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The Wisconsin Light

Brienza Plans Lawsuit Against Vic Eliason

[Washington, D.C.]—As of press time, we have been informed by a phone call from Julie Brienza that she will file suit against Rev. Vic Eliason. According to Brienza, formal announcement of the suit will have come at a press conference to be held in Washington, D.C. planned for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 29, 1990.

Eliason is a Milwaukee-based minister, founder and owner of Voice of Christian Youth, a right-wing Fundamentalist organization. Eliason owns WVCY-TV Channel 30 and an FM radio station both in Milwaukee. He is heard regularly on "In Focus", a program aired at 7:00 p.m., weeknights on WVCY-TV.

In May of this year, as reported in *Light* (vol. III, no. 9, May 3-16), Eliason discovered that Brienza, a reporter for United Press International (UPI) also did free-lance work for the *Washington Blade*, the capital's Gay/Lesbian newspaper. Eliason, claiming that Brienza had a conflict of interest, whipped up a campaign against UPI that, it is alleged, led to UPI's firing Brienza. UPI denied that homophobia had played a role in Brienza's dismissal by the news service.

Milwaukee Police Meet With Bar Owners to Help Resolve Problems

[Milwaukee]—"That area is starting to get over run," said Milwaukee Police Sgt. Charles Berard, Crime Prevention Officer of the 2nd Police District. He continued, "We get 6-8 calls a night."

Berard was speaking to a meeting of bar and other business owners whose establishments are located in the south 1st St. south 2nd and National area of the city. The meeting was held November 28, 1990, at 1:00 p.m. at the 2nd District police station. It had been called by the Police in a letter sent to the businessmen. Among the approximately 15 attendees were the owners of the Boot Camp, Fannies and Partners. The purpose of the meeting was to "discuss the steps we (police) will be taking to alleviate" violations and complaints that have become a steady stream.

For example, according to Si Smit, owner of the Boot Camp, on Thanksgiving eve, some 25 youths milled about in the Boot Camp's parking lot, shouting epithets. When they saw Smit's billyclub, the youths fled, but three car license numbers taken, revealed that at least some of the youths were from the Cudahy-St. Francis area.

Smit also said that antenna of cars parked in the area have been broken off and otherwise vandalized.

Berard substantiated this saying that vandalism of cars had "slacked" after plainclothes cops had "nailed" some of the perpetrators, but that "it was on the rise again." Berard intimated that the police intended to put a stop to it again. He gave no details.

Berard pointed out that the police are "committed to the area." That there is a beat cop in the area and that the police intend to crack down on violence as well as all tavern violations — underage drinking, over crowding, etc. as well as parking violations. Berard termed these and other crimes "horrendous" and promised that a police crack-down was coming.

To control violence in the area, Berard encouraged bar owners, "Gay and straight" to communicate with each other; to help each other out. He promised full police cooperation in making the area "another Brady Street."

Clarenbach Plans 1992 Run For Congress In Second District



John Day and Sandy Lewis are bringing gifts to friends as they rehearse the Fest City Singers Dec. 8 Christmas production, "A Stocking Full of Song."

Jonathan Justice

By Terry Boughner

[Madison]—State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) has told *Light* that he is planning to run for Congress in 1992. It is news that has, by all reports, been long awaited and comes after a long and meritorious career in Wisconsin State government.

Clarenbach who currently represents Wisconsin's 78th Assembly District and is Speaker pro temp of the Assembly, will contest the 2nd Congressional District held, until the last election by Robert Kastenmeier (D).

While Clarenbach has not officially declared as yet, the plans and organization necessary to make the run are well under way.

In addition to gathering and organizing his needed supporters, he has identified his three main issues as: AIDS, abortion rights and health care. (For a complete discussion of Rep. Clarenbach's Wisconsin Health Care plan, see article in this issue.)

Clarenbach is a life-long resident of Wisconsin and Madison. He was first elected to the Assembly in 1974 and has since made for himself a reputation as being one of the most hard-working, dedicated and accomplished legislators in that body earning for him the respect of both those who agree with him on various stands and those who do not. His stance has always been on the side of the oppressed, the poor, the disenfranchised

Universal Health Care Plan Proposed For State Residents

By Terry Boughner

[Madison]—"Health care reform is destined to become the premier public policy issue of the 1990s," according to State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison).

Clarenbach has proposed a system of universal health care that covers all state residents, declaring, "the public deserves and is demanding no less: health care is a right, and ought not be based on one's ability to pay."

The proposal covers all health conditions. It will be especially important in providing medical services to people with AIDS and HIV infection, including all hospital and clinic costs, physician services, prescription drugs and long-term care. There will be no patient billing by providers, and no deductible or co-payment requirements.

The Wisconsin Universal Health Plan signals a "significant grassroots commitment to health care reform in Wisconsin," Clarenbach said. It was formulated with the help of the Coalition for Wisconsin Health, a statewide network of over 60 groups: churches, senior citizen organizations, labor unions and health care professionals.

"There is hardly anything more important to more people in Wisconsin than health care. They are demanding universal access, cost containment, comprehensive benefits and high quality," said Clarenbach.

"Health care costs are out of control,

and the number of uninsured and underinsured are growing at an alarming rate. Thirty-seven million Americans have no medical insurance and another 50 million have inadequate insurance. And for those who have health insurance coverage, at work or individually underwritten, the rates are skyrocketing."

The Wisconsin Universal Health Plan proposes to take the entire health care system out of the private market and place it under the control of a 21-member governing board representing consumers.

With health care costs increasing at twice the general rate of inflation, Clarenbach contends this will bring relief to most people in Wisconsin, including those who cannot afford private insurance and whose employers do not provide coverage — and it will ease the burden on industry and private businesses now faced with staggering costs that make employee plans nearly prohibitive.

Some facts about the Wisconsin Universal Health Plan

All private & public money spent on health care will be put into a pool to cover medical costs of every state resident.

Hospitals and physicians — health care providers — will remain private.

Regional boards will be created to monitor health care needs in different areas of the state.

These regional boards will determine

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New Organization Hopes To Fill Voids In Northern Wisconsin

[Woodruff, WI]—A new organization for Gay and Lesbian people known as the "Northern Wisconsin Lambda Society" has been established "north of the tension line."

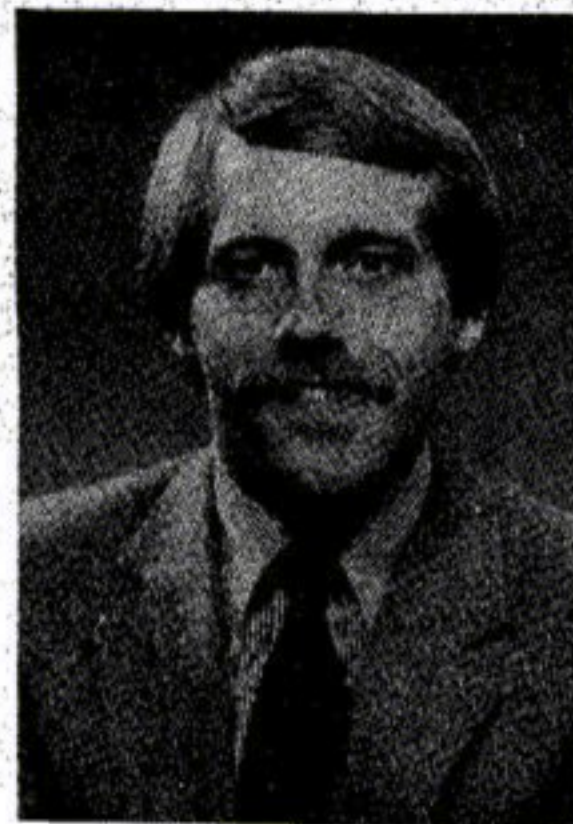
The Society was founded by a group of people in the Rhinelander area who recognized that there was no outlet for social activity or an informational center for medical, legal, religious and recreational resources in the northern part of the state. Lambda hopes to fill that gap.

It was also recognized that here, in an extremely rednecked, homophobic atmosphere, Gay and Lesbian persons — as is the case elsewhere — are often ostracized from family and community affairs. It is the new organization's hope to create a family atmosphere and replenish some of the missing feelings.

Anyone wishing information or wanting to join this group may call (715) 362-4242. There is a message recorder informing a caller when the line will be staffed. A message may also be left. You can also write to: Northern Lambda Society, P.O. Box 153, Woodruff, WI 54568. Any information exchanged will be strictly confidential, an absolute necessity due to redneck homophobia.

Planned at this time are meetings on a biweekly basis. The group intends to celebrate holidays in "Gay style", as well as have special outings and trips. Visitors to the area are encouraged to call. Perhaps we can make your stay in Wisconsin more comfortable.

The Lambda Society's slogan is "Alternate Lifestyles For The Not So Rich and Not So Famous."



REP. DAVID CLARENBACH

and the downtrodden and in favor of equal rights for all the citizens of the state.

Clarenbach is the father of the Gay rights bill, the first in the nation. The impact of that bill, signed into law in 1982, has been positive and profound. It has given Lesbians and Gay men a legal recourse by making anti-Gay discrimination illegal in private and public employment, housing and public accommodations. In authoring the bill, it is generally agreed that Clarenbach has given to those in our community in Wisconsin a measure of dignity that does not exist for us in most of the United States or elsewhere.

Clarenbach is the author of all AIDS legislation in the state, putting Wisconsin in the forefront in the country against the AIDS pandemic.

This fact alone has given Clarenbach national recognition. Dr. Mathilde Krim, co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) recently praised Clarenbach as "one of the most praiseworthy legislators in the country" for his work on behalf of those living with AIDS.

His run for Congress is the fulfillment of a life-long dream. This reporter, sitting, listening to him, can say that seldom have I seen anyone so firmly

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