"Maine Lesbian Feminist was organized at a workshop at Gay Symposium III. The purpose of the organization was, and still is, to provide a base for support, consciousness raising, and political action. Also, a celebration for lesbians throughout the State of Maine." C.H.

***The was no Oct. MLP meeting; our next meeting is at The Susan B. Anthony Club in Belfast, on Sat. Nov. 22.

AGENDA:

** Noon: Hello's, Hugs, & bites of lunch
** 1:00: Workshops
   a. Wants & Needs for Symposium VIII
   b. Lesbianism & Feminism: What does this mean in Relationships?
** 3:00: Business meeting
** 7:00: Wàntercrafts Fair (see club notes): bring your wares & $:
** 8:00: Committee meeting for organizing SBA,heat, winter schedule, films, concerts? What will happen???

8:30 Dancing, with music taped by Jan

Good place for both old-timers & new-comers to mingle.

** DIRECTIONS: Located in downtown Belfast, above the Grasshopper shop on Main St. Enter the door to the right of the Grasshopper, go up to the 3rd floor, go left & you are there!

THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY CLUB

This is a club for identified Q. It was created with the intention of getting cultural, social & educational events happening in line for Q. So, if you want something to happen & keep happening, help by supporting the place or by using the space for Q's events. Write to Susan B. Anthony Club, c/o MLP, PO Box 125, Belfast, Me 04915.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 1 Dance was cancelled because it coincides with the Take Back The Night March
Nov. 22 Sat - MLP TESTING - 12:10 Noon
   Workshops - 1:00
   Winter crafts Fair - bring your wares to sell - 7:00
   Committee meeting for organizing SBA, heat, winter schedule, films, concerts?? What will happen

D DANCING - and committee meeting 8:30

Dec. 13 - Dancing - committee meeting at 8:00

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH - Nov 1, in Portland

"In the past few years, in cities throughout the US & Europe, Q have participated in night-time marches as a way of expressing & relamin our right to walk in the night, free from fear & from threats of violence & harassment. By marching together, we can collectively express our concern, unity & commitment to work towards ending violence wherever it exists in our lives. Q in Portland, concerned about these far-reaching problems of violence against Q in our society, have organized the "Take Back The Night" event for our community. Our goal is not only to educate the community about the severity & realities of violence against Q but also to organize community support in effecting change.

"Violence & fear of violence keep Q feeling isolated & powerless."

Workshops: 1-5 Luther Bonney Bldg. USM, Portland campus. Community eating space To Be Announced at workshops. Pot luck bring your own food, drink & utensils.


SPEAK-OUT - 9:00 pm Luther Bonney Auditorium, UPS, Portland campus. Andrea Dworkin, feminist author & activist, & members of the community.

Donation will be requested at the rally to defray the costs of the event.

"Q Unite - Take Back the Night!!!"

***Down-East Gay Alliance is inviting us all to an informal pot-luck supper at Dan Fanagan's house on Oct. 31, Halloween in Brooklin, Me. They are also calling it their "1st Anniversary Party" & a "Fall re-Grouping" event to plan ahead for a peaceful & Gay Winter. Call Dan for directions: 359-8848
The Maine Civil Liberties Union is sponsoring: Your Legal Rights at the Workplace - a conference for Me. Q Office Workers at Westbrook College on Nov. 1. For info: FCLU, 97A Exchange St., Portland

New Leaf Books - Rockport, Me. The Q's Media Newton film on May Sarton She Knew A Phoenix, on Nov. 2 at 7 pm - free admission.

Symposium VIII Planning Committee - will meet again Sat. Nov 15 at 1:00 in Augusta at Jewett Hall on the UMA Campus. October meeting was promising - name changed to "Maine Lesbian and Gay Men's Symposium VIII. Subcommittees were formed and all is in motion. If you would like to help this year there's still time. Date has been changed again to May? and will be held in Portland.

O.A. Marathon in West Bath, Nov. 18th from 9:30 - 4 P.M. Speakers, workshops, good program and an abstinent meal. Cost of $6.00 is due by Nov. 8th to Phil Palmer, 17 Bowdoin St., Brunswick, Me. 04011 or call Darlene, 882-5480 for further information.

DYKE ARTISTRY: New England Lesbian Crafts Fair is being held at Boston YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. on Sat. 12/6 - Sun. 12/7. For info: call (617) 625-1537 or (617) 524-4744.

Grant Writing Workshop, Nov. 8th, in Augusta - with special attention to women's projects and needs. Facilitated by Marcia Theresa Pagman Ph. D., Successful grant writer, creator of Marcia Theresa & Associates, Grant Writing & Consultations, Santa Cruz, Calif. "Maria is aware of where and how to get money for women. She's devoted to it. The workshop is open to all people, with a 50% discount for Lesbians and feminists! $25 will include an all day workshop, handouts, lots of practical info. and support. Phone or write by Oct. 31st for more info: Marlane Spillinger, 882-5480, or RFD L S665, Wiscasset, Me. 04578 - Thanks.

First Annual ISSUES OF GAY LIFE Conference. Sat., Nov. 15, 1980, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass.. A day-long conference of educational workshops on a wide range of concerns for professionals, parents and gay men and women. Registration: $15.00. Sponsoring by Exodus Center, Inc. For more information call: (617) 266-0612.

Do you realize that a gay man and a Franciscan nun are running as presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the Socialist party? They are trying to qualify the PerReynolds Duffrenbuck ticket and get the Socialist candidates on the ballot. "The Socialist Party is committed to the social transformation of America through education, electoral action, demonstrations, community organizing and labor activity." Their platform includes as major issues: Gay rights, ending sexism and racism.

The National Gay Task Force is challenging a 1978 Oklahoma law that "prohibits the employment of homosexuals or any person who advocates gay rights" in the state's school systems. The "Helms Bill" is similar to the California 'Briegg Initiative' that was defeated in 1978 while the Helms Bill passed. For info: NGTF: (212) 741-5800.

Lavender Horizons, a media group committed to the creation and distribution of media materials with a feminist, lesbian or gay focus, is making available for sale or rental Q Loving Q. This is a 25 minute media presentation that explores misconceptions about lesbians. Purchase fee is $225 for a 244 frames slide-tape presentation. $125 for a video-tape version; rental fee is $45. For more info: write Lavender Horizons P.O. 806, Marblehead, Mass. 01945 or call (617) 764-9141.

As of Sept. 10th only those individuals who identify themselves as homosexuals will be prohibited from entering the country. Indications to a persons sexual identity (t-shirts, buttons etc.) will not be enuf to prohibit entry instead customs officials will inquire "Are you Homosexual?" if the individual being questioned answers "No" entry to the country may not be prohibited. This marks a significant victory for Gay Rights in the U.S. Don Knutson (director-gay Rights Advocates) says prompt legal challenges to exclusion can be expected. he is also sure that these challenges will succeed in eliminating the policy completely.
Events & Happenings cont

***Q's PENTAGON ACTION!! Important date to remember!! Nov 16-17 Q's Pentagon action in Washington DC For details see the enclosed flyer. It's our future. It takes 1200 to encircle the pentagon. Do you think MLF could supply 1000?? Contact Sandy Kaplan Portland, 775-3849 For info on buses, car-pools, child-care and accommodations. If we do buses it will cost $35-40 per person. Training for civil disobedience for those who want will (hopefully) be arranged. Format of action will be:

First day - workshops
2nd day - 1st stage-from Arlington cemetery to Pentagon-morning
2nd stage - rage
3rd stage - encircling Pentagon
4th stage - civil disobedience --open mike for those not doing civil disobedience

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

Q Q Q- I am interested in starting a series of massage workshops in the Auburn, Lewiston area, & would like some feedback as to interest. The classes would be working with relaxation massage, self-healing & healing patterns. If anyone interested please call or write Sonja Christianson, Box 315, Perkins Ridge Rd, Auburn 04210 or call 786-2632, Private clients by appointment only

Q Q Q- A Q & Life & Earth group is forming in the Mid-Coast area. Q will meet regularly to learn about & plan actions around issues which speak to feminism & our love & concern for the earth. The 1st meeting will be Nov 7 at 7:00 pm at New Leaf Bookstore, Main St, Rockport.

Q Q Q- Slightly experienced clown wants to share her bag of tricks (clowning, mime & improvisational theatre skills) with others who want to explore clowning as a format for personal growth, fun & possible creation of performance pieces. All levels of experience & background would be welcome. I am not talking strictly about circus clowning but clowning based on a combination of mime & street theatre. My personal fantasy is to ultimately create pieces based on feminist & politically relevant issues as a means to educate & entertain. Any Q intrigued by these possibilities should contact me, Mitzi Joy RFD #2, Union, Me 04862. #785-3881. I will check out possible rehearsal space in the mid-coast area & will get back to you as to meeting place & date. No charge except possible rental fee for space. Willing to travel a reasonable distance to reach a concentrated group of Q in other areas of the state.

Q Q Q- Lesbian Photographer's Directory Now Being Compiled

"NY, fall, 1980 - Summer Solstice, 1981 will mark the publication of the Lesbian Photography Directory No.1, an attempt to bridge the communication gap between Lesbian photographers & publishers of feminist & Lesbian books, journals & newspapers. The Directory is being assembled and edited by Morgan Gwonwald, a Lesbian photographer whose work has appeared in many feminist publications including QUEST: A FEMINIST QUARTERLY, SOJOURNER, OFF OUR BACKS, & the LESBIAN HERSTORY ARCHIVES NEWSLETTER. Q-born-Q Lesbian photographers who wish to be listed in the directory should send a s.a.s.c. to Morgan before March 1, 1981 for more info".

"For the directory to be most useful, as many Lesbian photographers as possible must be made aware that it is being compiled. If you know a Q who might want to be listed, please pass this info along to her or send her name & address to Morgan so that info & contributor's forms can be sent to her. Contact Morgan Gwonwald, 158 Garfield Pl 3R Brooklyn, NY 11215"

Q Q Q- "Green Mountain Dyke News" a monthly radical lesbian feminist paper for the Northeast mail 35/yr to GMD News, PO Box 426, Poultney, VT. 05261
"Why is there a Q's Campaign Fund?

U.S. Population 51.3%  
W.S. Senators 17%  
U.S. Representatives 4%  
Governors 14%  
Lt. Governors 12%  
State Senators 5%  
State Representatives 117%  
County Officials' 5%  
Mayors & Councilors 9%  
School Board Members 25%  

Send check to: Women's Campaign Fund, 1725 1st NW #515, Washington DC 20006.

On July 23, by a vote of 290-113, the House passed an amendment to HR 7584 prohibiting the use of Legal Services funds for "legal assistance in promoting, defending or protecting homosexuality". On Sept 4, however, the Senate Subcommittee on State, Justice, Commerce, &Judiciary Appropriations voted to Repeal the prohibition against representation of homosexuals. On Sept 25 a proposed amendment to reinstate the prohibition, offered on the floor of the Senate by Senator Helms, was withdrawn. Thus, as matters now stand, the prohibition is in the House bill but not in the Senate bill.

"I am deeply concerned over my proposal which would have the effect of discriminating against any individual or group of citizens. Should the proposed amendment come before the Senate again I will vote against it."

George J. Mitchell, US Senator

"FEMINISM MAY BE DANGEROUS!"

"Experience has demonstrated that constant and prolonged exposure to the philosophy of feminism may result in feelings of great dissatisfaction, anger, anxiety, & an uncontrollable urge to change the world. Continued contact with feminism has been known to produce independence, competence, assertiveness, & flagrant acts of revolution! Should any of these symptoms appear, contact your local NOW chapter immediately!!! "Maine NOW Times

To join write: Maine NOW

23 March St.
Banger, Me 04401

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***Bring a light cotton T-Shirt: Silkscreen with logo will be available at workshops!!

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