

## Statement of Purpose

The purpose of *Out in the Mountains* is to serve as a voice for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and our supporters in Vermont. We wish the newspaper to be a source of information, support and affirmation. We also see *OITM* as a vehicle for celebration of the goodness and diversity of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities.

## Editorial Policy

We will consider for publication any material which broadens our understanding of our lifestyles and of each other. Views and opinions appearing in the paper do not necessarily represent those of the staff. This paper cannot and will not endorse any candidates and actions of public officials on issues of importance to lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

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All materials submitted must be signed so we can contact the author should we need to consider editorial revisions. However, within the pages of the newspaper, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit materials for publication and to share your comments, criticisms, and positive feelings with us. This paper is here for you. The deadline for submitting material for each issue is the 7th of the month prior to publication.

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## Barre Church Initiates Gay Welcoming

At the Barre Universalist Church, the Rev. Richard Forcier is leading a program entitled "The Welcoming Congregation." Designed as a ten-week program, it began on October 9th and is being held at the Church on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Keith Goslant from the statewide Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men is assisting to facilitate the meetings.

The program was developed by the national Unitarian Universalist Association based on information gathered by the "Common Vision Planning Committee." The committee was set up in 1987 to study how gay men, lesbians and bisexuals felt in their Unitarian Universalist congregations.

The committee concluded that many gay men, lesbians and bisexuals either found it necessary to hide this basic fact about who they were as individuals, or left the church altogether. To counter this tendency and to begin to break down society's traditional inclination toward exclusion and discrimination, delegates of the 1989 UU General Assembly voted to initiate the "Welcoming Congregation" program.

The program is designed to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to provide accurate, up-to-date information about the lives and experiences of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, their families and their friends. It is promoted as

a safe and supportive forum to share information, begin a dialogue, discuss issues and look at the similarities as well as the differences between people.

More information can be obtained by calling the Rev. Forcier at 479-0114, or Keith Goslant at 454-8552.

## Bent Begins Rehearsals

Following open auditions in early October, the Fly By Night Players have begun rehearsals for their production of the play *Bent* by Martin Sherman. The show will be performed from January 16-18, 1991, at Contois Auditorium in Burlington.

*Bent* depicts the treatment of homosexuals in Nazi Germany both in and out of the concentration camps. It also explores questions of pride and loyalty, particularly in situations where those qualities face intense adversity.

Vince Sharkey, the director of the current production, explained that he chose the play in order to highlight some of the persecution currently encountered by gay and lesbian people in American society and around the world. He hopes to show that Sherman's message is not exclusively his-

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