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CARIBOU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REFUSES NLN DONATION

In response to published requests for money to pay for the recently-erected "Welcome to Caribou" signs, Northern Lambda Nord sent a \$75 donation to the Caribou Chamber of Commerce. Days later the check was returned with a letter from Cindy Hebert, Chamber Executive Director, stating that the Chamber had raised enough money to pay for the three signs and did not need the donation. This contradicted the Chamber's weekly newspaper column published December 10 where Ms. Hebert wrote that they were still \$175 short from the \$4000 goal. In a conversation with the Chamber's Director, Dick Harrison questioned her actions. She noted that the Caribou Kiwanis had recently sent a check for \$250, which was more than enough to cover the deficit. Though the Kiwanis money was \$75 more than they needed, it is not known whether the Chamber returned the surplus; they did, however, return NLN's donation. When a meeting was requested between NLN representatives and members of the Chamber, the Chamber refused. They feel the issue is settled.

The NLN Steering Committee is meeting December 5 and will discuss this issue. This is not the first time the Caribou Chamber has refused to accept gay money. They rejected paid advertising from NLN several years ago for the Caribou Winter Carnival Booklet. The Chamber also continues to refuse to include NLN on their published listing of area groups and organizations, despite requests from this group that our name/address/phone be included with such other groups as the Garden Club, Coin Club, Hoofers Square Dance Club, and VFW Auxiliary. It seems that there is a strong homophobic element among the Chamber members who continue to refuse to acknowledge NLN by inclusion on their club list, by accepting NLN's advertising, or by accepting our donation to the welcome signs. Acceptance of our most recent donation would have meant that the Chamber would have to allow NLN to put our logo (pink triangle and lambda) on the welcome sign, along with the Kiwanis, Lions, etcetera; this was the encouragement they gave to local groups to donate - putting each group's sign below the "welcome".

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 7 BUSINESS MEETING

- * Canadian checking account, which is costing us money in service charges and is rarely used, will be closed. When Canadian funds are needed, US money will be exchanged at the bank. All Canadian funds collected at gatherings will be converted into US\$.
- * Donation of \$75 approved for Caribou Welcome Sign (story above)
- * Seventh anniversary party - February 14, Caribou Country Club. Menu discussed. Theme chosen: "Red Hearts, Pink Triangles".
- * Steering Committee. Eleven people were nominated. Elections will be January 1.

Happy New Year! Bonne Année!

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* Steering Committee elected: Carl G., Dale A., Dick H., Phil B., Roger M., Stephen J. First meeting will be Monday, January 5 at the fold and stuff of this newsletter

* Anniversary party - Budget planned, using costs at 5th anniv ('85 at Co. Club) as a guide for now. Door prizes: \$150. Cost of use of building, \$150. Food will be catered by Country Club - estimate 60 people attending, \$3 each: \$180. Decorations, \$25. Admission will be the usual \$6/\$3/\$2; anticipate door revenues will cover about half the cost of the party. Office costs (mailing of invitations) estimated at \$35. The January 25th business meeting will include a fold-'n'-stuff of invitations to the party. (see members' calendar)

*Credit system. One credit is earned each time a Lamb attends a business meeting, helps with a fold-'n'-stuff, or participates in the speakers' bureau. Every six months, those people with six credits or more get a free pizza party, courtesy NLN. It was voted to expand the credit system to include working the door at a Lambda party, instead of waiving the \$2 if you work the door.

ONTARIO PASSES COMPREHENSIVE GAY RIGHTS BILL - The Body Politic and Gays of Ottawa INFO

By a vote of 64 to 45, the Ontario Legislature passed a bill to protect that province's lesbians and gaymen from discrimination in housing, employment, and services. The measure was publicly endorsed by the Ontario Attorney General and by David Peterson, Premier of the province. The vote tally saw 39 Liberals, 4 Conservatives, and 21 New Democrats support the measure, while 4 Liberals and 41 Conservatives voted against it. The victory marked the defeat of an ugly campaign by churches and businesses. Ontario now joins Quebec in protecting the civil rights of lesbians and gaymen. The fallout from this latest victory is far-reaching. The political weight of Ontario rests heavy on the rest of Canada. The argument that Section 15 of the Charter of Rights implicitly prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation gains strength with the passage of this legislation. Both Manitoba and the Yukon have similar legislation pending.

Evelyn Gigantes, a New Democrat from Ottawa Centre, introduced this legislation, known as Bill 7. She told the Ontario Legislature that a male-dominated social system is at the root of hatred and victimization of gays. Women on the whole do not feel threatened by gays or lesbians, rather "it is the maleness of economic and social domination of our society that is threatened by this reform." Gaymen who do not join this male-dominated system are dealt with as if they are traitors. She continued that "the whole poisonous attempt to smear homosexual people by association with despicable sexual crimes has forced me to reflect



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
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!!!

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on the very nature of our judgements about sexual assault. When we get to the bottom of it all, I am afraid we are confronted with a social system that judges assault on little boys to be much more serious than the more frequent assaults on little girls. That is why the assaulter of little boys, who is assumed to be homosexual, is the ultimate social pariah. That is why anyone who is assumed to be homosexual is considered to be fair game for the accusation of paedophilia (sex with minors)."

KENTUCKY SODOMY STATUTE RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

A district judge in Kentucky has struck down that states sodomy law, stating that "The statute seeks to regulate the most profoundly private conduct impermissibly invading the privacy of the citizens" of the State of Kentucky. The state prosecutor will appeal. Judicial challenges to similar statutes continue in Texas, Nevada, and Louisiana. Since the US Supreme Court ruled that the Georgia sodomy law is valid, gay legal groups are organizing challenges to the existing laws (currently in about 23 states) and are attempting to repeal these repressive pieces of legislation.

BANGOR, MAINE -- TWO YEARS AFTER CHARLIE HOWARD'S MURDER by Rev. Dr. F. Jay Deacon

The three youths who murdered Charlie Howard on July 7, 1984 are all back in high school in Bangor, Maine. One, Shawn Mabry, is president of an unauthorized "fraternity" at Bangor High whose "hazing" practices have been responsible for injuries resulting in "significant disability." Another, Jim Baines, is a member of another such "fraternity." A high school assembly called to address the violence included a talk by Dr. Henry Atkins who referred to the drowning of Howard, who was chased with taunts about his homosexuality and then thrown into the downtown Kenduskeag Stream, as a "freak accident."

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DIARY OF ANNE FRANK REVEALS LESBIAN THOUGHTS (Sisters United II)

The Dutch government has published a "definitive" version of the diary of Anne Frank which includes details of her sexual fantasies that had been omitted from the original printed version. In part: "Unconsciously I must have had similar feelings before I came here, because I know that when I used to spend the night with Jacqueline, I could barely control myself, I was so curious about her body, which she always kept hidden from me and which I have never seen. I asked Jacqueline if we should, as proof of our friendship, feel each other's breasts. She refused. It was also the case that I had a terrible urge to kiss Jacqueline, and did so. I become ecstatic every time I see a naked figure of a woman, such as Venus in an art history book. Sometimes I find it so wondrous and beautiful, that I have to hold myself in, so that I do not begin to cry...If only I had a girlfriend."

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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 - meets in Thursdays, 6-9pm in Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union Building
- **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
- **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, 902/429-9699
- **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
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- **MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE:** POB 108, Yarmouth 04096

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