

## March on Washington Coordinator Hired

Lee Bush has been hired to staff the national office of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Washington, D.C. Bush, a 33 year old resident of Los Angeles and recent veteran of the Great Peace March, began his duties on March 23rd. "We are delighted to have Lee on board and feel that he is extremely qualified," stated National Co-Chair Kay Ostberg. "He has the expertise to help make this the historic event we know it will be," she added. "There is a phenomenal amount of energy for this march," commented Lee Bush after a week in Washington. "Now we have to focus on raising the money it will take to fund this important civil rights march," he explained.

March organizers are planning an ambitious series of events in conjunction with the march. The weekend will begin on Friday, October 9th with a March Against

Death. Hundreds of people will march quietly past the White House holding signs with names of lesbians and gays who have died from anti-gay violence, suicide, or from AIDS. On Saturday at 2:00 p.m. hundreds of couples will recite vows in an outdoor celebration which will reinforce the demand for recognition of lesbian/gay relationships. Fourteen Lesbian/Gay Bands of America will gather in Washington's famous 3,500 seat Constitution Hall Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. for a concert benefitting seven national organizations including the March Committee. On the day of the march gay veterans are planning a memorial service in Arlington National Cemetery in memory of lesbian and gay people who have given their lives in service to their country. A meeting to found a lesbian/gay congress will be held on Monday, which also happens to be Columbus Day. The last two events are planned for Tuesday, October 13th, when elected officials and government employees return from a holiday weekend. Many

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## Dear Gertrude and Alice: ...

O.I.T.M. is proud to announce the birth of its first advice column. Gertrude and Alice will be here every month to answer your questions on just about anything. Problems with your love life? Can't figure out what color to paint your drab apartment? Write to Gertrude and Alice, c/o Out in the Mountains, PO Box 438, Hinesburg, VT 05461

Dear Gertrude and Alice,

I am 28 and in a very happy, monogamous relationship. We have been together for over a year and living together for three months. There is only one problem, I haven't been getting much sleep and it's only partly from all the fantastic sex. The fact is that she snores. I know she can't help it but it's driving me crazy. What can I do?

- Wide awake in Winooski

Dear Wide Awake:

Stop complaining! You've been reading too many lesbian utopia novels. A happy committed relationship, fantastic sex, and you want sleep! Well, if you want to have your cake and eat it too, try going to sleep before she does, or buy some ear plugs. As a last resort, go to teenage rock concerts until your hearing is permanently impaired.

Dear Gertrude and Alice,

I hope you answer questions from men because I have quite a problem here. I have a younger sister who just graduated from high school. She lives nearby and she recently came out to me as a heterosexual. I have known some heterosexuals before, and I was able to be supportive and understanding. I know not to call them nasty names like "breeder." But I'm really

nervous now about having her around my friends. What if she makes a pass at one of them, or at my lover! I would be simply...

-Mortified in Montpelier

Dear Mortified:

Of course we answer questions from men. First of all, we are so glad that you were supportive of your sister. As a heterosexual, she has a hard life ahead of her. She has to find a partner of the opposite sex, who probably has little in common with her and has been trained to dominate her. She also will probably have to have love-making tainted by fears of pregnancy and contraception. As for your fears, you should know that the heterosexuals do not lust after every member of the opposite sex, any more than normal people desire every person of the same sex. It's just an ignorant stereotype, so go ahead and invite your sister over as often as you like.

Dear Gertrude and Alice:

Here's a serious problem: my parents in Arizona want to visit me here in Vermont. One of the reasons I moved here is so that I can live with my female lover without interference! They know I'm gay, but they DON'T know that I live with my lover. What to do? Should I tell them not to visit, warn them, or tell them to stay in a hotel? Answer quick, as I am....

-Baffled in Burlington

Dear Baff:

A serious question deserves a serious reply. You didn't indicate in your letter how they feel about your gayness, but since they want to visit you, we assume that they are reasonably okay with it. (After all, they

## OITM Calendar

May 2 - Saturday

**Integrity.** St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington. Service - 7:55 p.m. Social program - 8:45 p.m.

May 3 - Sunday

**Lesbian/Gay Statewide Coalition.** Meeting. South Royalton, VT. 10:30 a.m.

May 7 - Thursday

**VLGR Monthly Meeting.** Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, VT 7:30 p.m.

May 10 - Sunday

**MOTHER'S DAY**

May 13 - Wednesday

**Burlington Peace Coalition Board Meeting.** 186 College St., Burlington, VT. 7:00 p.m.

May 15 - Friday

**OITM Content & Editing Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, VT.

May 15 - Friday

**OITM Deadline for Articles and Announcements.**

May 16 - Saturday

**Integrity.** St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington. Service - 7:55 p.m. Social program - 8:45 p.m.

May 17 - Sunday

**Lesbian/Gay Unitarian Universalist Brunch.** For information, call 862-8507. 1:00 p.m.

May 18 - Monday

**Lesbian/Gay Pride Organizing & Planning Meeting.** Peace & Justice Center. 7:30 p.m.

May 21 - Thursday

**OITM Typing.** 5:30 p.m.

May 25 - Monday

**Memorial Day.**

May 28 - Thursday

**OITM General Meeting and Collating.** Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, VT. All Welcome!

June 4 - Thursday

**VLGR Monthly Meeting.** Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, VT 7:30 p.m.

June 20 - Saturday

**LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE MARCH & RALLY!!**  
Rally begins at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Burlington, VT. 1:00 p.m. sharp.

can't see the fall colors in the middle of the summer!) Tell them well in advance that you live with your lover, and that they are welcome to stay with you (if indeed they are). The rest is up to them. (But tell them you won't tolerate any of the that hanky-panky in your home!)