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## LIVING OUT BY SALLY SHEKLOW

# No Underpants

Road to revelation is sometimes paved with speculums.



**W**e learn from the past, but dykes my age have all hit mental-pause. We forget where our keys are, our own phone numbers and why we just walked into this room. But dimes-to-dental dams we all remember coming out. I'd wager that every single lesbian/gay/bi/trans/intersex/queer/two-spirit person recalls that defining moment when we first recognized ourselves and alerted the media – or at least our best friends.

Thanks to increased media visibility (all bow to Ellen!) and the coming out trend of relatives, neighbors and sports heroes, our kith and kin discover their sexual orientation and burst out of the closet quicker and more gracefully than ever before. In their quest to know their roots, new homos and homettes look to their elders, those of us the National Organization for Women once labeled "The Lavender Menace."

**Y**oung queers want a sense of history and perspective from the folks who lived through Anita Bryant's campaign to Save Our Children. The orange juice queen's heinous PR efforts taught us nothing if not that *we're* the ones who have to save the children (and that a Miss America tiara fits fine on an empty head.) That's why we reach out to the next generation – and I'm not just talking about the miniature softball glove you're bringing to that dyke baby shower. The new crop of teens and young adults coming to terms with who they are needs cross-generational allies.

It's not like homophobia got old and died. No matter how out and proud gay kids might be, their families still kick them out, schoolmates beat them up, and teachers don't get it. "That's so gay" is still the big insult on campus. High school and college classes need lesbian/gay/bi/trans/intersex/queer/two-spirit guest panels now more than ever.

**W**hen I was a '70s college student, our women's health class always brought in guest speakers. One week a woman came to talk about self-help. She lifted her skirt (hairy legs and no underpants!), inserted a speculum and showed us her cervix. That was some opening act, so to speak.

The next week a woman and two men came and talked about what it was like to be gay. That's the first lesbian-I-knew-was-a-lesbian I ever saw, unless you count Miss Hathaway, who everybody suspects would have been happier skinny-dipping in the cee-ment pond with Granny than pining over Jethro.

That experience was a major turning point in my life – not that the panelists were recruiting. An honest-to-goodness lesbian who was fine with her identity inspired me to explore that aspect of myself. Maybe it would be OK for me to be one.

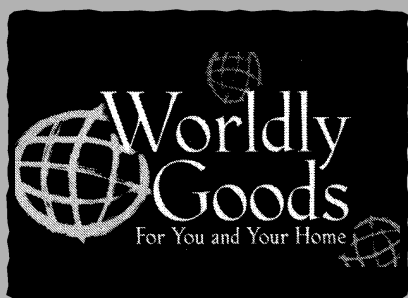
**N**ow I'm a college instructor, which I think is hysterical because I feel like I still am the Youth of America. But it's my turn to invite guests to tell their stories to the classes I teach. I am amazed at how many of my students are as ill-informed as I was back before I took that fateful cervix- and sexuality-revealing class. That is, until I bring the L/G/B/T/I/Q/T-S panel in.

Last week my guest panel comprised four bright-eyed high schoolers, all gelled, pierced and blasted (their jeans, not their brain cells). These articulate young people talked about what it's like to be young and queer, what a big deal it is to be visible and speak out in their schools, and how hard it can be to come out, even – or especially – these days. The panelists even got my students to question themselves, to wonder whether they might be "that way," too – shock and awe.

My students were cool, though. They showed respect and didn't freak out, even if they'd previously considered sitting in a room with a bunch of queers equivalent to rolling in "Fear Factor" maggots. They turned out to be so open-minded that next term my classroom guest just might be a hairy-legged, speculum wielding woman with no underpants

Now – where are my keys?

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