

Campuses Plan for National Coming Out Day

All around Vermont, organizers are preparing a number of events to coincide with National Coming Out Day on October 11. As a matter of fact, what started out as a single day has become, for many, an event worth celebrating for a full week.

Students at local colleges have been most active in planning events, despite the fact that many have only been back on campus for a matter of weeks. For that reason, schedules remain rough at *OITM's* press time, and those planning to attend events are advised to check local listings or the *OITM* Web Site (<http://members.aol.com/oitm/>).

Middlebury College plans to host an event for Representative Bernie Sanders on Monday, October 7. An open poetry reading at the Gamut Room will follow on Tuesday, and a panel presentation will take place in McCullough Auditorium on Wednesday evening. In past years, this panel has been one of the school's most heavily attended presentations.

On Coming Out Day itself, the Middlebury Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance will host a dinner. A movie will be shown on Friday, though the group has had trouble getting the College Finance Committee to approve of the film "Dyke Drama." One source claimed that the committee found the title to be "too lurid," and so the group is searching for alternatives. MGLBA hopes to cap off the week with an all-campus dance party on Saturday night.

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance of the University of Vermont will be bringing a number of guest speakers to the College's campus, including Renee Hill, an African-American Lesbian Episcopal priest. Hill serves as Director of the Feminist Liberation Theology Studies at EDL and will speak on October 10th on "Reflections of Race, Sex and Spirituality."

On the same day, the campus group will hold a speak-out in front of Bailey Howe Library from 12-1:30, and a "Queer Community Orientation" from 5:30-7:30 in Billings Marsh Lounge.

For National Coming Out Day, noted local artist Craig Mitchell will present his one-man show at 7:30 p.m. in the Billings North Lounge. The following evening, October 12th, the College will offer a free showing of the film "Paris is Burning" at 7:30 p.m. at the Campus Center Theater.

On October 14th, Lani Kaahumanu will speak. Kaahumanu, a nationally-known Bisexual activist, founded the group Bipol in 1983 as well as the Bay Area Bisexual Network in 1987. She is an author, poet, and coeditor (with Loraine Hutchins) of the feminist anthology *Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out*. Kaahumanu will speak in the Campus Center Theater at 7:00 p.m.

Other events, including panel discussions and speak-outs as well as a presentation by Vermont-based cartoonist Alison Bechdel on October 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Fleming Museum, will take place throughout the week.

Meanwhile, at nearby Champlain College, drag artiste Cherie Tartt will perform a benefit show for the Burlington-based theatrical company Big City Players. Cherie calls her new show "Queen of Outer Space... Well, maybe just Uranus." She'll take to the stage at 8:00 p.m. in the Champlain College Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 and can be reserved by calling 863-5884 or (888) 212-5884. ▼

CALENDAR

October

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YOUTH AWARE MEETING — Addison County's group to help youth with gender and sexuality awareness. 7-9 p.m., Ilsley Library, Middlebury. For more info, call Hugh at 388-6503.

GAY, LESBIAN, AND STRAIGHT TEACHERS' NETWORK — Help establish a Vermont chapter to "create schools where respect for all is taught." 7:00 p.m. at Landmark College in Putney; for more info call Abigail at 387-6752 or Natalie at 869-2435.

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CARES 101 — Information about volunteer opportunities at Vermont CARES. 6:30-8:30 in Middlebury. For more info, call David at 863-2437.

PRIDE NIGHT AT CAFE NONO — Socialize with other gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people at Cafe NoNo, Burlington. 6:30-closing.

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CENTRAL VERMONT NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) — Meet to organize around feminist issues, including the quickly approaching election, a workshop on money for women, and a women's film festival. City Hall Memorial Room, Montpelier, 7 p.m. For info, call Lyn at 229-9588 or Chris at 223-4383.

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MIDDLEBURY GALA RECEPTION — A reception sponsored by the Middlebury College Gay and Lesbian Alliance as part of Homecoming '96. 5-6:00 p.m., Chellis House, Middlebury College. For more info, call 443-5192.

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FIRST SATURDAY OUT — Celebrate the joys of coming out with "Kate," Rutland's premiere drag queen. Potluck, music. 6:30 p.m., United Methodist Church. For more info, call (800) 649-2437.

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FOLIAGE BIKING AND HIKING — A weekend of bicycling and hiking with Chiltern Mountain Club. Free lodging if you want to spend the night. Chip in for breakfast and dinners. Limit 10 over-nighters. For details, call Bob at 333-9448.

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RUTLAND CAN MEETING — The Rutland Community Aids Network's monthly meeting at the Carriage House in Rutland. For more info, call 775-5884.

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RENEE HILL — African-American Lesbian Episcopal priest Renee Hill will talk about "Reflections of Race, Sex and Spirituality." Sponsored by UVM G/L/B Alliance. For more details, call 656-0699.

AIDS 101 PRESENTATION — Covers the basics of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention. Sponsored by Vermont CARES. For more info, call 863-2437.

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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY — Come out, come out, wherever you are!

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CRAIG MITCHELL — Local artist Craig Mitchell's dramatic one-man show. 7:30 p.m. in the Billings North Lounge at UVM. Sponsored by the UVM G/L/B Alliance. For more info, call 656-0699.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY DINNER — Sponsored by the Middlebury College G/L/B Alliance. For more details, call MGLBA at 443-5000.

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AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT DISPLAY — Full display of the 40,000 panels in the Names Project Memorial Quilt. National Mall, Washington DC.

ANNUAL BLACK AND BLUE WEEK-END in MONTREAL (Main event is Sunday night at the Olympic Stadium).

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CHERIE TARTT — Burlington's drag diva presents her new show, "Queen of Outer Space...well, maybe just Uranus" as a benefit for Big City Players, Inc. 8:00 p.m. at Champlain College Auditorium, \$6 admission. For reservations, call 863-5884 or (888) 212-5884.

"PARIS IS BURNING" — Free showing of the film at 7:30 p.m. at the Campus Center Theater. Sponsored by the UVM G/L/B Alliance. For details, call 656-0699.

H.O.W.L. FOLIAGE FUND-RAISER — Come enjoy the beauty of fall colors on 50 acres of women's land in Vermont. Hike, dinner, and fun feminist films to benefit the Huntington Open Women's Land. Camping available. For more info, write P.O. Box 53, Huntington, VT 05462.

LESBIAN AND GAY PARENTING CONFERENCE — Second annual Western Massachusetts "Valuable Families" conference. \$45 reg. fee. Hampshire College, Amherst MA. For more info, call (413) 585-0683.

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SECOND SUNDAY OUT — A monthly dance at the Montpelier Unitarian Church, 8:00 p.m. For details, call 863-2437.

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LANI KAAHUMANU — The Bisexual activist will speak at the UVM Campus Center Theater at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the UVM G/L/B Alliance. For more info, call 656-0699.

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TORIE OSBORNE LECTURE — The former Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will speak at her alma mater, Middlebury College, at 7 p.m.

ALISON BECHDEL — The popular Vermont-based cartoonist will give a presentation. Sponsored by the UVM G/L/B Alliance. 7:30 p.m., Fleming Museum, Room 101. For more info, call 656-0699.

FOLIAGE AND DINNER PARTY — A Franklin County event sponsored by Men's Health Project. 6:00 p.m. in Fletcher; call (800) 649-2437 for more details.

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TORIE OSBORNE READING — Lesbian activist Torie Osborne will sign and read from her new book at Chassman and Bem Booksellers in Burlington.

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ADDISON CAN MEETING — The Addison County AIDS Network's monthly meeting. 7:30 p.m., Ilsley Library Meeting Room, Middlebury. For more info, call Dick at 352-6679 or Kay at 388-4193.

17-18, 24-30

"SAUCY JACK AND THE SPACE VIXENS" — Play by the Green Candle Theater Co. 8:00 p.m. at 135 Pearl, Burlington. For more info, call 893-7333.

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TRANS DAY — Outright Vermont hosts a day-long conference on transgender issues for its members. For more info, call (800) 452-2428.

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2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF — Join VGSA for Big Daddy Dan's day of fun in St. Johnsbury. For more info, call VGSA at 865-3734 or 862-3689.

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GREAT GAY ORIENTATION — A chance for men to find out what's going on in the community. 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Fletcher Free Library, Burlington. For more info, call (800) 649-2437.

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ART PARTY/MIXER — Sponsored by the Rainbow Business Association. All welcome. \$10 donation. 7-9:00 p.m., Firehouse Gallery, Church St., Burlington. For more info, call Ric at 658-8645.

25-31

GAY/LESBIAN/BI FILM FESTIVAL — Films include "Celluloid Closet," "Before Stonewall," "Girlfriends," "Bar Girls," and area premiere of "Stonewall." Sponsored by Catamount Arts, St. Johnsbury. For more info, see article or call (800) 805-5555.

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ALMA HALLOWEEN PARTY — 2nd annual party of the Active Lesbians of the Monadnock Area (ALMA) in Keene NH. For more info, call (603) 363-4961.

November

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BROTHERS TOGETHER RETREAT — Eleventh annual retreat for men who love men. At Chimney Corners, Becket MA. Sliding fee \$150-\$300. For more info, call (617) 247-3964.

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OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS — Come help send off the November issue and find out what's up for December. New volunteers are always welcome. Stuffing at 10 a.m.; editorial meeting at 1:00 p.m. 109 South Winooski Avenue (2nd floor). For more info, call Hugh at 388-6503.

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ACORN CAMP RETREAT — A chance for volunteers with the AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN) to become informed and have fun at the same time. For more info, call (800) 816-2220.

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BI DISCUSSION GROUP — The first in a monthly series. This month: "Coming Out as a Bisexual." 4:00 p.m. at the Outright Vermont office, Burlington. For more info, call 849-6638.