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Community Seeks Service Award Nominations

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (ML/GPC) announced that it will establish a Community Service Award Program beginning with the 1989 Pride Celebration.

According to a Pride Committee spokesperson, the purpose of the award is to "acknowledge the person(s) or organization who has made a significant contribution toward the promotion, advancement and overall betterment of the Milwaukee area Gay/Lesbian community."

A special committee of Community leaders will be selected to review all eligible nominations. This committee will select the award-winning nominee. The Award will be presented at the First Annual Pride Rally on Saturday afternoon, June 17, 1989.

Nominations for the award should be submitted to the Pride Committee in writing no later than May 15, 1989. Nominations should be concise, typewritten (neat, legible handwriting acceptable) and must be accompanied by a separate sheet of paper on which is given the name of the nominee along with her/his address and phone number. The name, address and phone number of the person making the nomination must be included for verification purposes.

Nominations should be sent to: Community Service Award Program, Milwaukee Pride Committee, 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204.

U.W. Given More Power Against Homophobia

Legislation to require the University of Wisconsin to adopt strict rules for disciplining students involved in acts of bigotry passed the State Assembly unanimously in March.

Assembly Bill 169, directs the UW Board of Regents to adopt an emergency administrative rule to discipline students who attack or threaten other students, guests or UW employees because of their sexual orientation, race, sex or other factors. It also allows action to be taken for discriminatory comments or conduct that creates an intimidating or hostile environment for university work.

The bill, to be acted upon by the State Senate during the week of April 24, would require the Board of Regents to adopt the emergency rule within 30 days of passage.

State Representative Spencer Coggs (D-Milwaukee) introduced the bill to force action by the University in the wake of several incidents motivated by bigotry at system campuses.

"This is a way of putting their feet to the fire," Coggs said.

Critics say the UW System has moved

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MAYOR NORQUIST PLANS MEETINGS TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY ISSUES



Alyn Hess pictured at one of Milwaukee's first annual Pride Week activities in Sept. 1988.

Milwaukee Activist Alyn Hess Dies of AIDS Complications

By Eldon Murray

Alyn W. Hess, local and national Gay activist, died on Friday, March 31, 1989 at 11:10 p.m. of complications due to AIDS. Death occurred at Green Tree Hospice in Glendale, Wisconsin. Several close friends were at the bedside at the time of death.

Hess, originally from Freeport, Illinois, graduated from Beloit College and later received a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois. During the Vietnam War, he served in the U.S. Army, in the war room at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Hess came to Milwaukee in the 1960's. He was a pioneer in the struggle for Gay rights being one of the first organizers of the Gay Liberation Front which, later, became the Gay People's Union (GPU).

Hess served GPU in a number of

capacities including that of president and chairperson of the Board of Directors. He helped found the GPU Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Clinic (since evolved into the Brady East STD Clinic), the GPU Hotline, the GPU legal defense fund, the GPU library and the Milwaukee chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT). Hess served on BWMT's national board.

In addition, Hess worked closely with other leaders to secure the passage of Wisconsin's Gay rights bill and the Consenting Adults Act. He also found time to write a column for *Wisconsin Light*.

Hess was always willing to share his time and expertise with all and was always available to offer personal council to those in need. He will be sorely missed by the community at large.

June 17 Parade and Rally Highlight Milwaukee Pride Week

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee announced plans to hold its first Annual Parade/Rally on Saturday, June 17, 1989. In scheduling the events for the 12-day Celebration, Pride organizers took into consideration Chicago's Pride Parade and Rally to be held on Sunday, June 25 and the numerous festivals and parades which Milwaukeeans have come to expect as tradition here.

The Parade is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 moving through the Bar District and past City Hall to Cathedral Square where the Rally is to start at 2:00 p.m. The Pride Committee expects to have local and out-of-town political and organizational leaders on hand for the events. Other forms of entertainment are being planned to make this Celebration truly memorable.

In connection with the Pride Celebrations commemorating "STONEWALL 20: A GENERATION OF PRIDE", Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus and the Original Fest City Singers will hold their annual Spring Concerts.

The Chorus will be presenting "Beyond Stonewall", a choral invitation for all "to join us as we celebrate Gay unity in word and song." The concert will be held at Centennial Hall in Milwaukee's

main library building on the evening of Saturday, May 20 and is being presented as a preview of their performance at GALA in Seattle, July 2-9. Tickets are \$5 and can be obtained from the Chorus members or by calling (414) 277-0434.

The Singers will be presenting "Catch a Rising Star", at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater on the evenings of Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, with a possible hold-over performance scheduled for Sunday, June 18. Tickets for the concert are available from the Singers by calling (414) 263-SING.

At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, the Second Annual Interfaith Religious Service to celebrate Gay and Lesbian religious unity will be held at All Saints Cathedral, downtown Milwaukee.

Milwaukee's Lakefront Festival of the Arts is also scheduled at the near-by lakefront for the weekend of June 16-18.

Plans are also being made for a "Stonewall Run" to take place the evening of Tuesday, June 27 which will cap off the 12-day celebration.

In connection with the Celebration, Milwaukee's organizations and businesses are being contacted to ask for their participation in making "STONEWALL: A GENERATION OF

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(Milwaukee)- Jerry Johnson, Publisher of *Wisconsin Light* as been asked by Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist to join him as co-host of a meeting of some 20 Milwaukee Lesbians and Gays.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 12 at the Cream City Foundation Center, 225 S. 2nd Street in Milwaukee. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until 6:15 p.m.

According to Norquist, the purpose of the meeting is to help the Mayor become aware of "issues of concern" to the Lesbian and Gay community of Milwaukee. Eloisa Gomez, of the Mayor's office told Terry Boughner, *Light's* Editor, that the Mayor would be interested in hearing about "concrete issues"; matters that the Mayor could do something about. At that time, Gomez also indicated that the Mayor was interested in meeting with a wide diversity of Lesbians and Gays.



JOHN NORQUIST

Light's sources among the 20 individuals named to the group indicate that high on the list of agenda items would be a discussion of anti-Lesbian and Gay violence. Other items have yet to be decided.

In his letter to Johnson, Mayor Norquist indicated that he sees this first meeting as "one of a number of regular meetings" where Gays and Lesbians may talk with the Mayor about their concerns.

Those wishing to place items on the agenda for this and future meetings should call Jerry Johnson (414) 372-2773 or Eloisa Gomez at the Mayor's office.

McFarland, Gonzales Win by Landslides

As we go to press, word has been received that Jim McFarland, openly Gay Madison alderman was re-elected in a landslide, winning over his opponent by a margin of two to one. McFarland is a long-time leader in the fight for Lesbian and Gay civil rights, a luminary in the Madison Republican Party and a contributor to *Wisconsin Light*.

Ricardo Gonzales won his race for Madison Alderperson in a landslide victory, taking the seat with 64% of the vote. This was Gonzales' first race for public office in Madison.

Gonzales who is the owner of Madison's Cardinal Bar, 418 Wilson St., told *Light* that he was "very gratified" with the results. Calling the race "hard-fought" and "spirited", Gonzales said that his victory showed that the electorate wanted "someone with roots in the community" and "who has proven his/her involvement."

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May 6 Madison March