

After the rally, the crowd — which had at that point reached an estimated 2000 — moved toward the parade's starting grounds behind Union Station.

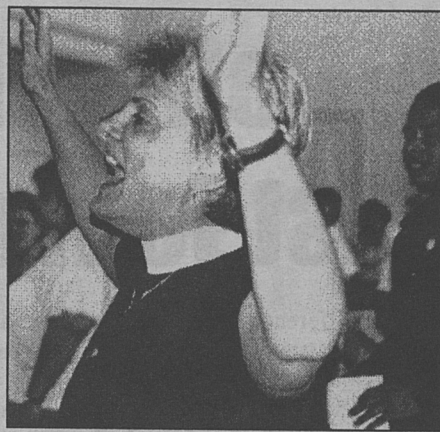
At exactly 12 noon, the fabulous Sambatucada! drumming corps led a jubilant, colourful mix of marchers, banners, floats, and costumes on its route that included the Church Street Marketplace as well as Main, Cherry, and Battery streets. Many GBLTQA organizations — Brattleboro Area AIDS Project, Freedom to Marry Task Force, Vermont Cares, College St. Congregational Church, Bisexual Network of Vermont, Outright, and P-FLAG, to name just a few — from Vermont and surrounding areas marched behind banners or rode floats, while individuals and groups joined in on foot, on motorcycles, on tricycles, and in vehicles. The Green Mountain Freedom Band, A Vocal Minority: The Vermont Gay Men's Chorus, and the Samadhi Singers were among those providing music throughout the procession.

By 1pm, the parade had made its way back to Waterfront Park, where most of the celebrants spent the next four hours listening to the varied entertainment, browsing the vendor tent, and just plain socializing in the sun.

DJ Craig Mitchell was the host for the afternoon entertainment that kicked off with the baton-twirling House of Lemay and included performances by the likes of Cherie Tartt, Noel, and A Vocal Minority.

The vendor tent — featuring displays by Samara Foundation, Outright, Three Old Bats, Rainbow Connection, the Rainbow Business Association, Tunbridge Brewing, and many others — offered a wonderful opportunity to meet the faces behind the names of GLBT organizations, sign petitions, get on mailing lists, and schmooze with the community.

At 5pm the vendor tent was transformed into a music tent and DJ Craig Mitchell took over the proceedings. As the



Above: Reverend Christine Leslie led the Samadhi Singers during the interfaith service at the Unitarian Universalist Church prior to the morning rally.
Below: A youngster displayed the colors with enthusiasm during the parade through the streets of Burlington..



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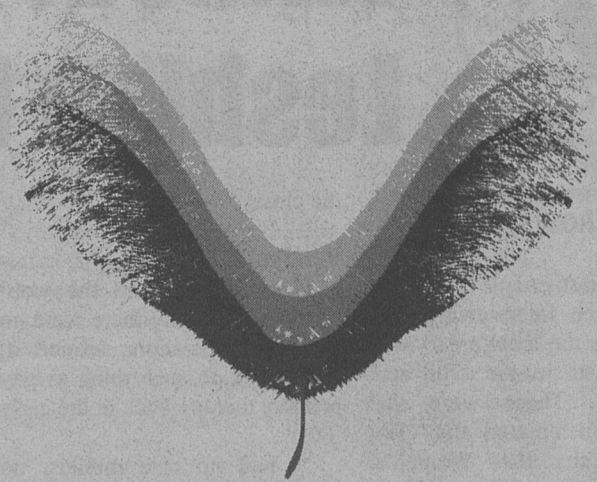
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