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The Wisconsin Light

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Dignity, Respect For All On Norquist Agenda

[Milwaukee]- 20 Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian activists met Wednesday, April 12, with Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist in what the Mayor said would be the first of a series of regular meetings at which Lesbians and Gays could voice their concerns.

This first meeting took place at the Cream City Foundation Community Center at 225 S. 2nd St and lasted from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. It was chaired by Norquist and by Wisconsin Light publisher, Jerry Johnson.

The meeting had been called at Norquist's request so that he might become acquainted with some of the Lesbian and Gay activists in the city and through them learn of the community's main concerns.

At the outset, the Mayor emphasized that he wanted to make sure that Lesbians and Gays were treated with dignity and respect and that they should have power in politics and the economy. He further emphasized that he would denounce homophobia wherever it reared its head.

Sue Cook, co-chair of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee, and one of the two women in addition to Sue Burke present, made it clear that "Gay" and "Lesbian" were terms to be preferred to "homosexual." There were murmurs of agreement from around the table and the Mayor said, "I have to be reminded." A major item of concern was the seemingly increased incidents of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence especially around the bars on Second and in the vicinity of E. National.

Several members of the group urged the need for a commitment from Milwaukee Police Chief Robert Ziarnik for a human relations training program targeted at veteran officers. Recruits already receive such training.

Norquist urged Lesbians and Gays to continue to voice their concerns to the Fire and Police Commission.

Bill Meunier, Light's Political Editor, called for better street lighting as well as a change in the parking regulations in the area. Norquist indicated that changes would be made and asked Meunier for a report of exact locations of lighting problems.

John Clayton, of the C'est la Vie bar, voiced the need for a Lesbian/Gay festival on a par with the other fests.

Norquist, while noting that any group could have a festival, said such things were very expensive.

Don Clabots, co-chair of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee, reminded the group of Pride Week in June and

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Pictured are the Madison GALVANize Committee. From left to right are: (Backrow) Meg Gaines, Richard Kilmer, Tony Sheehan, Tom Otto, Robert James, Susan Knoedel, John Quinlan; (Center Row) Mary Myers, Christina Clough, Ellen Barnard, Tim O'Brien, Cevyn Godre, Mary Klobucar; (Front Row) Terry Cremenin, Elizabeth Fadel, Nancy Graham, Jo Bussler, Pam Jacobson and Cheri Maples. Not shown: Ed Cortez.

U.S. Immigration Jails Dutch Man On Trip to AIDS Conference

By Tim Campbell

Editor's Note: Mr. Campbell is the Editor of GLC Voice of Minneapolis. This article is abridged from a longer account.

[Minneapolis]- Hans Paul Verhoef, 31, a public servant for the cities of Delft and Rotterdam, Netherlands, who does education on Gay/Lesbian issues including AIDS education was released by U.S. Immigration authorities at 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 7 to continue from St. Paul to San Francisco for the 11th Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference. The 7th Annual National AIDS Forum is a part of the greater conference.

Judge Robert Vinikoor ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) authorities to release Verhoef for a business visit under the condition that he post a \$10,000 bond and leave the U.S. promptly on April 28. Judge Vinikoor made it a part of his ruling that Verhoef be released as soon as he posted bond whether the INS chose to appeal his decision or not.

Verhoef quickly posted the bond with the help of individuals at the Minnesota AIDS Project. Notwithstanding, local INS officials continued to detain Verhoef a few more hours while it filed a motion for a stay of execution of Vinikoor's orders with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) in Washington, D.C. The BIA refused to consider the INS last-ditch motion.

Verhoef landed at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport on Sunday, April 2 with tickets through to San Francisco for the conference which was to begin April 5. Although INS officials have yet to state the connection, local observers speculate that the presence of a leather jacket and trousers and sexual toys were the most obvious items in Verhoef's luggage to trigger a more intense search.

INS officials claim that Verhoef was detained because he told them he had AIDS after they found literature about the disease, some asidothimidine and a letter from Verhoef to a friend in which he spoke of having AIDS.

Another Dutch visitor, Marinus Bos, with leather in his luggage was detained by the same INS officials at the same

airport on December 17, 1988.

Verhoef was handcuffed and taken to Scott County Jail about 10 miles west of the airport. On Monday, again handcuffed, he was taken to the State Prison in Stillwater and from there to Oak Park Heights, Minnesota's newest

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Federal AZT Program Receives Funds

[Washington, D.C.]- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue the federal AIDS drug subsidy program that helps low-income individuals purchase treatments for AIDS and related conditions.

HHS reprogrammed the funds on March 31, at the urging of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), who spearheaded efforts to overcome the financial assistance for AIDS treatments.

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) lobbyists said the reprogrammed funds came just as the subsidy program — originally created by Congress in 1987 and extended last September — was set to expire at midnight, March 31. The move comes as funds in Georgia, Kansas, Idaho, Kentucky and Utah already have expired, with 13 other states, including Wisconsin, poised to run out by June, 1989.

The \$5 million approved on March 31 is expected to carry the program for another six months, through September, 1989.

Approximately 7,000 people in the U.S. are receiving government assistance under the program to purchase AIDS treatments, including AZT (Retrovir). AZT, which costs about \$8,000 a year at full dose, is the only government-approved drug for directly fighting AIDS.

Reports that the Bush Administration supported continuation of the program came after Kennedy and 12 other Senators sent a letter to HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan urging reprogramming.

Neither of Wisconsin's two Senators was a signatory to the letter asking for reprogramming of money to help AIDS patients.

By Terry Boughner

They will be arriving in their thousands — and thousands — from around the nation, from all the Midwest, from the far reaches of Wisconsin, coming, coming to Madison, the capital of the Gay Rights State.

There will be cars and buses full of people, gentle, determined people, proud people, marching to Madison this first weekend in May, coming with their banners and buttons and signs proclaiming for all to see, their exaltation and exuberance at being who we are. Lesbian! Gay! And Proud!

For the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize), the May 4-7 weekend celebration is the culmination of over a year's planning and work. It all began with a walk by the lake in March, 1988, when Tim O'Brien who had been to the '87 March on Washington spoke to Richard Kilmer the feeling of empowerment he had experienced there, empowerment that could sweep away the homophobia they had experienced in Madison.

Three weeks later at a birthday party, Tim and Richard talked with Pam Jacobson and Meg Gaines about the idea of having a March in Madison. From such small beginnings, GALVANize was born.

Now, this May, the musings of a few friends are about to become reality. This due to the hundreds of willing volunteers have joined in the effort with one purpose: to create "a massive, visible coming out...in the Midwest and beyond to affirm Lesbian and Gay culture, to celebrate the commonalities and differences of all people and to show unity for all civil rights."

This purpose has been endorsed by the Dane County Board of Supervisors (19), the Madison Teachers Union, the Dane County Democratic Party, the UW Dean of Student's Office, Madison Police Chief David C. Couper, Alderperson Jim McFarland, the Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union and the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America.

Sponsors of events include the New Harvest Foundation, Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation, the Madison Arts Center, the Madison NOW, the Madison AIDS Support Network, The United, the UW-Madison 10% Society, the Madison Women Determined to Free Sharon Kowalski, the Women Law Student's Association and the Mifflin Street Co-op.

12 Workshops of interest to Lesbians

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AIDS, Health Issues To Be Discussed

Milwaukee health care workers will be sharing information gained in the areas of AIDS and other health issues from the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and National AIDS Forum in San Francisco, at an open Community Forum, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), 315 W. Court St.

This was the 11th year for the Conference and more people than ever attended from Milwaukee. In addition to exploring the many complexities and subtleties of the AIDS crisis and a diversity of Gay and Lesbian health issues, there were numerous print and audio visual educational materials as well as social events to aid in the networking and exchange of information.

The Forum at MAP will be an excellent opportunity to hear of the high points of the San Francisco Conference and to engage in dialog with many of those who attended. For more information, call MAP at (414) 273-2437.