

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.

We will not publish any material which is overtly racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, ageist, classist, or homophobic.

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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Farewell to Kunin (from page one)

responsibility to insure the protection of all of its citizens. She reaffirmed the dignity and respect that should be the right of all Vermonters. When she signed the bill into law, she spoke of how the Senate debate and final passage were among the most significant actions taken during that session.

As Madeleine prepares to leave the fifth floor and the executive office, I would

like to take this opportunity to publicly say "Goodbye and thank you." Thank you for your advocacy and support of Vermont's lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. Thank you for welcoming our voices and acknowledging our contributions and worth as citizens. And thank you for giving us the respect and dignity that should be the right of all Vermonters.

Letter to the Editor

The Need for AIDS Information

Dear *OITM*,

Today a friend in Chittenden County died of AIDS. He died earlier than he should have since he ignored doctor's orders of plenty of sleep, little to no alcohol, moderate exercise, proper nutrition, and stress management counseling and techniques.

We had not talked much lately. The last time we spoke, he bragged about unsafe sex with one-night stands from Pearls, the Loop, and Montreal. Several "tricks" were married, both gay and straight. On a few

occasions he told guys after unsafe sex that he had AIDS. Needless to say, our last conversation was heated.

I applaud *OITM* for its efforts to educate the public on ways to increase the body's resistance and immune system and ways to fight the onset of AIDS. Being "out in the mountains" does not isolate us from this illness. My now dead friend has probably infected a dozen people in the area.

I can't grieve. I'm too angry.

(name withheld by request)

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