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U of Maine student challenges ROTC

A student in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Maine campus at Orono is fighting his dismissal from the campus military program. Neal Snow, who was fourth in command at the U of M ROTC program, is being dismissed from the program because he is gay. He had been in ROTC for six semesters when he told his commanders of his sexual orientation. “I’m tired of everything that’s happening—the hiding, the lying, the stereotypes, the labels, homophobia, being alone, politicians, ignorance, and people telling me what I can and cannot do.”

Administrators at the university are assisting Snow in his attempt to remain in ROTC and to challenge the military ban on gay and lesbian soldiers. John Diamond, representing the school administration, noted that the ROTC and U.S. Defense Department ban violates the University of Maine system’s five-year-old policy against anti-gay bias. A conflict arises because the University of Maine is a Land Grant College, and as such are mandated to offer military training. School administrators will work with the National Association of Universities and Land Grant Colleges to pressure the Pentagon to change their exclusionary policy.

EUROPE—UK

French group starts service site for HIV/AIDS

A French organization has launched a new site devoted to the Internet’s gay community. The site, www.legay.com, is run by the Association of the French Language of Gay Men (AMHR) and features services such as an e-mail address book, chat rooms, and discussion boards.

Two AIDS support groups and one social group have been organized in two New Brunswick communities. In Madawaska County, EAGLES is Edmundston-Area Gays & Lesbians for Equal Status. They provide a way for people to meet other members of the community in that area. NLN members showed their support for the new group when nine Lambs attended EAGLES’ first potluck in August. The Edmundston group had another potluck in October and they plan a Christmas party December 12.

IS THIS YOUR LAST MAILING?

Look at your mailing label!

If you’re a Northern Lambda Nord member (“MEM”) and your four-digit mailing label number begins with “92” (9248, 9273...), your membership has expired and this is your last mailing. Keep your membership current and send in your renewal today! Cost is $15 for one person, $25 for two at the same address (you’ll receive one mailing). Just send us your mailing label with a check. Remember: We accept US and Canadian money at par!
Results of Demographics Survey

During the first nine months of 1992, a survey was conducted to get a small sampling of who we are as gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in this region. Here is a summary of the 56 surveys returned. Not all numbers add to 56, since not everyone answered every question.

**Demographics Survey**

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<td>English 44, French 10, Italian?</td>
<td>Yes, No 14, No 40, Spanish 1</td>
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**RESPONDENTS**

- men and women
- 33 identified themselves as: homosexuals 38, heterosexuals 0, two men were unsure, three women were unsure, and no one said they were bisexual or transgender.

**Activities**

- *New* - First Friday* event - Fri, Nov 6, 7-9pm - help sort and arrange the books on the library shelves followed by a movie at 9pm.
- *Discussion & Pot Luck Meal* - Sat, Nov 14, 4pm, Caribou; topic: HIV - to be tested or not to be tested; *Candlepin bowling* - Fri, Nov 20, 7pm, Presque Isle lanes; *Monthly meeting* - Sun, Nov 22, 3pm, Easton; *First Friday* event - Fri, Dec 4; *Christmas party* - Sat, Dec 19, Presque Isle; *Monthly meeting* - Sun, Dec 20, Caribou; *New Year's Eve party* - Thurs, Dec 31, New Sweden; *Discussion & Pot Luck Meal* - Sat, Jan 9; topic: getting our rights in Maine. The meeting adjourned after 1 hour 5 minutes; final review of recommended changes to the Constitution took 30 minutes.

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**Community News 6, Mandate/Torso etc 7, NLN Communiqué 21, Our Paper 19, Sojourner 5, Washington Blade 1, N-B Coalition Newsletter 1.**

**VOTE & END DISCRIMINATION IN PORTLAND**

- A Portland statute which protects residents from discrimination based upon sexual orientation faces a repeal effort by a group of religious fundamentalists and ultra-conservatives. The November 3 vote will test the strength of not only the gay-lesbian community but of those who believe that discrimination against us is wrong. This battle is also being waged in Oregon and Colorado in statewide anti-gay referenda. Those who support the politics of bigotry and prejudice may initiate a similar statewide campaign in Maine. Our success or failure in Portland will affect everyone in Maine. This campaign is expensive. Send your contributions today to Equal Protection/Portland, POB 1894, Portland 04104. For more information, call 207.761.8480.
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NORTHERN LAMBDANORD (NLN), CP/POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736 USA
GAY-LESBIAN PHONELINE 207.498-2088 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

ACT UP/BANGOR POB 1554, 04402-1554, 207.947-3947
AIDS New Brunswick/SIDA
New Brunswick 800.561-4009
AIDSLine/Maine 800.561-AIDS - Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Mon & Wed till 7:30pm
AM CHOFSI Maine Jewish group, meets monthly; POB 5017, Portland 04101, 207.871-1014 (Bob) or 623-6004 (Susan)

ALEXON: A Point of Departure, published monthly by Phoenix Press, POB 4743, Portland 04112

EMDUNSTON AREA GAYS & LESBIANS FOR EQUAL STATUS (EAGLES) POB 611, Edmundston

FREDERICTON GAYS & GAYS (FLAG) POB 1556, Station A E38 562, 506.457-2156 (Mon & Thurs 6-9pm)

GAZETTE for Lesbians & Gay Men in Atlantic Canada, published 10 times yearly, POB 34090, Scotia Square, Halifax, NS B3J 3P1

LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE, MAINE CHAPTER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS POB 5112, Station A Portland 04102

MAINE GAY GAYS (MGG) CP/POB 963, Bathurst E2A 4J8

MAINE GAY BISEXUAL ALLIANCE University of Southern Maine, 88 Winlock Street, Portland 04103, 207.874-6596

MAINE GAY COMMUNITY NETWORK POB 212, Bangor 04401, 207.862-9007/841-2189

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MONCTON/GAYS & LESBIANS OF MONCTON (GLM) CP/POB 1072, Riverview E1B 1N0, 506.855-8614

NORTH BRUNSWICK COALITION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS Reform Inc. Newsletter (Fredericton), and The ADVOCATE (Los Angeles).

DO MORE THAN BELONG. participate

BUILDINGFUND

The NLN Building Fund is designed to raise money for a community center for this region. The center would house the phone line, 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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