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Ben-Shalom Wins Human Rights Award

By Sue Burke

We are in "a very painful time for equal rights", according to Barbara Morford, chair of the Wisconsin Equal Rights Council.

To brighten these days, the Council, a governor-appointed body which advises the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations and its Equal Rights Division, began giving out awards four years ago for commitment to human rights.

This year's awards went to William Tisdale, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council; Sharon Metz, Director of the Lutheran Human Relations Association and defender of Indian treaty rights; and Miriam Ben-Shalom, a sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves.

While the others had organizations behind them — "No one works alone," Tisdale said in his acceptance speech — Ben-Shalom has generally worked alone. She has been suing the Army for 14 years to win the right for Gay men and Lesbians to serve their country. She's still in court.



Sgt. Miriam Ben Shalom

Although she has no organization behind her, she was not alone that night. Her father, brother and daughter were there. Gay and Lesbian friends were also there, and she was introduced in the program by Richard Minor, a Gay member of the Council.

About 50 people attended the awards program, November 3, at the Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee.

In her brief acceptance speech, Ben-Shalom praised her family. She credited her perseverance and inspiration to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and the victims of the Nazi Holocaust including those who were Gay and Lesbian.

She said education is one of the strongest tools available to challenge racism, bigotry and discrimination. "I'm

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NELSON TO LEAD MILWAUKEE AIDS PROJECT INTO THE 1990'S



OUT OF ALL TIME

a gay and lesbian history

Terry Boughner

with illustrations by Michael Willhoite



"Out of All Time" Book Cover

Boughner's "Out of All Time" Gay/Lesbian History Published

As Publisher of Wisconsin Light I am pleased and honored to announce the publication of *Out of All Time* by the Editor, Terry Boughner. The book, has been published by Alyson of Boston, the largest Gay/Lesbian publishing house in the east. Each of the 50 chapters is furnished with original illustrations by Michael Willhoite nationally known artist

Madison Plans May 6 March

[Madison]- A diverse group of Lesbians, Gays, bisexuals, families, friends and supporters from within Wisconsin and throughout the Upper Midwest and beyond are coming together and organizing under the name, "The Madison March Committee."

The March which is scheduled for May 6, 1989 is, according to the Committee, will be "a massive and visible coming out in the Midwest to affirm the Gay and Lesbian culture, to celebrate differences and to prevent the erosion of our hard won rights."

This gathering of Gays, Lesbians and supporters which the Committee describes as a "massive coming out party", will reflect the strength of our community, act as a tool for ongoing personal and political empowerment and highlight the interconnections of all civil rights issues, said a March Committee press release.

Through our actions, we DEMAND full civil rights and an end to discrimination against Lesbian and Gay people, bisexuals, HIV infected, people of color, women, people of all ages and sizes, alternative families, people with disabilities and those who suffer from cultural, sexual, religious or other types of persecution.

The March Committee is eagerly seeking volunteers who wish to help with this massive project. For more information or to offer what help you can, write, The Madison March Committee, c/o The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, Wisconsin 53701 or call Pam or Tony at (608) 255-8061.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is the most prominent AIDS service organization in southeastern Wisconsin. It spends 100's of 1,000's of dollars annually and directly or indirectly, effects the lives of all of us, Gay/Lesbian or not. Indulging in understatement, this importance will only increase as the incidence of the disease and those afflicted by it, continues to expand.

Recently, MAP hired a new Executive Director. He is Doug Nelson and it is he who will not only guide the organization in its wide-ranging day to day activities, but will help to chart its course in the years to come.

He enters the lobby of the MAP offices quietly with a confident, warm smile on his handsome features, greeting his interviewers with a firm handshake. Shortly, he makes his guests comfortable with steaming mugs of coffee in his sparsely decorated office with its large windows looking out on the bright November morning and settles back for whatever questions might come.

First impressions: Nelson is every inch the professional, yet, open, friendly,

relaxed, but with an intensity about him that bespeaks commitment, dedication and a strong sense of 60's idealism and spirituality.

He is Wisconsin born and bred, growing up on a small dairy farm in the River Falls area. He attended UW-Madison, graduating in 1971 with a B.A. in Political Science. He was, he says a anti-Vietnam war activist and, he adds, unlike Dan Quayle, he joined the National Guard to avoid serving in the war.

After graduation, he held a variety of



Doug Nelson

jobs, all dealing with public service, most in the medical sector. He worked for the Wisconsin state medical society as a lobbyist and was director of health care issues for them. He became Executive Director of the Hospital Review program, an independent agency in Milwaukee sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield after which he joined a small Madison health care consulting firm that developed business plans for hospitals.

By this time, he was 40 and decided that he needed to retreat for reflection; thinking about where had he been, where was he going, getting in touch with his own spirituality. There is a time for that and a time of endings which, for Nelson, came when he learned of the opening at MAP. "I had no idea of applying for the job, he says, "but something clicked," and he filled out the forms. Despite stiff competition, was accepted.

There is some feeling, he is told, that MAP is aloof from the Gay/Lesbian community.

"If there's that impression," he

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HIT Tournament Opens Nov. 23

Milwaukee's Holiday Invitational Bowling Tournament (H.I.T.) celebrates its 10th year this Thanksgiving. Touted as one of the "premier international Gay bowling tournaments," H.I.T. is scheduled for November 23-27. Bowling is to take place at the Red Carpet Regency Lanes located at 6014 N. 76th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The host hotel again this year is the Marc Plaza in Milwaukee.

Events this year will include a Pre-Hit party on Wednesday night, bowling on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, an Awards Banquet on Saturday night, and a Farewell Brunch on Sunday. Registration cutoff was November 10, but there may be room for additional late-comers.

For more information, contact Bob Gliniecki, Director, at (414) 278-8686 or Pat Prudlow, Secretary, at (414) 672-8960. Non-bowlers are also welcome to participate in H.I.T. activities and there is a non-participatory package at \$30.

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