

Out in the Mountains
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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. However, within the pages of the newspaper, articles may appear anonymously, upon request, and strict confidentiality will be observed.

To Submit Articles & Letters

We encourage and implore our readers to do what they can to make *OITM* a paper both for and by gay, lesbian, and bisexual Vermonters. Please assist us by typing your articles and letters double-spaced and including your name and phone number in case we have any questions. Thank you for helping out!

Materials should be sent to:
Out in the Mountains
PO Box 177
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How to Advertise

If you would like to run an ad in *OITM*, please contact us for rates, sizes, and information. Copy can be mailed to: *OITM*, P.O. Box 177, Burlington, VT 05402, or call Ellen at (802) 860-1922 Steven West at (802) 864-6399 or Bruce at BMH graphic design at (802) 658-1556.

**From the Editor:
First and Ten and Goal**

Fred Kuhr

WINOOSKI -- "In the late winter of '85, members of 'Vermonters for Lesbian and Gay Rights' (VLGR), while working for educational and political goals, were stymied by the lack of written information for lesbians and gay men from around the state. A vehicle was needed to help the lesbian/gay community develop a method of sharing what was happening in our political, social and personal lives. Members of VLGR applied for a grant from the Haymarket Foundation of Boston. Lo and behold, we received a start-up grant of \$2,000! Thus came the birth of *OITM*." So wrote Philip Roberts in the February 1988 issue of *OITM* in celebration of the newspaper's second anniversary.

In an issue commemorating *OITM*'s fifth anniversary, Miki Thomas wrote, "The first issue of *OITM* covered legislation that would ban discrimination against those who are HIV+. Since then, *OITM* has covered pride parades, the 1986 ERA campaign, the Gay Rights Bill hearing of 1987 and 1988, and the 1987 March on Washington." Thomas reported that the headline in the January 1990 issue was "This is *OITM*'s last issue" due to a lack of community interest and involvement. This battle cry, however, moved over forty people from all over the state to gather at the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington. The consensus of the meeting, which was covered by WCAX and the Burlington Free Press, "was that *OITM* needed to be kept alive, for *OITM* served a vital role in the lives of gay and lesbian Vermonters and their friends."

As *OITM* enters into its tenth year of publication, Vermont's only statewide g/l/b newspaper still serves a vital role in the lives of those in our community. Reading over Paul Olsen's compilation of *OITM* headlines as printed in this issue, I am awed at the depth of events that have happened and were covered by this newspaper since that first issue in 1986. The struggle and ultimate passage in 1992 of Vermont's Anti-Discrimination Bill, the opening of Vermont CARES in 1987, Howard "Howdy" Russell's State Senate primary wins in 1990 and 1992, former *OITM* editor Deb Lashman's successful second parent adoption of her partner's biological children in 1992, the Vermont Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights' first annual conference in 1993, Jim Jeffords co-sponsorship of the

Employment Non-Discrimination Act in 1994, and the devastating arson attack on Vermont CARES last year were just some of the important stories that graced these pages over the years. *OITM* not only serves as an important communication link for our community, but it is perhaps the only true chronicler of our lives, our culture, our movement.

In order to better serve our community in the future, we ask that you help us welcome a few changes. The celebration is marked most visibly by the change in format to newspaper print. This move not only transforms *OITM* from a newsletter into an actual newspaper, but also lowers production and maintenance costs while allowing the newspaper to attract more advertisers ensuring financial stability. Although aggressive advertising sales is sometimes viewed skeptically, such as when Vermont Life began accepting advertising a few years back, *OITM* traditionally contains advertising of interest to our community. More advertising of this nature can only be an asset.

Two new features are also commencing with this issue. We welcome "Looking Both Ways" from columnist Mike Rothbart of Cuttingsville as he explores life from the bisexual perspective, and "Voices From The Mountains" featuring a different member of our community each issue taking his or her turn at the editorial bat.

Back in February 1991, then-editor Hugh Coyle wrote of the power and the passion of *OITM*, the community that it serves, and the community that it is. "The energies which produce this paper are all voluntary, and I for one have been truly astonished and impressed by the amount and range of energy present in Vermont's gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities ... So, to all those who are helping to make it happen, ... to those who continue to show us that we must stand tall and carry on regardless of adverse conditions, to those whose love and passion have made Vermont a state more accommodating of the love and passion we feel - this issue (and all issues of the next five years!) finds its dedication."

Make that the next ten ... and beyond. ▼

Deadlines, deadlines, ...

Readers, writers, and advertisers, please note that the submission deadline is no longer automatically the 1st of the previous month. The following is a list of submission deadlines and monthly meetings and stuffings for the coming year of

publication. Please keep in mind that these dates are tentative and subject to change. Remember to check the calendar section for monthly reminders.

April 1995 issue
Submission deadline: February 27
Meeting/stuffing: March 25

September 1995 issue
Submission deadline: July 31
Meeting/stuffing: August 26

January 1996 issue
Submission deadline: November 27
Meeting/stuffing: December 30

May 1995 issue
Submission deadline: April 3
Meeting/stuffing: April 29

October 1995 issue
Submission deadline: September 1
Meeting/stuffing: September 30

February 1996 issue
Submission deadline: December 29
Meeting/stuffing: January 27

June 1995 issue
Submission deadline: May 1
Meeting/stuffing: May 27

November 1995 issue
Submission deadline: October 2
Meeting/stuffing: October 28

March 1996 issue
Submission deadline: January 29
Meeting/stuffing: February 24

July/August 1995 issue
Submission deadline: June 5
Meeting/stuffing: July 1

December 1995 issue
Submission deadline: October 23
Meeting/stuffing: November 18

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Common Ground
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- Burlington**
Burlington College
Chassman & Bem
Fletcher Free Library
Onion River Co-op
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Peace & Justice Center
Pearls
Planned Parenthood
- Castleton**
STEP Learning Center
- Chester**
Misty Valley Books Chester
- Craftsbury**
Craftsbury Public Library
- Center Rutland**
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- East Dover**
Dover Free Library
- East Hardwick**
Greenhope Farm
- Fair Haven**
Fair Haven Free Library
- Hardwick**
Buffalo Mountain Coop
Galaxy Books
- Lyndonville**
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- Manchester Center**
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- Marshfield**
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- Middlebury**
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Middlebury Natural Food Coop
Storm Cafe
- Montpelier**
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