

# Bi All Means!

Bisexuality: The potential for physical, romantic or emotional attraction to more than one gender.



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## Community Rallies to Revive Bi Definition

### January Crisis Management meeting a success

On Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> a Crisis Management meeting was called to address Bi Definition's continued survival. Bi Definition, which celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in early January, had dwindled down to a very few people doing all of the organizational work—and burnout was imminent.

The meeting was a great success, with over 25 people in attendance. This number included several members of Gemini Gender who generously offered their group's support, even proposing to help with meeting space if Bi Definition needed it.

Many of the people at the meeting volunteered to take up tasks and to help with the work needed to keep Bi Definition alive and healthy. The work was divided up into volunteer positions with people agreeing to a one-year commitment to the position. These positions are Business Manager, Assistant Business Manager, Meeting Facilitator, Office Manager, Treasurer, Database, Minutes/Records, Telephone Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Fundraising Committee Coordinator, Media, Website, and Newsletter. The only position unfilled was a Newsletter Distribution Manager, and possibly the Assistant Business Manager position starting in June.

Because of the help and show of support from all that gave up a chunk of their Saturday to attend this meeting, Bi Definition is now able to continue on as Milwaukee's only organized bisexual community. Our sincerest thanks go out to all who have made this possible.

## Volunteers Needed!

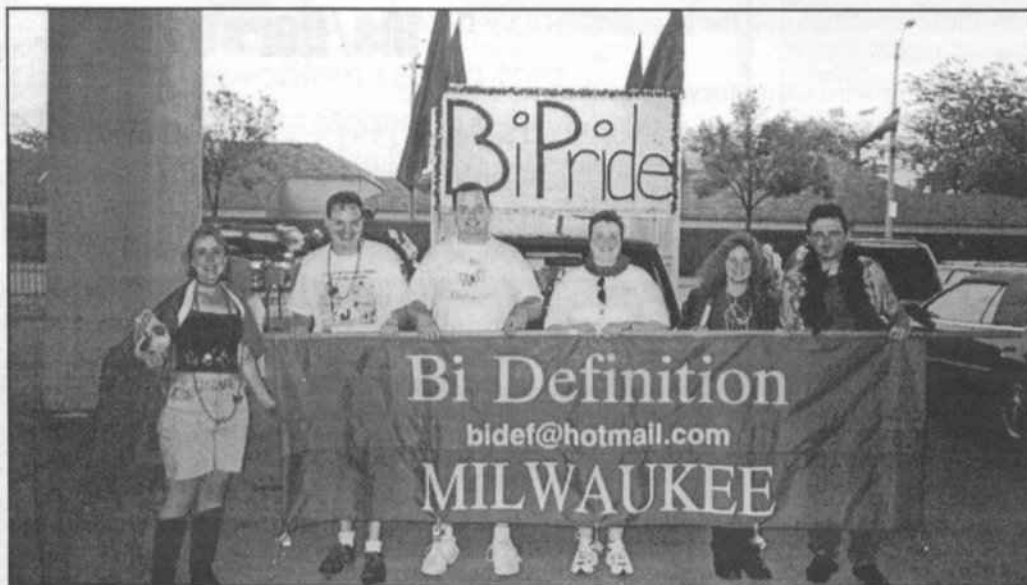
Bi Definition still has need of volunteers in a variety of areas. If you would like to help with a small task or project, please contact Nikki at (414) 774-5055.

## BECAUSE Comes to Milwaukee May 4-6

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Midwest BECAUSE conference (Bisexual Empowerment Conference: A Uniting Supportive Experience) will be held in Milwaukee for the first time this May 4-6, 2001. This year's theme, "A Bisexual Odyssey" was chosen to honor the journey that both individuals and the bisexual movement have been on, and to look forward to where these journeys will go from here.

The weekend conference includes two keynote speakers. On Friday night, Lani Ka'ahumanu will kick off the conference, followed by a performance by the Safer Sex Sluts. Ms. Ka'ahumanu was the keynote speaker at the first BECAUSE conference in 1991. Saturday night's speaker, Liz Highleyman, will be followed by a "Fantasy Dance" (use your imagination). Both keynote speakers are nationally known for their work in bisexual activism.

A wide variety of workshops will be offered throughout Saturday day and Sunday morning. - see *BECAUSE*, p. 3



Pridefest Parade 2000 found an enthusiastic group of Bi Definition marchers

### Bi Definition Summer Activities Being Planned

Bi Definition summer activities will officially begin with Pridefest, June 8-10, 2001. We will once again be running one of the mug sales booths this year. Contact Fundraising Committee Coordinator Lesley at [sweetles52180@yahoo.com](mailto:sweetles52180@yahoo.com) to sign up as a volunteer. Working at the booth is a great way to meet other Pridefest revelers, help Bi Definition raise money, and enjoy the Pridefest experience.

Other plans in the works for Pridefest include the Bi - see *Summer*, p 11

### Out Bi Candidate, Morales, seeks East Side Voters Milwaukee Public Schools Election on April 3rd

Do you remember what it was like for bisexual, transgendered, lesbian and gay high schoolers? On Tuesday, April 3rd, you can help change bad memories into progress.

Bisexuals can be proud after this year's public school 5th district primary, as 'out' bisexual, Jennifer Morales, received nearly twice as many votes as her incumbent rival, Milwaukee School Board President Bruce Thompson. The final primary result was Morales 1,538 to 835 for Thompson.

However, this exciting news does not yet place Morales on the Board, because primary elections are set up to simply eliminate all candidates but the top two vote-getters, who will go head-to-head April 3. The race is expected to get much tighter as we head towards this date, as Thompson is sure to start using seriously the power of his incumbency and his office of the School Board Presidency to - see *Election*, p. 10