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▼ WILL ANYONE RENT US SPACE? ▼ by benj.

It's Tuesday, March 29. I just returned from the Aroostook Trust Company offices where I spoke with the president, Ted Tournquist, who also happens to be president of the Caribou Country Club. The Country Club is sublet by Brownie, who rents it out for functions. He's got NLN down for a private party on May 7 -- but it seems the Board of Directors of the Country Club must approve the rental of the Club to a group of people like us. T. Tournquist will notify us on April 1st. But, my impression after talking with T.T. was that they'd say no. Hopefully, I'm wrong. As Dave aptly said at the March meeting in Houlton, "How long will you go after them to take your money!?"

Does anyone know of a central location where we can rent a space to hold 50-100 people for an evening? Get in touch with one of the Executive members if you do. If by chance we do have a rental space for May 7, it will be noted on the calendar sent to members. ▼

▼ MORE NEWS ABOUT MAINE GAY RIGHTS BILL ▼

A meeting of interested persons was held on March 11 in Augusta, sponsored by Interweave and the Unitarian Church and Doug Strong. Senator Bustin (Dem, Augusta) plus 21 people from across the state attended. Two Lambs were there. JoAnne Dauphinee (Maine N.O.W.) sums up the scene like this: JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: probably will send the bill (L.D.679) to the Legislature with an "ought to pass" recommendation. Paul Violette (Van Buren) is on the committee and is supportive. Other pros are Trafton, Hobbins, Collins, Soule, Hayden, & Benoit. Most likely to vote yes are Livesay and Joyce. The Senators voting anti include Carrier, Drinkwater, Reeves, & Foster. So we have at least 7 votes out of 13.

THE SENATE looks like this: 15 solid pro; 12 anti; 3 unknowns (all Democrats), and 3 swing votes, could go either way. The three Senators from Aroostook are Violette (pro) northern Aroostook; McBreaity, central Aroostook, (anti); Carpenter, southern Aroostook, maybe yes, maybe no. He needs some encouragement.

THE HOUSE looks pretty shakey. We have 51 solid votes on our side. The anti's have about 75 or 76, which is a majority if there is a full House. Of the 14 House members from the County, 13 have a record of voting against us in the past; one, Steve Crouse from

Woodland/the west side of Caribou/Washburn, is new this year and his position is unknown. Those Lambs who live in his district, please make the effort to call him and ascertain his address.

If ALL of our supporters are there to vote, if a few of the antis are persuaded to take a walk when the vote is taken, and with a few antis bound to be off the floor for legitimate reasons, a victory is possible. Some Democratic antis may actually be supportive if they think "the time is right" for this bill (House Floor Leader Libby Mitchell may be one). Action of the Democratic leadership in persuading their colleagues will be the key to how well we do this year. Democrats control both houses of the Maine Legislature plus the governor's seat.

We DESPERATELY need people who have personally been discriminated against in housing or employment who will testify. If you cannot personally do it, your written statement can be read (anonymously) and your identity protected. There is much work still to be done. THE HEARING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!: Now it is for Wednesday, April 20. The date may be changed again, so call 289-3201 to check the date -- that is Legislative Information in Augusta.

If you can help in any way, call JoAnne Dauphinee, the Legislative Coordinator of Maine N.O.W. at 989-3306. ▼

▼ BIBLIOTHEQUE LAMBDA ▼

MORE books from Brooklyn have arrived!!! They include: "Torch Song Trilogy", three plays by Harvey Fierstein; Theories of Homosexuality, Martin Dannecker; Lesbian/Woman, Martin & Lyons; Homosexualities, A Study of Diversity Among Men & Women, Bell and Weinberg; Word Is Out, Stories of Some of Our Lives, Nancy & Casey Adair; Iolaus, an Anthology of Friendship, edited by Edward Carpenter; Sage Writings, from the lesbian & gaymen's writing workshop at Senior Action in a Gay Environment, NYC; AID, no. 1 of the Gay Men's Health Crisis newsletter; The Advocate Guide to Gay Health (men & women); Homosexuality: Sacrilege, Vision, Politics (essays, memoirs, letters); a bibliography: Lesbian and Gay Aging; "Gay Books Bulletin", no. 8, fall/winter 1982.

Merci encore, Paul for your generosity. And those people who still have books out of the library, please return them so the new listing may be completed. ▼

▼ SELF-DEFENCE CLASS ▼

Randy, who's been organizing a self-defence class, plans now

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to take karate. So there will be a delay in the start of the class. Sometime in the fall seems a better bet than before the summer. Until then, don't get Randy angry! ▼ Zi! —

▼ SYMPOSIUM ▼

No more word about plans as of March 30. But plan to be there! May 13, 14, 15, 1983, University of Southern Maine, Portland campus: The MAINE LESBIAN AND GAYMEN'S SYMPOSIUM X. Word from Fredericton is that they hope to organize transportation for a group of "Flaggits" to travel to Portland, maybe with some entertainers: for the weekend. (Symposium X Committee, POB 5301, Sta. A. Portland 04101)▼

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▼April 9 avril: Executive meeting in Caribou followed by office party

▼April 15 avril: Discussion group with Rev. Doug Strong, from the

All Souls Unitarian-Universalist Church in Augusta. *Don't miss this one.*

▼April 24 avril: Monthly meeting in Woodstock: IMPORTANT! Agenda will include the Maine Symposium and how we're getting there, and discussing activities for the summer calendar (yes, it's almost that time again, folks!) Party follows the meeting and Fredericton people are invited.

▼May 13, 14, 15 mai: MAINE LESBIAN AND GAYMEN'S SYMPOSIUM X

▼May 20, 21, 22 mai: Mainely Men, a gathering of men in West Gardiner. (see below)

▼ MAINELY MEN ▼

A weekend is planned to "bring together Maine's community of men." This is not the first men's gathering in Maine; one was held several years ago in Hope, Maine, near Rockland. Mainely Men began with a May weekend in 1982 followed by a second conference in October. Both weekends provided an open, trusting environment for men to explore traditional and changing views of masculinity. The workshops, meals, play time, and entertainment were joyful, caring times for sharing experiences as men. An outgrowth of the men's sharing was an affirmation of the wish to explore their feelings, values, and identities further. This third conference, scheduled for May 20-22, '83, will continue to explore such issues as the choices men have and make in work and play, in relationships, in assertiveness, and in expression of emotion. For more information, write to "Mainely Men", c/o the Western Maine Men's Group, Box 86, Rumford Center 04278 (Mainely Men's third gathering will be held in a private lodge, ten miles from Augusta in West Gardiner). ▼

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- FREDERICTON: FLAG, POB 1556, Sta. A, E3B 5G2; FLAGline - 506/457-2156; meets 2nd Wed. each month; dances twice per month
- MONCTON: Gals et Lesbiennes de Moncton, CP 7102, Riverview, N-B, E1B 1V0
- HALIFAX: Gay Alliance for Equality, Box 3611, So. Postal Sta., B3J 3K6; 902/429-6969, Mon,Tues,Wed, 7-9 pm; Thurs, Fri,Sat, 7-10pm
- QUÉBEC CITY: Télégal, 418/522-2555, 1un-ven, 7-11pm
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