

The Networker  
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Come Out For UMO's Awareness Week

Plans are being finalized for an exciting week of events at U Maine Orono. Lesbian Bisexual Gay Awareness Week, April 8-12, will feature speakers, a film series, an information table, and a dance, among other activities.

Although all of the details are not available at this time, we know that the keynote speaker (scheduled for Tuesday evening) will be Claudia Brenner of Washington DC's Anti-Violence Project. Films will include, "If She Grows Up Gay", "Comrades In Arms", "Tongues Untied", "Revenge of the Teenage Perverts", and "Silent Pioneers". Peaches Bass, Director of the Maine AIDS Alliance will be speaking on Gay/Lesbian health issues. Finally, a dance is planned for Saturday night at the Pavillion theater. John Ostuni will be the d.j., so count on a wonderful variety of music. (John was the d.j. at last summers Charlie Howard dance and the GLCN Valentine's Dance).

A complete schedule of events for Lesbian Bisexual Gay Awareness Week will be included in April's "Networker". If you want more specifics before this time you can try calling the Office for Student Services in the Memorial Union 581-1406.

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Local AIDS Organization Needs Our Help

Eastern Maine AIDS Network (EMAN) and the Downeast AIDS Network (DEAN) are currently planning two fundraising events and a candlelight memorial service. The two group are asking for assistance from the gay and lesbian communities.

On April 14, EMAN and DEAN will co-sponsor "CASINO NIGHT" at Bangor's gay bar, The Riverfront Lounge. Volunteers are needed to operate game tables at this event. Assistance is also needed to organize the third annual "Strike AIDS/Spare Lives" Bowl-A-Thon scheduled for Saturday April 27. The forth annual candlelight memorial will be coordinated with other AIDS organizations throughout the country and the world.

Energy that we would give to these three events would be greatly appreciated by EMAN and DEAN. If you'd like to get involved call 990-3626. This is the EMAN office. If no one is there, please leave your name, phone number, a convenient time to call and which event on the answering machine.

Help Needed for Transvestites

Several phone numbers are listed in various public places for GLCN, and those of us whose numbers are listed do receive a wide variety of calls. Often, we are unable to offer much assistance to the caller, but we'd like to do better.

Several male transvestites have contacted us lately, hoping to make contact with others. We've done the best we can to help them link up, but it occurs to us there may be more folks among us -- or at least others known to NETWORKER readers -- who would like to be in touch with each other. If you have a friend who considers himself or herself a transvestite or would like to know more about that orientation, or if this interests you, please contact Robin G. at 866-7958 or Robin L. at 862-5907. We'll do our best to help you make contact with others.



## Worth Reading

*Daddy's Roommate*, by Michael Willhoite, tells the story of a boy who lives with Mommy during the week and with Daddy and his male lover on weekends. (for ages 2-6) Alyson Publications \$14.95)

Another book, along the same lines is *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman. Written for children ages 3-8, this book is also available through Alyson Publications for \$7.95.

\*Can you name any of 58 actresses who have played lesbian or bisexual women in movies? How about any of 19 alleged cures for lesbianism and masturbation? Can you name any of 13 cities with lesbian archives? To obtain the answers to these and many other interesting questions, pick up *Lesbian Lists* by Dell Richards, Alyson Publications \$8.95.

\* Actresses: Patricia Charbonneau, *Desert Hearts*  
Lynne Redgrave, *My Two Loves*  
Candice Bergen, *The Group, The Adventurers*  
Audrey Hepburn, *The Children's Hour*

\*Cures: Bread and water (1890's)  
Making little girls wear dresses (1900)  
Analysis (1920's-1970's)

\*Lesbian Archives: Hel Sinki  
New York  
Rome

Please send book reviews, or articles of interest to the community to the GLCN post office box. We'd like to hear from you! GLCN, PO Box 212, Bangor, ME 04401.

### \*\*Information\*\*

Some of you on the GLCN mailing list have expressed concern over receiving a flyer about the John McCutcheon concert from the Peace and Justice Center. We want to stress that we DO NOT share our mailing list with other organizations. In this instance, flyers were left for us at the Peace and Justice Center and we, GLCN, addressed them at one of our regular meetings. If you do not wish to receive any mail besides the Networker, please let us know.

### Civil Rights Bill

Work is currently going on towards the passage of a civil rights bill which would extend protection to gays, lesbians and other minorities in the state of Maine. Presently, information is being collected to document instances of and violence towards gay men and lesbians. This information will be used to demonstrate the need for the legislation. If you have experienced homophobia in your workplace, or in other aspects of your life, providing this information could be helpful for the passage of this legislation. Your experience can be provided anonymously by calling 942-3901, or you can write the instance down and send to the GLCN P.O. Box and we will send it along.

If you are interested in working towards the passage of this legislation call Robin G. at 866-7958.



Lesbian Potluck Supper and Movie  
"Therese and Isabelle"

Hey Girls! Are you looking for a way to meet new friends besides the bar? Join us Friday, March 22 at 6pm at the Peace and Justice Center in Bangor for delicious food, pleasant company and a fun dyke video that you probably haven't seen.

About the flick ... "Therese and Isabelle" is a full length black and white film made in the sixties (maybe early seventies) set in France at an exclusive boarding school for girls (no sub-titles though. The girls speak English with French accents). The opening scene shows an adult Therese returning to the now deserted school to remember and apparently come to terms with her passionate love affair with her old boarding school chum, Isabelle. the movie consists mostly of flashbacks of the developing relationship between teenaged Therese and Isabelle (who both look about 35, Oh Well). Some scenes contain nudity and erotic language, but little actual sex. It was , I'am sure, very daring for its time. It's not "Desert Hearts" but we promise, No fruits, no vegetables, and no chirping. Those of you who attended GLCN's last movie night will appreciate this! Besides, you've all seen "Desert Hearts"! For more info call 862-5907.

A Response To Mr. Gorsline's Opinion

Because of a lack of space, we had to shorten this response to Robin Gorsline's letter pertaining to the Gulf War.

"It is obvious that Mr. Gorsline doesn't understand the issues or reasons for involvement in the Persian Gulf War...

...The reasons for Saddam's invasions are quite simple really. He wants to lead the Arab world... through military force, or even economic blackmail through the use of oil as a weapon, against countries that would prevent him. The reasons for the invasions of Iran and Kuwait was to control the oil fields of those nations, to deny income and initiate economic collapse and dependence of those nations. This would give him great power over Western economies dependent on oil.

Consider Saddam with nuclear weapons and control of the world's oil supply. He would have considerable power... As for the man himself, he is ruthless. He assassinated his way to the top of Iraq... He has used some of the most hideous weapons ever developed by man on his own people...

As for gay and lesbians in the armed forces. It has no basis for opposition to the war. It is an internal matter that this society must deal with. A social matter. As is Jesse Helms. The only way to defeat the homophobia of people like Jesse Helms is to prove that his fears and opinions are wrong and the only way to do that is by being the best citizens we can possibly be. We must also be willing to endure the time that it takes for attitudes of people to change". R.C.

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Classified Ads

Dear three sisters, In deep gratitude, enormous surprise and delight!! Signed, your two sisters in love, light and fun!!!!



# Our Community's Calendar

- Tuesday March 12 - GLCN Youth Group 7:30-9pm. Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor.
- Wed. March 13 - GLCN Support Group 7:30-9pm. Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor.
- Friday March 15 - John McCutcheon, storyteller, musician, songwriter Maine Center for the Arts, 8pm 581-1755/tickets
- Tuesday March 19 - GLCN Youth Group see 3/12.
- Wednesday March 20 GLCN Political/Education Group 7:30-9pm. Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor.
- Friday March 22 Lesbian Pot-luck supper and movie "Therese and Isabelle". See article.
- Sunday March 24 Lesbian Pot luck Brunch. 11:30am - 2:00pm(862-5907)
- Tuesday March 26 GLCN Youth Group see 3/12
- Wednesday March 27 GLCN General Meeting 7:30-9pm Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor.
- Tuesday April 2 GLCN Youth Group see3/12
- Wednesday April 3 GLCN Networker mailing party (fold,stuff,lick,stamp visit,giggle) 7:30-9pm Peace and Justice Center 9 Central St. Bangor
- Tuesday April 9 GLCN Yputh Group see 3/12
- Tuesday April 9 Claudia Brenner, of antiviolence project Wash.DC keynote address. Part of Lesbian Bisexual Gay Awareness Week at UMO. Call 581-1406 for info.
- Wednesday April 10 GLCN Support Group. See 3/13
- Thursday April 11 Films "Revenge of the Teenage Perverts" and "Silent Pioneers" (about older gay people) part of Peace and Justice Center Film Series and Lesbian Bisexual Gay Awareness Week. 7pm Neville Hall UMO
- Saturday April 13 Dance. Part of Lesbian Bisexual Gay Awareness Week Pavillion Theater UMO.
- Sunday April 14 CASINO NIGHT Riverfront Lounge, Franklin St. Bangor. Benefit DEAN and EMAN. See article page 1.
- Saturday April 27 Strike AIDS/Spare Lives Bowl-A-Thon. Benefit DEAN and EMAN. See article page 1.
- Saturday April 27 Mabel Wadsworth Health Center, Spring Conference "Women Sharing Knowledge and Power: Health in Our Hands". Wellman Commons, Bangor Theological Seminary. Call 947-5337 for more information.

## ONGOING

\*\*Women's HIV Support Group meets in Bangor every other Thursday from 7-8:30pm. For more information call 667-3506 or 947-0700.

\*\*Support Group for Caregivers: for those who work with/care for people with AIDS/HIV, or their families and significant others. Group meets 7:30-9pm 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Call 667-3506 or Doug Kimmel at 422-3686.

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To receive the Networker for one year mail your name and address to GLCN P.O. Box 212 Bangor, ME 04402.

We ask for \$5.00 to cover stamps,printing etc. but we'll be glad to add anyone to the list.