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All Matlovich programs are held at: **Holiday Inn By The Bay** 88 Spring Street, Portand

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Free Hotel Parking

Want to show off your

DESIGNING SKILLS?

We are looking for a volunteer graphic designer to take over the production of our quarterly calendars. If interested, please call 761-4380.

Watch for information about the University of Southern Maine Alliance for Sexual Diversity

Sexual Diversity Awareness Week April 15-20, 1996







an educational

committed to sharing

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providing person-affirming

of lesbians,

presentations and-

gay men,

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April 11: Astro-Mythology.

Noted local lesbian astrologer Wendy Ashley will be speaking on sexual identity archetypes in relation to the Zodiac. No previous knowledge or experience with astrology is needed; just bring your open mind and join us for an engaging discussion of sexual orientation from a different perspective.

April 25: Same Gender Marriage.

Amelia Craig, fresh from appearing on the Oprah show, will talk about the promise and problems of same gender marriage. Can you marry the person you love now? Will you *ever* be able to marry? Do you really want to move to Hawaii? Come find out the answers to these questions ... and bring your own. Amelia, the Executive Director of the legal advocacy group GLAD, has been working and speaking across the country on the exciting issue of same gender marriage.

May 9: Speakout!

Because if **we** do not speak out, who will? The Maine Speakout Project for Equal Rights trains and deploys volunteer speakers statewide to speak with the "mainstream public" about our lives and the lives of others who experience discrimination in Maine. Come hear from participants how these dialogues are going, what we're learning, and how *you* can get involved in some Speakout Project activities in your county.

Mailing assistance for this Spring brochure was gratefully received from:

Speakout! (The Maine Speakout Project for Equal Rights)

We thank them and hope you will read their brochure and attend their Matlovich program on May 9th.

May 23: Safe, Sane, and Consensual: S&M in the 90s.

Join educator and activist Mark Bond-Webster for his introduction to "SAFE MAGIC" in the 90s. Bring your questions for discussion about a subject often framed by preconceptions and assumptions. Mark is an experienced player, well versed in the subject. He comes to Matlovich from western Massachusetts where he provides HIV prevention field outreach.

June 6: The Last Closet.

Rita Kissen, professor of education at USM and author of <u>The Last Closet</u>: <u>The Real Lives of Lesbian And Gay Teachers</u>, shares her research and the stories of teachers she met and interviewed in Oregon, Colorado and other states. She brings us stories of bravery and frustration, terror and celebration.

(This event is co-sponsored by *Drop Me A Line, P-FLAG, and GLSTN*. Reception and book signing will take place on JUNE 12th at 7:00 p.m. at *Drop Me A Line*, 610 Congress Street.)

June 13: Eight Bullets.

Claudia Brenner, anti-violence advocate and author of <u>Eight Bullets</u>: <u>One Woman's Story of Surviving Anti-Gay Violence</u>, shares her amazing story of survival. On a quiet trail, eight bullets shot down Claudia and Rebecca Wight as they camped. They were stalked and attacked because they were lesbians. Claudia's story is filled with lessons about homophobia, the legal system, compassion and courage.

(This event is co-sponsored by **Southern Maine Pride '96** and **Drop Me A Line**. Reception and book signing follows at **Drop Me A Line**, 610 Congress Street.)

June 27: Video Night ...

As always, Matlovich will present a thought-provoking and entertaining video followed by a short discussion.