

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 10th of the month prior to publication.

Materials should be sent to:
Out in the Mountains
PO Box 177
Burlington, VT 05402

How to Advertise

If you would like to run an ad in *OITM*, please contact us for rates, sizes, and information. Ad copy must be received by the 10th of the month to be included in the next month's issue. Copy can be mailed to: *OITM*, P.O. Box 177, Burlington, VT 05402, or call Ellen at (802) 860-1922.

Group News

VT. C.A.R.E.S. Hires New Educator

John Olson has been hired by Vermont C.A.R.E.S. as the men's Safe, Sexy & Sane Program Educator. He will begin scheduling the party-style workshops for gay/bisexual men and men in recovery in May, and will be asking other members of our community to host parties for their friends.

Parties take place in private homes and are attended by six to ten people. Participants learn about HIV transmission, assessing their own personal risk factors, the use of condoms and other safer sex practices, effective IV needle cleaning and the importance of self-esteem and confidence in negotiating safer sex with partners.

Risk reduction information and parties are available for bisexual women and lesbians by contacting Lauren at Vermont C.A.R.E.S.

For more information about these and other programs, please contact John or Lauren at 863-2437 or 1-800-649-2437.

1991, is expected to continue until the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1991.

Unfortunately, reduced government and foundation funding as well as regional recession have rendered us unable to keep pace with the increasing need for services for the women and children of our area. Because long-range projections suggest that substantial cuts in both administrative and direct services will be required in the upcoming year, we have chosen to act now to lower expenses in order to lessen the need for large-scale reductions in the future.

Increased volunteer commitment ensures that hotline and shelter services will be unaffected and will remain available to the community seven days a week.

Anyone interested in supporting Women Helping Battered Women as a volunteer may call 658-3131 for information. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to: Women Helping Battered Women, P.O. Box 1535, Burlington, VT 05402.

Cutbacks in Women's Program

Women Helping Battered Women regrets to announce that our business offices will be closed on Fridays in response to a projected budget deficit. This measure, which took effect the week of April 15,

Please Note

In the April issue, we reported that the phone number 1-800-545-3323 for the Defense/Awareness classes being offered was touch-tone information. That number is actually a TTY-TDD relay number.

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By subscribing now to *OITM*, not only will you guarantee delivery to your mailbox (in a discreet envelope, of course), but you will also help underwrite the rising costs of publishing the newspaper. We also welcome any additional contributions you can make to support our continuing existence. Checks should be made payable to *OITM* and sent, along with this form, to: *OITM*, P.O. Box 177, Burlington, Vermont 05402.

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THANK YOU!