

Communiqué

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LAMBDA INTERVENES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS

WE'RE BEATING JASPER WYMAN

Northern Lambda Nord is one of the winners in the first round in a suit by Jasper Wyman, Executive Director of the Christian Civic League of Maine. Wyman and his supporters presented a petition which would require any and all bills passed by the Maine Legislature which affect gays and lesbians (i.e., a civil rights bill) to go before the people for approval. Maine Attorney General Michael Carpenter, acting as attorney for Maine Secretary of State G. William Diamond, said that the petition is unconstitutional since it places a prior restriction on the Legislature. Wyman has gone to court, suing Diamond to accept the petition.

With the support of the Maine Civil Liberties Union (MCLU) and the Boston-based law firm Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance, Northern Lambda Nord, and seven other Maine organizations and eight individuals are intervening in the suit. This intervention will allow us to present facts and issues in the case which may not be presented by the Attorney General.

In the first round, Wyman challenged the presence of NLN and the other intervenors, saying that according to a number of judicial rules we do not qualify as intervenors. He also alleges that we do not have an interest in this litigation and that we would be adequately represented by Carpenter in his defense of the Secretary of State.

In his January 10th ruling on the acceptance of Lambda and the other intervenors, Maine Superior Court Justice Bruce W. Chandler disallowed Wyman's arguments. "The court is persuaded that in this case . . . complete

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LAMBDA FOUNDER, THIBODEAU

A DISTINGUISHED LEADER

Madawaska resident Roger Thibodeau, a founding member of Northern Lambda Nord, has been recommended for inclusion in the fourth edition of the "International Directory of Distinguished Leadership". Selection is based upon merit, according to the American Biographical Institute, the governing board of editors. His participation as one of the organizers of NLN is included in his nomination papers. "It's quite an honor for me," said Roger. Congratulations! ▼

WILL THE FLAG FLY AGAIN?

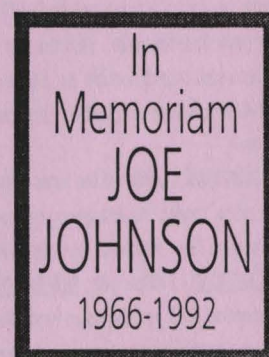
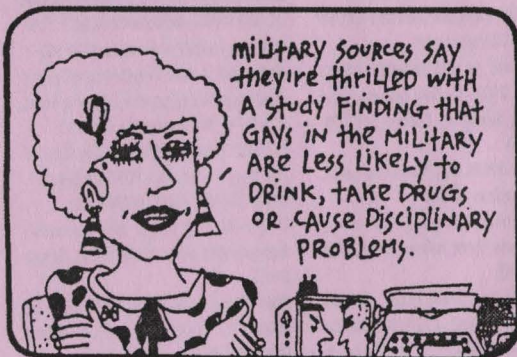
Until the opening of the bar, Dance Traxx, the New Brunswick organization, FLAG - Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, was the only source for regular social activities in the province's capital city. Now that the bar has closed, FLAG is regrouping.

Do more
than belong.
Participate.



There will be a general meeting of FLAG on Wednesday, February 12 at 7pm in Edmond Casey Hall, room G-14, on the campus of Saint Thomas University. Those present will discuss the future of the organization, including a possible dance. All interested people are urged to attend. ▼

SYLVIA by Nicole Hollander



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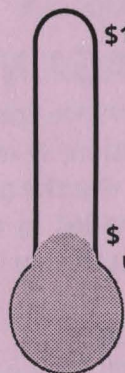
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protection of petitioner's interest can only be assured if they are allowed to intervene in this action . . . The probability that their ability to protect their interests will be impaired or impeded if not allowed to intervene is strong enough, however, to convince the court that intervention should be allowed."

Oral arguments in this case will be heard during the first two weeks of March, 1992. ▼

BUILDINGFUND



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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NOW THERE ARE TWO

NEW PUBLICATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A new monthly magazine, "APEX", begins publication in February, 1992. Based in Portland and designed to serve northern New England, "Apex" becomes a second voice for the lesbian-gay-bisexual community of the region.

Some members of the volunteer staff of "Our Paper", the other periodical serving Maine, left that publication to create "Apex". They are looking for writers, cartoonists, artists, and anyone wishing to contribute to educational, political, and historical discussion, no matter how controversial, as well as news, humor, and stories of our lives. Sample copies are available at the Phoneline office in Caribou. Subscriptions: \$12/year from Phoenix Press, POB 4743, Portland 04112. ▼

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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)

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