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The Wisconsin Light

Public to Speak On 'Light' Censoring Issue Nov. 10 In Hales Corners

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- Members of the public will be able to speak at a Hales Corners Library committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 10 on whether the library should continue to carry the **Wisconsin Light** newspaper and whether it should be available in a pamphlet rack.

In order to speak, members of the public must get a letter to the library by Nov. 5 listing the speaker's name, address, and a description of the speaker's intended remarks for inclusion in the meeting agenda. The address is: 5885 S. 116th Street, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

Speakers do not have to present written remarks, but the committee may decide to limit the length of remarks if many people wish to speak.

The library's Board of Trustees voted Sept. 1 to set up the five-member committee after Hales Corners resident Jeff Baas, 26, a fifth-grade teacher in Wauwatosa, complained that the advertising in the newspaper is "almost pornographic."

In his written complaint, Baas said the placement of the newspaper in a pamphlet rack in the library entrance was too accessible to children. He also wrote that the underlying theme of the newspaper is "a Gay-Lesbian agenda, which is a theme of sex." Baas will be invited to speak at the Nov. 10 meeting.

The committee will meet again at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and must make its recommendation at the Dec. 1 Board of Trustees meeting. The board may hold a public hearing after it gets the recommendation.

As specified by the board, the committee's members include two library staff members appointed by Library Director Patricia A. Laughlin: Lee Alexander, adult services librarian; and Janice Couturier, circulation supervisor.

The other three members are Hales Corners residents selected by the Board President Georgiana Tanel: Brian Anderson, a guidance counselor at Pius XI High School; Shannon Richter, a junior at Whittall High School; and Thomas D. Walker, an assistant professor at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Selection criteria included having an open mind, Laughlin said.

At the committee's first meeting Oct. 20, Richter, who was elected secretary, said she had examined photocopies of the advertisements Baas objected to and found them "almost offensive, but knowing what the majority of the paper is about, it could be almost a service to the community."

Walker, who was elected chairman, suggested comparing **Wisconsin Light** to other alternative newspapers and examining advertisements from other publications. He also recommended reviewing American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, which the Hales

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National Victory Fund To Host Lavish Gala In Milwaukee Nov. 21

[Milwaukee]- On November 21, 1993, Milwaukee will host a Victory Fund benefit at the new Skylight Theatre in the new theater complex in the Third Ward. The Victory Fund is a national organization which gives money to support the campaigns of openly Lesbian or Gay candidates.

Among the guests will be State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison); David Mixer, one of President Clinton's senior campaign advisors. Mixer played an instrumental role in forging the alliance between Clinton and the nation's Gay/Lesbian community; Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, perhaps America's most

Sheriff's Deputies Allegedly Entrapping Gay Men In Parks

[Milwaukee]- To many people here in Wisconsin and elsewhere in America, the story is all too familiar. A person (usually someone Gay, usually a male) is walking in a park. He is approached by a good looking man who indicates by words and gestures that he is interested in sex. The approach is acknowledged, no matter how superficially, and the Gay is arrested for

lewd conduct, a charge which in Milwaukee, is a misdemeanor that can be raised to a felony.

According to Dan Siegel, this happened to him.

Siegel said that on the afternoon of October 10, 1993, he was in Warnimont Park sitting on a log in a wooded area, when he noticed a younger, good looking

African American man hiding in the bushes watching him. "I could see he had his hand in his pocket," Siegel said, "massaging his genitals."

When someone else approached, Siegel said he got up from where he was sitting and walked along the path. The Black man followed and eventually introduced himself to Siegel as "Mourice."

Siegel said that there was about "45 minutes of conversation" with "Mourice" who constantly kept his hand in his pocket, seeming to fondle himself. Four times, Siegel said he told "Mourice" that he did not feel safe having sex in the park; "that it was illegal and dangerous." Four times, "Mourice" led him to a new spot and assured him it was safer.

At one point Siegel said that he noticed another man in the bushes nearby. "Mourice" said that the other man "wouldn't bother us." When Siegel asked him how he knew, Siegel said "Mourice" told him that he'd had sex with the man before. When Siegel asked him why he "didn't go after him now?" Siegel said "Mourice" replied that "he had sex with him only once and the guy didn't like having sex with the same person twice."

Finally, Siegel said, the man rubbed up against him (Siegel), saying that he was too shy to make the first move, but "Do what you want, I'm all yours," Siegel said "Mourice" told him.

"At this time, he leaned his body up next to mine," Siegel said, "touching me with his right arm, an act of compassion, I thought, and smiled at me, hand still massaging his crotch."

"Feeling somewhat sympathetic towards his shyness, I placed my hand on his hand, which was still massaging his crotch. Immediately, he pulled out his badge and said I was under arrest."

Informed that he could be handcuffed, Siegel said he told the officer that he would "go peacefully." The officer informed him at this time that "this was no more than an expensive parking ticket."

Siegel said that officer told him that no one needed to know about the arrest except the two of them and that he (the officer) would "keep quiet if I would."

After being given a ticket citing him for disorderly conduct. The ticket carried a fine of \$287. No sexual misconduct by Siegel was alleged.

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Problems Of Gay Students Brought To Attention of State Education Head

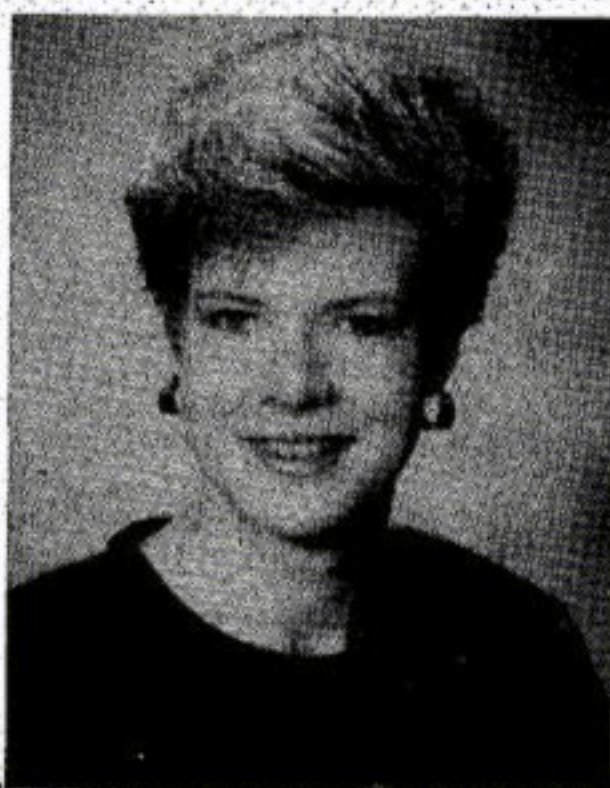
[Madison]- On Wednesday, October 20, in an historic first, State Reps. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) met with the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Benson. The meeting was held at Baldwin's request to share with Benson the many issues of concern that Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay students, faculty and staff face on a daily basis in Wisconsin's public schools.

Baldwin spoke movingly of her experience as a Lesbian in the public school in Madison, telling Benson the the heterosexism she encountered and the difficulties that she faced due to lack of role models; what it was like to be invisible.

From there, Baldwin and Carpenter went on to discuss the problems that sexual minorities face in the schools.

Among these they shared were: physical safety, harassment and name calling by other students, the lack of caring adults to talk with, the isolation LesBiGay students so often face that invisibility in the textbooks only increases.

Baldwin pointed out that it is these



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things which contribute to the high rate of suicide, drug abuse, alcoholism and other difficulties that LesBiGay students experience. She showed Benson studies

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Sen. Herb Kohl Denies He's Gay; Offers Defense of Military Vote

[Manitowoc]- Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl was forced to defend his vote codifying the ban on homosexuals in the military when he was questioned aggressively by several women attending the 13th State AFL-CIO Women's Conference at the Manitowoc Holiday Inn October 23. In the process, Kohl also stated unequivocally that he is not Gay.

The events were recorded by Jamakaya, who is a columnist for **Wisconsin Light** and a reporter for **In Step**. Jamakaya was not covering the conference for either Gay paper, but was a guest at the conference, presenting several programs on labor history.

Jamakaya says that Sen. Kohl received a warm welcome and standing ovation from the more than 200 delegates present. Many union members are pleased that Kohl has come out against the North American Free Trade Agreement.

But during a question/answer session following his remarks to the group, Anne

Habel, a member of AFSCME Local 171 in Madison, criticized Kohl for his vote on Gays in the military. Kohl voted in support of the amendment introduced by Sen. Sam Nunn which placed greater restrictions on the modest changes sought by President Clinton. Kohl then voted to codify the ban as part of the 1994 military appropriations bill. Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold, a Democrat like

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ACLU Defends ACT UP's Right To Distribute Safe Sex Literature

[Milwaukee]- In an update to the story in the last issue, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin (ACLU) has written Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola to protest his Department's interference with ACT UP Milwaukee, an activist group that works to increase public awareness of the AIDS epidemic.

On October 2, as reported in **Light**, officers of the Milwaukee Police Department stopped members of ACT UP Milwaukee from distributing safer sex literature and condoms at Milwaukee Technical High School before a dance. And on October 9, despite a decision by the Milwaukee City Attorney's office that no illegal conduct had occurred, officers again stopped a similar distribution at Hamilton High School.

The ACLU of Wisconsin believes that the police are violating the First Amendment rights of ACT UP members. In an October 15, 1993 letter to Arreola, ACLU/WIF volunteer attorney Waring R. Fincke, called upon the police to stop interfering with protected First Amendment activities by ACT UP in the future.

Attorney Fincke wrote that "My clients... expect that your offices will not

prevent them from exercising their civil rights, including preventing students from receiving the literature... Any violations of my clients' rights will result in legal action for injunctive relief and damages."

ACLU of Wisconsin Executive Director Christopher Ahmuty said, "The Milwaukee Police Department must have better things to do than censoring a message which may just prevent one of our students from exposure to AIDS. ACT UP's message may make some officers uncomfortable, but that's no excuse to violate the First Amendment."

Dan Fons, a member of ACT UP Milwaukee said, "It was great to have one group (ACLU) to stand up and state the obvious; that the police were violating our rights."

Fons said that the next time ACT UP handed out literature and condoms at a high school, they were not bothered by the police. Fons said that homecomings are now over, but that ACT UP would continue its AIDS awareness campaign at high school dances and proms in the future. The same literature would be used.