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Ladies on the Couch at University of Rhode Island during National Coming Out Week

By Gary Burkholder

On Thursday, October 13, 1994, the University of Rhode Island will host *Ladies on the Couch*, a two-woman show from Chicago, IL

Susan Howard and Kari Finn, the Ladies on the Couch, use comical sketches, a couple of guitars and a couch to explore issues such as discrimination, family confrontation, and romantic relationships between same sex couples.

The event is being held as part of OUTFLICKS, the Lesbian-Gay Film and Speaker Series. It is cosponsored jointly by the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Association, the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism, Student Entertainment Committee (SEC), People Organized for Women's Equality and Resilience (POWER), and URI Students for Social Change (URISSC).

The event is important for URI not only because it will focus the university on National Coming Out Week, but also because it represents the efforts of members of several major student organizations on campus. Such performances allow students to meet gay and lesbian people in a non-threatening venue.

After the performance, the two women will speak to the audience about their lives and their art. They will also answer questions and facilitate discussion with the viewers.

The evening of comedy begins at 7:30 in the URI Memorial Union Ballroom (second floor, Memorial Union Building). The event is free and open to the public. The Ballroom is accessible. Those requiring assistance should call 792-2442.

Kari and Susan are available for interviews by phone and can be contacted at 312-935-6271.

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