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**MARDI GRAS DANCE -- ONE MORE TIME!**

We regret having to postpone the Mardi Gras Dance from February 24 to Saturday, March 24. However, the weather Goddess apparently thinks a northern Mardi Gras celebration belongs in March -- and who are we but to follow her directions?

If you were prepared to come out in February to dance and prance and glance and bounce and flounce and just generally have an outrageous time, well, just think, you're all set to do the same on March 24. And if you weren't ready, now you have more time to find just the right thing to wear, etc.

The time and place are still the same: 8:00 p.m. - 12 midnight, 1st Universalist Church, 120 Park Street in Bangor (up the hill, behind City Hall). Price is still \$5 per person -- which is a steal when you think about the excitement, music, goodies, etc. awaiting you.

The band, the REPO MEN of Southwest Harbor clubs fame, was good enough to re-schedule to our new date. Leader Bob Ellis says the group is excited about the gig -- and definitely looking forward to the evening.

The capacity of the church hall (known to church members as "The Dorothy Memorial" -- could this be a Bangor version of a shrine for Judy Garland, or is it just Oz?) is 250, so there is no excuse for not showing. There is room for everyone.

This is a costume affair -- and we hope most if not all of you will want to dress 'up' or 'down' in some way. But if you don't, that's okay, too. Come have a good time, and enjoy the show!

There will be refreshments -- some free, some for a modest charge. And, the decorations! The extra time has given the committee time to plan some special effects!

See you on March 24.

**OUR PEOPLE ON FILM -- RIGHT HERE IN BANGOR**

Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community, a documentary film which traces the social, political and cultural development of the gay and lesbian community prior to 1969, will be shown on Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peace & Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 9 Central Street, Bangor (third floor above Mr. Paperback).

The showing of this important film is part of the Peace & Justice Center Film Series, and is co-sponsored by GLCN. The program is free, although the hat will be passed.

Following the film showing, there will be a discussion led by several community members who were out and active prior to the Stonewall Riots/Rebellion.

Watching this extraordinary film gives us a moving and delightful portrait of the women and men whose lives of grace and courage helped create "Stonewall" and the gay liberation movement which continues today.

GLCN members will dine at Pepino's on Main Street prior to the film -- from 5:30 on. Join us -- and make a gay scene!



## HATE CRIMES ALMOST A CRIME

The U. S. Senate passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act by a vote of 92-4 vote on February 8. After working out some minor differences with a similar bill passed by House in 1989, the bill is expected to become law -- provided George Bush signs it.

This legislation does not prohibit crimes based on hate, but it does mandate the collection of information about crimes committed against persons because of their race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

The right-wing has rabidly opposed this bill, seeing it as the first step in 'approving homosexuality.' Too bad they're wrong.

GLCN did contact Senators Mitchell and Cohen, both of whom supported the bill.

## OUR PAPER IN BANGOR!

Our Paper, the only statewide lesbian/gay newspaper in Maine, is now available each month at two Bangor locations: Lippincott Books, 624 Hammond Street, and Pro Libris, 10 Third Street.

The paper is distributed free to one and all -- or you can subscribe for \$12 per year.

Thank you, Bill Lippincott and Eric Furry, proprietors of these two friendly, progressive Bangor bookstores.

## IS THIS THE PARTY TO WHOM I'M SPEAKING?

Although underground phone networking works fairly well, it has been suggested that GLCN establish and maintain a phone information line for lesbians and gay men. This service would be staffed by volunteers, perhaps one evening each week.

Robin Long and new member Laura -- who has experience with a similar service provided by Northern Lambda Nord -- have agreed to explore how to start. Anyone interested in helping them may call Robin at 862-5907.

## MEETING THE NEEDS OF LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH

GLCN has received several inquiries about the need for a peer group for lesbian and gay youth. We know there are many young people out there and we want to respond. Several members have agreed to pursue starting a group, and will work with those involved with OUTRIGHT, a youth group already established in Portland.

## "KISS 94" KISSES US OFF

Those of you who listened to KISS 94 for information about the weather-induced cancellation of the Mardi Gras Dance on February 24 may have wondered which Mardi Gras event was cancelled. Unfortunately, the station refused to use the "l and g" words because "our listeners will think we support you people."

Consequently, the station simply announced that "the Bangor Mardi Gras Dance is cancelled." We hope this didn't inconvenience any other groups holding Mardi Gras events in Bangor that night!

GLCN is lodging a strong protest. You can too. Or at least move your dial.



## UMO SPONSORS 'AWARENESS WEEK'

The annual University of Maine Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Awareness Week will be held March 19 - 24. The series of events includes:

**Tuesday, March 20:** 7:00 p.m., Brian McNaught, former liaison to the lesbian/gay community for Boston's Mayor White and the author of On Being Gay, will speak in 101 Neville Hall.

**Wednesday, March 21:** 12:15 p.m., Women In Curriculum luncheon with panel discussion on "Lesbians in the Workplace," Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union.

Films in 100 Neville Hall, 7:00 p.m. "Lianna," and 9:00 p.m. "Maurice."

**Thursday, March 22:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Reception for Those Supportive of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Issues, Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union.

All these activities are sponsored by the Committee on Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Concerns. No charge.

In addition, the Wilde-Stein Club is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, March 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Ram's Horn.

**LATE FLASH:** On Thursday, April 5 in 101 Neville Hall at 7:00 p.m. there will be a showing of the Dutch/Norwegian gay film "Tracks in the Snow" (with subtitles) -- the last in this year's Peace & Justice Film Series on campus. No charge.

## SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

Victor Hathaway and Harry Gordon are sending out an SOS for help with Symposium to be held at Unity College this Memorial Day weekend.

Volunteers are needed in these areas, among others: workshops, display tables, publicity and program booklet advertising. You can be a coordinator, or a worker for just a short while, or whatever. Just do something.

Call Victor Sunday through Thursday evenings, 7 - midnight, at MPBN radio, 581-3014. He'll be glad you did, and you will, too.

## FILM FESTIVAL TO DEBUT IN PORTLAND

Mark your calendars! The first Maine Lesbian & Gay Film Festival will take place in Portland on May 11 - 13. This is definitely going to be cool, folks. More later, or you can reach Out & Out Productions at Post Office Box 7982, Portland, ME 04112, or call 799--1703.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Sodomy and buggery . . . have broke forth in this land."

-- Governor William Bradford  
of Plymouth Planation  
1642

Yippee.



## NETWORKER CLASSIFIEDS

**Camp for Rent** on the Holden side of Brewer Lake; furnished camp with running cold water and electricity. Outside privy. Access to a beach area; paddle boat and canoe for your enjoyment. Call Denise or Sarah for more details, 945-5932.

**Clean Air and Water** are not figments of the past. For as little as \$5.00 per month you can have clear, chlorine-free water and dust-free air. Free trial in your home. No obligation. Contact Jim Martin at 990-3420. Leave message.

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## THE COMMUNITY'S CALENDAR

**Sun., Mar. 11**, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Lesbian Brunch, Peace & Justice Center, 9 Central St., Bangor (3rd floor above Mr. Paperback).

**Wed., Mar. 14**, 7:30 p.m., GLCN Support Group; open discussion at P & J Ctr.

**Fri., Mar. 16**, 7:00 p.m., Film "Before Stonewall" (meet before at Pepino's on Main St., Bangor), P & J Ctr., 9 Central St., Bangor.

**Sat., Mar. 17**, Wendy B.'s Dance, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., \$6 (dress up with buffet) Keith Anderson Community House, Bennoch Rd., Orono.

**Tue., Mar. 20**, 7:00 p.m., 101 Neville Hall, UMOrono, Brian McNaught speaking as part of campus lesbian/gay/bisexual awareness week.

**Wed., Mar. 21**, 12:15 p.m., Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union, UMOrono, "Lesbians in the Workplace" panel discussion. 7:30 p.m., P & J Ctr., 9 Central St., Bangor, GLCN Political/Education Task Force mtg. 7:00 p.m., 101 Neville Hall, UMOrono, film "Lianna" and 9:00 p.m., film "Maurice."

**Thu., Mar. 22**, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Bangor Lounge, UMO Memorial Union, Reception for supporters of lesbian/gay/ bisexual concerns.

**Sat., Mar. 24**, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight, First Universalist Church, 120 Park Street, Bangor, \$5, GLCN Mardi Gras Dance. 8:00 p.m., Ram's Horn, UMOrono, Wilde--Stein Dance.

**Wed., Mar. 28**, 7:30 p.m., GLCN General Meeting, P & J Ctr., 9 Central St.

**Sat., Mar. 31**, Wendys B.'s Dance, 9:00 - 1:00 a.m., \$4, (see Mar. 17)

**Wed., Apr. 4**, 7:30 p.m., P & J Ctr., NETWORKER Mailing Party.

**Thu., Apr. 5**, 7:00 p.m., 101 Neville Hall, UMO, film "Tracks in the Snow."

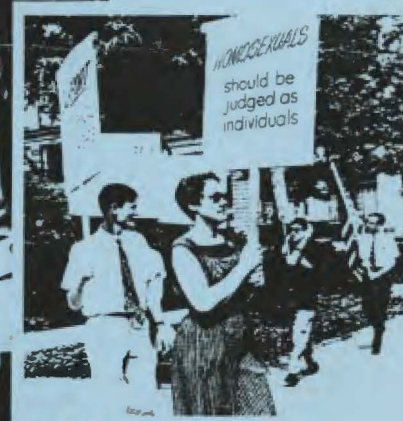
**Sat., Apr. 7**, Wendy B.'s Dance, Orono, (see Mar. 17).

**Sun., Apr. 8**, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., P & J Ctr., Lesbian Brunch.





# Before STONEWALL



friday, march 16

7 pm

peace & justice  
center

9 central street

room 302

bangor

(downtown - above Mr Paperback)

free

## The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community

In 1969 the patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York's Greenwich Village decided to fight back, transforming a routine police raid into three nights of rioting which marked the beginning of the Gay Liberation movement. *Before Stonewall* examines the historical background to this sudden burst of political energy — from the social experimentation of the Roaring Twenties, to the discovery of the true size of this hidden society during World War II, to the scapegoating of homosexuals during the McCarthy era, to the development of the early homophile rights movement — providing an informative and engaging portrait of the history of homosexual experience in America. Using filmed recollections and a wealth of archival material (including excerpts from silent films, newsreels and Hollywood musicals), *Before Stonewall* traces the social, political and cultural development of the gay and lesbian community. As such, the film is not a narrow history of gay civil rights, but the hidden story of a vital American subculture.

*Before Stonewall* features provocative and humorous interviews with poets Allen Ginsberg and Audre Lorde, historian/playwright Martin Duberman, Native American activist Smilie Hillaire, gay activist Barbara Gittings, Reverend Grant Gallup, novelist Ann Bannon, as well as many other authors, psychologists, ministers, gay activists, and government officials, who recount the vice squads, witch hunts, censorship and secrecy that have been such a large part of being homosexual. The film also celebrates the strength of character and courage of those who led their lives with dignity despite widespread social discrimination, fear and prejudice. Whether one is gay or straight (or in-between), audiences of all types are sure to find *Before Stonewall* a remarkable historical record of social change in America.

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