ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE
MAINE LESBIAN & GAYMEN'S SYMPOSIUM XIX UPDATE

The organizing committee of Maine’s annual conference is composed of volunteers from Northern Lambda Nord. At their seventh monthly planning session on December 15 in Presque Isle, the committee established the fee and registration schedule for Symposium XIX, which will be held during the Memorial Day weekend, May 22–25, 1992 on the Presque Isle campus of the University of Maine.

Registrants will be offered a choice of five plans. All plans include the basic $18 registration fee for Symposium weekend, which allows participants admission to all workshops, films, keynote speeches, opening and closing sessions, entertainment, and the Saturday night dance. The plans differ in their combination of meals and housing provided. The “full package” is Plan A which includes three nights lodging, five meals, plus registration for $89. Plan B includes two nights lodging, five meals and registration for $75. Plan C costs $60 for registration plus one night lodging and four meals. Plan D covers five meals and registration for $50. Plan E is the registration only – $18. Lodging is in dormitory rooms on the UMPI campus, double occupancy.

A preliminary weekend schedule has been set, beginning with registration.\textbf{\textit{continued on page 2}}

OUR BUILDING FUND HAS GROWN by only $1.25 since last month. It began in January 1991.

Can you help it reach the $1000 mark by January 1st 1992? Donate your bottle deposits!

AIDS/HIV+
NEW SUPPORT GROUP FORMS

A new support group to address the emotional and psychological needs of people with HIV infection and AIDS has formed in Aroostook County. An ever-increasing number of people in northern Maine are testing positive to HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus – which is believed to cause AIDS. Some of these people with HIV are lifelong residents of The County, others have returned home when they learn of their status. They cannot always find the support they need from their families and friends at home.

Stuart Miller, Director of Social Services at Cary Medical Center in Caribou, has organized this HIV/AIDS support group. The goal is to create a safe environment where the problems of having HIV/AIDS may be addressed, and to assist in networking with other agencies that offer assistance with HIV/AIDS issues. Complete confidentiality and anonymity of persons attending the support group will be maintained. There is no local publicity in newspapers or on radio or television regarding the formation of this group. Local physicians have been requested to refer patients to Mr. Miller.

The HIV/AIDS support group meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Chan Center at Cary Medical Center, Van Buren Road (U.S. Route 1), Caribou. All interested persons are asked to contact Mr. Miller in advance to express interest in attending; names will not be requested. Call him at 498-3111.

AIDS UPDATE/MISE À JOUR SIDA

IN MAINE as of September 30, 1991 there were 262 cases of AIDS; 141 are deceased. By region: northern Maine, 32; central Maine, 87; southern Maine, 143. In 1984, 2 cases were diagnosed in the state. In 1990, 57 cases were diagnosed.

AU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK depuis le 13 novembre 1991, on présenté 158 cas de VIH+.

Par région: Edmundston, 2; Bathurst, 26; Saint John, 37; Fredericton, 42; Moncton, 58.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK as of November 13, 1991 there were 158 cases of HIV+ reported. By region: Edmundston, 2; Bathurst, 26; Saint John, 37; Fredericton, 42; Moncton, 58.
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Hon. Bisexual youth group, c/o POB 212, Bangor will address $15 per year, which includes available upon request. Your comments and contributions are welcome.

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

Gay/Lesbian Guide

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COMMUNIQUÉ


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weekend's activities will conclude Monday morning with a closing plenary session and hugs.

The five meals provided include Saturday's breakfast, lunch, and Chinese buffet supper, and a Sunday brunch and evening barbeque dinner. All meals will have both meat and vegetarian selections.

The Symposium XIX organizing committee meets the third Sunday of each month. The next meeting is January 19 at 3pm in Caribou. Anyone wishing to help or who just wants to find out more is encouraged to attend. See the enclosed members' calendar or call the Gay-Lesbian Phoneline for details, (207) 498-2088.

The Symposium at morning sessions on Saturday and Sunday. A panel discussion will follow the Sunday keynote presentation. Entertainment will be provided twice. The headline group is Tom Wilson Weinberg and Lisa Joy Bernstein's cabaret-type show. Tom wrote "Ten Percent Revue" which was at Symposium XVI last time in Presque Isle and received rave revues. Tom and Lisa will perform Saturday evening, followed by a dance. A second entertainment group will perform Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening's activities will include the 2nd annual Symposium lip-sync and vogueing contest. Ongoing throughout the weekend will be a series of films. The

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TDD/VOICE-staffed Wed, 7-9pm (Maine)
AROOSTOOK AREA GAY/LESBIAN AA GROUP meets Sundays, 7pm (Maine time) in Madawaska. Groupe bilingue/bilingual group.
Call 207.498-2088 to make contact.

AIDS/SIDA New Brunswick 800.561-4009
AIDSLine/Maine 800.851-AIDS-staffed Mon & Wed 10am-5pm; Tues 9am-4:30pm; Thurs 10am-3pm; Fri 10am-4:30pm
AM CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; 207.871-1014 (Bob)
DIGNITY/MAINE Catholic group, POB 8113, Portland 04104
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MAINE GAY/LESBIAN PEOPLE'S NETWORK POB 10772, Portland 04104

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