



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

The Wisconsin Light

Medical College's Dr. Jeffrey Kelly Gets \$2.6 Million Grant for AIDS Prevention

Milwaukee—Jeffrey Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and director of the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin has been awarded a four-year, \$2,609,318 grant by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH). The grant will be used to study ways to transfer successful AIDS prevention approaches from the research arena to field staff of community-based AIDS prevention organizations in 75 cities nationwide.

The intent of the project is to assist these organizations in adopting more effective HIV prevention approaches, and therefore benefiting more directly from findings of CAIR's HIV prevention research.

CAIR is the only center of its kind between New York and California and one of only three federally-designated centers in the U.S. for AIDS prevention research.

CAIR's research programs have shown that it is possible to assist individuals, groups and communities reduce HIV/AIDS risk behavior and thereby reduce HIV/AIDS-vulnerable populations, including inner city men, women, the chronically mentally ill, Lesbians, Gay men and homeless women and children.

"CAIR has developed a number of HIV prevention interventions that meet with consid-



JEFFREY A. KELLY, Ph.D. effectiveness and cost of HIV/AIDS prevention interventions.

A nationally recognized expert in cost-effectiveness, Dr. Holtgrave's objective will be to identify how many HIV infections are averted by AIDS prevention interventions and what types of AIDS prevention approaches provide the greatest benefit in relation to their cost.

TURN TO MEDICAL COLLEGE, PAGE 2

Racine Becomes Second Wisconsin City to Have Needle Exchange Program

Milwaukee—Racine has become the second city in the state of Wisconsin where a clean needle exchange program is operating to help stop the spread of AIDS.

The program, called Lifepoint Racine, is operated by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP). It offers to exchange clean needles for used needles at two locations within the Racine city limits. The two exchange sites are staffed on Wednesdays and Fridays for a total of eight hours each week.

"Our sole purpose is to save lives," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), the statewide AIDS agency with which SEWAP and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) are affiliated. "This is an aggressive strategy that can and will control the spread of AIDS cases among drug users, their sexual partners and infant children. We expect Lifepoint Racine will save hundreds of lives of men, women and children over the next several years."

MAP has operated a highly successful needle exchange program within the city of Milwaukee for more than 18 months—the first and only other needle exchange program in Wisconsin. Since its inception, nearly 2,000 of the estimated 5,000 active drug users in Milwaukee

Victory In Maine



Wickedly Funny—Director Daisy von Scherler Mayer has spun the coming-of-age tale of a sexy, ultra-hip young New York woman, Mary (Parker Posey-center), who is destined to take the city by storm if she can just get her life together. Leo (Guillermo Diaz)(l) and Derrick (Anthony DeSando)-r-help Mary celebrate her 24th birthday in the comedy *Party Girl*. The film opens November 10th at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

The 'Ex-Gay' Ministries and Lesbians and Gay Men Who Have Survived Them

Part One of a Three Part Series

By Darren J. Roberts

With bigotry the nails in political platforms, Republican presidential candidates from Bob Dornan to Phil Gramm to Bob Dole, try to out-God each other in today's hostile political climate, playing the theocratic game of who is more conservative and who is holier than thou in an attempt to woo the much sought after support of conservative religious organization such as Focus on the Family, the Traditional Values Coalition, and the Christian Coalition.

Calling the separation of church and state in the U.S. Constitution a "myth of the left," these organizations seek to reinvent "The Land of the Free" in their own image of "God's Country"—a decidedly unAmerican theocracy where religion becomes a litmus test for patriotism, just as the McCarthy era infused "The Pledge of Allegiance" with the term "one nation under God" to weed out perceived Communists. The Religious Right would like to see Gays, Democrats, Buddhists, the poor, African-Americans, the working class, and everyone else not like them to please close the door on your way out of America.

With this sweeping political and religious Fundamentalism comes a new wave of anti-Gay rhetoric which threatens to become law, espoused from the Floor of Congress, the pul-

pit, and radio and TV. Anti-Gay initiatives, military policies, rising hate crimes statistics, anti-AIDS policies, and proudly declared disgust are symptoms of the greater hatred and misunderstanding of homosexuals—as child molesters, perverts, and predators—that anti-Gay zealots relish and spread feverishly.

The ex-Gay ministry is one such symptom, little talked about in the past few years, but sure to rear its controversial head as Ultra-Conservatives in Congress and elsewhere attempt to change how Gays and Lesbians are presented and treated by society at large, deciding which of America's freedoms certain Americans (read Gay) will be allowed to enjoy.

TURN TO MINISTRIES, PAGE 15

Following Gay Community Forums, MAP Takes Immediate Action

Client Advocate Position Created and Filled

Milwaukee—In a surprise announcement following the Gay and Lesbian community Forums hosted by the Milwaukee AIDS Project on November 1st and 2nd, the AIDS service agency announced on November 8th that it has created a full-time Client Advocate position to help resolve client problems and assure quick access to MAP services.

Having created the Client Advocate position, MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson immediately appointed Jerry Lishawa to fill it while a formal search is undertaken.

Lishawa is an openly Gay man living with HIV and a client with MAP for over four years. Hence he is very familiar with the workings of the agency.

Nelson said that Lishawa will have complete and total access to and be accountable to the executive staff at MAP. This will give him the power to find solutions to problems with dispatch.

"We have taken immediate action to solve client problems and concerns," Nelson said. "MAP provides a huge array of client services and it's clear from the Gay and Lesbian forums are having difficulty accessing them."

"That's unacceptable," Nelson said firmly. "The Client Advocate will break down the

"I am on your side and I believe in MAP. I am determined to help clients get the services they deserve."

Jerry Lishawa, MAP Client Advocate.

barriers, cut through the red tape, and get quick action on client complaints."

Nelson was asked what he meant by "quick action?"

He answered, saying, "We will take action and get resolution within 24 hours."

Beginning November 9th, the Client Advo-

Maine Voters Reject Far Right's Anti-Gay Measure 1 Amendment as Discriminatory

Portland, Maine—Voters in Maine on Tuesday, November 7th, rejected a discriminatory ballot measure, known as Measure 1, by a 52% to 48.8% vote. The defeated measure would have "forever" denied basic human rights to Gay and Lesbian citizens of the state.

Measure 1, the only anti-Gay measure on a state ballot this year, was the first such initiative to appear on a state ballot east of the Rocky Mountains. Last year, voters in Idaho and Oregon rejected anti-Gay measures pushed, as in Maine, but the forces of the Religious Right.

As reported earlier in *Light*, tens of thousands of dollars had been poured into Maine by various Right Wing and Religious groups from around the country.

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Measure 1 reflected a new strategy in terms of its wording. Taking a cue from the legal problems encountered by Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, the Maine measure did not specify "homosexuals" and was not a constitutional amendment.

Instead, it was designed to create a short list of who is included in civil rights laws and who is not, who is protected against discrimination and, by omission, who is vulnerable.

Those left off the list included Gays and Lesbians, low income people, whistle blowers, workmen's compensation claimants, veterans, those seeking public assistance and many others.

As *Light* learned from Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor of the *Community Pride Reporter*, the statewide Lesbian and Gay newspaper, election day itself was "terrible."

Despite laws against such tactics, Right Wing zealots, Weir said, were taking pictures with a video cam at the polling places, presumably to frighten pro-civil rights voters

TURN TO MAINE, PAGE 12

Following Gay Community Forums, MAP Takes Immediate Action

Client Advocate Position Created and Filled

Milwaukee—In a surprise announcement following the Gay and Lesbian community Forums hosted by the Milwaukee AIDS Project on November 1st and 2nd, the AIDS service agency announced on November 8th that it has created a full-time Client Advocate position to help resolve client problems and assure quick access to MAP services.

Having created the Client Advocate position, MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson immediately appointed Jerry Lishawa to fill it while a formal search is undertaken.

Lishawa is an openly Gay man living with HIV and a client with MAP for over four years. Hence he is very familiar with the workings of the agency.

Nelson said that Lishawa will have complete and total access to and be accountable to the executive staff at MAP. This will give him the power to find solutions to problems with dispatch.

"We have taken immediate action to solve client problems and concerns," Nelson said. "MAP provides a huge array of client services and it's clear from the Gay and Lesbian forums are having difficulty accessing them."

"That's unacceptable," Nelson said firmly. "The Client Advocate will break down the

"I am on your side and I believe in MAP. I am determined to help clients get the services they deserve."

Jerry Lishawa, MAP Client Advocate.

barriers, cut through the red tape, and get quick action on client complaints."

Nelson was asked what he meant by "quick action?"

He answered, saying, "We will take action and get resolution within 24 hours."

Beginning November 9th, the Client Advo-



"But if there's a problem getting through to case management, or housing, or legal services, or health services, or any other program, the Client Advocate is the person to call who will assure that action is taken."

Lishawa has been Special Events Manager with MAP for two years and is a former Brewers Hill resident, hence familiar with the city.

"As an AIDS caretaker and a person with HIV," Lishawa said, "I understand the frustrations and fears of the disease. I look forward to doing whatever I can to help people get the services that they need."

Lishawa added that his message for clients is that "I am on your side and I believe in MAP. I am determined to help clients get the services they deserve."

TURN TO RACINE, PAGE 12