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## AIR FORCE NEWSPAPER PULLS GAY ADVERTISEMENT

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The official newspaper at Loring Air Force Base, Maine has pulled a display advertisement for the Gay-Lesbian Phoneline pending a review by that base's Legal Office.

Northern Lambda Nord submitted a one-column-by-1½" display advert for the Phoneline for four consecutive issues in the *Limelite*, Loring's weekly newspaper. The ad was similar to the one which was published for two weeks last fall. Northeast Publishing Company of Presque Isle, who publishes the *Limelite*, accepted the ad and Lambda's money. Dick Harrison, Lambda member and part-time paste-up person on the *Limelite*, saw on Wednesday, February 28, that a space had been marked for insertion of the ad, "Lambda 1x1". The next day when he returned to Presque Isle to complete his part of the newspaper, the Phoneline ad was not there; the space was filled with classifieds. He questioned some people from Northeast and was referred to the Chief of Loring Public Affairs who was responsible for the newspaper.

Dick asked Kelly Rebscher, Captain (PA Chief) if she knew what had happened to the ad. She said yes; it had been pulled. She said she had pulled it because of the recent Supreme Court ruling about gays in the military, and she wanted it to be reviewed by the Loring Legal Office. Dick told her that the Supreme Court had refused to review a challenge to exclusion of gays in the military, and therefore the situation had not changed since Lambda last advertised in the *Limelite*. She still wanted to have the ad reviewed.

The Legal Office should take about two weeks to review the ad.

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## COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR BUILDING FUND

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At Lambda's February meeting, a Building Fund Committee was established to investigate questions and problems the organization will have to create a Community Center in this region. The meeting time was spent discussing the feasibility of such a building and soliciting reactions and suggestions from people. About 16 people were at the meeting; some

of the comments are printed here:

- \* Location is of paramount importance; cost would be prohibitive
- \* If each member donated \$10 per month for one year, there would be enough money after one year to finance a place
- \* Find a two- or three-apartment building, rent one or two of the units, and use the third as the Center
- \* What would the place be for? just parties? - It would be for the phoneline, library, office, meeting place, parties, discussion groups, films, anything the members wanted
- \* Zoning and restrictions came up in discussion several times
- \* Parking is of concern; private, invisible (almost), so people won't see your vehicle parked there
- \* Would the creation of a Center mean an end to the house parties?
- \* Do a "lease-option" on the property
- \* Do a 6-month summer rental
- \* Winter is when people need a place more than summer
- \* What if the bar in Sainte-Anne opens again; how would that affect the Center and parties?
- \* Some people equate Lambda only with political activity, and so stay away; they would stay away from the building because of its relation to being political. Are people confusing "political" with "visible"?
- \* Financial support is of repeated concern; initial money, and on-going maintenance
- \* Emphasize that NLN is tax-deductible; good way to raise money; perhaps have someone donate land/building?

One member who was unable to attend sent comments in writing:

\* Form a building committee with these goals:

- poll the membership; if most members favor the project, then proceed; solicit input, ideas, suggestions; compile report for the general membership
- define the function of the building; this will determine the needed size; compile a report
- investigate costs: purchase or rental; operating expenses (taxes, utilities, heat, snow removal...); how much income will be needed and how can it be generated; compile a report
- Raise funds for the building, plus create on-going funding for the day-to-day operating expenses
- search for a building or rental space; compile a report
- purchase or rent a space; move in; remodel?

The next NLN meeting is Sunday, March 25 in Presque Isle. The Building Committee will have its first report. Everyone is encouraged to be there. (see members' calendar for specifics)



## QUILT TO BE DISPLAYED IN FREDERICTON

The NAMES Project Quilt, or "AIDS QUILT" will display Canadian panels Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8 at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium on the campus of the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Sponsored by AIDS/New Brunswick, they are encouraging people from throughout Maine and New Brunswick to view the Quilt.

The Quilt is a memorial of 3x6' panels dedicated to those people who have died as a result of the effects of AIDS. Because of the size of the Quilt, it is no longer exhibited in its entirety; the last time was October, 1989 in Washington DC.

An information session will be held Sunday, March 18, 1:30pm (N-B) at the home of Randy Audfroid in South Northampton. The NAMES Project Video will be shown (approximately 20 minute film). People are encouraged to volunteer to help with the set-up, the unfolding of the Quilt in Fredericton, readers to read the names as the panels are unfolded, monitors, and fundraising. This March 18 informational session will feature a Malaysian meal; you're invited to bring your appetite, your favourite beverage, and a friend.

All donations to help defray the costs of bringing the Quilt to Fredericton are gratefully acknowledged by AIDS/New Brunswick. Tax receipts will be provided to donors. AIDS/NB, 65 Brunswick Street, Fredericton, E3B 1G5; 1-800/561-4009; calling from Fredericton or from outside New Brunswick, 459-7518.

## → LAMBDA CALENDAR/CALENDRIER

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY "GREEN PARTY" - Caribou, Saturday, March 17  
MARCH MEETING & POT LUCK MEAL - Presque Isle, Sunday, March 25  
END-OF-MARCH/APRIL FOOL'S PARTY - Caribou, Saturday, March 31  
SPRING PARTY - New Sweden, Saturday, April 21  
APRIL MEETING - Sunday, April 29  
10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & DANCE - Caribou, Saturday, May 5  
*Members' calendars (enclosed) have complete details about all events.*

## → LAMBDA LIBRARY RECEIVES EXTENSIVE OVERHAUL

Northern Lambda Nord's lending library for members, *Bibliothèque Lambda*, has not had much use by the membership. Most people have never "checked-it-out" to find out what's there. Well, that's changing. One of our most industrious Lambs, Dennis, has been working at all hours of the day and night to get some semblance of order to the library, which was established in July '81 with 25 books and 15 magazine subscriptions; it now has over 350 volumes and numerous periodicals from throughout North America. Watch for up-dates on progress.



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Caribou, Maine 04736 USA, Gay-Lesbian  
Phone/line/Telex - 207/498-2088

**AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP** meets  
weekly in Madawaska; contact Northern Lambda Nord  
for information

**BANGOR AREA GAY-LESBIAN-STRAIGHT COALITION**  
(BAGLSC - "Bageis") c/o 87 Sunset Strip, Brewer  
04412

**DOWNEAST LESBIAN GAY ORGANIZATION (DELGO)**  
c/o Unitarian Church, 126 Union Street, Bangor 04401,  
207/942-6503

**DIGNITY/MAINE** Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland  
04104

**FREDERICTON LESBIANS AND GAYS (FLAG)** POB  
1566, Station A, Fredericton E3B 5G2, 506/457-2156

**GAIS ET LESBIENNES DE MONCTON/GAYS AND  
LESBIANS OF MONCTON (GLM)** CP/POB 7102,  
Riverview E1B 1Y0, 506/858-1013

**GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE** University of Southern  
Maine, 92 Bedford Street, Portland 04102, 207/780-4085

**GROUPE GAIE DE L'UNIVERSITE LAVAL (GGUL)** CP  
2500, Pavillon Lemeux, Cite Universitaire, Sainte-Eoy,  
Quebec G1K 7P4, 418/648-2751

**HARBOR MASTERS, INC.** leather-levi group, POB  
4044, Portland 04104

**LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS**  
POB 5112, Station A, Portland 04101

**MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK** POB 1792,  
Portland 04104, 207/780-4085 (leave message)

**MAINE LESBIAN FEMINISTS** POB 125, Belfast 04915

**MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE** POB  
232, Hallowell 04347

**NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
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**BRUNSWICK** POB/CP 1566, Station/Succursale A,  
Fredericton E3B 5G2

**OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in  
Maine** published monthly, \$12 for one-year subscription,  
POB 10744, Portland 04104

**OUTRIGHT: Portland Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth**  
POB 5028, Station A, Portland 04101

**WILDE-STEIN CLUB** Memorial Union, University of  
Maine, Orono 04469

**WOMLAND TRUST** Worn Owning Maine Land Trust,  
POB 55, Troy 04987

**AIDS information SIDA**

**MAINE AIDS-line** 1-800/851-AIDS (-2437) (Portland -  
775-1267), Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Monday &  
Wednesday 6-9pm, Saturday 10am-1pm

**NEW BRUNSWICK AIDS-line/La ligne SIDA**  
**NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK** 1-800/561-4009 (Fredericton -  
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