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SYMPOSIUM PLANNING COMMITTEE BEGINS TO MEET MONTHLY

Members of Northern Lambda Nord have formed a planning committee for the Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's Symposium XIX, the state's annual conference. Meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Symposium, Maine's 19th gathering, will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 1992, at the campus of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. This is the third time the conference has been held in Aroostook County. Until 1986, Symposium rotated annually between the Orono/Bangor and Portland/Gorham campuses of the University of Maine. At those two venues the local gay-lesbian student groups sponsored the conference: the Wilde-Stein Club at Orono, which initiated the Symposium, and the Gay-Lesbian Alliance at the University of Southern Maine's Portland and Gorham campuses.

Northern Lambda Nord's sponsorship in 1986 set a new standard for the event. As in previous years, Symposium was held on a University of Maine campus. But in Presque Isle it was hosted by a non-student organization. It was also scheduled for a three-day holiday weekend rather than a two-day weekend in order to allow for travel time to and from northern Maine. Some traditions were continued: holding all plenary sessions, workshops, films, and the dance on the campus. But some things underwent changes. Housing at Orono and Portland was always provided by local people who offered Symposium participants extra beds, couches, and floor space in their homes. In Presque Isle that was not possible; there wasn't enough floor space in the few homes available to house the 135 people in attendance. So all conference-goers stayed in a dormitory on campus. A meal plan was provided so most people ate in the campus dining hall. This created a real sense of community, a lesbian and gay college for three days. There was plenty of informal social time to meet and get to know a lot of new friends. Subsequent Symposia have continued offering on-campus housing and meals.

Presque Isle was again the site of the 1989 Symposium and will repeat that role in 1992. Plans for Symposium XIX include the second annual Symposium Lip-Sync Contest, a possible mixed doubles tennis tournament, and live entertainment. The planning committee is considering one of several groups to provide Saturday night entertainment before the dance: The Flirtations, an acapella gay male singing group.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTION
LIBERALS WIN, NDP GAINS FIRST SEAT IN LEGISLATURE

By the time it was over, the Liberals, who had held all 58 seats in the New Brunswick Legislature, maintained their majority with 46 seats. The newly formed anti-bilingual party, COR - Coalition of Regions party - will form the official opposition with 8 seats. The Progressive Conservatives have 3 seats. And for the first time, the leader of the provincial New Democratic Party, the NDP, has a seat in Fredericton. NDP leader Elizabeth Weir represents Saint John South. In her victory speech she noted how many people were responsible for her victory, people from diverse backgrounds working together. She made special mention of the "extremely hard work of the gay community in this campaign".

With the start of a new legislative session in New Brunswick, this is probably the time when the provincial "lesbian-gay civil rights bill" will be passed through inclusion of the term "sexual orientation" in the N-B Human Rights Code. The Liberals have tabled the amendment. Elizabeth Weir is the leader of a party which is extremely outspoken in support of civil rights for gay people. The New Brunswick Coalition for Human Rights Reform has been working towards adoption of a Human Rights Code amendment for several years. The Liberal victory and an NDP seat in the legislature bode well for a Coalition success.

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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Bonne lecture!


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group; Lucy Blue Tremblay, Olivia Records recording artist from Montréal; and Funny Gay Males, three comics. Cost is an important factor. Lambda is applying for a grant of nearly $9000 to help finance Symposium, which has an entire budget of over $23,000. The committee needs more suggestions for entertainment. At Symposium XVI in Presque Isle, "Ten Percent Review", a gay and lesbian cabaret group, was excellent. It's hoped that next year's entertainment will be as good.

The committee has already arranged for two keynote speakers: Anne Bishop, activist from Halifax, and David Scodras, openly-gay member of the Boston City Council. Suggestions are needed for workshop topics. If you've never attended the Maine Symposium, that doesn't matter. More help is needed to plan this event. Attendance for Symposium XXIX is forecast at 150-175. If the two previous Presque Isle conferences are a guide, registrants will be 50-50 men-women, and 40% Canadian/60% American.

If anyone has any ideas about entertainment, workshop topics, or any other aspect of a conference, or would like to get involved, be at the next Symposium planning meeting, October 20th, 2pm (Maine time) at the Phoneline office in Caribou.

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