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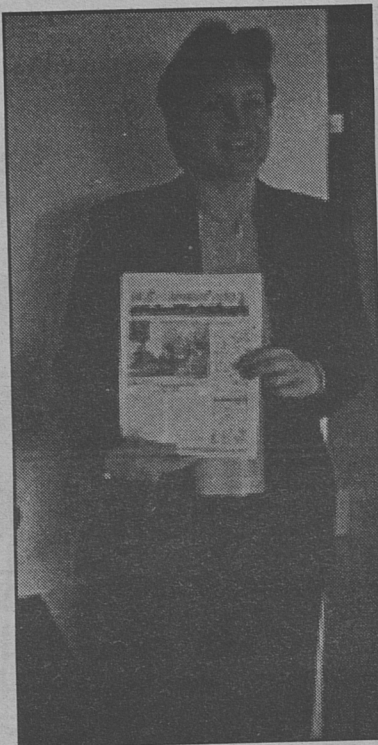
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## looking back

### March 1987



Deputy Secretary Micque Glitman today, with the March 1987 OITM that pictured her on its cover.

Secretary of VTrans (and married to photographer Glenn Russell and the mother of two children), said in a recent interview, "I was thinking a lot about it during the civil unions debate. I have a hard time appreciating what a major shift this has been for so many people. I was stunned then by how much controversy it generated. I couldn't believe how many people were opposed to it. Who would oppose a law that made discrimination illegal?" She added, "I used to describe it as if someone threw this bill that was similar to a grenade into the hall of the House. It just exploded. One legislator came up to me and said, 'Why are you doing this? You're not one of them are you?'"

Above all, Glitman recalled, "It was a fun time, breaking new ground."

The bill eventually passed — after more years of hearings at which the radical right spoke their slanders about our character and more and more of us stood up and spoke our names and told what it was like to be thrown out of apart-

ments, threatened with physical harm, and fired from jobs simply because of being gay or lesbian. Finally, our persistence and our votes and the truth of our lives won the day.

#### Also in that issue:

coverage of the introduction of the HTLV-III (now known as HIV) anti-discrimination bill — also sponsored by Micque Glitman (and passed the following year as H.460 and signed into law by then-Governor Madeleine Kunin at a "gala AIDS benefit"); a how-to-use-a-condom article from Terje Anderson of Vermont CARES; letters about domestic violence within lesbian and gay relationships; a piece on coming out at Vermont Law School; an article on the New Alliance Party (a national third party with a radical-left line on class and race, whose dogma included gayness as a "political choice"); and the news that UVM was considering adding gays, lesbians and bisexuals to its nondiscrimination policy statement ▼

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OITM was then reporting on the introduction of H.247, the lesbian and gay anti-discrimination bill. Guess who is at the press conference table: Howdy Russell, then-Rep. Micque Glitman, and Tim Mazur from the ACLU.

Glitman, now the Deputy

## news

The Vermont Pioneers, a Burlington-based gay ice hockey team, won the gold medal at last month's Gay Hockey Tournament in Montreal. In only its third tournament appearance and with a team that includes members from Ottawa, New York, and New Hampshire as well as Vermont, the Pioneers defeated the Washington (DC) Nationals 3-1 in the Recreational Division championship game.

Washington scored first to take a 1-nothing lead. But Vermont came roaring back with three unanswered goals.

According to Paul Kaiser, who plays right wing on the team, there were eight teams in their division. The Vermont Pioneers ("We're the state that's pioneering civil unions is where we got the name," he said) played five games in three days on their drive to the gold. "Our first game was Friday at 10 p.m.; our second at 9 Saturday morning, then the third at 11 a.m. We were dying by that last day, when we played at 1 p.m., and the championship at 4 p.m."

Teams from Quebec, Montreal, New York City, and Washington, DC, along with a "World" team were among those who went down to defeat as the Vermonters skated to victory. Kaiser laughingly agreed that his team's win could be characterized as a "Cinderella story," since the "mostly 30-something" team plays together only at tournaments. "We were in our



### Vermont Team Takes Gold in Northeast Gay Hockey Tournament

third tournament playing against teams that've played in these tournaments for eight or ten years."

Kaiser and some friends decided to put together a team for gay tournament play. They'd like to put together a local gay and lesbian team in a local lesbian and gay league. "We're open to anyone, we'd even take straight people."

The Pioneers played their first tournament in New York City last summer. The second tournament was last October in Toronto. Kaiser says that although his teammates are "pretty competitive weekend war-

riors," the locker room atmosphere is "light and easy." "We joke around a lot. That's what makes it such a joy to win and go to these things. Our team has great chemistry."

Each player was awarded a gold medal, and the team's name will be engraved on the championship cup, which remains in Montreal.

"Another goal of ours is to host a tournament in the future, and we are developing a web site," said Kaiser. ▼

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