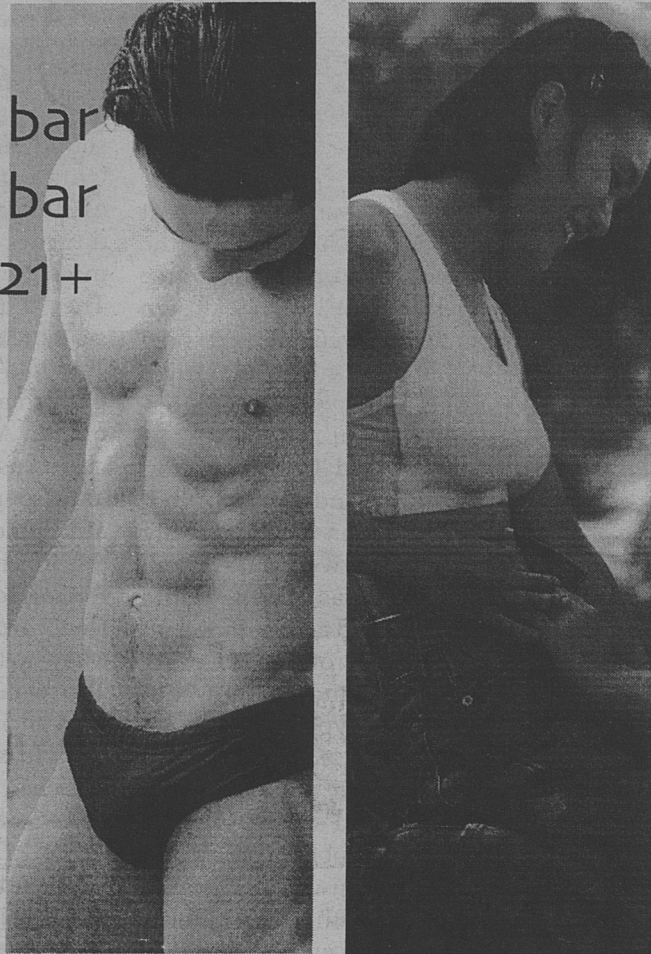


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IGLOO XIV Coming to Stowe

skiing

BY BOB BLAND

Several hundred of gay and lesbian skiers from the International Gay & Lesbian Outdoor Organization (IGLOO) are coming back to Stowe for a long weekend of alpine and Nordic skiing February 25- March 1.

Top-notch gay & lesbian entertainment is planned for Friday and Saturday nights in addition to a pajama party, contra dancing, and nightly entertainment in the cocktail lounge at the Commodore's Inn. Along with downhill and cross-country skiing, there will be snowshoeing, ice skating, ice climbing, and anything else the weather and Stowe facilities allow.

This will be the fourteenth year that the IGLOO weekend has been held at an eastern ski resort. It moved from Killington to Stowe to Mt. Tremblant to Mt. Ste. Anne to Lake Placid before coming back to Stowe.

Several years ago, the organizers, who represent GLB outdoor clubs from all over the east, decided that Stowe offered the best, friendliest facilities and made the Vermont town the permanent site for the annual event.

IGLOO charges \$55 for skiers who sign up before January 15 and \$70 thereafter. This fee covers a identifying button so you tell who's part of the group on the slopes plus discounted lift

tickets, a Weds. night welcome party, two nights of special entertainment (in past years, they've had The Flirtations, Lea Delaria, and Betty), DJ and dancing every night, theme parties, ski races, and the ubiquitous commemorative T-shirt.

To register, send your check to IGLOO '98, c/o David Kass, 39 Fairlawn Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Please include your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, outdoor club affiliation (if any), and T-shirt size. Indicate whether you want your name and address published in the directory to be distributed to participants. You'll also have to sign a waiver that you won't hold them responsible if you run into an unfriendly tree. Questions can be answered at (617) 469-3895 6pm - 10pm and at IGLOO@tiac.net.

The group takes over the Commodore's Inn for the weekend (800 44-STOWE) [4 nights for \$260 per person double occupancy], which is the site of all the entertainment events. It also has arranged special rates for the Golden Eagle (800 626-1010) [4 nights \$259], Buccanneer Country Lodge (802 253-4772) [\$163], Peacock Motel (802 253-7244) [\$120-145], and Pines Motel (800 336-9288) [\$100-170]. Reservations should be made directly with any of the inns.

Queer Writers at Goddard

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semester) who has taught at UVM with the summer writing program, published several books of poetry and co-edited a book on teaching called "The practice of poetry"; Mariana Romo-Carmona whose stories about lesbian life combine a tender and witty side with the serious and romantic and whose new book, *Living at Night* has just been published by Spinster Press (see review this issue). Many other gay and Lesbian Luminaries of the writing world have taught or continue to teach here, such as Kenny Fries, Michael Klein, Mark Doty, Jacqueline Woodson, Joan Larkin, Jaime Manrique and Nora Mitchell.

The next residency starts in January and I would encourage anyone who is interested in hearing some good work to come to the open readings at the Haybarn Theatre on campus. From Friday January 17 through Thursday, January 22 in the evenings starting at 6:30 PM both the faculty and students will read their work. For more information call the school at (802) 485-8311.

A King and Her Subjects

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show with a rousing disco ensemble, complete with neon lights and a glittering ball.

In addition to the performance, Torr also offers workshops for women in which she teaches the art of female to male crossdressing. Participants must do a thorough examination of the persona they wish to become, and Danny King assists in teaching them how to walk, talk and sit like a man. Fake penises are also a necessity, created out of tubular bandages and cotton wool. It is in assuming the role of a man, Torr believes, a woman "(is) assuming the role of authority, that as woman she might deny herself. Not because she isn't enlightened; it's to do with a certain conditioning she grew up with." Through crossdressing, women are exploring their "other self," a part which they have been taught to repress by society. Only by realizing the needs of the "other self," can a person truly evolve and free themselves from the confines of societal norms that have been enacted over the years.

Since first arriving in the United States, Diane Torr has worked to destroy the existing gender stereotypes and bring sexuality to the forefront of education. By acknowledging both our male and female selves, Torr believes true harmony can be created in the body, and humanity will be able to evolve to its fullest capabilities. Furthermore, everyone is born with the realization that they possess both male and female persona; but society forces us to conform to the norms of our gender, and subsequently stifles our abilities as human beings. I, for one, do not wish to conform any longer. Do you?