

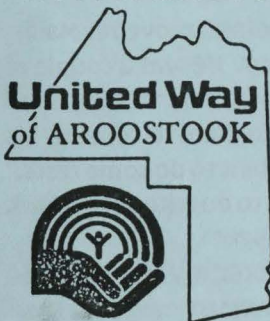
# Communiqué

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## AROOSTOOK UNITED WAY TELLS US, "IT'S TOO LATE"

In response to the Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber's application for inclusion in the 1991 Aroostook County United Way, we've been told it's too late to be included this year.



In a letter dated December 12, 1990, Susanne Sandusky, Executive Director of the annual fundraising campaign, noted that "the published deadline for accepting applications for 1991 United Way of Aroostook funding was August 24, 1990." Northern Lambda Nord's completed application was submitted November 30, 1990.

Even though NLN has had correspondence with the United Way in Presque Isle since early September, 1990, this is the first notification that they had a "published deadline" for applying for funding. At the December Lambda meeting it was voted to resubmit our application in June, 1991 for funding in 1992. NLN is asking for \$500 to fund one year's expenses of the Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber. ▼

## TEACHERS

Newly-formed support/social group for Gay and Lesbian teachers in Maine. Next meeting:

Sunday, January 20, in the Etna/Dixmont area.

Want more info?

Call Dianne  
207.223-5156. ▼

## CANADIENS/CANADIENNES - AVIS IMPORTANT IMPORTANT NOTICE for CANADIANS

**It is no longer illegal for you to enter the United States.** President George Bush signed a measure which eliminates the ban on gays & lesbians entering the United States. Until now, any time you entered Maine the immigration inspectors could have used a 1950s law to exclude "sexual deviants" from entering the U.S. Wearing any type of gay button or carrying lesbian or gay magazines would have been enough evidence to keep you out of the country.

This was the first massive change in U.S. immigration statutes in 25 years. It increases the number of people allowed to immigrate and strikes down exclusions of entry on the basis of sexual orientation and political views.

Restrictions against PWAs - People with AIDS - remain. The exclusionary legislation passed last year through the efforts of Senator Jesse Helms of South Carolina has met with international condemnation. But lawmakers added a clause this year that gives the Department of Health and Human Services the power to delete AIDS and HIV-infection from the list of restricted diseases.

These progressive changes in immigration law are due in large part to the efforts of Member of Congress Barney Frank of Massachusetts, one of two openly-gay Congressmen. ▼



## NEW GROUP FOR GAY-LESBIAN YOUTH

Bangor is the home of Maine's second group organized for lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth, age 22 and under. The yet-to-be-named organization will have its first meeting Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-9pm at the Peace and Justice Center, 9 Central Street, #302. A committee of adult advisors has met and made preliminary plans, and have met with individuals in the medical, counseling, and pastoral communities to solicit their help. Maine's first youth group, OUTRIGHT, is based in Portland. ▼



### **Demanding the Right to Marry**

Craig R. Dean, left, and Patrick G. Gill have filed suit against the City of Washington D.C. for its refusal to issue them a marriage license. The two cited discrimination, saying that city law explicitly prohibits only polygamists and practitioners of incest from obtaining licenses and does not require two people to be of different sexes to wed. (UPI photo) ▼

A Gay Youth Speaks:

## MY STORY

by Ryan, age 17

**I** have known I was gay since I was 14. I had dreams about guys and also I had sex with guys my age since turning 13. I tried to make out with girls beginning when I was 12 until I was almost 17, but I finally gave up because it didn't feel right and I didn't feel too comfortable with girls.

About one year before I moved to Maine, I started to see a boy. He was a couple of months younger than me. It started at school when he asked me to come to his house. He said, "I want to do some tests." I didn't know it had to do with sex. I think he turned out "straight".

A year and a half later, my family moved to Maine. I didn't want to leave, but I had to. It hurt but I got used to not having him around. We moved to my grandparents' house in September and I got kicked out. I was 13. When I was about 14, I moved to a group home in Bangor; four months after I moved in we had a house meeting and I came out.

That night, this guy and I were horsing around and he asked me to go into the bathroom with him because there were people in our bedrooms. So we had sex, really good sex, and it felt great. After the first time, he got really scared because we were breaking house rules. When we first started dating each other, he made me keep quiet about our loving friendship, including sex. We kept seeing each other for three months.

Then we broke up and it was the saddest day of my life. But I could not talk

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## Report which supports our rights is made public

A report supporting a ban on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in New Brunswick was made public November 9. After two years in the making, the Ferris Report was tabled in the provincial legislature. (*Ed. note: "tabled" in the Canadian system means put on the table for action; in the U.S. it means put on the table to die.*) If adopted, an estimated 50,000 lesbians, gaymen, and bisexuals in New Brunswick would be protected from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. This would follow the lead of Québec, the Yukon, Manitoba, and Ontario, whose non-discrimination laws protect nearly three-quarters of the Canadian population.

During its biennial convention in Saint John in November, New Brunswick's New Democratic Party (NDP) unanimously endorsed a resolution calling for legal protection for sexual minorities. A representative of the New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reform spoke to the 300 delegates, urging them to support the resolution. ▼

## MY STORY

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because our relationship was against the rules. Then we got back together and two weeks later we broke up again. It was easier the second time because I moved out of the group home about a week after the break-up.

Since then I have seen guys, but have not had sex with any because I can't find anyone my own age and haven't had any good lovers. ▼

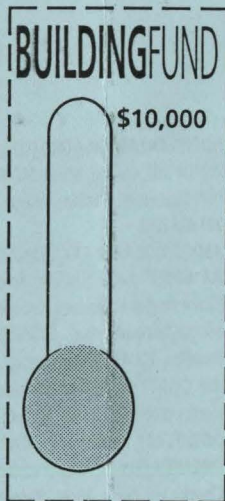
## MAINE AIDS UPDATE

As of October 31, 1990, there have been 206 cases of AIDS in the state; 108 of those persons have died.

Cases in Maine since 1984, the year of first diagnosis, are:

1984 - 2 ..... 1985 - 15 ..... 1986 - 20 ..... 1987 - 36  
1988 - 42 ..... 1989 - 59 ..... 1990 - 43 (as of Sept 30, 1990)

In northern Maine, there have been 24 cases of AIDS; central Maine reports 71 cases, and southern Maine has had 111 cases. ▼



## BUILDING FUND ESTABLISHED

As of December 16, an official *building fund*, has been established by Northern Lambda Nord. The fund's ultimate aim is the establishment of a central community center for this region. Membership at the December 16 meeting approved a motion to take 25% of all donations collected at gatherings and earmark them for the fund; an initial goal of \$10,000 (U.S. funds) was established.

Randy, who is also active in the New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reform, noted that their fundraising efforts have included pledges, whereby people agree to donate a set amount in a year, payable in installments, either monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually. They raised over \$1200 (Canadian funds) in their first pledge campaign. Randy suggested that we should undertake a similar campaign.

In Lambda's fall survey, 95% of members who responded said they would support the establishment of a community center. As to how the money should be raised, respondents voted for grants (29%), special fundraising events (21%), pledges from individuals (17%), increased membership dues (14%), bottle drives (11%), and bake sales/car washes (8%). ▼

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# AIDS

## THE SAFER THE SEX, THE BETTER CONSIDERED SAFE:

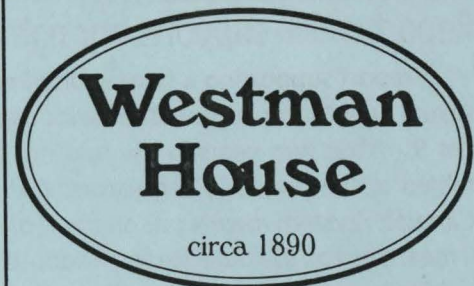
Mutual masturbation, Hugging/body rubbing, Massage, Social (dry) kissing, Fantasy, Light S/M (without bleeding or bruising),  
Sex toys (when used only on yourself)

## CONSIDERED POSSIBLY SAFE:

Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom, French (wet) kissing,  
Sucking (but stopping before climax), Watersports (external only),  
Cunnilingus

## CONSIDERED UNSAFE:

Swallowed semen, Anal or vaginal intercourse without a condom,  
Watersports in mouth or on skin with sores or cuts, Sharing IV  
needles, Fisting or rimming, Sharing enema equipment, douching  
equipment, or sex toys



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**AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP** meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group. Call NLN Phonenumber, 207.498-2088 to contact.  
**AM CHOFSI** Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; 207.871-1014 (Bob)  
**DOWNEAST LESBIAN GAY ORGANIZATION (DELGO)**, Unitarian Church, 126 Union Street, Bangor 04401, 942-6503  
**DIGNITY/MAINE** Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104  
**GAIS & LESBIENNES DE MONCTON/ GAYS & LESBIANS OF MONCTON (GLM)** CP/POB 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0, 506.858-1013  
**GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE** University of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street, Portland 04102, 207.780-4085

**GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK** POB 212, Bangor 04401, 862-5907/866-7958  
**GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP** Portland, 780-4085/772-4741  
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**INTEGRITY** Episcopalian group, St. Matthew's Church, 18 Union Street, Hallowell 04347, 623-3041/845-2985  
**LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS** POB 5112, Station A, Portland 04102  
**MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK** POB 1792, Portland 04104, 874-6596 (leave message)  
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**PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS (P-FLAG)**, POB 2080, Great Island, Brunswick 04011, 725-4769/729-0519/623-2349  
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