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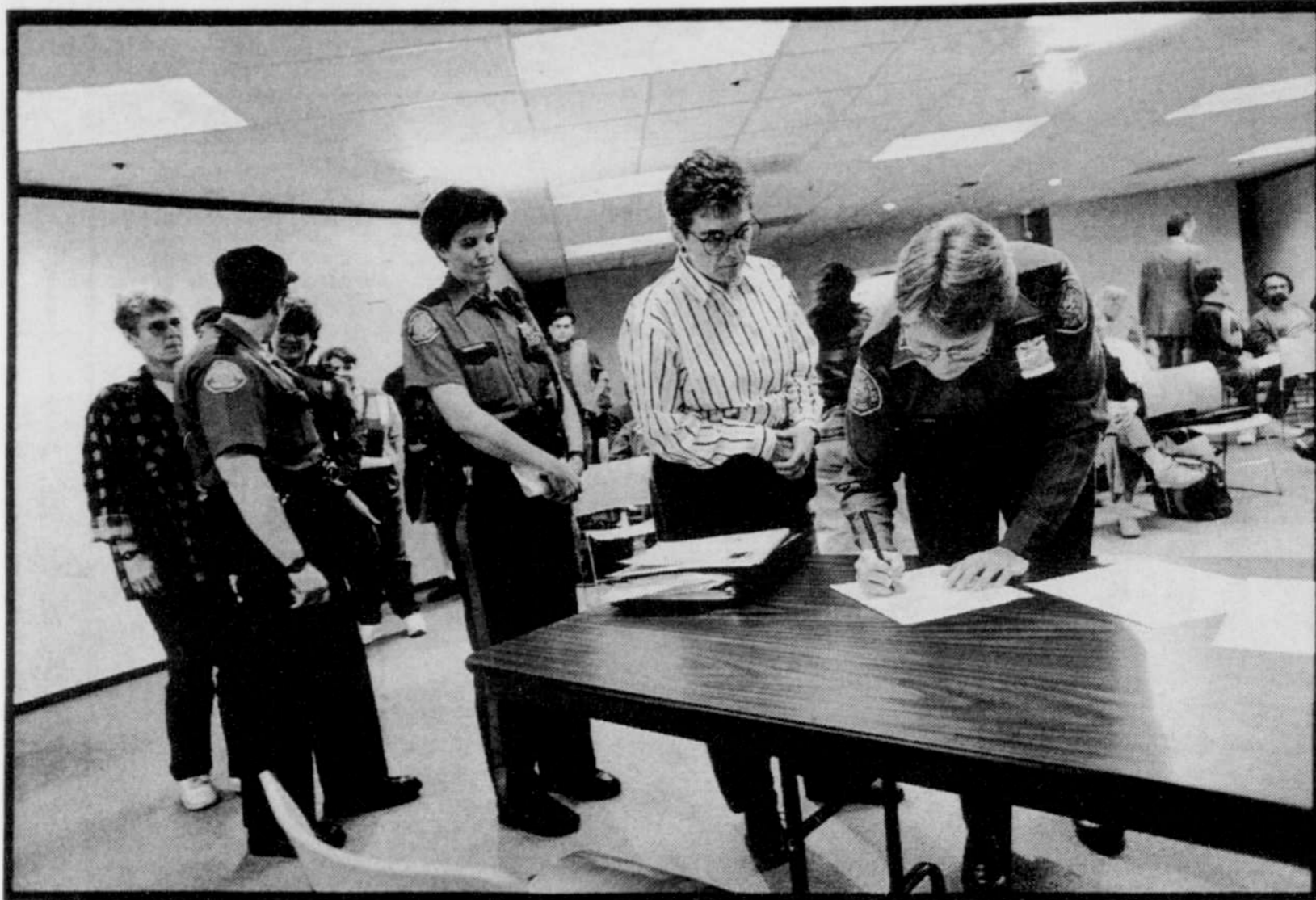
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Witnessing a historical event. The partnership agreement between the sexual minority community and the Portland Police Bureau was signed on National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11. The agreement was drafted by Assistant Chief Dan Noelle and William Warren, a member of the Sexual Minority Roundtable and the Chief's Forum. The final draft was approved and signed by everyone on the Sexual Minority Roundtable, which includes members of the Portland Police Bureau and members of Portland's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and transgender communities. Also on Oct. 11 came the news that two gay men were murdered in Laurel, Miss., just 15 miles from Ovett, the home of Camp Sister Spirit, which has been at the center of violent homophobic backlash for the past year. The Jones County Sheriff in charge of the case refused to refer to the murders as a hate crime and publicly made homophobic remarks to national and local media. The partnership agreement between our community and the Portland Police Bureau ensures that police will not respond in such a manner in Portland, and that all members of our community will be treated with respect.

editorial

Another one bites the dust

With the loss of The Alternative Connection a few months ago, and now The Lavender Network, how are the community's informational needs going to be met?

by Ariel Waterwoman

Within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual communities news sources are few and precious. To lose even one publication is debilitating, and now we've lost two. *The Alternative Connection* stopped publication this last spring, and *The Lavender Network* is gasping its last. Both filled niches within the community.

Many people have asked *Just Out* what, if anything, we are going to do about filling those niches.

We're very concerned about how all the news will be covered and dispersed to the people who need to read it.

Covering the news outside the Portland area has always been a challenge for us. We never aggressively addressed that challenge because *TLN* was always there. Now that it is gone,

to begin to meet that challenge we will slowly increase our distribution in Eugene, Corvallis, Albany and Salem. We will also offer discounted ad rates to advertisers in those areas. We will increase distribution in other areas as we get suggestions for outlets. We are also developing a plan to put each issue of *Just Out* on America On Line so that people can access the paper via the "information highway." We hope to implement that by the end of the year.

Editorially, we need news, resources and information from areas outside Portland. Rural readers need to let us know how to meet their needs. From this information we'll come up with a plan to better cover the state. With community input and patience, we will be able to inform queers throughout Oregon about the news that affects them.

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