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This is the first of two summertime issues; the second will be dated August/September. Monthly publication resumes with the October Communiqué.

Six Executive Committee members were chosen at the June 29 General Business meeting. The Committee will serve for the next six months. This new Committee met at the close of the general meeting.

After reviewing the Constitution of Northern Lambda Nord (members' copy is enclosed), it was established that the original goals have been met in various degrees. With this in mind, a decision was reached to refocus our direction during the coming year.

Historically, NLN has been concerned with meeting the social needs of the membership. It is evident this goal has been reached by the numerous Lambda parties and ever-increasing number of private parties in this area. We now feel free to redirect our energies into a greater realization of our goals. We have chosen to focus on the Constitution's Goals Two and Four:

2. To help our gay sisters and brothers divest themselves of negative attitudes about being gay and become comfortable with themselves as individuals and as a group. This includes eliminating the myth that homosexuality is a disease.
4. To study and analyse the social problems which we face in order to understand better and thereby combat prejudice generated by lack of understanding and resulting in discrimination towards the gay community.

Parties will continue to be hosted by NLN but in reduced numbers to encourage the private party networking in our area. The private party movement is recognized by the Executive Committee to be a very positive step for the gay and lesbian community. By limiting the number of Lambda-sponsored parties, we hope to foster this social network.

We also plan to reinstitute regularly-scheduled discussion groups. These gatherings will feature invited speakers, a variety of gay- and lesbian-interest films, and other activities and programs not yet imagined. It was decided that what was formerly the monthly General Business Meeting will be replaced by a monthly Open Executive Meeting to which the entire membership is invited. A formal General Membership Meeting will be held twice yearly to elect the members of the Executive.

An Open Executive Meeting will be held July 20th in Caribou. All Lambs and friends are encouraged to attend. The discussion will focus on the types of issues to be raised at the discussion groups, films to be screened in up-coming months, and suggestions for new programs our group should undertake.

The members of the newly-chosen Executive Committee are: Carl T. (Caribou), Dick (New Sweden), Judy (Houlton), Phil (New Sweden), Stephen J. (Presque Isle), and Sue (Linneus).

SYMPOSIUM XIII IN PRESQUE ISLE by Ben

Symposium XIII? Where to begin to make some comments about it. First of all I should say that of the three Symposia that I've attended, Symposium XIII was without a doubt the best-organized of them all. Second, I can say that I thoroughly enjoyed the whole thing from start to finish. In fact, there were so

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many things about it that I liked that it's hard to say that any one thing stood out above the rest. But without a doubt, one of the best things of all that I very much enjoyed was getting to see and visit with all my friends from the past, getting "re-acquainted", so to speak, and even meeting new Lambs.

Let me say a little more about the organization of the Symposium. Some thought that a Symposium couldn't be done in the northern part of the state. Well, I guess that Lambda showed 'em! From Friday evening to the closing session on Monday, the results of the hours of planning that had gone into Symposium XIII were evident in virtually everything that was done. Those of the Lambs involved throughout in the planning should receive a big pat on the back (or whatever else would show them how much we appreciate what they did).

I liked the idea of having everyone stay in one dorm. And it was kinda comical watching the people in the other dorm that was just across the parking lot watch US in hopes of seeing...what? Who knows what they were looking for?

What a pleasant difference to have the police and the sheriff's deputies "PROTECTING" gay people (for a change!) and making sure that the local redneck bigots kept their distance so we could have the Symposium undisturbed. And the University staff was very helpful, although it was disappointing to hear that the maid service at first was more than a little hesitant to handle the linens after we were gone. But the University came to the rescue and took care of that. In fact, it seems that the University was very helpful with everything. It's unfortunate that the only problem seems to have come from within our very own community. That's too bad.

Once again this year I got quite a bit out of the workshops that I attended. The only problem I had with the workshops is that I was unable to attend all of the ones that I wanted to attend. Still, I think it's better to have too many workshops of interest than not enough. Congratulations to the people who picked which workshops to have. And thanks to the facilitators.

I thoroughly enjoyed the dances since I hadn't been to one in more than a year. I stayed and danced till the volume of the music caused blood to come out of my ears, at which point I decided that I had better call it quits for the evening. And I thought that the idea of having the drinks on a "check-out" system was a very good idea.

I heard at the Symposium something that I shall not forget and hope that others will think about very carefully. During the major session with the panel discussing AIDS, one woman asked a question, a question that is mercifully a moot one. In effect, it went something as follows: in view of the terrific response on the part of the lesbians who have come to the aid of their gay brothers who have AIDS and who have given unstintingly of their time and effort to help the gaymen of

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our community, would the response on the part of the gaymen have been so forthcoming and unselfish and selfless if it had been lesbians who had contracted the disease at the outset? Good question and one that all gaymen should think about very seriously.

But to wind this up, let me say again that I thought this was the best Symposium I have attended. It is going to be a standard that future Symposia are going to have some difficulty matching. Congratulations, all you Lambs who brought it off!



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SUNDAY, JULY 20 - NLN Open Executive Meeting at 2pm/Maine, 3pm/N-B in Caribou
- SUNDAY, JULY 27 - FLAG & LAMBDA GET-TOGETHER near Woodstock, noon/Maine, 1pm/N-B
- FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2, & 3 - Second Annual Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance Summer Retreat and Meeting, in New Sweden. Includes MLGPA meeting Saturday at 1pm (Maine), and a barbeque (byo foods and beverages) at around 5:30pm, and a dance for all around 8pm (\$2 for everyone - byo beverage)
- SATURDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 9-16 - GAYMEN'S CONFERENCE at the Unitarian-Universalist retreat near Saco, Maine (Ferry Beach). Week includes workshops on various topics, discussion groups, beach, exercise classes, talent show, and much more. Call (207) 284-8612 for registration or stop by the Lambda office, where a copy of the form is available. Cost: \$140/week for campsites, \$255/week for dorm room. (dorm price includes meals)
- SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 & 17 - NEW BRUNSWICK GAY/LESBIAN CAMPOUT AT KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK. Swimming, sunbathing (one area for nude bathing), camping, food, party. Outing clubs from eastern US and Canada have been invited. Cost is \$3/day park fee plus \$5 for camping and lobster boil and other "goodies" (\$6 for non-members of a gay/lesbian organization). More details at NLN office.
- FRIDAY-MONDAY, AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 1 (Labor Day weekend) - SECOND ANNUAL ROUND-UP - "A Four-Day Celebration of Our Sobriety", sponsored by Lesbians and Gay Men in A.A. of Maine. Open to all members of A.A., Al-Anon, and friends. Workshops, dance, lobster dinner and more. \$25 (before August 1), \$30 (after August 1). Location: University of Southern Maine/Portland. More info: Bill (207/282-7686) or Jack (207/499-7055) or mail to Maine Connection, POB 5245, Station A, Portland 04102 or stop at the NLN office.

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U.S. SUPREME COURT, in a 5-4 decision, upholds Georgia law which makes it a felony, punishable by 20 years in prison, for consenting adults to commit sodomy - oral or anal sexual relations.

"Wait...I think we better have our lawyer present."

Gay/Lesbian GUIDE Lesbienne/Gai

- ★ **NORTHERN MAINE & NEW BRUNSWICK:** Northern Lambda Nord (NLN), CP/POB 990, Caribou, Maine 04736-0990 USA. Gay-Lesbian Phonenumber/Télégai, 207/498-2088, Wednesdays/mercredi, 7-9pm (Eastern time/heure de l'est)
- **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, Inc., POB 8008, 04401 - Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8pm at University College Center, Texas Avenue, Bangor - Dance and coffee house every Saturday, 9pm-1am at University College Center - \$3.00 - Information: 884-7079
- **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, G1K 7P4
- **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

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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