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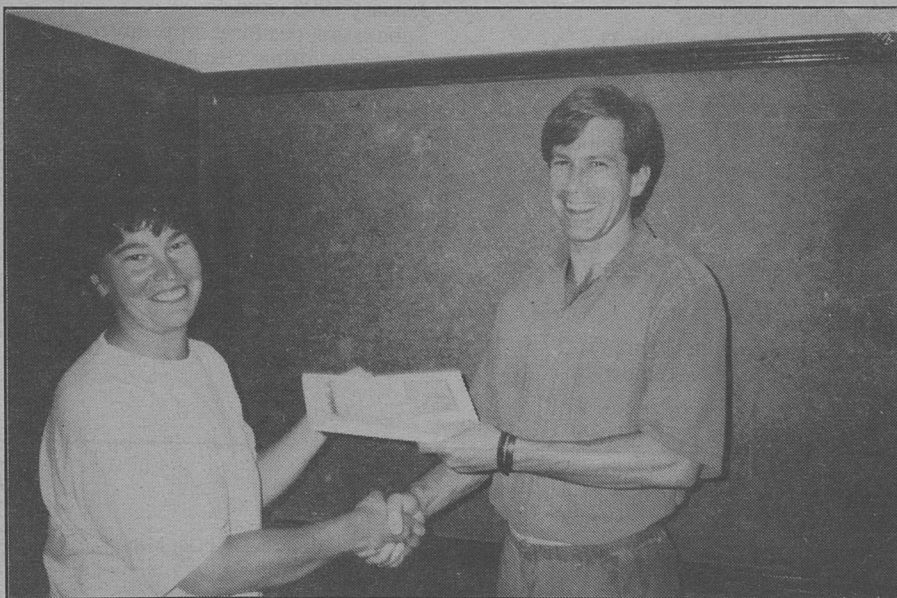
# OITM BEGINS 10TH YEAR

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## On and On, Better and Better Thoughts from a former editor



(Photo courtesy of Hugh Coyle)

Ghosts of editors past, Deb Lashman and Hugh Coyle in 1991.

Hugh Coyle

**RIPTON** -- *Out In The Mountains* has come a long way since its inception a decade ago. Looking back on that relatively short history, I am amazed by how much gay, lesbian, and bisexual Vermonters have accomplished in that time. Our newspaper has reflected that success and growth, developing from a sometimes "catch as catch can" underground flyer into a substantial publication whose readership continues to expand.

My own history with the newspaper began in February 1990, when OITM was in serious danger of disappearing entirely. A special public meeting was convened to

address the situation; in many ways, that meeting was my first introduction to a g/l/b community that I have come to love and respect even more with each passing year.

At the time, four staff members at Middlebury College (including myself) had just come together to create a group that would eventually bear the name GLEAM (Gay and Lesbian Employees At Middlebury). That group owes its existence to OITM; an article of mine reviewing gay and lesbian books served as the catalyst for the four of us finding one another. Shortly after its publication, I

## Where Are They Now?

Paul Olsen

**COLCHESTER** -- About ten years ago, a small group of Vermonters came together to create a newspaper for Vermont's lesbian and gay community. Throughout the history of OITM numerous individuals have contributed to the paper. While recognizing everyone is impossible, here is an update on what some of OITM's founders, contributors, and former editors are doing now.

**Terje Anderson** of Burlington was one of the original founders of OITM. A long-time activist, Terje currently serves on the Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights (VCLGR) Board, is active in Democratic Party politics, and works as Director of the State of Vermont's Department of Health AIDS Program.

**Hugh Coyle** served as editor of the paper from 1990-1991. Hugh briefly left Vermont to attend graduate school in Montana. Hugh has since returned to his home in Ripton where he is working on his writing (including occasional articles for OITM) and is employed as a volunteer coordinator at the Counseling Service of Addison County.

**David Curtis** served as Vermont's Defender General from 1985-1987 and wrote regularly for OITM in the early years of the paper. In 1993 David received the ACLU Civil Liberties Award in recognition of his work combating sexual orientation based discrimination. David currently serves as Chair of the Vermont CARES Board of Directors and recently retired from his law practice in Burlington.

**Deborah Lashman** served as editor of OITM from 1991-1994. Deb is currently attending Vermont Law School and lives in Burlington with her partner, Jane Van Buren, and their two sons.

**James Morgan** was a frequent contributor to OITM in its early days. Jim, a clinical social worker from Colchester, was appointed to the Vermont Human Rights Commission by former Governor Madeleine Kunin in 1988 and still serves on the commission.

**Bob Munstock** was active in the formation of OITM and Vermont CARES. Bob, an artist, designed the paper's logo. He died of AIDS in 1992 at the age of 45.

**Phil Roberts** was actively involved in the early years of the paper when it was edited at the Burlington Peace Coalition, now the Peace and Justice Center. Phil moved to Boston in 1994 with his partner Mac Lippert and works at Bridgewater State College as a mental health counselor.

**Howard "Howdy" Russell** was also involved in the creation of OITM. Howdy lives in Hinesburg with his partner, Brian Cote, and is known by many as a result of his 1990 and 1992 Vermont Senate races. Howdy has worked at the Addison County Parent/Child Center in Middlebury since 1980.

**David Ryan** helped complete the initial Haymarket grant application to start OITM. David left Vermont in 1986 and currently works as a consultant for a Boston based firm that helps employees balance work and life issues.

While the paper is not big enough to provide updates on all of the Vermonters who have contributed to OITM over the years, the individuals listed above played important roles in making the current anniversary possible. As you can see from the updates, although they may no longer be involved in the paper, they have remained active in many other important ways. ▼