Oct 12, **Word Is Out:**

*Stories of Some of Our Lives (film)*

University Film Series
Tuesdays at 7:30pm | Little Theatre (Ayres 106)
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From the Mariposa Film Group including Peter Adair, Nancy Adair, Veronica Selver, Andrew Brown, Robert Epstein, and Lucy Massie Phenix. Co-sponsored with the Office of Diversity in honor of National Coming Out Day and distributed by Milestone Film & Video. Introduced by Robert Tinkler, History

In 1978, *Word Is Out* startled audiences across the country when it appeared in movie theaters and on television. The first feature-length documentary about lesbian and gay identity made by gay filmmakers, the film became an icon of the emerging gay rights movement of the 1970s. Today, the power of this film lies not only in its disarming interviews but also in how the beautifully interwoven interviews stand as a watershed in gay rights history. The filmmakers capture the innocence and charm of 26 people from beehived housewife to sultry drag queen—ranging from 18 to 77 years old and coming from all parts of the U.S. One woman explains how doctors put her on a diet of two salads a day to cure her “sickness.” Another, an ex-member of the Women's Army Corps, tells how women in the late 1940s and early 50s expected to get beaten up by angry servicemen for dancing in gay bars.