

## UVM to Host Gay, Lesbian Bisexual Conference

Tom Aloisi

The University of Vermont Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance (GLBA) will be hosting the first New England area student conference on lesbian/gay issues since the late 1970's. Gay, lesbian and bisexual students from all over New England, as well as New York and Quebec, are planning to attend "Burlington '92" from April 10-12.

Conference participants will be arriving Friday afternoon for registration. That night there will be a dance at Cooks Commons in Billings Student Center. Saturday will be filled with a variety of workshops at the Living-Learning Center dealing with such important issues as G/L/B parenting, career opportunities, spirituality, safer sex, women's issues, and more. Saturday evening there will be an exciting performance by the Kwanzaa drummers, as well as an open microphone for musicians, speakers, dancers, and poets. These events will take place at North Lounge in Billings. Following a farewell brunch on Sunday, participants will have the afternoon to explore Burlington's downtown.

The GLBA would like to encourage all interested community members to attend any or all of the conference meetings. All workshops, as well as the Kwanzaa drummers and open mike are free. There will even be a workshop for our straight supporters. A donation of \$3 is requested for the dance to help cover the cost of the DJ.

If you are interested in having a booth at the conference, either informational or for the sale of G/L/B related merchandise, please contact the GLBA office. The conference organizers are looking for help with housing conference participants on Friday and Saturday nights. They are also looking for community members to participate in the open mike. The GLBA greatly needs the support of the greater G/L/B community of Vermont to make this conference a success. You can reach GLBA at (802) 656-0699. Please call if you can help out in any way, or if you would like a complete conference schedule. Thanks in advance for your support! ▼

## Abuse Prevention Act Hearing

Carla

The Formerly Battered Lesbian Network (FLBN) presented anonymous testimony and statistics on lesbian battering to the House Judiciary Committee in February. The Committee heard testimony on H 462, a bill to amend the Abuse Prevention Act. FBLN coordinator Carla explained the categories of people excluded by the current law, including lesbians and gay men, and the danger that exclusion presents to victims of battering. Of 30 women who contacted FBLN and the Iris Lesbian Resource Group, 10 were battered or formerly battered lesbians, and 6 of the 10 had been battered by one or more women in Vermont within the past 3 years. Thank you to all the women who shared their stories, and to all who are supporting FBLN's work on behalf of battered and formerly battered lesbians. ▼

## DO YOU WANNA DANCE? ▼ LESSONS ▼

When: Saturday, April 11 & 25  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Contois Auditorium, Burlington

Dance Lessons: Foxtrot, Manhattan, Cha Cha,  
Contra Dancing, jitterbug, & more!

Ticket Prices: \$ 8 for 1 lesson  
\$14 for both lessons

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Tickets for the Dance Lessons can be purchased at the  
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