

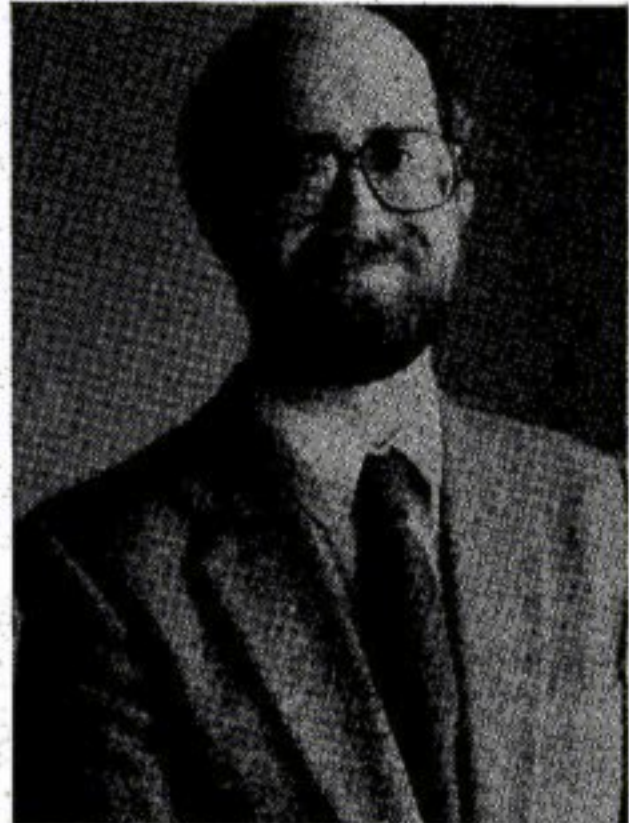


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The Wisconsin Light

Quinlan and Stauber Win 'Queer of Year' Madison Awards

[Madison]- On Saturday, June 5, 1993 Madison's United sponsored the first Annual "Queer of the Year" Awards Dinner and Dance in conjunction with The United's 15th anniversary celebration. The banquet, co-chaired by State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Supervisor Dick Wagner, was held at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Approximately 200 people attended.



JOHN QUINLAN

There were six categories of awards given. John Quinlan received the Man of the Year Award. Quinlan, a long-time Wisconsin Gay and political activist, and a highly respected news reporter and commentator, is also head of Wisconsin Light's Madison Bureau.

Editor's Note: Let me take this opportunity to congratulate John on a richly deserved award.

In the other award categories, the Woman of the Year Award went to Lois Stauber, long an active and out-spoken member of the Lesbian community. It was she who spearheaded the development of Apple Island, a centralized space for women's events.

The Madison AIDS Support Network was honored as Organization of the Year.

The Ally of the Year Award went to former State Rep. David Clarenbach. In his 18 years in the State Assembly, Clarenbach was the author of Wisconsin's Gay rights bill and was the author of all the AIDS legislation in the state.

The Male Volunteer of the Year was John Neess, long a dedicated worker for Frontiers and other organizations.

The Woman Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Sharon Hayes for her efforts and dedication in establishing Single Moms by Choice and then, the Lesbian Parents Network.

First Gay/Lesbian Bookstore to Open On Milwaukee's East Side on July 9

[Milwaukee]- We would like to take moment to introduce you to AfterWords, Milwaukee's first Gay/Lesbian Bookstore and Espresso Bar, due to open Friday, July 9th, 1993. The location for AfterWords is 2710 N. Murray Avenue in Milwaukee's East Side.

While most large urban areas have long been served by a Gay/Lesbian Bookstore, the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Community has needed to rely on general, independent bookstores for Gay and Lesbian titles. At AfterWords Gay and Lesbian customers will be provided with superior service through the large and varied selection of titles, values, and the store's commitment to the community.

It is the commitment of everyone at AfterWords to provide a friendly space and a community resource that is open to all Lesbians, Gay men, Feminists and their friends. AfterWords will offer the best selection of book titles of interest to

Controversy Over Early AZT Usage Divides Berlin AIDS Conference

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- "Angry," "Frustrating," "Controversial," and "Confusing." These are the words Doug Nelson used to describe and characterize the International Conference on AIDS being held in Berlin, Germany.

Nelson, the Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), reporting by phone, said that the major debate, the "scientific controversy and confusion" was over the results of the Concorde Study and the American response to it. The results of the Study were reported to the Berlin Conference on the morning of June 8, 1993.

The recently completed Concorde Study, done in Great Britain, was a 4-year study of 1,700 people on the effects of AZT on inhibiting the replication of HIV, the virus thought to cause AIDS. The Study indicates that early AZT therapy for people who are HIV positive but asymptomatic makes no significant difference in either the progression of the disease or in individual survival when the drug is used alone.

The Concorde Study is the longest study on AZT as a single drug therapy. Because of its length, Nelson said, its results have had a "powerful" effect on the Conference.

"The Concorde Study is casting a shadow over the use of AZT alone," Nelson said.

American scientists point out that Concorde studied AZT alone. The British researchers did not study the effects of AZT when used in combination with drugs such as DDI or ddC. The Americans, Nelson said, are raising the issue of combination drug therapies as the direction we are heading.

"That is the debate in this whole conference," Nelson said. "There is no consensus on any conclusion. The scientific community is now divided."

Nelson added that to him and others attending the Conference, this is "frustrating in the extreme. The controversy demonstrates to me," Nelson said, "that after 13 years of this epidemic, there are no answers. We have only scratched the surface."

Fauci Speaks to the Conference

On Tuesday, June 8, 1993, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institutes of Health, Office of AIDS Research in Washington, D.C. According to Nelson, Fauci said that the research he has been involved with shows that in the first 12 weeks after infection with HIV, replication of the virus is very high in the lymphatic system.

Fauci also reported that his studies show that immune system activation is profound in the first 12 weeks. Activation in a profound way makes the T cells more susceptible to infection.

Nelson said that "It's a catch-22. We have to find ways to enhance the immune system without triggering a profound activation of that system and thus leaving a person more open to infection."

Nelson said that Fauci gave no answers, no way to do this. "This is the great controversy," Nelson said, "How to find a way to make some progress."

"My sense is," Nelson continued, "is that we're walking into an era of scientific gridlock on HIV research." That, he said, would be "disastrous."

Nelson sharply condemned the U.S. and other developed countries that "have not made a much greater investment in scientific research on AIDS." He reiterated his frustration over the fact that "in 13 years of AIDS, there are no answers. We're back in ground zero," he said.

See Your Doctor

Nelson wanted it to be "very clear" that MAP recommends that those of its clients on drug therapy should "immediately" talk with their physicians

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First Residents Move Into Second AIDS Home In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Residents have begun moving into the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) new, independent living environment on Milwaukee's northwest side. The facility, which once served as a convent, will provide safe, comfortable housing for 33 men and women living with HIV disease and AIDS.

The facility features private bedrooms, a recreation room, living room, large kitchen, and support group meeting rooms. The community setting strives to address residents' physical, recreational and emotional needs, but does not provide medical services. Except for two rooms designated as smoking areas, the facility is smoke, drug and alcohol free.

Two resident managers and a housing coordinator are available to address the daily needs of residents, including coordination of meals, maintenance requests, emotional support, security and transportation.

To qualify, residents must be HIV symptomatic or have an AIDS diagnosis, be in need of housing due to financial difficulties, be a permanent Milwaukee County resident, and be able to live independently. Resident fees are based on each individual's financial situation.

MAP's comprehensive housing program also includes rent assistance payments for approximately 50 individuals and families affected by AIDS and HIV disease each month, a transitional living facility with a capacity of 6 people, as well as referral systems for roommates and landlords.

President Clinton Nearing Decision On Gay Military Ban Changes

[Milwaukee]- President Clinton's announcement on May 27 that he would back a compromise along the lines of Sen. Sam Nunn's (D-GA) "Don't ask, don't tell" that would essentially leave the military's anti-Gay ban in place has been met with nearly universal condemnation.

Reaction from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Campaign for Military Service (CMS) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/USA) were all very critical of the president's statement.

For example, Thomas B. Stoddard, co-ordinator for The Campaign for Military Service (CMS) also condemned the "don't ask, don't tell" proposal. Stoddard added, "We note with satisfaction, however, that the national

MAP is in need of all varieties of household and furniture items to the new living facility. Donations should be directed to Kathy Prodoehl at (414) 461-7672.

MAP Receives Grants

In other news from MAP, the agency has received a \$5,000 grant from the Glenn and Gertrude Humphrey Foundation, Inc. to be used in the expansion of the agency's Food Services and Transportation Assistance Programs for people living with AIDS and HIV disease.

The grant will be used to support operation of MAP's new mini-van, a 1990 Chevrolet Lumina, which has been purchased by the agency in response to the number of clients utilizing the Food Services and Transportation Program. The van will also be used in the agency's Transportation Assistance Program to transport clients and their families to medical appointments, pharmacies and MAP events.

MAP also has received a grant from the Stackner Family Foundation, Inc. of \$2,000. The grant is to be used in the expansion of the agency's Food Services and Transportation Programs for people living with AIDS and HIV disease.

MAP has received as well, a \$400 grant from the Community League of Menomonee Falls which will be used to purchase food for the Food Pantry Program.

debate has at last moved from whether to life the ban to how."

Stoddard sounded a hopeful note saying, that he did not believe that Clinton would "put aside or dilute his commitment" that he made nearly two years ago.

Lifting the Ban

Meanwhile, informed sources on Capitol Hill speaking on condition that they not be named, told Light that an announcement concerning the ban is coming very soon. The sources told Light that the Rand Corporation's report is in, as is a Department of Defense (DOD) report on Gays in the military. As of this writing (June 9, 1993), these reports are both on the desk of the Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin.

The sources say that the Rand report is "much closer" to the Lesbian/Gay position. DOD's report, written by a panel of military officers and others, is closer to the Nunn plan.

According to David Smith of CMS, what will happen next, either this week or next, will be for Sec. Aspin to issue a statement of his recommendations on "how the ban will be lifted."

This statement, when it is made, will have the backing of Gen. Colin Powell and the Joint Chiefs. It is this statement that is expected "very soon." Smith said, "It is the next important step."

Will the President rubber stamp Aspin's recommendations? Smith said that it was difficult to tell. "The situation is so fluid," he said. "It's changing all the time."

Other sources agreed with Smith. One Capitol Hill source said that the push to lift the ban should not have come when it did. "People should have waited until the President was stronger," they said. "Now it's all balled up with a lot of politics that have nothing especially to do with lifting the ban."

Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals in Milwaukee and Southeast Wisconsin, as well as complete sections devoted to Women's Studies and Literature, Men's Studies and AIDS-related issues.

In addition, there will be a wide range of magazines and newspapers, greeting cards and calendars, and other items of interest to the community.

AfterWords staff will provide complete customer service including free gift wrapping, special ordering and gift certificates.

To compliment the bookstore, AfterWords will feature an Espresso Bar with a complete selection of specialty coffees and various baked goods and other snacks that can either be enjoyed on the premises or taken out.

For further information, call Carl M. Szatmary, Manager, at (414) 963-9089. AfterWords will hold their Grand Opening on July 9, 1993. Plan to be there.