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According to Bekah Perks, a spokesperson for Outright Vermont, there is very little support in high schools for gay, lesbian, or bisexual teenagers or those questioning their sexuality. Kids have reported being beaten up, harassed and ostracized. Perks explained the feelings of fear and loss of self-esteem that occur when gay teens are surrounded on a daily basis by rampant homophobia - including derogatory statements, physical threats and a lack of any positive images of gay people. Furthermore, issues around sexuality are often associated with teen suicides, alcohol/drug abuse, and runaways.

Through this program, Outright Vermont hopes to change the atmosphere for teenage sexual minorities. They feel it is important to connect with teenagers, let them know that there are positive adult role models out there, and give them information to which they may not otherwise have access. Being visible for teenagers may help decrease feelings of fear and isolation. Creating an environment where educators can be supportive and sympathetic to gay teenagers is also a part of their agenda.

The group is presently working on getting funding, writing grants and more formulating the specifics of their outreach

program. Perks explained that they would eventually like to hire a coordinator to do the actual outreach work, training, and organizing of volunteers. Future plans also include the possibility of a state-wide hotline, support for teens, and a central location where teenagers may have access to books, films, and information.

Anyone interested in participating in Outright Vermont is invited to attend the next meeting. People of all ages and sexual orientation are welcome. The group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. For more information, write Outright VT, PO Box 4175, Burl. VT 05406-4175.

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So along with the new language of the '90's comes a term for the "dental dam." Submissions so far have included "labia leaf," "venus veil," "bikini betweenie," and "condone." The term needs to be accessible and applicable to all women--straight, lesbian or bi-sexual. Any entrant requesting one will be sent a dam. There is a grand prize of a deluxe vibrator and a second prize of For-Play lubricant, which contains non-nyxonol-9, an agent which kills HIV. The deadline for entries is May 15, 1989. Send yours in to ACT UP Cuntest, 496A Hudson St., Suite G4, New York, NY 10014.

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and feels even worse to someone you love will be hurt by your sharing the truth of your very being. But coming out to the woman who loves you is an act of affection as valid as anything you've ever shared with her. Eventually, she'll realize that.

No matter what happens between you from now on, you can know you came from a place of trust, honesty, and love. So much of your future relationship together will be based on how you handle this situation.

Next time, I'll discuss the best way to tell her.

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about how goddess worship brings out the animal in me). When I'm trying to incite evolution, true liberation for all of us, I talk about how different the world would be. (I don't talk about how even lesbian feminists batter their lovers and kids.) This sort of propaganda can be very effective in changing oppressive attitudes. But when I pick up OITM, I'm looking for the whole picture. I want us queers to be talking to ourselves, about whatever we want to, freely.

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