



Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light



Thousands gathered in Madison on May 6 to support Gay and Lesbian rights.

MAP Participates In Candlelight Memorial

[Milwaukee]- Mobilization Against AIDS (MAA) has succeeded in organizing candlelight actions in support of people with AIDS in over 170 cities in 31 countries throughout the world showing the true scope of the AIDS pandemic.

This will be the 6th international action and will include such countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Nicaragua, Great Britain, Uganda, Cyprus and Israel. Actions will also take place in every major U.S. city including Milwaukee as well as numerous smaller cities.

MAA is particularly pleased that AIDS actions will occur in a number of Third World countries.

The action will take place Sunday, May 28, 1989 and will have as its theme, United in Remembrance, Hope and Action.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will participate by cosponsoring along with MAA, an interdenominational service to support those living with AIDS, to affirm the commitment toward the eradication of this disease and to honor those who have died of AIDS.

The service will be held on May 28 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp St. in Milwaukee. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee has responded enthusiastically in past years. This year, here and throughout the state, more people have been touched by this terrible disease than ever before. The incidence of AIDS invites us all to remember, to heal and to support.

MAP and the entire Milwaukee community hope to see you there in love and support.

Congress To Be Lobbied at Home In June

[Washington, D.C.]— Constituents who support Gay and Lesbian civil rights will lobby members of Congress at home district offices across the country in June. The effort is being organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

NGLTF is recruiting organizations and individuals to write letters, organize grassroots letter-writing campaigns and/or arranging lobbying appointments at the district (local) office of their Member of Congress.

NGLTF has prepared Lobby Days Action Packets to assist constituents in their Congressional lobbying.

To participate in the 1989 National Lobby Days, write or call Peri Jude Radeck at NGLTF 1517 U St. NW, DC 20009.

7,000 Marchers Fill Madison Streets With Pride and Enthusiasm

[Madison]- Despite temperatures that hovered in the upper 30's and chill winds whipping about, a crowd that police estimated at more than 7,000 people gathered in Madison on Saturday, May 6 to support Lesbian and Gay rights with a rally on the steps of Wisconsin's Capitol and a march through downtown streets.

The Rally and March, sponsored and organized by the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) was the culmination of a series of events that included workshops, programs and a display of the Names Project Quilt.

The Rally which was scheduled to begin at 2:30 saw crowds begin to gather early from all over the state and from Illinois, Iowa, New York and places east and west. Purple balloons polka dotted the gray air. People walked about carrying signs and banners proclaiming Lesbian and Gay Pride, assertiveness and confidence in the future victory of the struggle for our rights.

Rally speakers were led off by State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) the Father of the Gay Rights Bill which, as Clarenbach said, puts Wisconsin "in the forefront of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement" with "historic civil rights protections."

Clarenbach went on to criticize Governor Tommy Thompson for his lack of support for AIDS funding. "We need a Governor who cares" Clarenbach told the applauding crowd.

Other speakers included Karen Thompson, Dane County Board Supervisor Tammy Baldwin, Dane County Board Chair Richard Wagner and recently elected Madison Common Council Member Ricardo Gonzales and Madison police officer Cheri Maples. In different words but with spontaneous, unguarded emotion, each expressed justifiable Pride in the mass demonstration of dedication and unity before them as well as satisfaction in being a part of the drive for freedom and equality.

Across the street, on the west side of Capitol Square, a group of 10 bible

AIDS Protest Vigil At Federal Building

[Milwaukee]- On May 28 at 9:00 p.m. there will be a candle light vigil to protest the lack of action by the Federal Government in the fight against AIDS and on behalf of Persons With AIDS.

The vigil will take place at the Federal Building, downtown, at 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue.

Everyone is urged to participate. Bring a candle and wear something blue. HELP FIGHT AIDS.

For more information, contact Wisconsin Light at (414) 372-2773.

thumpers went around in circles. They were on the decided fringe of things or, as one person from Green Bay observed happily as she pointed to them, "Today they're on the lunatic fringe." After awhile, inasmuch as no one paid much attention to them, they left.

Beyond that, only one other incident was observed. A member of the Milwaukee Pride Committee went and offered a skinhead a card announcing Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian Pride celebration. The kid took it, spat on it, tore it up and flung it contemptuously to the ground. A police officer standing nearby ordered him to pick it up on pain of a fine. The skinhead did just exactly as he

was told.

Following the Rally, the March got underway winding through downtown streets. Certainly the most colorful float was that of Rod's Bar with its huge blanket of balloons in the colors of the rainbow flag.

The jubilant mood that had been established at the Rally, maintained itself in the March. Pride, dedication and a strong, though intangible sense of dignity prevailed. The camp often associated with Lesbian/Gay Marches elsewhere was, as one person observed, "fortunately missing."

In all of this, the wintry weather was all

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UW-Madison Faculty Initiates Drive to Oust ROTC

By Rick Villasenor

[Madison]- The University of Wisconsin-Madison could become the first institution to remove ROTC programs from its campus because of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In February, 1988, the UW-Madison Faculty Senate (composed of 10% of the faculty) voted to strongly oppose discrimination in ROTC programs, but declined to pass the resolution suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee that would end ROTC contracts if efforts to end discrimination were not successful.

The Ad Hoc Committee had been set up to investigate the issue.

The Committee's recommendation was supported by the Wisconsin Student Association (the student government), the Black Student Union, the Ten Percent Society (the Lesbian and Gay student organization), the Ada James Women's Center and the Minority Coalition.

Over 260 faculty members have signed a petition calling for a faculty meeting to overturn the Senate's action. One hundred signatures are necessary to call such a meeting.

There has never been a petition-initiated meeting of the full faculty to reconsider a Senate decision in the history of UW-Madison.

There has recently been much activity nationwide on college campuses directed against the Department of Defense policy of discrimination against Lesbians and Gays. Other institutions such as Harvard and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, have recently declined to establish ROTC units on their campuses because of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In addition, others have passed resolutions condemning such discrimination including the University of Massachusetts and San Jose State

University. Other universities and law schools have prohibited military recruiters because of anti-Gay discrimination.

AIDS/HIV Life Care Bill Proposed

[Madison]- Direct state funding for AIDS/HIV life care services would be initiated if a budget amendment is approved by the legislature in June, 1989.

Wisconsin State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) has proposed appropriating nearly \$1 million to Wisconsin's five AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's) including Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

"The funds would support additional case managers required for projected increases in living AIDS cases and HIV infections in Wisconsin," Clarenbach said.

"These cost-effective services are intended to meet the needs of ASO clients in the home while reducing the need for institutionalized care," Clarenbach added.

"This appropriation will begin to overcome the total absence of state funding to assist people with AIDS", he said.

Lawmakers will vote on this amendment by the end of June during deliberations on the state budget. Citizens are urged to contact their State Representative and Senator immediately to voice their opinion on this amendment.

To obtain the name of your legislators, call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9696. Letters to lawmakers can be sent c/o State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702.