Maine Lesbian Feminists was formed at a workshop at Symposium 3. The purpose of the organization was, and still is, to provide at base for support, consciousness raising, and political action. Also a celebration for Lesbians throughout the State of Maine.

Meeting Minutes

The Feb. meeting was held at Pam's in Orono. The treasurer's report indicated at balance of 54.51 in the LF general account. Other topics of business included:

"Others" arch on Washington to be held "Others" May 1981 Pam has information on this event. The arch conflicts with Symposium and the symposium meeting on March 21 will try to deal with this problem.

Symposium: The next meeting will be arch 21, Jewett Hall, UMA at 1pm.
See news for more info.

National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Rights in LA: NLF's own Pam and Kathy will be regional delegates. They need $3 to cover travel costs. It was decided that proceeds from button sales at the Live Christian concert would be donated to the travel funds. In addition it was decided to have a dance to raise more. See local news for details.

Workshops: A workshop on motherhood was held. There was also a workshop on anger. It was decided to continue to discuss anger at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the motherhood group will also be held again.

The next meeting will be held on April 12 at Jeans in Belfast.

AGENDA

12:30 ARRIVAL, hugs etc.
1:30 Workshops: Anger

Rites of Spring Ceremony/Celebration

Directions:

From the north: Follow I75 at Rt. 1A to Rt. 1 going south. Continue on the road over the overpass in Belfast. As you reach a blinking yellow light at the jct. of Rt. 51, take a right onto Rt. 52. You pass a Pentecostal Church (Perhaps a moment of meditation would be appropriate at this time) on the right. About 1000 yds up on the right is the road to Jeans. Her home is the green mobile home with yellow splatters. If you come to a bridge, you've gone too far.

From the east: take 195, get on Route 1 south and go to the junction of Rt. 52. then proceed as above.

From the south: Take Rt 1 North, find the junction of Rt. 52, turn left onto 52 and proceed as above.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY WRITTEN YOU ALL IN THE SPRING!!

CALENDAR—LOCAL EVENTS

Lesbi-moose—bringing you droppings from throughout the state of Maine.

DANCE-DANCE-DANCE SHEE-BOP, SHEE-BOP!!!! Lesbi-moose says get out your dancing shoes! WHEN? Saturday, March 21, 1981

where you might ask? CA, Orono, ME. Where's that? I'll tell you in a bit. There's going to be a 3$ that's 3$ donation requested. WHY? WHY? WHY?

To help send our delegates to the National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Rights in April in LA. Our delegates are Pam and Kathy. Where's that?

Lesbi-moose will tell you in now. Take 195 to Orono. Get off at the Still water/old town exit. If you come from the north, take a left and head into town. If you come from the south, take a right turn off the ramp and head into town. At the 1200 staff (right across from Calvald's —how all American can you get?) take a right onto College Ave. Continue on this road as it goes by the university. 7:30 am you enter fraternity land, it will pass. You pass by the Newman center on the right—a white and glass structure. Just past the Newman center, is the CA Center, A large frame structure on the right across from a parking lot. NOA time is the shy die starting/ 3:30 mph
-MEAL & Workshop on "Healing Our Wounds"-guided meditations, chanting, support, individual and group work for women. 7:30 each session. Sat. 3/8 and 15th, 7-9. RSVP: 447-4278. Workshops will be facilitated byazinga skillerer 1-922-9440. AL 1, Wisconsin, a 0457, 4/1-1. 000 note that women who have taken part in Marlene's workshops have experienced great moose healing.

Lesbians meet, meet, meet!!! 1/ meeting on April 12 in Belfast. Lesbi-moose especially is looking forward to the Rivers of Spring

Taking of new Lesbian Rights: "AIDS and is requesting assistance in support of a new and gay rights bill. They have requested that a petition be circulated for this bill will be late March or early April. The bill will be presented by Rep. Connolly, Rep. Oliver, and Rep. Howard. since JD predicts that the bill will receive favorable report from the Judiciary Committee, but will face formidable opposition on the floor of both the Senate and House. Letters to legislators are needed. Write to the following:

And also

Richard A. Hartle
Larry Brown
Jocelyn Bond
James E. Tremble
Barbara Hill
James D. Leavitt
Walter O'Leary
Thomas Jenkins
Charles Iro
Howard McNeil
Roland Buxton
Howard Husband
Frank wood

You also need to write to: Baker
Joel E. "Barrie"
England

Brennan, Brad, Connolly, Coxy, Law, Cow, Hall, Mickey, Murphy, Huber, Gary, Jellish, L. Over, Lund, Martin, A., Lesterton, Michael, Mitchell, Jr., James, son Ken. E. Roll.

NOI also is requesting support for the Abortion Funding Bill. The abortion funding bill sponsored by Sen. Huber has wider support in the public sector, but faces stiffer opposition in the legislature. It is intended to ensure that abortion is a constitutional right. It is a choice.

For more info contact Joanne Dauphine, Asst. State Coord. Maine NOW 23 March St., Boston, MA 02110

The following are requested for the Lesbian Rights bill. They may be anonymous. Statements should be sent to Joanne Dauphine at the above address.

RIP: RIP: RIP, WHAT CO W WE........ LA was there- selling buttons at the Christian Concert. Thirty dollars of the profit will go towards sending a delegate to the National Lesbian & Gay Rights Conf. in LA, Boors for the button-each-Jean, Catharine, and Mary. Your faithful reporter, Lesbi-moose was there when her Christian picked out a button which she said that she had always wanted: Don't Die Wondering

Do you have an opinion on the Human Life Amendment? INVERT statewide newsletter printed a pro-LA blurb in their latest newsletter. They state that their membership is split on this issue. Invert asks for feedback and opinions send to INVERT, RFD 1 FERGUS, ME 04953


GOOD-BYE FOR NOW! This is Lesbi-moose hoping to lope into your lassian lives next month!! A moosey first day of spring to you all!!!

HOLLY NEAR CONCERT AT 360 OF COLTV: A STICKER OF SOCKS by pj.

Despite inclement weather in the nature of a snow storm, a car was turned out for the Holly near concert sponsored by the National Woman Studies Association on Saturday. Holly highlighted tunes from her newly released album on the last day in the Rain as well as old political favorites form her anti-war movement and civil rights days. Accompanied by Adrienne love on piano and Susan Freundlich as interpreter for the hearing-impaired, Holly deliriously the audience and inspired us to "think" (at least) of activism. Holly spoke also of the need for women's music to reach out to those who are not yet converting to the liberation of beings of all sexes, colors and creeds.
Union, a creative journal for women. Counterpoint Publications, PO Box
3142, 400 Comm. Ave., Boston, MA 02215

The Woman's Studies Service Learning Handbook: From the Classroom to
the Community. Edited by Jorjyl Fisher and Elaine Neusen. A resource
used for developing a field experience component in women's studies.
Send $39.95 to NASA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

Announcing a new lesbian quarterly: COM LIVES/LESBIAN LIVES to appear
quarterly, documenting lesbian experience and thought through HISTORY,
ORAL HISTOIRY, BIOGRAPHY, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, JOURNAL, CORRESPONDENCE, FICTION,
ARTWORK, PHOTOS, GRAPHICS. C/LL makes a special commitment to the rep-
resentation of lesbians traditionally denied "visibility in media. -Also an
archive lesbians who have never before 'shoulder' publishing to share
memories their work and stories. Please submit manuscripts or graphics an
support your friends to do likewise. Individual subs. $10/yr. Descriptive
files available. PO Box 1553, TCA CITY, TCA 52244.

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Evan Kool Records announces Kay Gardner's "GOVS AND RITUALS FOR SCLC
FOLK" a cassette of gentle, healing music. Ask at your local "am store
or send $1.10 postpaid to Lady Slipper Music, SFT. 9 Box 3124, Surham,
NC 27703.

Just released in March! Holly Near's Fire in the Rain. Produced by June
Millington and featuring musical arrangements by Gary Watkins and Adrienne
Kam. Available at new lesb books in Rockport.

Remembering in a Clear Light

No, I am not a lesbian; I say assuredly, rigidly.
Yes I'd like to kiss you, a sweet woman
I will fall into your arms
I will stay and stay wrapped in your delights
But remember I am not a lesbian.

After four years I rest in the love I have for you.
I am a lesbian, I scream to a room filled with strangers.
The whisper growing into a yell
The embarrassment blossoming into joy.

I recall my woman friends
I bathe in the tenderly fierce love
Fighting to come out and play.
I sink into the feeling
A child exploring a precious crystal
I circle

Visions of each of you flow through;
Now filled with the colored light of love and strength
I am a friend to the young woman who loved you.
I am a lesbian.

rap the sun around you

Holly Near
FIRE IN THE RAIN
Dear ye, hear ye!

The women in power who are presently compiling the newsletter would greatly appreciate your contribution. This newsletter is meant to serve the needs of the Maine Lesbian Feminist Community. It can best do this if each of you provide us with information about what your needs are. You can write what you'd like to see printed—you can create your own words. Whatever you offer is welcome. If there is an issue which concerns you, please let us know about it. If there is an event which you think needs to be publicized, send us a blurb about it. Here is a place to air and voice your opinions. We'd appreciate your sharing the part of your life which is important to you.

Be sure more women-energy at printing time also. This could be a way for non-admin women to get together to work (and play). If you are interested, call Catrina or Mary or or write. LF Box 125, Belfast, ME. Next organizational meeting is April 5 from 3-5.

SUBSCRIPTION INFO

LF needs your $5/hr in order for us to continue the Newsletter. It costs $5 to send it out, so please contribute as much as you can. ALL contributions welcome and much needed. THANK YOU.

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Address__________________________________________

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Holly Near can't.

A particularly poignant moment was audience participation in the singing of a song about those rights in which everyone-rays and straights-sang: "we are gay and lesbian people, and we're singing, singing for our lives." Chills hit me at this moment, at these words and how a performer like Holly Near can seem to draw people together for a cause. Now if we can all carry on our work from her inspiration, then perhaps her words "If you can live for freedom, freedom, freedom, freedom; If you can live for freedom, I can too" can have some truth for us in our daily lives.

NEC CHRISTIAN AT THE WOMEN'S SIMPOSIUM, JBC by pj, too.

Though highlighted by the Bangor Daily News as the "Christian View of Feminism," Peg's first visit to Maine was indeed a ray joyous occasion. High energy emanated from Peg as she played such favorites as "Old to A New Teacher" amidst enthusiastic audience participation along with such new tunes as "Urania," a song almost everyone randomly related to. Another new tune which depicts experiences with trying to build up new muscles evoked some comments from her to which even she said "you know I must be relaxed to say that!" Peg also performed several enjoyable instrumental solos, hopefully to be included in her forthcoming album, to be released this summer.

Along with the fun numbers, Peg played one tune specifically related to her special interest-interest (type again, numbskull)--alcohol recovering programs. A recovering alcoholic herself, her addressed the problems of women coming to terms with their alcoholism and bonding together for support. Hopefully, Peg's concern reached those women in our numbers who are masking their problems behind alcohol. The concert ended on a cheery note as the NEC women's Center presented Peg with a women's symboh carrot cake celebrating her eleventh year of performing women's music. From the high energy level of the women departing it is a certainty that a good time was had by all.

NATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

Psychic Expo Saturday March 21, 10am-6pm. New England's First Lesbian or Gay Psychics Expo. 144 booths, readers in all phases of the occult, lecturers, jonahkah, music, refreshments. Write to New England Life Mail 225 Clarion St. Boston. AsS Admission is $3.


National Women'sailing List. Women may sign up voluntarily to receive mail in areas of interest ranging from women's culture and politics to spirituality and issues regarding violence against women. This is the feminist response to the computer lists of the national majority and the national Conservative Political Action Committee, which so effectively mobilizes anti-feminist forces in the last election. Registration is free, and donations are encouraged. The National Women'sailing List 1195 Valenca St. San Francisco, 94110.

Mother's Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament wants women to come together for two days in Washington, DC and other places on May 10-11. Write the for organizing packet and please include donation to cover costs. Women's Party for Survival-Mother's Day Coalition, 701imore, Everett, 02149. Info from Chicken Lady, Off Our backs, Hums to NI from Lesbian-Ever seen a mouse try to hug a chicken?3

Sixth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Philadelphia's Gay Synagogue Congregation Beth Ahavah. Dates are July 2-5. Registration inquiries from/to Registration, PO Box 7566, Philadelphia, PA 19101 or (215)922-872.

Donations are needed to subsidize airfare to send dalarates from New England to the National Conference on Gay and Lesbian Rights in LA. Donations can be sent to National Conference, c/o Vermont Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men, PO Box 521, Concord, NH, 03301-checks payable to NH Coalition.

Greetings from Washington, DC is a film documenting the Oct.14, 1979 National March on Washington by lesbians and gay men. Funding is needed. Contributions are tax deductible and you will receive screen credit if you so desire. More info from Film Fund, Oct 14 Project, 30 E 11th St., NYC 10003.
National News con'.

A New England Regional Conference is tentatively planned as part of Gay Pride Week in June. More info from Haeften, PO Box 365, Central Sq., Cambridge, MA 02139.

CES/PHS An exhibition of art which deals with homosexual and lesbian issues and relationships is scheduled by Cincinnati Artists Group Effort. Artists anywhere are invited to submit slides of their work to Cincinnati Artists Group Effort OAS/CAE At box 1962, Cincinnati, OH 45205. Slides are limited to 10 and must be received by April 1, 1981.

Regional Women's Studies Association Third Annual Conference May 31-Junie 1 being held at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. The theme of this year's conference is "Women respond to racism" and features a number of workshops, including multicultural newsmaker curriculum for schools, fantasies raising about racism and print and non-print resources for educating about women of color. Or write in: Women's Funds, 110 Main St., Storrs, Women's Studies, Box u191A, Univ. of Conn-Storrs Storrs, CT 06268-191A (203) 486-3510.

National Women's Studies Association is devoted to furthering the social, political and professional development of women's studies throughout the U.S. Membership entitles one to their publication: Women's Studies Quarterly, NWSA National Office, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

Everywoman's Guide for Colleges and Universities is a two year project sponsored by the Feminist Press to compile essential information from college catalogs about services, curriculum, organizations and role models relevant to college-bound women. Campus reps are needed. Write to Everywoman's Guide, The Feminist Press, Box 549, Old Westbury, NY 11550.

VIOLIN VIOLIN CONTEST (Dr. Mann, publisher of Learning Media Books and Violin Violin Magazine, is offering $500 for original, unpublished poetry writings on the theme of art as healer. Art may include fiction, poetry, drama, essays, paintings, etc. The winning poem will be published in Violin Violin. Poems will be judged by Rochelle H. Sebold, editor of VIOLIN VIOLIN. Please enclose a separate index card with the words "Violin Violin Poetry Contest," poet's name, address, poem title, and a one sentence biography. $3 entry fee for the first poem, $1 for ea. additional. Violin Violin Media Contest 59 Sandra Circle A3, Westfield, NJ

ABORTION RIGHTS National Abortion Rights Action League is asking for contributions to the Emergency Organizing Fund in order to block the Ratification of the Constitutional Amendment outlawing abortion. Their success is to block ratification at the state level. Thirty-eight states are required to ratify the Amendment. They plan to shift their emphasis from Capitol Hill to organizing in the states. They are working through the Abortion Rights Action League. The Amendment could move quickly through Congress and directly to the states. They have begun organizing in key states. They state that they don't have the money to move as quickly as they should. They state that their work surrounding the 1980 election campaigns and the organizing efforts in support of national lobbying campaigns has given NARAL the experience and the talent base necessary to undertake the project. They ask that contributions be as large an amount as you can afford be sent to National Abortion Rights Action League, 255 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005. Info from NARAL letter form Karen Fulhouser, Exec. Director.

PUBLICATIONS

SMOKE: A woman's newsletter. Free advertising for women, book reviews, poetry, social contacts, calendar listings special features. PO Box 2305, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. $1 for sample copy.

WAC: A J.urnal of Women's Art and Literature 4 issues are $5.00 for individuals. PO Box 2517, Chicago, Ill. 60625.

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U N by newsletter of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, 9th and Union, Washington Field Office, Suite 210, 110 Maryland Ave., Washington, DC 20002.