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FEBRUARY MEETING TO DISCUSS A HOME FOR LAMBDA

Northern Lambda Nord's monthly meetings have always been held on the last Sunday of the month. But this month is different.

At the January meeting in Caribou, the subject of establishing a building fund was first discussed. It was felt that after 10 years, it was finally time to aim for creating our own "community center", a place to house the library, office, phonline; a meeting space and party space. Consolidate our resources into one location, rather than spread out in members' homes. Those people at the January meeting recognized that Wednesdays at the Phonline had become a weekly "drop-in" to sit around and talk. So, rather than have the February meeting on a Sunday, let's try it on a Wednesday night.

So, the February monthly meeting will be Wednesday, February 28th at the Phonline in Caribou. The meeting and discussion will be limited to one hour, 7:30-8:30pm (Maine time). Only two items are on the agenda: * calendar of upcoming activities * establishment of a building fund. EVERYONE'S input, ideas, criticisms, suggestions, thoughts are sought. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND you're encouraged to put your ideas on paper and send them to the PO Box. A detailed report of the meeting will be in the March newsletter. Thoughts and ideas will be published in *Communiqué* if so requested.

MORE GAY PEOPLE IN POWER

By November 1990, the Maine Legislature should be a bit more "gayer". As reported last month, Dale McCormick is running for the Maine Senate. Susan Farnsworth will be running for re-election to the Maine House of Representatives. And now add to this list the name of Sadhbh ("Sive") Neilan, who is running for the Senate from the Rockland area! All three women are active in the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance and will surely make a difference in Augusta. And speaking of the MLGPA, Roger Thibodeau is the newly-elected member of the Board of the Alliance representing Arcoostook County. He replaces Dick Harrison as County member. The MLGPA Board includes representatives from all geographic regions in Maine.

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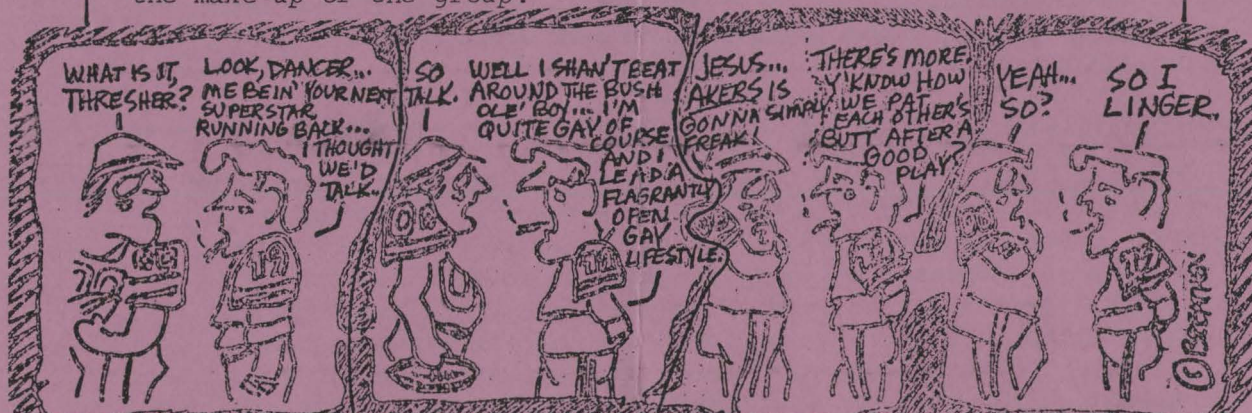
NEW GROUP ACTIVE IN BANGOR AREA

A plethora of events are planned for folks around Bangor by the new group, the GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK (GLCN). There's a history/herstory study group meeting Tuesdays in February and March, a Political/Education Task Force, they had a Lesbian Brunch February 10, are planning a Mardi Gras Dance Saturday, February 24 (8pm-midnight at the First Universalist Church, 120 Park Street, Bangor), and have a Support Group, among their activities. They have a newsletter, *The Networker*, and hold many of their events at the Peace and Justice Center (9 Central Street, Bangor). For more information about the GLCN, you can write to POB 212, Bangor 04401 or call one of these numbers: 866-7958, 862-5907, 945-5932, or 825-3910.

OLDER LESBIANS TO MEET

Since 1985, *Golden Threads*, a worldwide network of Lesbians over 50 and women who are interested in older women, has been celebrating at an annual banquet. Their next celebration is June 22-24, 1990 at the Holiday Inn in Provincetown. The highlight of the weekend is a banquet, entertainment by folk singer Alix Dobkin, and a dance. A number of "rap sessions" will be offered as well. *Golden Threads* has a quarterly publication. For more information, contact Christine Burton, POB 3177, Burlington, Vermont 05401-0031.

This cartoon appeared in the "Aroostook Lambda Newsletter", Volume I, Number 1, dated January 15, 1980. Aroostook Lambda was Northern Lambda Nord's original name. It was changed to NLN in February 1980, since half of the original members were francophone New Brunswickers and Northern/Nord better reflected the make-up of the group.



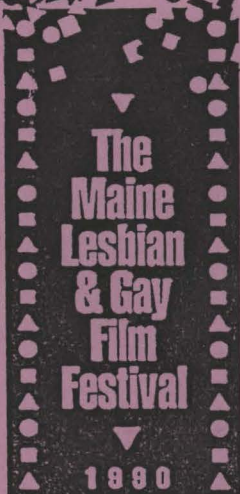
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— FILM FESTIVAL ON TAP FOR MAY —



In July 1989, three Portland Lesbians formed OUT & OUT PRODUCTIONS, with the primary goal of organizing Maine's first International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. Since July they have been screening films from all over the world, have organized fundraising events, and have been joined by about 25 more people working on the Festival. They recently received a \$2750 grant from the Haymarket People's Fund (Maine Funding Board) to help with the financing of this event.

The Festival will bring 15½ hours of film and 10 hours of video to Portland to be viewed over three days during the weekend of May 11-12-13, 1990. Films will speak to the experiences of working class lesbians and gaymen, people of color, lesbian and gay youth, and older people. Works from Hungary, Israel, Taiwan, Australia, Canada, France, Denmark, Germany, the Phillipines, and the USA will be presented.

Viewings will be offered simultaneously, in separate spaces, Friday from 6pm-midnight, Saturday from noon-midnight, and Sunday from noon-6pm. They plan to invite a film director to discuss his or her film. A panel discussion of lesbian and gay imaging in film will also takeplace during the Festival.

Their long-term goal as an organization is to remain a vehicle for the annual production of the Maine International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, and to provide resources throughout the year for anyone who wishes to learn more about lesbian and gay filmmaking. OUT & OUT PRODUCTIONS, POB 7982, Portland 04112.

— MAINE SYMPOSIUM XVII - MAY 25-28, 1990 —

May will be a busy month! Starting with Northern Lambda Nord's 10th anniversary party and dance May 5th, the following weekend is the Film Festival in Portland, and the month closes with the Maine Lesbian & Gaymen's Symposium XVII. Organizers of this year's state conference, based in Bangor, report that their initial plans to hold Sympoisum XVII at the University of Maine at Orono have been changed. Apparently UMO staffers were not at all eager to accommodate the conference. So organizers went somewhere else where we'd be welcome: Unity College in Unity, Maine (east of Waterville). Unity is also less expensive than UMO. As more information is available, *Communiqué* will let you know about it. SYMPOSIUM XVII, POB 536, Orono



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04412
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