

know, first you live by one set of rules, and the one day you wake up and have to learn another just the opposite. And then you realize that they're all just as arbitrary. I only have myself to rely on." Paul, not surprisingly, approaches coming out like medical school: he reads, he studies, he measures. In many ways, Paul strikes one as being much older than his twenty four years: he has the patient, observing nature of a mature scientist and gives this entire work a humorless narrative style. In other ways, he's incredibly immature, but forgivably so, for there's universality in his immaturity. "If I hadn't known better, I'd have said that I'd just entered puberty." This is truth: for gays and lesbians, there are two puberties, two adolescences, and it's hard to decide which is the more traumatic. It's an intriguing transformation to be invited to watch, and asks the reader to compare notes.

In the end, Paul has successfully navigated coming out to some of his closest friends in New Haven (people from his life prior to medical school are absent from the story), as well as his first male-male romance. We part with a character full of promise, a little too analytical, overenthusiastic, perhaps a little bit a the *poseur*, but nonetheless a proudly evolving individual. As Paul says of his video work: "There's no need to say anything. Anything critical, that is. Just let the experience wash over you." Good advice. ▼

SAGE Organizes in Vt

Robert Zeuner

SAGE means Senior Action in a Gay Environment. Formed originally in New York City for the purpose of addressing the issues and needs of older gay men and lesbians, SAGE now has a Vermont chapter.

Meeting in October, a small group of gay men decided that a safe place was needed in Vermont where mid-life and older gay men, both in and out of the closet, could meet and interact. By affiliating with a wider national movement, the group will be part of a broad network offering members pen pals, newsletters, workshops, dances, brunches, trips, counselling, and social events for mature persons across the United States and Canada. Monthly social gatherings will be the emphasis of the local group during the next few months. Discussions on topics of interest to mid-life and later-life gay men are planned. Needs of older gay men in Vermont will also be explored through contacts with local gay and non-gay service organizations.

Contact Robert Zeuner at 658-5136 for meeting times and places. Age and agility are irrelevant. ▼

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