

# Communiqué

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## Lesbian to Speak to Caribou UU Church

The Caribou Unitarian-Universalist Church has invited State Senator Dale McCormick (Democrat from Monmouth) to address members of the congregation and guests about the issues surrounding the up-coming amendment to the Maine Human Rights Act, the "gay civil rights bill." Senator McCormick is a carpenter, author, teacher, and a founding member and first president of the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance.

Senator McCormick will also be the keynote speaker at the annual Aroostook Teen Conference, sponsored by the Aroostook County Action Program's Family Planning Clinic and held March 31 at the University of Maine/Presque Isle.

At a February 4th meeting with representatives from Northern Lambda Nord, Caribou UU Church members suggested having a discussion group lead by NLN members and focusing on this year's attempt to pass a state civil rights amendment. Church president Philip Ring noted that Dale McCormick would be in The County for the Teen Conference and proposed inviting her to lead the discussion. When contacted, Dale agreed to participate. As of press time she will be at the Caribou church Tuesday evening, March 30. ▼

## NLN Contributes to Teen Conference

Northern Lambda Nord is among the contributors to the 1993 Aroostook Teen Conference. This annual event is sponsored by the Aroostook County Action Program's Family Planning Clinic, and draws about 650 students and 150 adults from throughout The County. The conference will be Wednesday, March 31, 8am-2:30pm at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

NLN's contribution will be two-fold. First, Lambda has made a \$50 donation to help offset the cost of the event. Second, with the help of the Boston Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY), NLN has obtained two informational brochures which will be distributed to all conference participants. These brochures, "I Think I Might Be Gay" and "I Think I Might Be Lesbian," were produced by BAGLY and by the Portland, Maine youth support group, Outright.

These brochures and NLN's name in the list of contributors will not be the only gay presence at the conference. Maine State Senator and open lesbian Dale McCormick is the keynote speaker. Her address, "Consider the Possibilities," will encourage students to be all they can be by transcending common barriers and stereotypes. "Live, from the Nutt House: heterosexism, a relative view," is the topic of a workshop presented by the Nutt brothers from Bangor, one of whom is gay, the other straight. Two other workshops are "Living with HIV/AIDS" and "Loving Carefully: a safer sex approach." Other workshop topics include teen parenting, eliminating sexual stereotypes, date rape, money management, teen suicide, and effective decision-making.

For more information and registration, contact Patsy Rutkauskas or Darylen Cote at ACAP Family Planning/Adolescent Health in Presque Isle, (207) 768-3056 or (800) 432-7881. ▼

### Gay long distance phone service

## New phone company benefits NLN

A new gay-operated long-distance telephone service is providing funding to lesbian and gay organizations throughout the United States. Overlooked Opinions, Inc., the first and only

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opinion polling group dedicated to the lesbian-gay-bisexual community, has launched CommunitySpirit, a long distance calling program. CommunitySpirit donates two percent of subscribers' long distance calling charges to the organization of their choice. They provide competitive phone service with 100% digital fiber-optic lines and a calling card, and they pay for the switching fee to change from your current long distance carrier to CommunitySpirit. They also claim that their long distance rates are up to 25% lower than AT&T, MCI or Sprint. Their lower rates begin at 5pm.

At Lambda's January meeting, the members present approved the following plan to support our Gay-Lesbian Phoneline. We are soliciting support for CommunitySpirit and urging people to designate NLN/Gay-Lesbian Phoneline as the recipient of their 2% donation. In turn, Lambda will allocate 75% of all money received to a fund for the eventual establishment of a statewide 800 toll-free Phoneline; 25% of the money will support the costs of the current Phoneline.

CommunitySpirit, at our request, printed 1000 flyers promoting their phone service and the NLN Phoneline and "800 fund." A copy of the brochure is included in this mailing to all U.S. addresses. (CommunitySpirit cannot operate in Canada.) In addition, Lambda members attending the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance banquet February 27 will distribute these flyers to the 300-400 people present. ▼

### *Memorial Day weekend*

## SYMPOSIUM XX SET FOR MAY

The Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's Symposium XX will be May 28-31, 1993 on the campus of Unity College in Unity, Maine (near Waterville). Maine's 20th annual statewide conference will celebrate two decades of our community's history. Keynote speakers will be Joan Nestle, writer and founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City, and John Calvi, masseur, spiritual leader, and healer from Vermont. The cost is estimated at \$125 per person. To make it as accessible as possible, financial subsidies will be available; persons with disabilities will be accommodated; on-site childcare will be available.

If you have any items from past Symposia

(including booklets 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 17, or 18) they would like to display a copy. Persons are encouraged to share their talent at a Friday, May 28 evening coffeehouse, and display their artwork in a Symposium gallery. Anyone with crafts may sell their wares; a percentage of the proceeds will benefit Symposium. Workshop facilitators are needed! If you have an idea for a topic or know someone who would lead a discussion, let Symposium know by April 10.

Registration forms will be available in March. For more information: Symposium XX, c/o Kathy Stadig, POB 1433, Bucksport, Maine 04416, 207/469-7916. ▼

## Brief Notes:

- An **ATLANTIC LESBIAN-GAY-BISEXUAL CONFERENCE** is planned for October 8-10, 1993 in Halifax. For information, write to Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual Conference, c/o NSPWAC, 2093 Gottingen Street, Halifax, NS B3K 3B2

- The new **U.S. SURGEON GENERAL** Jocelyn Elders supports condom advertising on TV.

- Commenting on President Clinton's move to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the military, **CONGRESSMEMBER OLYMPIA SNOWE**, who represents northern Maine, wrote that the proposal "should not be adopted because the Joint Chiefs [of Staff] and the Department of Defense have not fully examined the impact such a change would have on the military."

- Another new gay-lesbian-bisexual group has formed in New Brunswick. **NO BORDERS/ SANS FRONTIÈRES** is a bilingual group in the Campbellton area and draws its membership from both New Brunswick and Québec. Their advertising was accepted by the local French language newspaper but not by the local English paper. For information: *No Borders/ Sans Frontières*, POB 461, Campbellton, NB E3N 3G4

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than  
belong.

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# Highlights

## OF NLN'S FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

*Nine members (6 Steering Committee) and 1 guest present*



❖ All books of fiction in the **library** collection have been entered into the computer. Those people who have been entering the information will work at least 3 more times each by the end of March. ❖ The answering machine at the **Phoneline** is acting up again; the company will be contacted to determine the problem. ❖ **Thank you** go to Dick & Tim in Orient for hosting the pot luck; to Roger M. in Caribou for hosting the Valentine's party; to Dick & Phil in New Sweden for hosting the snow fun day and pot luck; to Jody & Sara for hosting the February meeting. ❖ The Caribou **Unitarian-Universalist Church** invited lesbian Maine State Senator Dale McCormick to lead a discussion on the "gay civil rights" bill. ❖ The **building fund** increased \$968.40 since January. ❖ Publicity about clarification of the Aroostook **United Way's** non-discrimination policy appeared in the Bangor Daily News and on channel 8 TV news. The UW is not changing their policy to specify gay people. ❖ The Bangor Daily News Aroostook bureau chief wants to publicize anything NLN does re: the state **gay-lesbian civil rights bill**. ❖ NLN will hold a "**legislative tea**" to discuss the up-coming civil rights bill with The County's state legislators - March 27 in Caribou (tentative). ❖ NLN will sell **mugs** to raise money for the community center building fund at the Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance banquet February 27. ❖ We will distribute flyers at MLGPA banquet re: new gay **long distance phone company** and drive to support our Phoneline. ❖ The Bangor STD Clinic received a grant for **HIV/AIDS education** to rural men. They will lead a discussion in Aroostook; details forthcoming. ❖ **Activities calendar** 📅 "First Friday" (work on library collection) & film - Fri, March 5, 7pm (Maine), New Sweden, film at 9pm (Maine); 📅 Irish-theme pot luck & game night - Sat, March 13, 6:30pm (Maine), Caribou; 📅 Monthly meeting - Sun, March 14, 3pm (Maine), Presque Isle; 📅 First-day-of-Spring BBQ & party - Sat, March 20, 5pm (Maine) in New Sweden; 📅 Fold & Stuff April newsletter & calendar - Wed, March 24, 7pm (Maine), Caribou; 📅 Meet our legislators re: civil rights bill - Sat, March 27, 12:30-2pm (Maine), Caribou (tentative) 📅 "First Friday" - Fri, March 2; 📅 Easter party & midnight breakfast - Sat, April 10, location needed; 📅 Monthly meeting Sun, April 11, 3pm (Maine), Van Buren; 📅 "Night Out" - Sat, April 17. *The meeting adjourned after 2 hours.* ▼

## target: Maine

Conservative organizations plan to pursue Colorado-style anti-gay initiatives. With the aide of Oregon Citizens Alliance and Colorado for Family Values, the groups responsible for last year's anti-gay referenda in those states, "family values" groups have targeted **Maine**, Michigan, Idaho, Ohio, Washington, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, California, and Georgia. ▼

## HIV Testing

Testing for HIV in Maine is both confidential and anonymous - they do not need to know your name, address, phone. Testing in New Brunswick is confidential but NOT anonymous! Call ACAP Family Planning for more information and an appointment. (Area code 207)

• Fort Kent 834-3513 • Caribou 498-3798 • Presque Isle 768-3056 • Houlton 532-0503

Testing includes both pre- and post-discussion.

There is a minimal fee to cover lab costs. ▼



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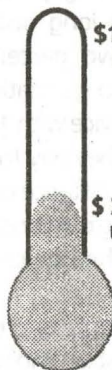
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## BUILDINGFUND



**\$10,000  
GOAL**

**\$ 2295.91**  
U.S. funds  
as of  
2/21/93

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. ▼

April 25, 1993  
**March on  
Washington  
for Gay,  
Lesbian and Bi  
Equal Rights  
and Liberation**  
May 28-31, 1993  
**Maine Lesbian  
& Gaymen's  
Symposium XX**  
Unity College,  
Unity Maine  
for more info:  
Kathy Stadig,  
POB 1433,  
Bucksport 04416

## Gay/Lesbian G-U-I-D-E Lesbienne/Gai

**NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD (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. Group  
bilingue/bilingual group. Call  
207.498-2088 to make contact  
▼

**ACT UP/BANGOR** POB 1554,  
04402-1554, 207.947-3947  
**AIDS New Brunswick/SIDA**  
**Nouveau-Brunswick** 800.561-4009  
**AIDSline/Maine** 800.851-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 833-

6004 (Susan)

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

**DIGNITY/MAINE** Catholic group,  
POB 8113, Portland 04104

**EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK**  
POB 2038, Bangor 04401-2038,  
207.990-EMAN

**EDMUNDSTON AREA GAYS &  
LESBIANS FOR EQUALITY (EAGLE)**  
POB 611, Edmundston E3V 3L2  
506.735-5029

**FREDERICTON LESBIANS & GAYS**  
(FLAG) POB 1556, Station A E3B  
5G2, 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 3S1

**GAIS & LESBIENNES DE**

**MONCTON/GAYS & LESBIANS OF  
MONCTON (GLM)** CP/POB 1072,  
Riverview E1B 1V0, 506.855-8064  
**GAIES NOR GAYS (GNG)** CP/POB  
983, Bathurst E2A 4H8  
**GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE** University  
of Southern Maine, 88 Winslow  
Street, Portland 04103, 207.874-  
6596

**GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY  
NETWORK** POB 212, Bangor 04401,  
207.862-5907/941-2189

**GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT  
GROUP** Portland, 207.780-4085/  
772-4741

**HARBOR MASTERS, INC.** leather-  
lewi group, POB 4044, Portland  
04104

**INTEGRITY** Episcopal group,  
St. Matthew's Church, 18 Union  
Street, Hallowell 04347, 207.623-  
3041/845-2985

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

**MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S  
NETWORK** POB 10772, Portland  
04104

**MAINE LESBIAN-GAY POLITICAL  
ALLIANCE** POB 232, Hallowell  
04347

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FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM/LA  
COALITION POUR LA RÉFORME  
DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE DU  
NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK** POB/CP  
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Gaymen in Maine**, published monthly,  
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04104, 207.761-0733

**OUTRIGHT: Portland Alliance of  
Gay & Lesbian Youth**, age 22  
and under, POB 5028, Station A,  
Portland 04102, 800.339-4042

**OUTRIGHT CENTRAL MAINE**  
for age 22 & younger, every Fri,  
7:30pm 1st Unitarian Church,  
Pleasant St, Auburn; POB 802,  
Auburn 04212, 800. 339-4042  
**OUTRIGHT TOO** Bangor area  
Gay-Lesbian Bisexual youth  
group, c/o POB 212, Bangor  
04401

**PWA (People With AIDS)**  
**COALITION OF MAINE 377**  
Cumberland Avenue, Portland  
04101, 207.773-8500  
**WOMYN'S GROUP** POB 20082,  
Fredericton E3B 6Y8, 506.457-  
2156