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SO THEY SAY

Why, you have your own chapter of ‘Queer Nation’ up here! - Woman ‘from away’ reacting when she learned that some gay men regularly dance at Yusef’s in Caribou, so they can “maintain our right to dance” at the mostly-straight establishment.

GAY-LESBIAN PHONELINE

APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO AROOSTOOK UNITED WAY

Northern Lambda Nord has submitted an application to the United Way of Aroostook for funding for the Gay-Lesbian Phoneline. The nine-page application was much more extensive than that submitted last year. The Phoneline applied in 1990 but was told that the application was received after their deadline. This year’s request for funding was submitted in time.

One glaring difference this year is the addition to the United Way’s criteria for admission. “The [United Way Admissions and Allocations] Committee does not intend that compliance with the criteria necessarily establishes expectation of a favorable recommendation by the Admissions and Allocations Committee, or action by the United Way of Aroostook Board of Directors. The United Way of Aroostook reserves all rights to consider other factors in evaluating applications submitted to it.”

One requirement for inclusion in the local fundraising drive is that “services shall be open to all persons in need regardless of religion, race, sex, age, national origin, color or any other such basis.” In the Phoneline’s cover letter submitted with the application, clarification of “or any other such basis” was requested, specifically asking if that phrase includes “sexual orientation”.

NLN will be notified after the first of the year as to the success of the application.

SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

The Maine Lesbian and Gaymen’s Symposium XIX will be held at the University of Maine at Presque Isle over the Memorial Day weekend, May 22–25, 1992. The Symposium Organizing Committee is meeting the third Sunday of every month. Here’s what’s been planned so far. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Hon. David Scondras, openly-gay member of the Boston City Council, and Anne Bishop, activist from Halifax, Nova Scotia. LIP-SYNC CONTEST: This will be the second annual Symposium contest. In conjunction with the lip-sync, there will be a “vogueing” category. NAMES QUILT: The Maine NAMES Project will bring eight 12x12’ panels of the Quilt to Presque Isle. The panels will be on display in the UMPI gym during the week preceding Symposium, and will be open to the public. During Symposium weekend, the Quilt will be for viewing by Symposium registrants; it will not be open to the general public. The Maine NAMES Project is trying to bring as many Quilt panels of Mainers and Maritime Canadians as possible. REGISTRATION will be $18 (US funds) for the entire weekend, which will include admission to all events: opening and closing plenary sessions, workshops, discussion groups, panel discussion, films, dance, entertainment, lip-sync contest. Anyone who would like to help with Symposium or who wants to know more about the annual conference is invited to a meeting. (See members’ calendar, or call the Gay-Lesbian Phoneline in Caribou, 207.498-2088).
BOOK REPORT
Northern Lambda Nord's lending library, Bibliothèque Lambda, is approaching 1000 volumes in size. Slow, steady progress is being made on cataloguing the collection. When complete, a master library list will be sent to each Lambda member. Here are some recent additions to the library.

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