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AN OBSERVATION by Ruth

I agree with Dick in *Communiqué* (January 1986), but in my opinion, women feel more at ease with other women more because, in conversation, there is more strain with men. There is still a feeling of the male-female cat and mouse game, and the distrust of saying one's feelings. Two to one, I'll bet there are a lot of men who feel the same way. I am with you on one point: drop your defenses a little and there could be some real firm trusting friendships of the opposite sex. Thank you.

CHARLIE HOWARD REMEMBERED

The Gay/Lesbian Alliance at the University of Southern Maine (the group was formerly called the Gay People's Alliance) established a scholarship in memory of Charles O. Howard, the gayman who was murdered in Bangor July 7, 1984. Charlie was murdered because he was gay. This \$250 scholarship is awarded annually to the writer who best articulates, in essay form, the importance of civil rights for lesbians and gaymen. The minimum requirements are that the student have a grade point average of 2.5 or better and be a degree candidate carrying at least six credits at the USM campuses. The essay will be judged by three USM faculty, two GLA staff, and one Student Activities employee. Essays will be written in a manner consistent with accepted university standards. The GLA funds the scholarship. If you would like to make a contribution to the Charles O. Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund, please make checks payable to the Gay/Lesbian Alliance and send them to their office at 92 Bedford Street, Portland 04103. For information about applying for the scholarship or for more details, you may call GLA at 780-4085.

TOM WILSON WEINBERG CONCERT IN BANGOR

Noted song writer, performer, and recording artist Tom Wilson Weinberg will be in concert Saturday, February 22 at 7 pm (Maine time) at the Unitarian Church at Union and Main Streets in Bangor. Tom's albums include *Gay Name Game*, and *All-American Boy*. His recent show, *Ten Percent Revue*, was named one of the "Ten Best Plays of 1985" by the *Boston Herald*. Tom gave a benefit concert for the newly-formed group, Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition, which was organized shortly after Charlie Howard's murder in 1984. Tom returned to Bangor the following year and sang at the memorial events. He is currently working on a musical show about Charlie. There is a \$5 donation to the concert, which is sponsored by the BAGLSC.

COORS BEER BANNED IN BOSTON (David Scondras, member Boston City Council)

The nationwide boycott of Coors beer gained momentum on January 15 when the Boston City Council established, by unanimous vote, a Council policy which discourages "official City participation in any event involving the promotion of Coors beer. Coors has a long history of anti-gay, anti-labor, and racist business practices." Joseph Coors sits on the national board of Morality in Media, a group which has advocated quarantining AIDS patients in an old leper colony in Boston Harbor. Coors helped to found, and continues to fund, the Moral Majority whose leader, Jerry Falwell, has advocated quarantines for people with AIDS and has put full page advertisements in *Readers Digest* urging its millions of readers to "clean up America" of its gay people. Coors has busted 21 unions in the last 20 years, according to the Boston Lesbian and Gay Focus of the Boycott Coors Task Force. His company has also given

lie detector tests to employees asking questions about their sexuality, demanded the right of search and seizure of employees personal property, has reserved the right to force employees to submit to physical exams, and has intimidated workers into opposing the Equal Rights Amendment and the U.S. Civil Rights Act. Howard Wallace, Northern California Coordinator of the Coors Boycott Committee of the AFL-CIO, noted that "if the boycott has the same success on the East Coast as it has had on the West Coast, Coors is in serious trouble." Coors, once #1 in California with 45% of all beer sales, now has only 16% of that state's market. The boycott's aim is to force the Coors company and family to change their anti-gay, anti-Black, anti-labor policies. Coors beer is sold in Aroostook County and has begun to be imported into Canada.

LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE IN MAINE

The Gay/Lesbian Alliance at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, is exploring the possibility of organizing a Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration for this summer. It would take place in Portland. "Realizing our limitations in undertaking such a project, we have decided to ask various community groups if they would be interested in forming a committee to plan activities surrounding a Pride celebration." If individuals or organizations are interested, contact GLA, 92 Bedford Street, Portland 04103, 780-4085.

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CANADIANS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

According to *The Body Politic*, a national Gallup poll conducted in mid-September suggests that 70% of Canadians believe discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation should be illegal. The tally was 70% saying that "sexual orientation" should be included in Human Rights Codes, 23% said no, and 7% didn't know. Regionally, the support was: 71% in Atlantic Canada, 77% in Quebec, 69% in Ontario, 65% in the Prairies, and 61% in B.C.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON BISEXUALITY

The Third Regional Conference on Bisexuality will be held Friday through Sunday, March 7-9 on the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine. The conference is sponsored by bisexual women and men from Portland, Boston, and Providence, most of whom are associated with the Boston Bisexual Women's and Men's Networks. The conference coincides with Women's Week activities occurring on the USM campus March 3-9. This conference has served "as a place for bisexuals and their friends to meet, socialize, and affirm our identities as bisexuals. This will be our forum to focus on issues relevant to ourselves and our community." Workshop topics include coming out, considering bisexuality, people in monogamous relationships, parents, young people, over 35, jealousy, power in relationships, s/m, and many more. Housing is available for those who pre-register. Registration is \$50 (no one will be turned away for inability to pay.) To register or for more information: Northeast Regional Committee,

POB 849, Prudential Station, Boston 02199. *Bibliothèque Lambda* has a copy of the registration form and details about the conference on file.

RURAL CONTACT CLUB - for country men and those interested in rural-outdoor lifestyle. Contact list is published monthly with listings using numbers for identification. Advertisements are \$10, which includes forwarding and six monthly issues. Write: Charley Richardson, POB 381, Sibley, Louisiana 71071.

LESBIAN ANTHOLOGY - CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Two Massachusetts women are seeking essays for an anthology relating to lesbian's coupling experience. They are asking for writing that expresses the important aspects of the love relationship. Please query with a self-addressed stamped envelope if you are interested, and they will send a letter explaining the project: Lynn Scott and Pam White, 315 Garfield Road, Concord, Massachusetts 01742.

BLACK LESBIAN RELATIONSHIP SURVEY

Dr. Vickie Mays of the University of California/Los Angeles, is conducting a survey which explores the many aspects of the Black lesbian relationship. To provide input to the project, contact Dr. Mays at the Black Women's Relationship Project, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, LA, 90024, or 213/396-4906.

GAY-LESBIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth will sponsor a two-day conference March 14-15 at the Hunter College School of Social Work, focusing on the problems and issues in developing services for lesbian and gay adolescents. For information: IPLGY, 112 East 23rd Street, fourth floor, New York City 10010.

GAY-LESBIAN NEWS ALL THE TIME - The National Gay News Radio Network (NGN) provides a syndicated service to radio stations in the US, Canada, and Australia. Their news items are available 24-hours per day - just call 415/664-7010 for a recording of news items important to the lesbian and gay community. News is up-dated three times per week.



PROTECT YOURSELF! - Practice Safe and Sensible Sex!

SAFE

Massage
Hugging
Mutual masturbation
Social kissing (dry)
Body-to-body rubbing
(frottage)
Light S&M (no bruising
or bleeding)

POSSIBLY SAFE

French kissing (wet)
Anal sex with a condom
Sucking - stop before climax
Watersports - external only
RISK INCREASES WITH MULTIPLE
PARTNERS!!!

UNSAFE - Rimming, Fisting, Blood contact, Sharing sex toys, Semen or urine in the mouth, Anal sex without a condom. RISK INCREASES WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS!!!

AIDS symptoms may include: Persistent fevers or nights sweats - Unexplained weight loss - Enlarged, hardened, or painful lymph nodes - Recently appearing new growths on top of or beneath the skin or on the mucous membranes (inside mouth, anus, nasal passages, or underneath eyelids) - Dry cough not related to cold or flu - Persistent diarrhea - Thrush, a whitish, thick, persistent coating on tongue or in throat - Easy bruisability or unexplained bleeding. CHECK WITH THE LAMBDA LIBRARY FOR LITERATURE ON AIDS AND STAYING HEALTHY.

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 - **FREDERICTON:** Fredericton Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), POB 1556, Station A, E3B 5G2 - FLAGline, 506/457-2156
 - **ORONO:** Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine 04469 - they meet Sundays, 7pm, South Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union
 - **BANGOR:** Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition (BAGLS), POB 1805, 04401 - meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, at 87 Sunset Strip, Brewer - 989-3306
 - **BANGOR:** INTERWEAVE, POB 8008, 04401 - Pot-luck suppers on the first & third Saturdays, 6pm, 126 Union Street (Unitarian Church)
 - **QUEBEC:** Centre homophile d'aide et de libération (CHAL), 175, Prince-Edouard, G1K 2M2, 418/523-4997
 - **QUEBEC:** 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, G1K7P4
 - **SAINT JOHN:** Lesbian and Gay Organization in Saint John (LAGO/SJ), POB 6496, Station A, E2L 4R9 - Gayline, 506/633-1256
 - **MONCTON:** Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton/Gays and Lesbians of Moncton (GLM), CP/POB 7102, Riverview E1B 1V0
 - **PORTLAND:** Gay/Lesbian Alliance, University of Southern Maine, 92 Bedford Street, 04102, 207/780-4085
 - **PORTLAND:** Harbor Masters, Inc., leather-levi group, POB 4044, 04104
 - **HALIFAX:** Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), Box 3611, South Postal Station, B3J 3K6, 902/429-6969
 - **NEWFOUNDLAND:** Gay Association in Newfoundland (GAIN), Box 1364, Station C, St. John's, A1C 5N5
 - **MONTREAL:** Télégai, 514/933-2395
 - **ARCHIVES FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAY HISTORY AND LITERATURE:** Box 6368, Station A, Saint John, New Brunswick E2L 4R8
 - **OUR PAPER:** A Voice for Lesbians and Gaymen in Maine - monthly newspaper; \$12 for one year subscription, POB 10744, Portland 04104
 - **MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE:** POB 108, Yarmouth 04096
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- AIDS information SIDA**
- **AIDS-Line,** information and referral service, 207/775-1267 - 1-800/851-AIDS (-2437)
 - **GAY HEALTH ACTION COMMITTEE,** POB 10723, Portland 04104
 - **MacAIDS,** the Metro Area Committee on AIDS, POB 1013, Halifax, B3J 2X1

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