

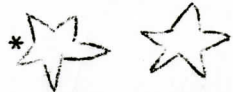
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# MAINE LESBIAN FEMINIST

WELCOME to the November issue of the Maine Lesbian Feminist Newsletter. We are sending the newsletter to the entire mailing list, subscribers and non-subscribers, to give women the opportunity to be in touch with the MLF and it's activities. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter on a monthly basis please write us. We request \$5 to cover costs, so please contribute what you can.

This is the last newsletter the Bar Harbor group will be doing. We wish the Bath/Brunswick group best of luck. Please everyone help the Newsletter crew out by sending them any interesting news items, poems, stories, that you would like to see printed in the Newsletter.

Andy, Jennifer, Paige and Lisa



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## THE NOVEMBER MLF MEETING

On Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, there will be a Political Task Force meeting (saturday) and a social MLF get together (sunday) in Bar Harbor at the College of the Atlantic. Housing is tight in Bar Harbor, but there are places to stay in Surry and Bangor. Bring warm clothes and sleeping bags. No dogs if possible.

### DIRECTIONS:

Take route 3 to Bar Harbor on Mt. Desert Island. The College of the Atlantic is on the left approximately a mile before the Center of town. It is about half a mile after the Bluenose Ferry Landing. Take the second road marked for COA and park in the large parking lot near the garden and greenhouse. The meeting will open in the auditorium.

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Minutes from the last MLF meeting:

The meeting started with a PTF meeting. The following discussion ensued.

A) Right to Life convention, October 29.

A. some sort of disruptive approach. - Dyke Patrol uniform. or entering as women from all walks of life. Expressing life supportive views. (note please bear with my typing ab)

B. Producing a flyer which expressed views. Decided to meet later to write (note: meeting did not happen later, guess the energy wasn't there).

2) Regional reports:

A) Bath/Brunswick: feels need to set aside time to discuss feminist political theory and class.

B) Portland: Lesbian resource center underway (yeah!) Rent-free space may be available for pool table, library etc. Delores and Wendy made formal suggestions to radio stations: women's music hour, women's talk show, and broadcasting lesbian public service announcements. Response was negative, suggestions denied or put down. Delores did feel that the experience did have some value though.

C) Belfast: sees need to define feminist at general meeting.

D) Bangor/bar harbor? and sometimes Presque Isle: Developed idea of Dyke Patrol - active confrontation of offensive issues in daily life, i.e. censoring material abusive to women with stickers or burning things or being destructive back. Also, discussed philosophy of the MLF, our focus--the female principle, women support, women focus, women celebration!

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Agenda for November 12 Political Task Force Meeting (Let's keep our high): 10a.m. Internalizing, 1p.m. Theory, 3p.m. Class, 6p.m. Tactics 9p.m. Visions.



I walk quietly  
from your kisses,  
spouting my rational rhetoric: I do so  
with a Purpose

our parting both tender and tense  
I have studied long to play this scene.  
yet behind the celluloid reels in my mind  
I cannot blot out the faint scream  
of the luna-tic

breaking away  
fleeing in horror  
as the loving touch sears her flesh.

we shall  
go together crazy woman  
huddled in our own excuses.  
we shall  
come together crazy woman  
dancing in our own excuses.

"... and i am only alone because i  
can take none of you with me."

(from "a story by wendy stevens")

strength grows, hugs,

Loie Hayes, 618 SE 36 th, Portland, Oregon

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OUR STATEMENT BEING THE FEMALE PRINCIPLE.

THE STATEMENT MEANING: WOMAN IDENTIFICATION

WOMAN CONNECTEDNESS

WOMAN CELEBRATION

OUR POLITICAL VEHICLE FOR EXPRESSING THE PRINCIPLE

- the Bangor/B.H. PTF penned by nanu is FEMINISM?

NOTE: TO CONSERVE PAPER WE PRINTED ON PAGE ON THE BACK OF  
SCRAP PAPER.

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The internalizing meeting came up as one woman described the need to discuss with each other where we are coming from as individuals. MLF meeting was wonder ful in my opinion. We sat around and talked about what was important to us. It was neat to meet every body and to learn more about us. Also at this meeting workshops spontaneously were born. A wokshop on Spirituality later happened as well as CR and new comers. (I think all this happened) Interest in having classes in auto mechanics and carpentry was expressed by alot of women. Sue farrell offered to teach carpentry. A teacher is needed for auto mechanics. These classes could happen at MLF meetings.

The Sunday MLF meeting will start at 12;00 ( around them).

Housing is real tight for this weekend. There are spaces in Bagor at 16 Sanford St. as well as in Orono. But it may be that we can stuff everyone in Surry. If so, bring many warm clothes as the house is not heated. Spaces in Bar Harbor are possible but limited extremely. Space at the ywca is also rentable.

If you get lost, or need any info call 288-5015 or 288-5134. and ask for Andy.Bear. please be discreet on the phone

Wishes for a good meeting\*\*\*\*\*

Ellie Goldberg and Karen Saum attended the Right to Life convention in Portland, and video taped parts of it. 25 or so other members of an abortion coalition picketed outside. Ellie and Karen managed to get inside, where a sit down supper was served to 300 people Says Ellie "It was really pretty boring, but at least we learned alot about video taping."

The video is part of a project being pursued by five Belfast women among them Ellie, Karen, and Sue. The project is being funded by a grant from the Maine Council on Humanities. It focuses on working women in Waldo County and will culminate in a film. Concurrent with the project these women are attending a video workshop at UMA.

Joan Armatrading will be appearing in concert November 16 at the Port Portland Civic Hall.

The idea of printing a complete list of MLF members has been suggested. Delores Cote will be working on this. the idea is to include skills interests etc. Delores ~~Chalbourne's Ridge Rd West Buxton, Me.~~ 04073

The new newsletter address will also be available at the next meeting In the meantime send stuff to Andy Bear College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor Maine. 04609.

If inter sted in recieving newsletter::: send this to Diania Fish, Rt1, Box18, Orrington Maine 04474. YOUR NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS Please check appropriate box:  
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\_\_\_ I still wish to recieve the newsletter, but can't afford fee.

\_\_\_ I do not wish to recieve newsletter.



showing the boundary lines of such proposed development sufficient to locate the same on an official district map;

- (2) No Development Subdistrict extended or created pursuant to this subsection 2,b, shall extend into any area which would otherwise be placed in a Protection Subdistrict, other than a P-SL or P-GP Protection Subdistrict; and
- (3) Inclusion of any site in a Development Subdistrict pursuant to this Subsection 2,b, shall not be construed as either constituting the Commission's approval of such plan or proposal or releasing such owner or lessee from the requirements of demonstrating the suitability of such site for development in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A., Section 685-B, Subsection 4 and the Commission's Rules and Regulations relating thereto.

- c. Areas which the Commission determines meet the criteria for redistricting to this Subdistrict, pursuant to Section 10.08 hereof, are proposed for development which is consistent with the purposes of this Subdistrict, and are suitable for the development activities proposed when measured against the standards of 12 M.R.S.A., Section 685-B, Subsection 4 and the Commission's Rules and Regulations relating thereto.

### 3. Land Use Standards

#### a. Uses Allowed Without a Permit

The following uses shall be allowed without a permit from the Commission within General Development Subdistricts subject to the applicable requirements set forth in Section 10.17 of this Chapter:

- (1) Primitive recreational uses, including fishing, hiking, wildlife study and photography, wild crop harvesting, horseback riding, tent and shelter camping, canoe portaging, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing, but not including hunting or trapping;
- (2) Motorized vehicular traffic on roads and trails, and snowmobiling;
- (3) Wildlife and fishery management practices;
- (4) Mineral exploration to determine the nature or extent of mineral resources provided such exploration is accomplished by hand sampling, test boring, or other methods which create a similar amount of minimal disturbance and take reasonable measures to restore the land to its original condition;
- (5) Surveying and other resource analysis;
- (6) Signs;
- (7) Level A road projects;
- (8) Trails;
- (9) Service drops;
- (10) Emergency operations conducted for the public health, safety or general welfare, such as resource protection, law enforcement, and search and rescue operations;
- (11) Non-permanent docking or mooring structures;
- (12) Agricultural management activities;
- (13) Forest management activities, except for timber harvesting; and
- (14) Water crossings of flowing waters draining less than 50 sq. miles above the point of crossing.

#### b. Uses Requiring a Permit

The following uses may be allowed within D-GN Development Subdistricts upon issuance of a permit from the Commission pursuant to 12 M.R.S.A., Section





# MAINE INFORMATION (from Mainely Gay, 10/77)

MAINE FREEWOMAN'S HERALD needs new feminist energy and is sponsoring a get together for interested women. A pot luck supper will follow the meeting. The meeting will begin at 2pm at the Student Union, UMPG, 92 Bedford St., Portland November 19.

Training workshop for gay people who wish to work in affecting ATTITUDES in Social Service Agencies, will be held November 25 at 92 Bedford St. GPA office from 12:30 to 5:00. Led by Linda Hamlin and Marilyn Richard. Sponsored by GPA.

The Gay People's Alliance meets every Monday at 7:30 for general rap at 92 Bedford St., Portland.

Wilde-Stein Club, the UMO Gay organization, meets every Friday at 7:00 pm, in the international lounge of the memorial union. It sponsors monthly dances, the next one being Nov. 5 at the MCA center, College Ave. starting at 8pm.

Growing...Sober and Gay welcomes all Gays and bisexuals who are interested in living a chemical-free life. They may be contacted at GSG, PO Box 893, Waterville 04901. Group meetings are 8-9:30pm, Sundays.

The first training programs to assist heterosexuals in relating to Lesbians and Gay men are about to be offered in Maine. On Nov. 4-5 a workshop is scheduled under the auspices of the Bangor Counseling Center. During the spring semester 1978 UMPG will offer "Relating Professionally to Homosexuals." The workshop and course are intended primarily for non-gays who have occasion to counsel homosexuals and/or their relatives. In addition, lay people who wish to work through for themselves the impact of the homosexuality of others upon them are welcome to enroll. It would be of great help if you would be willing to try to bring these two offerings to the attention of any person who in your opinion might have a possible interest in participating in one or the other. Contact Richard Steinman at UMPG, Portland, Me. 04103 if you would like to be a resource person. For more info on the workshop contact: Bruce Spang, The Counseling Center, 43 Illinois Ave., Bangor.

Sunday, Nov. 13 from 12-2 there will be broadcasted on MPBN a Women's Folk Festival.

Memorial FLO'S every second and fourth Wednesday. FLO'S is a gay bar located about 5 miles out of Augusta on Route 3.

## NEW ENGLAND NEWS

**GAY RIGHTS:** A bill intended to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in state civil service jobs was defeated in Massachusetts Oct. 13. The bill had the support of a wide range of politicians but a groundswell of fears and prejudices surfaced to defeat the bill. Opponents of the legislation, for example, argued that if the measure passed Mass, would become a "gay mecca" for the entire country. The Guardian, 10/1977.

**LESBIAN MOTHER WINS CUSTODY:** The Vermont custody case of a lesbian mother and her child, members of a collective of eight lesbians and 3 children, has been settled out of court, with the mother keeping custody. The Lesbian Defense Fund helped raise funds for the case. The final money was raised at the Women's Music Festival in Michigan during August.

The Lesbian Defense Fund works to help lesbian mothers keep their children. It has a national network of referrals to lesbian organizations, lawyers and individuals. Most of the work is done by local support groups who come to LDF





for advice and referrals. LDF needs contributions and welcomes suggestions.  
LESBIAN DEFENSE FUND, PC Box 4, Essex Junction, Vt. 05452. (802) 862-9046.

PROTEST VIOLENT WOMEN WARD: Over 300 people in Boston recently protested a planned maximum security Center for Violent Women at Worcester State Hospital. Vowing that "we will continue the fight on every available front", the demonstrations sponsor the Coalition to Stop Institutional Violence, followed up with a lawsuit to prohibit construction of the unit until public hearings are held. The Center recieved funding for construction in september.

The coalition charges that behavior modification techniques, electroshock, and psychosurgery are used in such units to control and repress "troublesome women". We question the one-sided approach to violence of locking women further away from a society to which they will eventually have to return"; the suit stated. "We believe this approach represents further repressions, has elements of racism and sexism, and destructive intents from a system that ia already plagued with destruction".

For info and to send cotributions: Coalition to Stop Institutional Violence, 395 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

The Guardian Oct.1977

PREGNANCY DISABILITY BEFORE SUPREME COURT : The US Supreme Court began hearings this month on two cases which could further erode the rights of pregnant workers.

In 1976 the court ruled that an employer may deny pregnant workers the same health benefits provided for other non-work related disabilities. In the cases now before it, the court will consider the issues of seniority, sick leave and enforced leave for pregnant workers.

In a related development, 300 stewardesses fired from American Airlines after taking maternity leaves won reinstatement and a 2.7 million out of court settlement recently, seven years after initiating a class action suit. The settlement is believed to be the largest ever won in a civil rights case.

The Guardian Oct. 1977

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE: Results of a NGTF delegate survey have been released and include the following:

- 57 up-front lesbians have been elected delegates in the 44 states reporting
- 8 states were swept by rightwing anti-ERA, anti-abortion forces
- 11 states have at least a 10% representation of open lesbian delegates
- most of the delegations not taken over by rightwingers have a fairly solid feminist stance.

Anyone going to Houston who needs housing write to: Pokey Andersen, 1531 Maryland Ave. #4, Houston, TX 77006.

A NOTE ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER:

I'd like to express my personal opinion about this gig. The newsletter is a volunteer operation. Various women put energy, time etc. into it each month so it gets produced. The money which is requested is to cover costs. No one gets paid. I want women to realise that the newsletter will have flaws ( particularly when i type it) Please be patient with errors etc. We are trying to do a good job with the time and materials we have.. Any advice would be great.

Andy Bear

