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☐ FUNDRAISING DANCE SUCCESSFUL

About 65 people from as far away as Fredericton and Saint John and Orono gathered at Keddy's Motor Inn in Presque Isle for a dance to raise money to help Jack, a member of NLN who has been stricken with AIDS. Several people estimated that nearly half of those in attendance were from New Brunswick and at least one third of the total crowd were women. This was the largest gathering hosted by Northern Lambda Nord, probably due to the purpose of the evening. Keddy's head bartender, who tended bar that evening, donated her services. After the large amount of Canadian funds was converted to U.S. money (at a hefty 30% exchange rate), over \$300 was collected at the door. Several donations had been received in the mail from people unable to attend but wishing to contribute. The Wilde-Stein Club of the University of Maine at Orono held a dance the same evening and notified NLN that they will be donating a percentage of the door towards this fundraising effort.

☐ RIGHTS BILL BEFORE LEGISLATURE THIS MONTH

The Maine Legislature will consider an amendment to the Human Rights Act to include the term "sexual orientation" under the protected categories covering discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, and credit. Need every Maine resident reading this be reminded how important it is to let your Representative and Senator know that you support this bill. Members of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance have received information about how to call your two representatives, what to say when calling or writing, and a list of all the legislators with yours indicated. Please take a few moments to contact these people. Be sure that the anti-gay/lesbian forces in Maine are calling! The bill will come up for a vote during the second half of May.

☐ SURVEY OF AREA PHYSICIANS

It was noted in the March issue of *Communiqué* that a survey will be conducted to determine "gay positive" physicians in Madawaska, Victoria, Carleton, and Aroostook Counties. Since then it was learned that FLAG in Fredericton made a survey of their area several years ago. A copy of their format has been requested and will be used for a basis of our effort. Physicians will be contacted directly rather than relying on NLN members to offer names of health care workers.

☐ NLN VOLUNTEERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Several months ago, an item in *Communiqué* noted that we received *The Body Politic*, the Toronto-based Canadian monthly, and that our subscription had expired. One of our members sent money enough to renew the subscription for two years. At the same time, a member of the collective which published the magazine read the item and informed NLN that because they receive this newsletter every month, we should be receiving *TBP* in exchange. So that left us with money earmarked for an unnecessary expense. The benefactor was notified of the situation, and he suggested that the money be used for a party for those people who have supported Lambda with time and energy. The Executive met and made a list of those people who would be invited to the party. The criteria used to put names on the list were: anyone who had hosted an NLN gathering in recent months, anyone who had helped organize and/or prepare for a gathering (such as the anniversary party), and anyone who had helped with work in the office folding and stuffing this newsletter. Those people are: Ben, Carl, Cliff, Doug, Dale, Dick, Elaine, Kit, Laura, Phil, Paul G., Randy, Roger M., Roger T., Ros, Ray, Sue, Steve B., Tim, Todd, and Walter. The party will be held this summer. Food will be provided; bring the beverage of your choice.

☐ REFORME DE L'IMMIGRATION

Le Sénateur Alan Cranston de Californie vient de réintroduire au Congrès américain un projet de loi sur l'immigration qui permettrait l'entrée des gais étrangers aux USA. En dépit de la position officielle des psychiatres et psychologues américains sur l'homosexualité (qui ne la considèrent plus comme maladie depuis 1973), les cours de justice américaines continuent de rendre des jugements de "maladie mentale" quand il s'agit d'admettre des gais aux USA. (Le MENSUEL RG, Montréal)

☐ PBS PROGRAM TO AIR ON MPBN

Last month's Communiqué included information about a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) program about elderly gaymen and lesbians which is being aired by PBS Friday, May 10, 10:30-11 pm (Maine time). Maine Public Broadcasting has decided to air this program SUNDAY, MAY 12, 10pm (Maine). You are encouraged to respond to MPBN by mail after viewing this broadcast: MPBN TV, Box 86, Orono 04473. The program is entitled, "Silent Pioneers".

☐ NEW MAGAZINE EMERGES

A new quarterly publication, *Words Of Life*, "introduces the new Spiritual Regime, founded in Christ, and presents a new phase of the Christ manifestation for this new day. It presents the true teachings of Jesus as they were originally intended, which is in opposition to the views organized religion presents, and reveals the truth of how and where homosexuality fits in to this new day's Spiritual Reign. It brings positive hope to both Gaymen and Lesbians." A copy is available in the periodicals section of *Bibliothèque Lambda*, or you may obtain a sample issue by sending \$1 to: "Words Of Life", 118 West Sparks Street, Galena, Kansas 66739.

☐ PHILATELISTS -- TAKE NOTE

If you are a stamp collector, you may be interested in the Gertrude Stein Philatelic Society (Box 14665, San Francisco, 94114). They have announced the issuance of their first 1985 gay philatelic cover, which commemorates the opening of Atlas Savings and Loan's new Castro Street headquarters. (Atlas is a gay-owned bank). The Society issued their first covers in 1981 for the International Lesbian-Gay Parade and Celebration in San Francisco. Six covers have been issued from 1981-1983; no covers were issued in 1984. A complete list of available covers (1981-1985) is available at the Lambda Office or by writing to the Society.

☐ NO COORS FOR ME, THANK YOU

Coors Beer is now available in Maine. The following was posted on a sign at the April 27 NLN fundraising dance at Keddy's Motor Inn in Presque Isle:

COORS BEER IS NOT SOLD HERE TONIGHT. Since 1977, Coors beer has not been sold in the 200 gay- and lesbian-owned bars & restaurants around San Francisco. For 8 years, Coors beer has been boycotted by gay people; this boycott is supported by the NAACP, Hispanic groups, AFL-CIO, & others. WHY? *The Coors Brewery administers lie detector tests to job applicants and questions whether one is a homosexual. *Coors policy includes search and seizure of employees' property. *William Coors said: "Blacks lack the intellectual capacity to succeed, and it's taking them down the tubes." *Peter Coors refers to labor people as liars. *The Coors family, which owns all controlling brewery stock, has contributed to the John Birch Society. *The Coors family has held Ku Klux Klan meetings at their brewery. THIS BOYCOTT OF COORS BEER HAS HAD AN EFFECT. *Coors, once #1 in California with 45% of all beer sales, now has only 16% of that state's market. *Coors has attempted to stop the boycott through court action, but the courts have ruled that the boycott is legal. *Coors has attempted to obtain the membership list of 'Solidarity', the group involved in organizing the boycott, but the courts said "no". *Coors offered the lesbian-gay San Francisco 'Tavern Guild' \$10,000 if they would resume selling the beer; Guild members unanimously refused. *Coors has been forced to find new markets for their product and has expanded as far east as Aroostook County. The purpose of this boycott is NOT to close the brewery but to apply pressure on the Coors family to change their anti-gay, anti-women, anti-Black, anti-labor

policies. Purchasing Coors Beer puts money into the pockets of the homophobic, racist Coors family who, in turn, gives the money to anti-gay, racist groups. THAT IS WHY COORS BEER IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE TONIGHT. There are plenty of other beverages to drink. SUPPORT THE BOYCOTT...DON'T BUY COORS BEER!

SYMPOSIUM XII IN PORTLAND - MAY 17-19, 1985

The following is schedule information on this year's Maine Lesbian and Gaymen's Symposium XII at the University of Southern Maine/Portland campus. All activities will be held in Luther Bonney Hall, unless otherwise noted.

- ★ Friday, May 17 - "Mrs. James Dean will be right with you", an original play - a melodrama in three acts, dealing with (among other things) alcoholism, long-term gay relationships, hustlers, overeaters, and drag queens in a humorous and thought-provoking way. Tickets at the door: \$3 for Symposium registrants, \$5 for general public. **FREE HOUSING - AVAILABLE WHEN YOU REGISTER. CALL GPA FOR DETAILS: 780-4085.**
- ★ Saturday, May 18 - REGISTRATION at 8:30am - Fee is \$5-15, depending on what you can afford. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS at 9:30am: DALE MCCORMICK, president of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance and focus of Madison, Maine's "Tolerance Day", and REVEREND DOUGLAS MORGAN STRONG, gay minister and formerly of the Augusta Unitarian-Universalist Church. WORKSHOP PERIOD 1 begins at 11am - Workshops include: *Bisexuality - Let's Celebrate * Long-Term Relationships * Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance: Find out more about the Alliance and the pending rights legislation * Gay Life After Forty: workshop for gaymen over 35 * Lesbian Violence: workshop for lesbians, LUNCHTIME DANCE PERFORMANCE - contemporary and original dance performances by local lesbian and gay dancers. WORKSHOP PERIOD 2 begins at 2pm - Workshops include: * Sexuality for Sexual Abuse Survivors and Their Lovers/Mates * Talking About Sensible Sex: dealing with the AIDS risks, learning and practicing sensible sex * Lesbian and Gay Parents: Sharing Our Stories, Meeting and Affirming Each Other * Abortion Rights - A Lesbian Issue? WORKSHOP PERIOD 3 begins at 4pm - Workshops include: * Lesbian-Gay Radio in Maine: Let's Talk About It * Rebirthing * Organizing in Small Communities * After You've Been Out a Number of Years * viewing of the film "Consenting Adult". CONCERT - Lesbian comic Kate Clinton, at 8 pm. in Luther Bonney Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for Symposium attendees, low-income people and students, \$5 for general public. DANCE - at Backstreet, from 10pm-1am. This alcohol-free dance is free with your Symposium coupon. (3 Spring Street).
- ★ Sunday, May 19 - ML/GP ALLIANCE MEETING at 10am. "The monthly meeting of the Alliance will be held during Symposium since every gayman and lesbian from the state will be there! Continental breakfast will be served." WORKSHOP PERIOD 4 begins at noon and continues until 1:30pm. Workshops include: *Meeting the Goddess: A Feminist Spiritual Journey * Legal Needs of Lesbians and Gaymen * An Introductory Discussion of Contemporary Feminism * The Psycho-Social Aspects of Aids. CONCERT - The BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS at 3pm at the First Parish Unitarian Church 425 Congress Street. Tickets available at the door. (Price ?)

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E3B 5G2 - FLAGline, 506/457-2156

ORONO: Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, Univ. of Maine 04469 - meets at
7pm Sundays, South Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union

BANGOR: Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition (BAGLS), POB 1805, 04401,
meets every other Monday, 7:30pm, 126 Union Street

INTERWEAVE: POB 8008, Bangor 04401. Holds pot-luck suppers at the
Unitarian Church, 126 Union Street, on the first & third Saturdays, 6pm

QUÉBEC: Centre homophile d'aide et de libération (CHAL), 175, Prince-Edouard,
G1K 2M2, 418/523-4997

Groupe gai de l'Université Laval (GGUL) et Groupe des femmes gaies
de l'Université Laval (GFGUL), CP 2500, Pavillon Lemieux, Cité
Universitaire, Ste-Foy G1K 7P4

SAINT JOHN: Lesbian and Gay Organization (LAGO-SJ), POB 6494, Sta. A., E2L 4R9

MONCTON: Gais et lesbiennes de Moncton (GLM), CP 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0

PORTLAND: Gay People's Alliance, Univ. of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street,
04102, 207/780-4085

HALIFAX: Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), Box 3611, So. Postal Sta., B3J 3K6,
902/429-6969

NEWFOUNDLAND: Gay Association in Newfoundland (GAIN), Box 1364, Sta. C.,
St. John's A1C 5N5

WEBWORK: women's correspondence club, New England & Maritimes, Box 131-N,
Calais, Maine 04619

ARCHIVES FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAY HISTORY AND LITERATURE: Box 6368, Sta. A,
Saint John E2L 4R8

OUR PAPER: A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine - monthly newspaper,
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MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE: POB 108, Yarmouth 04096

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