

MORE THREATS TO NALL AND COMMUNITY LESBIANS ...

Please Post!

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DEAR LESBIANS:

In addition to the first threatening calls made to the New Alexandria Lesbian Library on December 8, the telephone terror tactics are continuing. To keep you informed of what's happened, here is an update:

On Saturday, December 18, two Lesbians in the community besides Bet got threatening calls left on their answering machines after their phone numbers were published in Valley Women's Voice and on local flyers. The calls were made by the same man who threatened NALL on December 8 and by an additional man. Here is most of what they said:

"You can tell Bet at the national New Alexandria Lesbian Library that we're going to get all the dykes in the area. We are an Amherst-based group. We do not want homosexuals and homosexual women and men in our town. We will fight to overthrow you sick people."

"Tell Bet, Michealann, and the rest of you people in the area that the New Alexandria Lesbian Library will not happen. We will stop you Lesbian homosexual scum. This has to do with the burning of the Lesbian Herstory place in Boston. (Note: he has confused the burning of GCN in Boston with the threats last year to the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City, both mentioned in a recent article in Valley Women's Voice.) Homosexuals must not be allowed to stay in this area. We will wipe out you homosexual scum. Bet, Michealann, Katrinka, and all of you!"

"We will not allow the New Alexandria Lesbian Library to succeed."

On Monday, January 3, I, Bet, had two more threats left on my answering machine in the Library between 8 AM and 11 AM that morning. The first threat was by the same man who had called NALL on December 8 (40-ish sounding voice: stilted like it was being read or was recorded). This is what he said:

"Bet: I'm calling again to stress my point: Lesbians will not survive in our town. We'll get all you Lesbians, and especially the New Alexandria Lesbian Library. We are a group based in Amherst against homosexuals living in our community. If you do not stop, we'll get you and the rest of your Lesbian family."

Right after that threat was another one from a younger-sounding man (maybe in his 30's). He said:

"Yeah, I'm sick of you goddamn Lesbians livin' in town. I'm sick of all your fuckin' politics. I'm sick of your feminism. If you don't leave town, we're gonna make sure no more Lesbians exist in this area, anymore. BANG!"

The same two men are making all these threats, to date. I feel personally sure that they do not know the Library's location.

Before these latest calls, I attempted four times to reach the Northampton police department's detective bureau to see if they've done any follow-up investigation on the first recorded voice I gave them at their request. Each time, I was told to call back on another day at a different time, once I stated my purpose for calling. ~~I have since decided to have no more contact with the Northampton police.~~

The New Alexandria Lesbian Library is busy archiving materials, is open, and welcomes Lesbian visitors, readers, and researchers by appointment, at convenient times. To visit NALL, call 584-7616. To join us in building a powerful Lesbian presence for ourselves and our daughters, send contributions of papers, poems, snapshots, journals, tapes, art, books, or periodicals to:

THE NEW ALEXANDRIA LESBIAN LIBRARY
PO BOX 402
FLORENCE, MA 01060

Thank you.

Bet Birdfish

MORE INFORMATION: On January 7, I was told by the Lesbian who was raped in Northampton that she had been threatened by a harassing male caller who said similar phrases, while she was recovering in the hospital after the rape.