

Communiqué

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WHO ARE WE?, PROPOSED SURVEY WILL ASK

It's been suggested that Northern Lambda Nord conduct a questionnaire to determine the "demographics" of the lesbian-gay-bisexual community of this region. This would mean finding out such things as, *How many of us are 'out' to our families* *How many of us have been married, and do we have children* *Have we always known we were queer and at what age did we come out to ourselves.*

Everyone is requested to think about what kinds of things you'd like to see on this type of survey, and either present them at the next monthly meeting or send your suggestions for questions to PO Box 990 in Caribou 04736. Thanks. ▼

COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING FUND BENEFIT

WIN A CD PLAYER

Have you entered the drawing to win a Seiko portable CD player? There are less than six weeks left! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, and Canadian and U.S. funds are accepted at par. All proceeds will go into the Building Fund, whose goal is \$10,000us towards establishing a community center in this area. Tickets are available at the Phoneline open house every Wednesday, and at NLN parties and gatherings. The winning ticket will be drawn at the October 12th membership drive party; you need not be present to win, but we hope you'll be there!

If you can't make it to any of the gatherings and would like to help the Building Fund, you can send your money to the

P.O. Box; please include the number of tickets you want and your mailing address and telephone number.

A few Lambda members have signed out tickets that they're selling. PLEASE make sure that all remaining tickets, ticket stubs and money is returned by Saturday, October 5; you can bring it to the pot luck in Caribou. Those people who have tickets are: Roger M., Jody S., Mark C., Kit W., Lionel D., Roger T., Randy A., and Dwight W. If anyone wants more tickets to sell, call the Phoneline on a Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE: because the Membership drive party was pushed back one week, the drawing will be October 12, not the 5th as it says on the tickets. ▼

CREATION OF LOCAL PARENTS AND YOUTH GROUPS MAY BE IN OUR FUTURE

Throughout North America there are a variety of support groups for gays, lesbians, and bisexual people, from the rural organizations such as Northern Lambda Nord to bowling leagues, science fiction groups, teachers' organizations and other special interest groups. Two organizations which exist in other areas are chapters of a national group known as P-FLAG, Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, as well as local, support groups designed for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth. Several members of Lambda will be exploring the feasibility of organizing similar support groups in this region.

Dennis has written to several P-FLAG groups in the area, including Brunswick, Maine and Fredericton, New Brunswick. The Brunswick group has replied that they are notifying the national organization of the interest in this area, and to get more information about how to form such a group. It would be a place for our parents, family and straight friends to meet and discuss their concerns and feelings about having a gay person in their family. Just as many of us felt at one time that we were the only ones, many parents know no one else with gay family members. P-FLAG provides support and information for our parents' "coming out" process.

Do more
than belong.
Participate.

Because of a greater awareness today of sexuality issues, gay teens are coming out at an earlier age than did people only 10 years ago. It's easy to identify with today's teenagers, many of whom feel isolated and without anyone to talk with, either family, adults, or peers. The Portland-based group OUTRIGHT has been an extremely successful support group for lesbian, gay and bisexual people age 22 and younger. They've presented workshops at several Maine Symposia, the annual statewide conference for our community. Members of OUTRIGHT have made presentations at a number of schools in Maine. A second support group, OUTRIGHT TOO has recently formed in Bangor. At the August NLN meeting, two women new to this area expressed an interest in forming a support group for youth in the northern Maine-New Brunswick area.

If anyone is interested in either or both of these two types of organizations, your help will be greatly appreciated. Both groups will be discussed at subsequent Lambda monthly meetings, and you can talk with other interested people at the regular Wednesday Phoneline drop-in in Caribou. ▼

PHONELINE ACCESSIBLE TO HEARING-IMPAIRED

Through the acquisition of a grant from the Haymarket People's Fund of New England, and from additional funds donated by Lambda members and friends, a Telecommunications

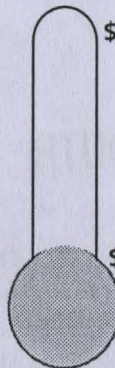
Device for the Deaf - TDD - and a special TDD/Voice answering machine are being installed at the Phoneline. If you'd like to find out how these work, stop by the Phoneline Office Satur-

day, September 14 at 2pm (Maine time) for a demonstration. P.S. Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to staff the Phoneline every Wednesday, 7-9pm (Maine). ▼

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BUILDINGFUND



\$10,000
GOAL

\$432.94
U.S. funds
as of
8/18/91

The NLN Building Fund is designed to raise money for a community center for this region. The center would house the phoneline, library, office, meeting space, and party space. Since NLN is a 501(c)3 group, all donations are tax-deductible on federal U.S. income tax; merely ask for a receipt. Donations of any amount - U.S. or Canadian funds - are appreciated. ▼

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The Old Massachusetts Homestead Campground

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Call 207.789-5135*



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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

SO THEY SAY

Our differentness is about gender non-conformity, not only in bed but in our social roles. We have a lot to say to the mainstream about the artificiality of their categories. -

*Martin Duberman,
author*

Discrimination can no longer be tolerated in this province for any reason. For this government, human rights is a top priority. Nova Scotia Premier Don Cameron, commenting on the addition of 'sexual orientation' to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act, making that province the fourth in Canada to include sexual minorities as a group protected from discrimination. ▼

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AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group. Call NLN Phoneline, 207.498-2088 to contact.

AM CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; 207.871-1014 (Bob)
DIGNITY/MAINE Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104

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GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK POB 212, Bangor 04401, 862-5907/941-2189

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