... to something new from IDENTITY. For several months, we have been promising you that IDENTITY would begin publishing a monthly newsletter for the Gay and Lesbian Community. At its October board meeting, the directors of IDENTITY formally approved the name and masthead that you now hold in your hands. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the contents of this "first issue," and all the issues to come. The volunteers of IDENTITY look forward to providing you with a quality publication for and about Alaska's Gay & Lesbian Community.

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The publication of a newsletter like "NorthView" requires a significant amount of manpower and money, but so many things are happening and developing in our community that IDENTITY's leaders believe that it is worth the effort to spread the word to members and supporters of our community and our lifestyle. As "NorthView" gets under way, we make the following commitments to YOU, our readers & supporters:

1. We will make every effort to provide news coverage and opinions about events affecting all parts of our community, including Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals & Transgender individuals. This newsletter is for the entire community.

2. We intend to be POSITIVE in our approach to providing you with community news and events. We believe that we already get enough negative news from other sources.

3. We aim to be entertaining as well as informative. "NorthView" volunteers expect to have fun publishing this newsletter, and we want all of you to enjoy receiving and reading it.

4. We are committed to distributing "NorthView" as widely as possible. Copies will be mailed to individuals & organizations on our mailing list and distributed at selected businesses.

SO, sit down and enjoy your first issue. We hope that "NorthView" will follow the successful pattern of the HELPLINE and the FOURTH FRIDAY POTLUCK SOCIAL. With your help & support, we know it will!!!
IDENTITY NORTHVIEW

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CONTRIBUTIONS: NORTHVIEW welcomes articles & letters from community individuals & organizations. All contributions must be signed, but names will not be used upon request. NORTHVIEW reserves the right to edit as necessary & reserves the right to refuse to print any article submitted.

DEADLINES: All articles & advertising must be received by the 20th of the month for publication the following month.

ADVERTISING: Rates are available upon request. Contact NORTHVIEW by mail or through the HELPLINE at 258-4777. All advertising must be camera ready. NORTHVIEW will not accept advertising that is sexist, discriminatory or sexually explicit.

MAIL: Editor, IDENTITY NORTHVIEW, P O Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520.
PHONE: Anchorage Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE. (907) 258-4777. Messages will be returned ASAP.

FROM THE EDITOR . . . .

It took a while, but I'm happy that this first issue of NORTHVIEW is finally being published for our community. I sincerely hope you will enjoy and use NORTHVIEW.

As always, we can use some help, so do not hesitate to call me & offer whatever you can. I would like to thank Phil T. for helping design the masthead. Phil has offered to give us further guidance as we develop a style & format in the coming weeks. Please bear with us. NORTHVIEW will become more professional as we progress.

I am personally very excited about this newsletter. We have plans to add many new & interesting features in the coming months. Please give us your comments and feedback so we can evaluate our efforts.

Finally, those of you who have been subjected to my past publication efforts know that I use the word WE a lot. I do not consider myself a member of the deity, but rather a member of a community of women & men who want to lead our lives our way. I hope I don't embarrass any of you as I go about the duties of being editor. Please bear with me as I grow into this job.

Please let me hear from you. CHEERS!!!

JAMES BOUDREAU

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IDENTITY BOARD MEETING

The next board of directors meeting for IDENTITY INC. will be held on Thursday, November 8, 1990, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at 2235 Daybreak Ct. Call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 if you wish to attend and need directions.

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IDENTITY HAS BOARD VACANCY

Steve Rule, Identity President, has just announced that there is a position available on the Board of Identity. Steve also announced that the Board has set a very high priority for recruiting another woman for the board. Interested individuals should call Steve at 248-1609 or the HELPLINE to express their interest.
IT'S TIME! IT'S TIME!! Yes, it is already the 4th week of the month & time again for IDENTITY's monthly social event.

WHEN? Friday, October 26, 1990
TIME? 6:30 PM - Doors Open
      7:00 PM - Food Served
      7:30 PM - Announcements
              Program, ETC.
WHERE? Unitarian Universalist
       Fellowship Church
       (The Log Cabin)
       602 West 10th, Anchorage

As we promised you last month, there is no special designated food menu for this month's potluck. Bring anything your heart desires!!!!!

MANY THANKS to Kyndal Mercedes and Dan Cook (Cherresse) for being last month's program and enduring the temporary interruption of their presentation. All of us who stayed till the end appreciate your commitment and thoroughly enjoyed your talk. As this issue of NorthView goes to press, the October program was still being planned, so you will have to show up and be surprised.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF IDENTITY? If you're not, now's your chance to join and help us with our programs & activities. Just complete the application shown below and return it with your $25 dues. Your funds & support will help defray the costs of continuing the programs currently sponsored by IDENTITY. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

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YES! I want to join IDENTITY and help work on programs that are important to Lesbians and Gay Men in Alaska. Please add my name to your mailing list. Enclosed are my $25.00 dues.

NAME: ___________________________ Home Phone: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________ Work Phone: ___________________________

____ Please contact me. I would like to work on an IDENTITY project.
____ Although I can't become an IDENTITY member just now, please add my name to your mailing list so I can keep informed about IDENTITY news and projects.

Return this application to IDENTITY, P.O.Box 200070, Anchorage, AK 99520.
"Coming Out Stories" A Big Success

Saturday, October 13 turned out to be very special for 60+ women and men who turned out for IDENTITY's "Coming Out Stories" seminar and social. The log cabin church was filled to capacity for three hours as six women and nine men stood up to talk about their personal experiences with the coming out process. There were several very funny moments and an equal number of emotional moments, but everyone agreed that this event was a wonderful experience and worth attending. IDENTITY plans to repeat this event next year.

The Coming Out Stories Seminar was sponsored by IDENTITY as part of its sponsorship of National Coming Out Day activities. October 11 was the official National Coming Out Day, but the seminar was scheduled for Saturday to encourage greater attendance. Steve Rule, president of IDENTITY, told seminar attendees, that IDENTITY was very pleased with the number of people who showed up & participated. Steve also thanked Lucy, Darl, Doug, Fred & Jim for volunteering to be the beginning story tellers for the event.

IDENTITY also sponsored a special 1/4 page ad in the Anchorage Daily News on October 11. A copy of that ad is printed elsewhere in this newsletter for your information.

Finally, A COMING OUT THOUGHT - No matter what the motivation for coming out, the decision to do so is one of the most important choices that an individual can make. Whether stepping through the closet doors in a blaze of glory or tiptoeing over the threshold ever so shyly, the French writer Andre Gide says "It is better to be hated for what one is than loved for what one is not."

Is't it just like a new newsletter to give you something FREE with its 1st issue? Tim Turner & Richard Dunn are the new owners and operators of the CAFE at the downtown CYRANO's Bookstore, and they would like to invite everyone to come in for lunch or dessert when you're in the downtown area. Use the coupon at left to treat yourself to some of the most delicious pies you will find anywhere. Say HI to Tim while you're there & tell him you saw this AD in the new NORTHVIEW newsletter.

Cyrano's Cinema: Wednesday thru Saturday
Beer, wine and food served during the show.
SUNDAY MATINEE

Cyrano's CAFE
413 "P" Street
Downtown Anchorage
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY HOLDS PERIODIC DANCES

On the first Saturday of every month, the Alaska Women's Cultural Association sponsors a "Women Only" dance at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin Church. These dances are alcohol and drug free and begin at 8 PM and last till midnight. Soft drinks are available for sale and a $5 donation is requested to help defray costs. See Mariah or Joann at the AK Women's Bookstore for more details.

On Saturday, October 27, OPAL (the Organization of Professional Alaska Lesbians) will sponsor its annual Halloween Masquerade Dance at the Spenard Recreation Center (2020 W. 48th St.). This is a very popular event and attendance is limited to Women Only. The tickets cost $10 in advance or $13 at the door & can be purchased at the AK Women's Bookstore. Activities start at 8 PM and continue until 1 AM. There will be prizes, costume judging, music, a photo booth, and lots of FUN! Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, buy you can BYOB. HAVE A GOOD TIME EVERYONE!!!

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AK Women's Bookstore, 2470 E. Tudor Rd., Anchorage 562-4716
FAIRBANKS STARTS HELPLINE

Word has filtered down from our sister city up north that the IAA (Interior Aids Assoc.) has started a Gay & Lesbian HELPLINE. The new number is 452-3745 Code #82. They apparently have a recording of what is happening in Fairbanks. This newsletter will keep you informed as we find out more.

ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION

Have you had the opportunity to meet Rebecca Rogers yet? Rebecca is the new executive director of 4A's, and she is working very hard to make a difference in how 4A's has been operating. She is a very delightful woman and you owe it to yourself to meet her and give her your thoughts and support.

This winter, the 4A's has assumed the responsibility for staffing the coat room at the Blue Moon Bar. All of the tip money they collect goes to finance 4A's activities and they desperately need the money...so, if you're planning to party at the BM, check your coat & leave a generous tip. It will make you feel GOOD!!

NEW BAR OPENS

After several weeks of rumors and false starts, the GAY 90's BAR has finally opened its doors. This new entertainment facility is located directly across the street from the Blue Moon, so you should not have any trouble finding it. NORTHVIEW has heard that the GAY 90's plans on having 2 shows per week and will be importing entertainers from the lower 48 for our enjoyment. Our reporters will keep you informed as things develop.

AGB ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

The Anchorage Garden Buddies (AGB) recently held new elections and selected John Jaruzel to head up the AGB for the next year. John campaigned hard for the job.

SUPPORT GROUP IS FORMED

A gay and lesbian support/discussion group has been formed and is meeting on Monday evenings from 7-9 PM. You can call Tom at 561-0825 or Scott at 272-6210 for more information or to find the location of the next meeting.

SAFE SEX BEING PROMOTED

The 4A's and other organizations are beginning to promote more SAFE SEX programs in the gay & lesbian communities. You should plan on seeing more advertising and special activities promoting SAFE SEX.

THE 15% NEEDS MEMBERS

The 15% is a non-profit membership corporation which exists to promote & support women, especially lesbians in the performing & visual arts. If you are interested in finding out more, write The 15%, PO Box 104746, Anchorage 99510. This group is responsible for the production of a major women's arts event every spring in Anchorage.

UAA STUDENT GROUP REENERGIZES

The UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Association has restarted for the new school term and is quickly becoming very active on campus. Mr. Robert Heasley is their campus sponsor. If you want to find out what the GLSA is doing, you will have to look for posters around the campus for the locations of their various events.

SAFE EX

JUST DO IT . . . .

IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!!

(A special message from The Identity Health Project)
Across America, People Are Coming Out

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY, OCTOBER 11, 1990

On October 11, thousands of people from all walks of life will be making a decision to lead more open gay and lesbian lives. They'll be coming out.

Telling the truth about yourself is a fundamental step in creating closer relationships with your family and friends. Below are a few ways you can come out.

- Talk with your brother, sister, father, mother or child, and let them know more fully who you are.
- Come out to a friend or colleague.
- Contact, join or contribute to a local or national lesbian/gay organization.
- Write to your elected officials to make sure they know they represent gay and lesbian constituents. One way of doing this is through the Speak Out Program of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Coming out is an ongoing process, one step at a time. Celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11. Take your next step.

National Coming Out Day commemorates the October 11, 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Its goal is to increase the visibility of the 25 million lesbians and gays in the U.S. who cross all ethnic, racial, geographic and economic lines.

National Coming Out Day is a non-profit organization. For more information, or to contribute: (505) 982-2558
P.O. Box 15524, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506


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HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST!!!

EVENTS YOU MIGHT ENJOY!!!

Friday, October 26 - IDENTITY 4th Friday Potluck Social, UUF Log Cabin
Saturday, October 27 - UAA Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc., Discussion Group
                   7:00 PM, Room K210
AK Women's Bookstore Coffeehouse, 8-10 PM
Mona Lisa Earle - POETRY FROM THE HEART
Anchorage Garden Buddies Hallowe'en Party, 8 PM till????
Call HELPLINE for location.
Annual OPAL Halloween Masquerade Dance (Women ONLY).
Spenard Rec Center, 8 PM - 1 AM

Sunday, October 28 - MCC Church services, 2:30 PM, UUF Log Cabin
Monday, October 29 - Gay & Lesbian Support Group, Weekly Meeting, 7-9 PM.
Wednesday, October 31 - Weekly Support Group meeting for people with HIV.
                          Call 4A's at 276-1400 for more information.
Saturday, November 3 - Monthly WOMEN's dance, 8 PM-Midnight, UUF Log Cabin
Sunday, November 4 - MCC Church services, 2:30 PM, UUF Log Cabin
Thursday, November 8 - Monthly IDENTITY Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
                        2235 Daybreak Ct.
Friday, November 23 - IDENTITY 4th Friday Potluck Social, UUF Log Cabin

SPECIAL NOTES: UUF = Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Log Cabin Church
                602 West 10th St., Anchorage, AK
Individuals or groups should call the HELPLINE at 258-4777 &
leave a message if you want something listed in the Calendar
The Alaska Women's Bookstore, 2440 E. Tudor Rd, maintains a
permanent bulletin board containing events of interest
to women. Pay them a visit to see what's happening.
The local bars all maintain bulletin boards announcing various
upcoming activities in their establishments.