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The Wisconsin Light

GAY MALE BRUTALLY RAPED AT FORT ATKINSON BAR

"The really freaky thing is that he wasn't supposed to be here," said Wade Williams.

Williams, along with his mother, Marie Williams, owns and operates the Old Fort Lounge in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The Lounge is a Gay bar, the only one in the small town of 10,000 and the only one for miles around. For that reason as well as for its cozy, intimate atmosphere, Lesbians, Gays and even some straights come from all over; from Madison, Janesville, Appleton and Milwaukee and points in between to relax, meet people and enjoy themselves.

In a small place like "The Fort" as the local people refer to the town, there's no hiding the fact that the Lounge is a Gay bar and has been a Gay watering hole since 1943, Williams said. So he doesn't even try. Like he, himself, it is openly and publicly Gay.

What about the townsfolk?, he is asked. He replied with a shrug, a drag on his ever-present cigarette, and a small smile.

"There are some banks where the tellers won't deal with you and certain stores where you can't get waited on but there's no religious pressure. No picketing." Then he adds as he stubs out his cigarette, "I thought it would be a lot rougher than it is — or has been, up to now."

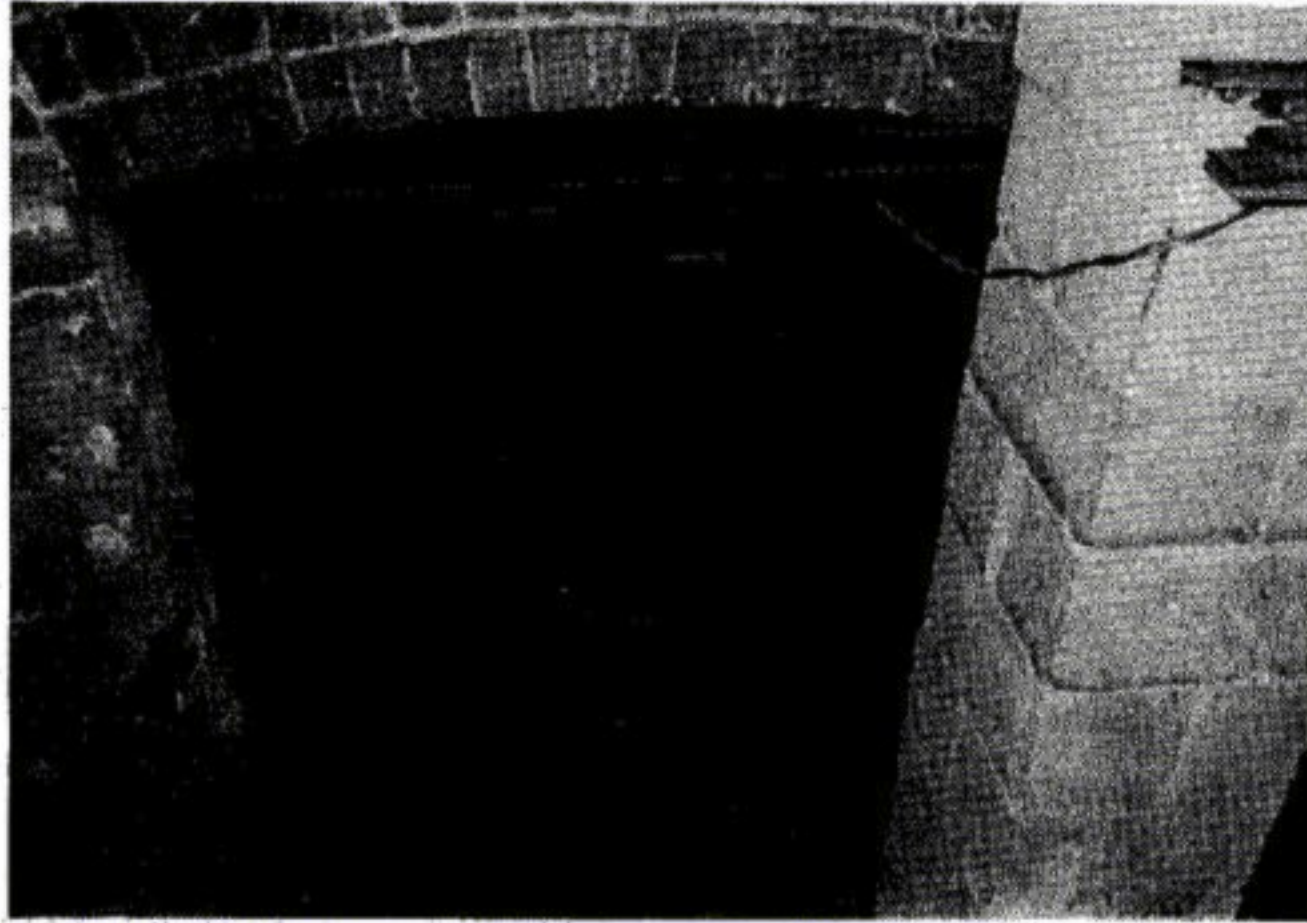
His mother, a nice looking woman with a look of calm determination about her, nods with an expression of sympathetic agreement.

"We've owned the Lounge for four years and two months," Wade Williams said as he continued his story. "On December 16 I invited my ex-lover over to the Lounge for a drink. He looks a lot like me."

Wade is, as he said, 5'8", slender and 26-years-old.

"At closing time," he continued, "there wasn't anyone here except the two of us so he helped me close up and left. His car was parked right outside."

After that, Wade went upstairs where he shares an apartment with his mother. Although it was a little after 2:00 am and



A Fort Atkinson Gay man was allegedly dragged from his car through this door into a bar adjacent to the Old Fort Lounge where he was badly beaten by three men and brutally raped. The victim escaped five hours later.

the town, as small towns are at that time of morning, was quiet, the apartment is well insulated and Williams fell immediately asleep. His mother was awake and heard the dog barking but thought nothing unusual in the fact. The Lounge is in a building connected with another by a covered passageway over what used to be an alley between the two buildings. In the other building, there is also a bar, a decidedly straight bar, that a visit showed catered to a rough looking bunch, mostly young, complete with levis, tattoos, what Williams called, "real rednecks." Both Williams and his mother said that there is often "commotion" there after hours so that she thought the dog, as it usually does, was barking because of that. It was not until the next day that they found out what was happening.

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Oppression topic of world Gay conclave

By Mark Schoofs

Our "layer of civilization" is still very thin, cautioned the deputy mayor of Amsterdam at the opening ceremonies of the international conference titled "Homosexuality Beyond Disease."

But the deputy mayor's warning sounded almost out of place and unnecessary; after all, the conference had attracted more than 200 academics and professionals from at least four continents as well as a whole battery of high-ranking Dutch officials. And with the conference taking place in Amsterdam's poshest hotel, directly across from the Royal Palace, it was easy to believe that Holland's tolerance was the rule, not the exception. However, events transpired in other countries which showed that most of the world has not passed beyond the conception of homosexuality as a disease, and these events charged the conference with a sense of urgency.

Sponsored by the International Lesbian and Gay Association and organized by the Gay and Lesbian studies department of the University of Utrecht, the conference focused on one particularly threadbare layer of civilization, the World Health Organization's (WHO) classification of homosexuality as a diseased mental condition.

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Dave Runyon has Nothing To Hide

By SPEAK ITS NAME

Madison will air "Nothing To Hide" and the Madison's Gay cable TV program, aired weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. on cable channel 4.

It's truly a one-man show and the man in question is Dave Runyon.

An Assistant Professor of Art and director of the Crossman Art Gallery at UW-Whitewater, Runyon began his "extra-curricular" career in TV production in 1979, when he "inherited" the forerunner of his current show from its founder, Michael Henry. That was in 1979 and the program was "Glad To Be Gay," a weekly

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Lamb to be honored at King celebration

Six individuals and a non-profit organization will be honored for their contributions in the field of human rights in a ceremony at Milwaukee's official celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday on Sunday, January 17, 1988 at the Performing Arts Center.



Dr. Karen Lamb

Those recognized through citizen nominations selected by Commissioners from the Milwaukee Commission on Community Relations, the King holiday co-sponsor include Dr. Karen Lamb. Dr. Lamb is the director of the GeorgAnna and Joseph Uihlein, Jr. Family Health Program. She is co-chair of the Board of Community Advisors to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and has devoted considerable time and effort to behind-the-scenes education on behalf of persons with AIDS.

Dr. Lamb has published widely on subjects relating to women, abused children and health care. She is a regular columnist for Wisconsin Light writing a column titled, "A Note from Karen Lamb." Dr. Lamb is married to Mayor Henry Maier of Milwaukee.

Dr. Lamb and the other honorees will receive their recognition during Milwaukee's fifth annual celebration of the life and goals of Dr. Martin Luther King titled, "MLK: Sieze the Vision" on Sunday January 17 at Uihlein Hall of the Performing Arts Center. The free program begins at 1:30pm with all seating on a first-come, first-served basis. ▽

LIGHTS' 10 VILLIANS OF 1987

With this issue, Light begins a tradition of awarding the Villian of the Year Awards better known as "Those Who Were Shown A Light And Blew It Out." In perhaps better words, these — 10 of them — are people who resemble the peace of God. They pass all understanding.

So here they are folks; read 'em and jeer.



Senator Jesse Helms

1.] Sen. Jesse Helms [R-NC] This was a hard one considering that for number one villian we have the likes of Jerry Falwell and Oral Roberts but Jesse, considering his backing of Judge Bork and his incredibly homophobic Helms Amendment, puts this senior Senator way ahead for the number one position (Missionary).

2.] Rep. William Dannemeyer [R-CA]-

The only reason this guy didn't make the number one place is that he's only a representative. But after that, Good Lord, where do you start? He endorses Lyndon LaRouch's calls for mass quarantine of "all AIDS carriers;" he has stated publicly that he thinks (?) Gay rights spreads AIDS and that AIDS is spread by "spores." (Is there no end to this paragon of ignorance?)

3.] Ronald Reagan, President- Now c'mon, did you expect this bozo to be left out of an awards list like this? Not when this past year he finally said the "A" word right on TV and then didn't have the good grace to apologize that because of his inaction, hundreds upon hundreds of AIDS sufferers died and tens of hundreds more will die. And he complains about the Soviet violation of human rights!

4.] George Bush, Vice President- (Yes, he actually exists and is alive and living (?). Although not a candidate for "Rabid Candidate of the Year (That goes to Pat Robertson), Ol' George gets the Buffoon of the Year Award and our number four spot for his over-heard remark reacting to boos received upon asking for mass mandatory HIV testing of Americans. "What's that? A Gay group out there?"

And Oral fell on his knees and gave thanks 'cause Ol' George had, looking through a glass eye darkly, seen????

5.] Gary Bauer, White House Chief Domestic Policy Advisor- Never heard of him? Well, he wins chief jerk of the Administrative (and I speak loosely) branch. This creature was totally against

naming anyone who was Gay to the Presidential commission on AIDS, telling reporters that Commission members shouldn't be picked on the basis of their having had a prefrontal lobotomy?

6.] Rev. Jerry Falwell, Ringmaster of TV Bible-thumpers- There were a lot to pick from, Oral and Jim and Tammy and Pat Robertson, all part of the Bible Booboisie, all of who should make you doubt the validity of the theory of evolution. However, what would a list like this be without Jerry with his talk of "militant homosexuals" running out and, with malice aforethought, infecting the blood supply not to mention trying to take over the world. So here's to you, Jer. I just know that you'll be trying harder and next year you'll be right up there on the top of the list.

7.] Evan Mecham, Arizona Governor- The man was born with a case of terminal

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