS

Greater Bangor Rape Crisis Center  
c/o Orono Women's Center  
Memorial Union  
University of Maine  
Orono 04473  
CRISIS LINE - 942-7442

Portland Rape Crisis Center  
335 Brighton Avenue  
Portland 04102  
774-3613

Lewiston-Auburn Rape Crisis Center  
c/o Central Maine Hospital  
795-2211

Rockland Rape Crisis Center - 236-4551



## SERVICES FOR BATTERED WOMEN

Abused Women's Advocacy Project  
P.O. Box 713  
Auburn

Family Crisis Shelter, Inc.  
P.O. Box 4255 Station A  
Portland  
Contact Ingraham Hot Line 773-5516

Spruce Run Association  
P.O. Box 653  
Bangor  
947-0496 - 9 A.M.-5 P.M.  
947-6143 - Evenings and Weekends

Caring Unlimited  
c/o York County Counseling  
967-4251

Aroostook Task Force on Domestic Violence  
c/o Edwina Anderson  
Aroostook Mental Health  
Caribou  
493-3361

Augusta Task Force on Domestic Violence  
c/o Barbara Warren  
Crisis and Counseling  
Augusta  
623-4511



## THE UMO STUDENT GOVERNMENT

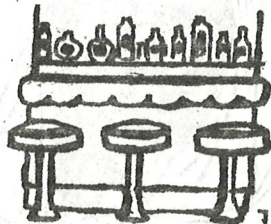
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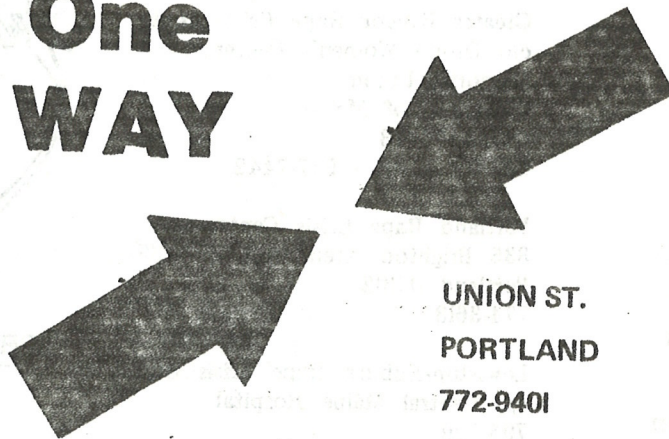


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PORTLAND  
772-9401

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413A Cumberland Avenue  
Portland  
772-9159

1 P.M. -- 1 A.M. Daily

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