

Governor Meets

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religious issue, then churches should be free to do what they wish." But if it's a civil issue, Dean said his position might be different. Terje Anderson explained legal recognition was being explored with renewed interest in light of Hawaii's recent legalization of same-sex marriage.

Referring to the work of the task force working to reform the state's adoption laws, Dean said he'd veto any legislation that explicitly prohibited same-sex couples from adopting. "My position is that we need the courts to decide who is the most capable parent. The best interests of the child should be our standard."

He asked for an meeting with leaders of OUTRIGHT Vermont to discuss their work with gay and lesbian youth. Dean said he was willing to offer leadership for the cause, saying "I need to pick my spots and I could use some advice." He expressed a concern that too much attention to problems faced by young people struggling with sexual orientation might trigger a backlash. "You don't want to raise the profile so high that you hurt the very people you want to help," he said.

Responding to a perceived lack of openly lesbian and gay people in his administration, Dean said he was willing to work with the gay community to solicit names for openings on the more than 250 state commission and boards. In other matters, Dean said he anticipated no further cuts to state funding for AIDS but bluntly refused to promise any additional money. ▼

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CONFERENCES/GATHERINGS

Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival
June 18-25, 1994 New York. Join an expected 15,000 athletes from 40 countries participating in 31 individual and team sports throughout the New York metropolitan area. For info write Gay Games IV, 19 West 21st, Suite 1202, New York, NY 10010 or call (212) 633-9494

1994 International March on the United Nations June 26, 1994. Organizing meeting January 15-17 in Dallas, TX to help build the International March on the UN to affirm human rights of lesbian & gay people. Contact Steve Ault (718) 499-8984 or Nicole Murray (619) 528-5800 for more info.

EDUCATION

Champlain College gay, lesbian, bisexual support group. Meets every Monday from 4pm to 5pm in Student Resource Center, located on the first floor of the Hauke Family campus Center.. Contact Becky Peterson at 658-0800 ext. 2605 for more info.

Goddard College Gay Lesbian, Bi-Alliance holds meetings every Sunday night at 7:00 with a weekly film series

following at 9:00. For more information please contact Jennifer at 454-8311 ext.225.

Lyndon State College gay, lesbian, bisexual support group. The Beacon. Call Mary Sue Kelly at (802) 626-9371 ext. 140, or write The Beacon, c/o Student Activities Office, Lyndon State College, Lyndonville, VT 05851.

Marlboro Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian Group, Marlboro College, Marlboro, VT 05344.

Networking/discussion group for lesbians, gay men, & bisexuals in higher education in Vermont. Contact Thelma Stoudt, STEP Learning Center, Castleton State College, Castleton, VT 05735.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous double anonymity group - for gay and lesbian alcoholics meets every Friday. 5:30 pm Methodist Church, 71 Williams St. Rutland, VT.

C.A.P.P. (Children & Parents Project) A group for lesbians considering parenting. For more info contact Cheryl Muzio at C.A.P.P 67 Main St, Brattleboro, VT (802) 257-9454.

Chiltern Mountain Club. Outdoor sports and recreation organization for gay men and lesbians. Steering committee is Boston-based, but membership is spread all over New England. Call the info-line recording at (617) 859-2842, or write to Chiltern Mountain Club, PO Box 407-V, Boston, MA 02117-0407 for more info.

Central Vermont P-FLAG. Meets the third Sunday of the month at 2 pm at the Unitarian Church in Montpelier. Meet in the second floor chapel (please use the School St entrance) Call 479-9246..

L.I.L.T. Lesbians in Long Term Relationships. A monthly social gathering of lesbian couples. Leave Message for Lupe at (802) 655-6825.

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, Cherry St., Burlington.

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