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Loulan Wows Capacity Audience

By Jamakaya

"We don't have to hid about being Lesbian anymore, and we don't have to hide in our bedrooms."

So declared JoAnn Loulan to the 300 Lesbians who crowded the pews and choir loft of Milwaukee's Kenwood Methodist Church on October 1 to experience the wit and wisdom of the woman billed as the "Dr. Ruth of Dykedom."

Loulan is a California psychotherapist who specializes in the area of Lesbian relationships and sexuality. She is the author of *Lesbian Sex and Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each other*.

True to her reputation as an outrageous comedian, Loulan kept the enthusiastic audience doubled over with laughter through much of her two hour presentation, "What's So Funny About Lesbian Sex?"



JoAnn Loulan

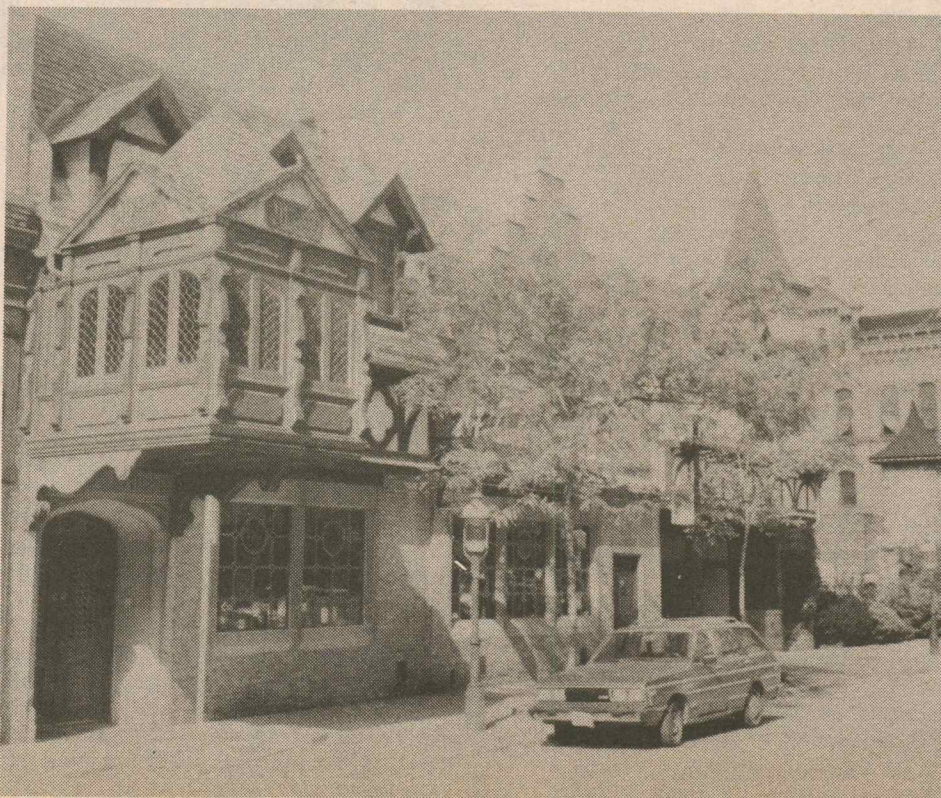
To break the ice and to "release the thirteen year-old in all of us," she began with a rapid fire delivery of anatomical and sexual terms which put the audience in stitches. She then gave a lesson in Lesbian Anthropology, questioning the theory that thumb rotation developed as a means to eat food. She rotated her thumb in a suggestive manner and mischievously mused, "I don't think so..." The audience cracked up.

Loulan threw her entire body into her performance, strutting across the stage, mugging and, at times, grunting, groaning and gyrating in various sexual poses. She brought down the house with her uninhibited demonstration of safer oral sex using the protective dental dam.

And whether she coined them or not, she delivers what can best be described as great "Loulanisms:" "Absence

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MADER'S GERMAN RESTAURANT SUED FOR DISCRIMINATION



Milwaukee's famous downtown German restaurant, Maders, has been sued for discrimination.

Congressmen Sensenbrenner, Roth, Petri Against AIDS Bill

[Washington, D.C.]— On September 23, 1988, the U.S. House of Representatives, for the first time in history, passed legislation establishing federal policy for fighting the AIDS epidemic.

In a 367-13 vote, the House passed the AIDS Federal Policy Act of 1988 (H.R. 5142) which expedites AIDS research, authorizes \$1.2 billion over three years for voluntary AIDS testing and counseling, and establishes a federal commission to study and make policy recommendations regarding AIDS.

In the Wisconsin delegation, voting with the majority were Democrats Les Aspin, Robert Kastenmeier, Gerald Kleczka, Jim Moody and David Obey and Republican Steve Gunderson.

Included among the 13 no votes on this humanitarian piece of legislation were Republicans Thomas Petri, 6th District, Toby Roth, 8th District and James Sensenbrenner, 9th District.

These districts comprise the north-eastern part of the state from northern Milwaukee County to Vilas County and includes the cities of Sheboygan, Green Bay, Appleton and others.

In addition, the House rejected various "hostile" amendments offered by Representatives William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) and Bill McCollum (R-Fla.) by overwhelming margins that startled even AIDS lobbyists working on the bill.

"We applaud the courage of the U.S. Congress for passing this historic legislation and for rejecting amendments that would have undermined its effectiveness in fighting AIDS," said Vic Basile, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.(HRCF) "Members of the House have sent a clear signal to Dannemeyer and others who support irrational, punitive and homophobic AIDS actions that the time has come for responsible AIDS policy."

Steve Smith, HRCF lobbyist noted that "The House is to be commended for passing the bill, although the legislation is not everything we wanted. It does not protect HIV-infected people from discrimination, which is a major omission. It also includes some mandatory testing and endorses criminal

penalties for transmission. These coercive measures are bad health policy. Nonetheless, these flaws are far outweighed by the benefits of the bill."

The AIDS Federal Policy Act incorporates three AIDS bills: H.R. 4757 (formerly 3071), the AIDS Counseling and Testing Act of 1988, and H.R. 4850 (formerly 3825), the AIDS Research Act of 1988, both sponsored by Rep Henry Waxman (D-Calif.); and H.R. 2881, the National Commission on AIDS Act, sponsored by J. Roy Rowland (D-Ga.).

Numerous AIDS organizations — includ-

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Senate Passes AZT Funding Bill

[Washington, D.C.]— The United States Senate on September 29, 1988, approved a bill by Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) to extend by six months the federal government's funding for AZT (Retrovir) for low income individuals. The current program expired on September 30, the end of the 1988 fiscal year, and requires further Congressional action to continue. Now it is up to the House.

The Weicker bill would provide up to \$15 million to continue the program through March 31, 1989. Weicker also persuaded Burroughs-Wellcome, the manufacturer of the drug, to contribute \$5 million to pay for the drug.

Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Vic Basile said that it is important to remember that Weicker is up for re-election and is facing a stiff challenge. "If he had not been in the Senate, we would not have funds to pay for AZT. We must see that he remains in Congress."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund has committed the maximum of \$10,000 it can contribute to Weicker's campaign. Gays and Lesbians may make personal contributions to Weicker's re-election campaign by sending checks made out to "Weicker '88." Send these to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th St., N.W., 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005.

[Milwaukee]— Mader's, one of Milwaukee's internationally known German restaurants, has been slapped with a suit by Michael, a former part-time employee of the restaurant. The suit charges that the restaurant discriminated against him in his effort to attain a management position because of his "Gay appearance."

The suit, filed with a prominent Milwaukee law firm, requests in excess of \$30,000 which includes lost wages, interest and punitive damages.

The charges have nothing to do with job performance, but center on alleged statements made by Victor Mader, the restaurant's owner, to other employees that he did not want Michael representing his restaurant or new bar because, as Michael told *Light*, "He (Mader) thinks I have a Gay appearance."

An anti-discrimination complaint was filed with the Wisconsin State Equal Rights Division on September 29, 1988 which charges Mader's to be in violation of Wisconsin Statute 111.36 which prohibits such discrimination.

Michael began work at Mader's in January, 1988, working 30 hours a week. He told *Light* that during the time of his employment with the restaurant, he had received no complaints as to his performance. In fact, he told *Light* that the feedback from Mader was that he was more than competent in the performance of his duties.

According to Michael, the bar manager resigned in June, 1988. As a new manager was not hired, Michael, as bartender, handled the operation, doing the ordering, etc.

In August, Michael said, he decided that since he was functioning, in effect, as bar manager, he would ask Mader, for the position. At that time, Mader told him that the position had been offered to another person who, then worked for the restaurant.

When that person turned it down, Michael said, he again applied for the job. Mader told him, Michael said, that the other person still wanted the job. Michael told *Light* that he questioned the other person who informed him that he did not, in fact, want the job but that Mader would not give Michael the job because he thought he looked Gay.

Another employee of the restaurant confirmed this, telling Michael that Mader had told him that he didn't want Michael for the job because of his "Gay appearance."

Michael has sworn statements as to the alleged events from both of these employees who, Michael says, have since resigned in protest.

According to the process now set in motion a copy of the complaint to the State will be sent to Mader. Following that, determination will be made as to whether or not the complaint has probable cause. Should this be the case, Mader can either settle out of court or allow the suit to go to litigation.

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OUR HISTORY



A TIME TO DIE II

1933: Nazi's Begin Killing "Filthy Queers" in Brutal, Hideous Ways

By Terry Boughner

His name was Hans. Later, I would learn his last name and a lot else about him as well, but when I first met him in a Gay bar in Munich that Summer of 1970, he was just Hans and that was enough.

It was early, the bar was nearly empty, only a couple of guys talking together, so I ordered a beer and settled in. Tomorrow would be time enough to sort out what I had seen that day.

I don't remember him coming in. All I can recall now is the feeling of regret at someone slipping heavily onto the stool beside me. Why, I asked myself, with almost every other place empty, did he have to sit right beside me?

I would ignore him, I decided, yet I could not help glancing over as he ordered his beer. I judged him to be in his late 60's to early 70's. Later I would learn that

Then he continued, "In the days before the Nazis, there was much life for us, for homosexuals, in Germany. It was open. There were many bars and other places. No one enforced the law."

As Hans told it, he and Frederick were students together at the University of Munich. They met that way, in class, had fallen in love and determined to live together.

When Hitler and the Nazis came to power in January, 1933, the effort to exterminate homosexuals began almost at once.

"We were the first," Hans said. "Did you know that?"

I did not. Hans and Frederick were discreet, as discreet as it was possible to be, he said. But, always there were informers, many of them homosexuals, he thought, who were trying to deflect attention from themselves. Hans and Frederick were arrested by the Gestapo, taken out of class, in 1935.

They were taken first to Gestapo headquarters, "a terrible terrible place," Hans said. "All those uniforms, heavy faces, like stone. We were so scared, so frightened. I felt like a child." And Frederick too, so delicate, so beautiful, was frightened. He looked, Hans said, like "a little bird driven to earth by some dark storm." They had no chance, no chance at all. They were accused of being "filthy queers" and "assfuckers." It was enough. "They hated us, homosexuals, so very much. We were a disease to them; a threat, you know."

In some cases Gays received a prison sentence before being transported to the camps. For Hans and Frederick, perhaps because Dachau was so close, it was immediate "Schutzhaft", protective custody.

They were taken to the camp in a truck that was divided into cells, each containing, according to Hans, 5-6 prisoners. He and Frederick were put into the same cell and, at first this gave them comfort in the hope that they would not be separated, but there were three others there, "criminals of some kind. They knew we were queers, homosexuals. And Frederick was so handsome. They took him and laughed as they forced him to suck them and they hit him and hit him. His poor broken face. There was nothing, nothing I could do. Don't you see?", he pleaded. "I could do nothing, not then, not later. I could do nothing."

When they arrived in Dachau, the prisoners were assembled on the parade ground, surrounded by the SS. "There were many," Hans said. "Not all of us pink triangles." But the assfuckers were singled out for special treatment.

He, Frederick and the other Gays (My word, Hans never used the word "Gay.") were forced to strip. After, in front of the SS guards and other prisoners, they were shaved. "Not a hair was left. I prayed they would let us go then, give us clothes, send us to the barracks, but they did not."

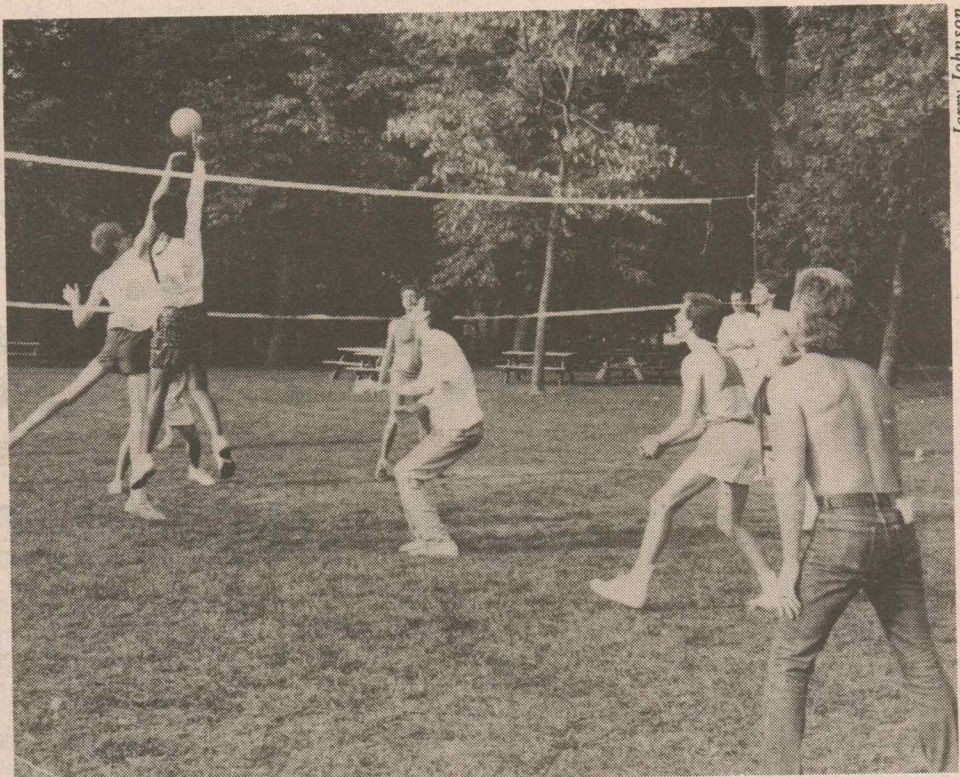
Instead, the guards seized Frederick and dragged him to the front. "They knew we were lovers," Hans said, but he did not know how. Two guards held Frederick while a third took a pink triangle and stitched it to his bare chest, right over his heart.

"I could hear him cry as the needle went in and out of his flesh. Oh, his beautiful flesh! They did it slowly and I could hear him. I can still hear him. I will always hear him."

Then the guards took riding crops and while two held him, others whipped him savagely. Hans, his voice shaking, told of the other prisoners laughing and calling out obscene names, urging the SS on.

"They raped him, raped him right there. I saw it. One after the other, they raped him. I don't know how many. I don't know. I had to watch. They forced me to see it," Hans said over and over

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Jerry Johnson

Several men enjoyed themselves recently in Milwaukee during GAMMA's Annual Corn and Brat Roast.

Nelson Named New AIDS Resource Center Executive Director

[Milwaukee]- The Board of Directors of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) has announced the naming of a new Executive Director for the agency, Douglas E. Nelson. ARCW operates the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Southeastern Wisconsin AIDS Project, and is the largest AIDS service organization in Wisconsin. Nelson assumes his new position on October 10, 1988.

In announcing the selection, ARCW President Marc W. Hauptert stated, "The board is delighted to have found an individual with Doug's credentials and experience to lead the agency. We could not have imagined a better fit than we have found with Doug."

In addition to extensive experience with health agencies, both public and private, Nelson, who is 41, has had governmental experience in Madison with the Governor's office and the Attorney General's Office. His nine years of management and advocacy experience in the health care field, including professional interaction with physicians, hospital administrators, health insurance executives, state government health care administrators and finance managers was viewed as invaluable to the creation of new liaisons with a broad range of organizations working in the AIDS health field.

The Executive Director is responsible for overall management and supervision of ARCW and its operating units, including the two local projects, a statewide informational hotline and two

independent living facilities in Milwaukee. The group focuses on direct life care services for People with AIDS, ARC and other HIV infections, their families, spouses and friends; it also serves as the lead agency in the dissemination of preventative health education for all segments of the community. Operating with an annual budget of over \$400,000 and a staff of 12, the organization serves over 75 clients, and handles thousands of requests for information, speakers, and materials each month. A volunteer base of over 300 individuals assists in the delivery of services.

Upon the departure of MAP's first Executive Director, Susan Dietz, RN, the board embarked on a nationwide 3-month search, chaired by board Secretary Cliff Heise. Hauptert stated, "the committee has done an extraordinarily thorough job in the selection process. In Doug, I believe we have not only an experienced professional administrator but also dedicated, passionate advocate for those living with AIDS and the thousands of Wisconsinites who care so deeply about them."

Nelson's most recent professional experience has been as Vice President and Partner in a private health care consulting firm in Madison. A native of Duluth, Minnesota, Nelson graduated with a major in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is currently a resident and homeowner in Milwaukee.

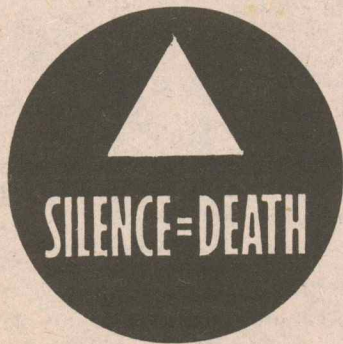
Chicago Hosts Identity Conference

[Washington, D.C.]— Lesbians and Gay men from nine midwestern states will converge in Chicago to discuss and learn about Gay and Lesbian politics, pride and power at the 11th Annual Conference on Gay and Lesbian Identity. The Conference, produced by Horizons Community Services and cosponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is slated for October 14-16, 1988.

The theme for this year's event is "Out in the Heartland: Taking the Next Step." Hundreds of persons from the Midwest are expected including representatives from Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and other heartland states. Keynote speakers will be Lesbian activist Karen Thompson and Names Project founder Cleve Jones.

This year the Conference will emphasize grassroots mobilization in the Midwest. More than 40 workshops, speeches and panels will be presented on organizing in small towns and rural areas, direct action civil disobedience, mobilization strategies, lobbying legislators and winning the struggle in city hall and the media.

People who want to make a difference in the fight against homophobia where it counts -- in the closets of middle America -- are encouraged to attend. The Conference will be held in Chicago's Blackstone Hotel. For registration and other information call (312) 472-6469.



I had overestimated his age by about 15 years. I remember his high, shiny forehead with its few strands of white hair and his broad face with the scar, running, lightning shaped, down one deeply lined cheek and I remember his fingers, long, thin, but gnarled and twisted as if they had been broken and not set right.

He took a sip of his drink and then turned and asked in German, "You are American, yes?"

I nodded with a look that I hoped said that's as far as I wanted the conversation to go. But Hans, as he soon introduced himself, wanted to talk.

I don't remember what he first said, but then he asked, "You have been to Dachau?"

The question took me by surprise. Just that day I had indeed visited the former Nazi concentration camp located about 12 miles outside the city and kept there by the wartime four great powers as a memorial to Holocaust victims. I had been moved as by little else that I could remember by what I had seen. In the commandant's headquarters that now served as a museum, I had stood looking at pictures, done in a series, of a young man being frozen to death; one of the so-called medical experiments done by demented doctors of Hitler's Third Reich.

I had seen the gas chamber, entered it, in fact, standing where countless wretches, Jews, dissident Catholics, gypsies and God knows who else, had been done to death. I had seen the ovens and the trenches, dug to carry away the blood of victims when the ground on which they stood to be shot became too saturated to absorb more.

Yes, I had been to Dachau, had seen it and thought I could never know, never comprehend why the Holocaust had happened.

"I was there," Hans said. At first I didn't know what he meant. There as a tourist or what? "There as a prisoner," he said, quietly, answering my question.

If he wanted my undivided attention, he had it. In fact, I will never, ever forget that evening and every word that he said and the way that he said it.

"In 1935," Hans continued, "I was 18. I had a lover. He was so beautiful, so very beautiful."

I can not forget nearly 20 years later, the terrible sadness and longing in his watery blue eyes as he spoke about the young man he called Frederick and the way his fingers caressed the beer stein as if its smooth surface were his lover's skin.



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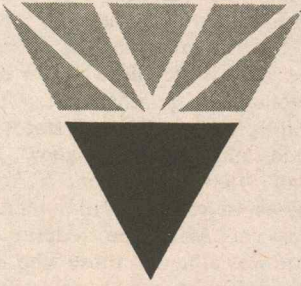
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EDITORIAL

DUKAKIS' RECORD AGAINST AIDS FAR SUPERIOR TO BUSH'S

There has been some concern voiced lately about Michael Dukakis' answer on the AIDS question in the recent debates in which he said his commitment and GOP candidate George Bush's positions on AIDS were much the same.

While this concern is valid, we believe that worried voters should take a look at Dukakis and the Democratic Party and compare them to Bush and the Republicans.

While Dukakis and the Democrats are clearly superior on the matter of both Gay/Lesbian civil rights and AIDS, Bush and the Republicans are frightening. Remember, that Bush is part of an administration that ordered its health experts to lie to Congress about AIDS and downplay the danger. Bush is part of an administration that refused to spend one dime to fight the AIDS virus; that ignored the warnings of its own people and even now is not spending the funds that Congress allocates to fight AIDS.

By contrast, in 1984 Dukakis signed legislation that made Massachusetts one of the first states to have an AIDS program and the money was spent. Dukakis has toured AIDS hospices. Bush has not. Dukakis issued orders banning discrimination against those who test positive for AIDS. The Reagan-Bush administration has not.

Keep in mind that a Bush administration can be counted on to appoint conservative, right-wing ideologues to the Supreme Court.

Keep in mind that the Democrats, beginning with Harry Truman, have stood for national health insurance and the right of every American to have quality health care.

Keep in mind that it is the Democrats who stand for caring, compassionate, humane government. The Republican concern for the rich and well-born is well known.

We strongly urge the Gay/Lesbian community to support Dukakis by every means they can. The alternative is too ugly to contemplate.

HOMOPHOBIC IGNORANCE ALIVE IN WISCONSIN POLITICS

It is always with a mixture of sadness and anger that we greet homophobia. It's always there, of course. You sense it in a look if not in words and actions. Some say the proper response is to ignore it, turn away, there's nothing you can do, consider the source, etc. But the feelings are there, the pain that lingers and is reinforced the next time it happens.

The hurt is even greater when it happens in Wisconsin. We are the Gay Rights State, after all. We brag about that to the rest of the country. When we're away, traveling, perhaps there is just the small feeling of being on foreign and somewhat — for us — slightly dangerous soil.

Thus, when homophobia rears its ugly head here at home, there is a certain shock. It's hard to take when it happens to one of us, Lesbians or Gays. But, it's even harder to take when it happens to someone who is not Gay but is a supporter of our rights. There's a bitterness in hearing about politicians running for office who, having helped us in the past, have this thrown up to them as they campaign as some kind of charge against them.

This is ignorance, plain and simple. It is ignorance in action and nothing is more dangerous. We must do everything in our power to eliminate that ignorance not only for ourselves, but for those who are our friends.

Guest Editorial: McCANN MUST ENFORCE LAW FAIRLY, EVENLY

Once again the Gay/Lesbian community finds itself very disappointed with the actions of Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann.

Instead of charging Samuel Dashner, 18, with first or at least second degree murder for the brutal slaying of Michael Koudelka, the man who *The Milwaukee Journal* described as Dashner's "live-in lover", McCann charged the killer with manslaughter. Of this, according to the *Journal*, Dashner was sentenced on September 27, 1988 to eight years in prison.

Consider the facts. Koudelka was murdered in his own apartment. After beating his lover to death, Dashner was accused of putting hot irons on the body.

Can you imagine a straight man killing his wife in such a brutal fashion and being charged with manslaughter?

This is not the first time McCann has gone for lesser charges in the slaying of a Gay man. Many in the community were shocked when Titus Tyler was charged with reckless use of self defense after he entered Juneau Park with a rifle and gunned down an unarmed Gay man.

After Tyler was sentenced to only two years in prison, outraged Gay leaders met the the D.A. to protest. A source within the District Attorney's office told one of these leaders that after they left, McCann shrugged the whole thing off.

Perhaps McCann doesn't think that lives of Gays and Lesbians are worth anything? Perhaps he doesn't realize that, by issuing lesser charges, he tells those who would harm us that they will not receive the severest punishment? Perhaps we need a new District Attorney in Milwaukee County?

An Open Letter To Milwaukee's Norquist and Schultz

By John Michael Roberts

I was out of town the evening that a preliminary report of the Gay/Lesbian Community's goals was presented to you both at a dinner meeting. From reports I've read, Mr. Mayor, you have not recognized the long term consequences to your administration that result from the fact that the large Gay/Lesbian community forms a part of your constituency.

Mr. County Executive, I know health problems held you away from the dinner, but your representative was not sensitive to what was being done. Perhaps I can help you both to better understand.

Gentlemen, on August 10, *The Milwaukee Sentinel* noted in an article that the population of Milwaukee is falling. Soon Milwaukee County will experience that same dramatic falloff too. Lost jobs to exurbia will begin a steamroll effect much as the city has experienced.

A dynamic is underway as populations fall -- it is that the Gay/Lesbian percentages will rise. That's a fact. We tend to gravitate to large cities. We stay because of the cultural advantages, life of the city and -- yes -- because of the anonymity the large city affords. Young

people are severely closeted in small towns around Wisconsin. Only Milwaukee offers an atmosphere that helps them cope. Therefore, they tend to move here. They need to be themselves.

They (the young) go to college here, take responsible jobs here and become part of the establishment. Since families are not a problem, they tend to become professionals with time and energy, beyond the ordinary, to devote to their vocations. They rise rapidly in corporations and private businesses. You Mr. Mayor and Mr. County Executive would be amazed at how many of us you know personally beyond those of us who attend openly Gay/Lesbian meetings. Honestly, there is not a public or private institution in this metro area which is not significantly influenced by Gay/Lesbian top management.

What are the implications for your administration that I foresee?

1) The percentage of Gay/Lesbians will rise if the trend continues, to approximately 15 of the City's population and to approximately 12 of the County's population as more middle class citizens move from the area.

2) Your police and sheriff's

departments will need to deal with even more Gay people. Are they ready for this? Don't forget the fire department and emergency paramedic crews. 3) The challenge of AIDS will become a major concern to your health departments and your hospitals, simply because more of us live here. You can rest on the fact that this is a shorter term problem rather than long-term since our community has educated itself to safeguards.

4) More and more of your appointees will have to be Gay/Lesbian since we will be a larger part of the qualified pool available from which you must choose your people.

5) Issues such as extending benefits and pensions to alternative families will become important within your terms of administration.

We could go on, but space does not allow that. Milwaukee is one of the greatest places in which to live, having all the advantages of New York without the problems.

Let's plan now to avoid problems in the future, to have a sensitive community hospitable to its minorities -- all of our minorities.

Yes, we are presently deeply closeted because of occupations, families and all the old reasons, but we tend to vote more than any other minority. We are better informed and equal in citizenship to any present power base you now enjoy.

A major emerging factor for both your administrations will be the Gay/Lesbian citizens you have within your constituencies. Let us work together for a better Metro area. We are on your side and we have faith and hope in you both -- give back to us the same faith and hope.

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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Keeping The Rabble Out

By Jamakaya

The recent "sumptuous buffet" at the Marc Plaza Hotel sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network really hit a sore point with me. At \$25.00 per ticket, I and most of my Lesbian friends -- many long-time organizers in this community -- were immediately excluded from participation. Coming as it did after a similarly exclusionary event at the Lesbian and Gay Health Conference in Boston in July, I thought I'd vent my frustration through this column.

The Boston conference, while extremely educational, was outrageously expensive and exploitive of poor and working class participants, especially Lesbians and people of color. The conference fee alone was \$220-250. It was held in the most expensive hotel (\$80 per night, single, was a "bargain" rate!) in one of the most expensive cities in the US.

No meals were included and the main social event, the Saturday night "Grand Banquet" cost an additional \$45. In a scene reminiscent of Louis XVI's France, but all too much a part of Ronald Reagan's America, many of us poor folks literally hovered at the door to the banquet hall in hopes of catching part of a speech or, perhaps, feasting on the crumbs...

When many seats in the banquet hall remained empty, (I wonder why), we lower class types were encouraged to enter -- for \$10. We couldn't eat, but we could be edified by the speeches and alleviate the embarrassment of organizers who wanted the place to look full for the bigwig guests and officials who were present. Appearances meant a lot at this conference. When I lodged my criticisms of the "upscale" facilities, the standard reply was "It's expected."

The Boston conference and the banquet in particular were clearly designed by upper class Gays anxious for acceptance by and assimilation into the ranks of America's mainstream professional elite. There was much valuable information exchanged at the conference, but I kept thinking about the thousands of grassroots organizers who could never have afforded to attend.

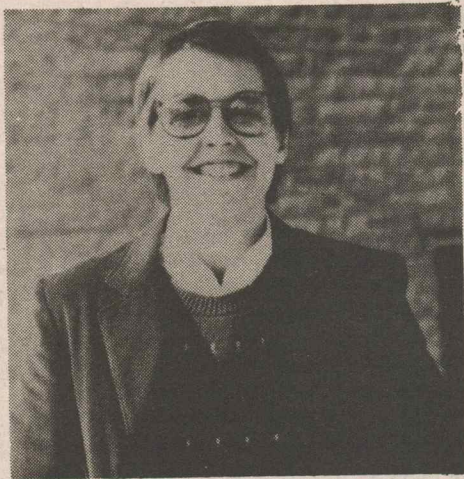
I have rarely felt so conscious of my class and my status as an outsider because of it. I have also never so much appreciated the egalitarianism and sensitivity to access which characterizes our wonderful women's music and cultural festivals. The Boston conference was a long, long way from Michigan and Bloomington, that's for sure!

Lo and behold, I returned to Milwaukee to face a similar situation with the "Evening with the Mayor and Other Dignitaries" at the Marc Plaza. Organizers here also sought to placate those of us with objections to the elite event by offering \$3-5 tickets for low income folks to attend the speaker's program. In my opinion, this added insult to injury. After all, we could not break bread with our own community, but we were welcome to file in afterward to hear all the "dignitaries" and to make our self-appointed "leaders" look good.

The sponsoring organizations certainly had the right to plan their own event, but this banquet purported to represent all of Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay community. Clearly, it did not. It featured the unveiling of the "Lesbian and Gay Community Goals for Metro-Milwaukee: 1989 and Beyond," yet blatantly excluded many of those who are, presumably, the subjects of those goals.

In reality, the event represented those "upscale" Gays who can afford \$25 for a meal and another \$25-100 for formalwear and drinks -- all for the sake of rubbing elbows with our "City Fathers." Organizers failed to see that the event was inherently discriminatory, but classism and keeping the rabble out is an essential part of this sort of assimilationist approach to Gay politics. The mimicking of oppressive straight rituals by Gays desperately seeking acceptance and respectability is, to me, a divisive and rather pathetic sight.

Furthermore, since the Gay community helped elect Mayor Norquist, I hope someone at the event had the presence of mind to ask "His Honor" some hard questions: how cuts in the Health Department budget will affect AIDS



Jamakaya

education; why Lesbians and Gays in this city are continually harassed and attacked outside of our bars and social events; and why, several days before a sign announcing Lesbian and Gay Pride Week was to appear on the facade of City Hall, the Mayor, citing budget restraints, decided to discontinue the traditional City Hall sign. This is hardly the time to suck up to the Man, but to demand some delivery on his alleged commitment to our community.

On a more positive note, thanks to the Light and Instep and the 10 Society of UW-Milwaukee for sponsoring the Ball which concluded the Pride events. At \$3 a ticket, these organizations showed a commendable effort toward open access and inclusion.

On another bright note, I've learned that Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride events will take place in late June next year. Hooray! This is consistent with the anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York, which first propelled the Gay liberation movement into action. 1989 marks the 20th anniversary of Stonewall. Virtually all cities across the US hold their Lesbian/Gay Pride events in June, so I'm glad to see that Milwaukee will be joining in the national celebration. If we can't all be politically correct (she said, tongue in cheek), at least we can be historically correct!

Mrs. Dukakis Supports AIDS Funds

Kitty Dukakis, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, recently spoke out strongly for greater federal action on behalf of people with AIDS and those who may become infected to reduce the number of deaths from the disease.

"The president must proclaim that those deaths are unacceptable and morally wrong," she told a meeting of AIDS activists and volunteers in San Francisco. "We need a president who is willing to lead the charge" against the disease.

Audience members were impressed with her knowledge of AIDS and her concern with those who are ill from it. "She really understood the issue and seemed genuinely affected in that she has an emotional commitment to our concerns," said Rich Graham, head of the Bay City's People with AIDS Coalition. Martin Delaney of Project Inform added that Dukakis' understanding of the urgency of the issues was in sharp contrast to the Reagan-Bush administration "where we've been treated as guinea pigs."

After leaving San Francisco, she met with a group of mothers of people with AIDS in Los Angeles.



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U.S. Cuts AZT Funds For HIV, AIDS Victims

A one-time Congressional appropriation of \$30 million dollars to subsidize the purchase of AZT by persons otherwise unable to afford the drug has expired as of September 30th, cutting off thousands of persons with AIDS and HIV now receiving the drug. Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT), who led the fight for the \$30 million appropriation last year, has pledged to seek additional federal funds to enable those now receiving AZT to continue to do so. These additional funds will be sought later this month but may not come in time to help some individuals facing immediate cut-offs.

A 50-state telephone survey conducted by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), in cooperation with the office of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), revealed that only three states and the District of Columbia have authorized the continuation of the AZT subsidy program with state funds (California, Connecticut, Ohio).

Light contacted the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services. Ms. Holly Dowling, a health educator with the department said that 15 people currently receive subsidies for the purchase of AZT. Dowling said that there would be sufficient moneys to cover them to the end of the year. She also said that other federal moneys would be available to fund the program through to "at least

May" of 1989.

Nationally, over 4100 persons are currently receiving AZT under the federally subsidized funding program. Of these, according to the NGLTF survey, 638 persons now receiving AZT face termination by October 1, 1988 and 1620 face termination by January 1, 1989.

The federal program was designed to provide AZT to people who did not have the money to purchase it. Although Medicaid programs in most states (except Colorado and Alabama) allow indigent persons to meet specific income guidelines to receive reimbursement for the cost of AZT, the federal subsidy program was aimed at those who were not already indigent. Thus, a number of individuals face the prospect of "spending down" to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement if no new state funds are committed.


State and local activists are urged to work with state health departments, legislators and governors to secure funds to continue the subsidy program. "The federal funds were predicated on the belief that states would pick up the tab over time," said NGLTF Director Jeff Levi. "We have to work out long-term solutions at the state level for the thousands of persons with HIV and AIDS who cannot afford to receive the drug or adequate medical care."

CCF Seeks Phonathon Donations

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) has released the following information.

Over 40 volunteers will be calling friends of CCF to ask for pledges or gifts of financial support to help CCF meet its 1989 goals. The phonathon will take place through October 19. This year you may charge you gift through your VISA or Master Charge Card.

In another announcement, the CCF Board of Directors recently awarded grants to the following organizations: the Cream City Chorus, Gay Parents, Grapevine (Lesbian open social and support group), Gay Pride Week Committee and the Legal Aid Society (to fight job discrimination against HIV positives).



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Madam Domina Aschwester Welcomes Your Questions

How pleased we are to be sojourning for a time in this fine city of Milwaukee. The vitality of Lesbians and Gay men here is so refreshing (the women here are so attractive -- but you will allow an old woman to indulge her fantasies, will you not?) that we see a great breath of fresh air after the summer round of salons and hag 'v shirim l'nashim. Certainly it is our great pleasure to be of some small assistance to this fine community. We hope our experiences and advice will in some measure brighten lives.

We must make a comment on the marvelous Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration just recently ended. We attended (incognito, of course) many of the events and were deeply impressed with the fine productions, concerts, and our favorite, a leather event for women and men. We understand that 1989 is the 20th anniversary of Stonewall. We shall look forward to participating in some of these events! We must confess that we almost lost our decorum at the leather event. Ah! So many young ones needing the strong hand of an older woman. Or, our gentle touch.

But we wander and must be to the task at hand. Two questions this week; one which deals with proper protocol and the other with conduct.

Dear Madam:

Is there a proper way to wear new flavoured scents and how to advertise what one's preference is -- namely, do I want to apply the scent and then enjoy the repast, or do I want the scent to be applied to me and be the repast?

RESPECTFULLY,
SCENTSLESS

Dear Scentsless,

We are glad to see that the joys of the scented repast have reached the shores of the States. We were becoming worn with boredom at the rather mundane assortment offered in some of the literary shops. We were not pleased, either, at having to find these scented delectables between the edible underwear and the photographic playing cards. But that is another story.

Your query concerning protocol is most important as we must not wish to mislead or send confusing messages. Please sit up as we address you. The protocol is really quite simple, my dear.

In many fine shops about Milwaukee, one may purchase small decorative pins in the shape of different varieties of fruit (or one may commission a favored local artist to do a limited edition pin of the fruit of one's choice. Vegetables or fruit only -- personal likenesses are not permitted.) You will either wear the said pin on either your right or left lapel or on the right or

left of any harnesses or straps you may have on at the time. Acceptable too, is positioning the pin about one's hankie in the rear, left or right pocket. This can provide delights above and beyond the expected -- imagine caressing the pin so strategically placed? As with the hankie code: Left side, you wish to do it to some one; Right side, you wish it to be done to you. The fruit or vegetable indicates what scent is requested or is being used. In addition, a display of your favorite fruit at your bedside will give a strong indication of your preference. You may also eat the fruits afterwards, as a snack. Or you may wish to take the fruit in sections and eat out. Be careful with pineapples if you engage in this procedure.

By the way, we enjoy the scent and flavor of raspberries and bananas.

MADAM

Our next question concerns conduct.

Dear Madam:

I do consider myself to be a generous person, but I have a problem that I am not sure how to deal with. My friend "X" believes in Gay marriage and he has had several this year already. I don't mind a gift here and there, but this is certainly beginning to look like serial monogamy. And with each wedding, there is always the gift list at Needless Markup or Bloomies.

Madam, I cannot decorate the friend's apartment! I do not wish to be rude, but my friend's love affairs are becoming too expensive for me. How can I keep his friendship but let him know I can't spring for every fling?

SIGNED
PERPLEXED

Dear Perplexed,

Madam certainly understands your difficulties in this matter. We are sure that it is not the expense that bothers you, but rather, the prospect of seeing an impeccably decorated apartment, with no credit being given to a superb decorator!

A simple note to your friend: "Mr. I. M. Gay regrets that he will not be able to attend the latest marriage of X to Who? However, Mr. Gay will be able to attend the First Annual Reunion of all X's ex's to be held at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, October 15, 1990." should do the trick. Remember to send your response on cream linen paper and in black ink.

P.S. By the way, do you have access to X's little black book? Madam has a number of single young male friends who don't mind dating divorced men.

MADAM

Editor's Note: Madam has graciously consented to answer questions from all. Please address your very polite inquiries to this newspaper.

The Li Binbins Of The World Need Our Help And Support

By John Hubert

John Hubert, editor of *Paz y Liberacion* writes about the letter from Li Binbin that *Light* carried in its last issue.

Li Binbin was the 17 year-old Chinese youth living in Beijing, China who felt, because people had found out he was Gay, that he had no other choice than to commit suicide.

There are many Li Binbins in our world, in Asia, in Africa and in Latin America as well as in the U.S.A. and all other countries. A recent report from the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth of New York City showed that 29 of the people visiting their facility reported attempting suicide -- all because they were Gay. Joyce Hunter, the Institute's director says, "Gay youth are six times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual counterparts. Up to 23 of Lesbians and up to 18 of Gay men have attempted suicide."

In the Asian, African and Latin American (AALA) countries, the situation is more difficult as there are far fewer support facilities, such as Lesbian and Gay organizations which one can join.

Two things that we can do to help out in AALA countries are: 1) Joint protest letter campaigns to raise the consciousness of leaders in AALA countries, who often have little or no understanding of Gay people. 2) Have one or more overseas

penpals. Many of those seeking overseas contacts are also budding activists. You can encourage this. Ask about local groups. If none, suggest she/he consider starting one. Plant the seed!

Editor's Note: *Light* provides space free of charge to Lesbians and Gays in AALA countries wishing penpals in the U.S. We receive them either from our correspondents in these countries or from *Paz y Liberacion*. Why not write to one? The experience can be rewarding and you might help a potential Li Binbin. Please help and check the classified section of this and future issues.

Hubert continues, Harvey Milk, the first Gay Supervisor of San Francisco, said "We must provide hope to the Gay community, especially our youth, so they know that there is hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow. Without hope, not only Gays, but the Blacks and Asians and the Hispanics and the disabled and seniors will give up. I know you can not live on hope alone, but without it, life is not worth living. And You . . . and You . . . and You . . . have got to give them hope!"

Editor's note: We welcome John Hubert to our growing *Light* family. John serves as Editor of *Paz y Liberacion*, a newsletter about Gay/Lesbian liberation events and groups in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.



Jerry Johnson

Marco Weger, Mary Shafer and Brigid Epona helped celebrate leather night at Milwaukee's Boot Camp Saloon during the city's first Pride Celebration.

Green Bay MCC Plans AIDS Vigil

[Green Bay]- Angel of Hope Metropolitan Community Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin is finalizing plans for the 1988 50-hour AIDS Vigil. The Vigil will be observed at St. John The Evangelist Church in Green Bay from Friday, November 4, through Sunday, November 6, 1988. The Vigil is part of an annual national observance.

The Vigil will open with a worship service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and close with a 7:00 p.m. service on Sunday. There will be a worship service on Saturday and an open Communion service at midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Each hour during the Vigil, a candle will be lighted in memory of an identified AIDS victim. The candles will remain lit throughout the remainder of the Vigil. Over 1500 area churches are being invited to participate in the Vigil with a special ceremony or other recognition during their regular Sunday worship services.

Area churches are also being invited to light a candle during their services and have the candle at the Vigil site for the Sunday, 7:00 p.m. worship service. The candles from the area churches and each of the 50 candles will be individually extinguished, recognizing the church or victim each candle represents.

Clergy from the major area religious denominations will participate in the Vigil.

Dignity of Northeast Wisconsin is an active representative on the Vigil Planning Committee. The education outreach of Center Project, Inc. will have educational information available in the coffee-break room.

Green Bay MCC Seeks Full Status

Angel of Hope, Metropolitan Community Church of Green Bay, Wisconsin, will make formal application for recognition as Commissioned Church status at the October 21-23 Great Lakes District Conference of the United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The conference will be held at Peoria, Illinois.

A delegation from Angel of Hope composed of the entire Board of Directors and certain members of the congregation will make the presentation of the petition at the conference.

Commissioned status will allow Angel of Hope a voice and vote at all District and General Conferences of the denomination.

Shouting Match In California

[Garden Grove, Calif.]- A "town meeting" in arch-conservative Orange County, California turned into a shouting match between Gays and a GOP Congressman's wife, who shouted at one of the protesters, "Shut up, fag!"

Sallie Dornan, wife of two-term U.S. Rep. Robert Dornan, later apologized to activist Jeff LeTourneau for the insult. "I'm very sorry I did that," she said. "You were yelling at my husband, whom I love."

Sallie Dornan also explained that one of her four brothers is Gay and dying of AIDS. "I want you to understand," she said, "there's great anger and pain inside me." She also accused LeTourneau of trying to turn the AIDS crisis into a civil rights issue. "A plague doesn't have civil rights," she said.

Her husband knew that the brother was Gay but was surprised to learn that he was dying of AIDS. "Why didn't you tell me?," he asked his wife. She replied, "I didn't want to hurt you."

The incident occurred on September 18 at Pacifica High School in Garden Grove where 25-30 Gay activists interrupted a so-called town meeting scheduled by Dornan as part of his re-election campaign. After LeTourneau's exchange with Sallie Dornan, the activists were escorted out of the the auditorium amid cries of "sodomites" from Dornan's supporters. LeTourneau was allowed to return and pose the last question. At this point the wife delivered her apology.

LeTourneau accepted the apology and asked Dornan if he would support federal subsidies to people with AIDS to purchase AZT. Dornan said he would, adding that he has contributed part of his \$12,400 congressional pay raise to help AIDS hospices and called a news conference in January, 1987 to publicize the AIDS issue.



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Milwaukee's Tri-Cable Celebrates First Anniversary

Tri-Cable Tonight, Milwaukee's monthly half hour magazine-style format program about the Gay/Lesbian community, is celebrating its first anniversary with an hour long live call-in show on November 1, 7-8 p.m., on Warner Cable channel 14 (MATA, public access). The program will be recablecast on the third Tuesday of the month, November 15, 7 p.m., and the last Sunday of the month, November 27, at 6 p.m. without the live call-in portion.

Remember this number 225-3560.

Watch the program and call in to speak with cohost Juana Sabatino, Legal Issues Attorney Steven Byers and other Tri-Cable Tonight personalities.

Share your ideas for future segments! Give your opinion about how you like the show! Just remember to call 225-3560 on Tuesday, November 1, 7-8 p.m. while you're tuned in!

Tri-Cable Tonight is produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network, and functions as a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee's non-profit, charitable Gay and Lesbian philanthropic organization.

Wondering when or where to view Tri-Cable Tonight? Try one of the following:

Warner Cable Channel 14 (City of Milwaukee only), on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., and on the last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.
Triangle (135 E. National Ave.,

Milwaukee), where the program is simulcast with Warner Channel 14 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

Phoenix (235 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, back bar), on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 10 p.m.

LaCage (801 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee), every Sunday at 5 p.m.

Galano Club (1428 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee). By request.

Foundation Community Center (225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, (414) 278-0880), where each month's program is available on 1/2" VHS tape for loan to individuals and organizations by reservation through the Cream City Foundation, Inc.

Brady East S.T.D. Clinic (1240 E. Brady St.), by request for clients.

Ballgame (196 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee), on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is still seeking volunteer talent and crew to help in all aspects of program production. Free training in portable and studio video production is available from Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority. For additional information please write to MGLCN, c/o Cream City Foundation, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0204 or call Executive Producers Bryce Clark (271-7812) or Mark Behar (277-7671).

Chicago Vocalist Sally Richards Appearing Live at M&M Club

Vocalist Sally Richards will appear at Milwaukee's M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street, Saturday and Sunday, October 29th and 30th. Performances will begin at 9:00p.m. each evening and there will be no cover or drink minimum.

Ms. Richards' vocal styling, with a four octave range, allows her to belt out the best of jazz, then mellow down to a cool, soulful R&B. From Broadway standards to Harlem blues to New Orleans jazz, Sally interprets each song as an intimate slice of her life.

Chicago's Playboy Club, Byfields, Gentry of Chicago, Mad Anthony's (Holiday Inn Mart) and Billy's are among the many clubs Richards has headlined in her career. Currently, in addition to appearing at the M&M Club, Sally can be seen Wednesdays through Saturdays, till December 3rd at Pingatore's Restaurant, 2135 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, Illinois. (near Chicago) Beginning December 16th through January 28, Sally Richards will be appearing Fridays and Saturdays at Hev'in, 54 East Walton, Chicago. (across from Bloomingdale)

Sally Richards has appeared with such blues greats as Junior Wells, Buddy Guy, Willie Dixon and jammed with Chicago



Sally Richards

jazz artists John Young, Von Freeman, Gene Esposito and John Whitfield.

Sally's last engagement at Gentry prompted *Gay Chicago's* editor to remark, "(Gentry's) Cabaret Room gets quite a weekend-like crowd on Mondays and with good reason, Sally Richards is good with a capital G."

Theatre X Is Looking For Milwaukee's Most Lovable Person

[Milwaukee]- There's the Fairest of the Fair, Miss Wisconsin and Alice in Dairyland. And now, Theatre X will crown Milwaukee's Most Lovable.

Theatre X will open its 1988-'89 season on Oct. 16 with "I Can't Stop Loving You," a comedy by John Kishline with Wesley Savick. It's about a playwright/director who unintentionally clips the wings of an experimental theater group with his slaughtered version of Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull." Fifteen years later, he time travels back to 1988 to repair the damage.

It's also about love, and in homage to heartthrobs everywhere, prior to the official opening of the play, Theatre X will run a preview days, Oct. 14-15, during

which nightly Most Lovable contests will be held onstage. We're not looking for beauty, mind you, because everyone knows that love isn't always pretty. Contests will run every Thursday for the run of the play.

We're looking for lovable characters, and we want to know, briefly what makes them that way: professors who give entire classes extensions on papers; a boss who gives employees a raise instead of taking a bonus him or herself; a person on whom friends can rely; or a bartender that's quick with a free drink or an open ear.

Or let your imagination run wild, and bring us that fascinating person who consistently gives the strangest

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Jerry Johnson

The Fest City Singers received a standing ovation from the audience on opening night of "Abra-ca-dazzle" at Milwaukee's Ballgame bar.

Fest City Chorus Dazzles Opening Night Audience

By Terry Boughner

To a rousing medley that included "There's No Business Like Show Business", Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers began their rollicking tribute in song and dance to October's sensuous madness, called, suitably enough "Abra-ca-dazzle."

The SRO audience that packed Milwaukee's Ballgame bar on Saturday, October 1, saw a performance that, in my opinion, was well worth the price of admission and reflected the untold hours of rehearsal time, not to mention the 120 hours that was needed to stage the show.

The Singers never faltered, but seemed relaxed, sure in the command of their material and genuinely looked and acted as if they were enjoying themselves. The audience more than reciprocated. I purposely sat in the back and, despite the stuffiness of the room, no one's attention wavered.

It's hard to pick numbers that I thought were especially well done when the whole show was good. But the Fest City Singer's adaptation of "Old Black Magic" into "Old Black Leather" was very good and a show of lithe, sensual male physiques added, I thought, immeasurably, to the atmosphere of frivolous naughtiness that is in the tradition of cabaret. In this regard, Erico should be commended for his rendition of "The Masochism Tango." Olay!, Erico!

Other audience favorites included a lively rendition of "Be Prepared", the

"V.D. Polka" and Mama D. who strutted her stuff like Sophie Tucker. She is not to be missed. Bob's solo in "What'll I do?" was strong, showing a fine tenor voice, Gene was nothing more than an utter delight in "Sweet Meat Daddy" and Brian crossed the footlights with both voice and emotion in his rendition of "Tits and Ass", titled for the occasion, "Pecs and Ass." I can not forget Tom as one of three nuns. So his lights didn't quite work? The number was a stitch. (If you want to know what I mean, see it.) And last, but most certainly not least, there was Luis, he of the wonderfully seductive smile who did wonders with a banana. Again, you'll have to see it.

The most serious criticism was the lack of a printed program which several other of the media representatives there commented upon. The lack of one, put all of us at a disadvantage in watching and reviewing the show. I had the advantage of sitting near a friend who was familiar with the group, but I really hesitated about bothering him too much and, besides, I was too engrossed in the show.

Still, the lack of a program should not detract from the fact that Abra-ca-dazzle is, as someone said, "cabaret", bright, lively and delicious and should not be missed. The Fest City Singers will be repeating their performance on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9 at the Ballgame at 8:00. By all means go. It is just plain fun!

Fest City Chorus Sets Auditions

Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers are holding open auditions for new members on Wednesday, October 12, 1988 at our rehearsal hall at the Milwaukee War Memorial/Art Museum, fourth floor, from 7:00p.m. to 9:30p.m. No appointment is necessary. Men and women singers, accompanists and instrumentalists are invited. Try out and join Milwaukee's original Gay/Lesbian performing arts group!

Although we do hold these formal auditions from time to time, women and men who are interested in joining the Fest City Singers may also attend any scheduled rehearsal and talk to our music director about joining the group.

Our rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening at the Milwaukee War Memorial/Art Museum, fourth floor, from 7:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Come and see how you can help to enrich our community through vocal harmony and pride!

Film Classic Featured Oct. 16

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation will present the 1939 comedy classic "The Women" on Sunday, October 16, 1988. The film which features an all female cast stars Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer, Joan Fontaine, Paulette Goddard, Rosilland Russell and Heda Hopper.

The screenplay has some of the most sophisticated and biting dialogue ever put on film. The story has the main character's husband going with a shop girl. The outraged wife travels to Reno for a divorce. Much of the plot takes place there as other women enter the picture who are also seeking divorces and spend much of their time together discussing their "men problems."

The film program which will include Betty Boop cartoons will be shown at 4 p.m. at the Gallery Cinema, 2901 S. Delaware in Milwaukee. Wine and cheese will precede the film at 3:15 p.m. A donation of \$5.00 is requested. For tickets and further information, call (414) 278-0880.

Wisconsin Light Begins Major Subscription Drive

How would you like to make some money for your favorite Gay/Lesbian club, organization or charity? Here's how you can do it.

Wisconsin Light has begun a new subscription drive which will run from October through December. This is how it works.

For a mere \$15.00 you will get a one year subscription to Light. For this low, low price, will receive 25 exciting issues full of news of interest to Lesbians and Gays from around Wisconsin, across the U.S. and throughout the world. There are columns, written by some of the finest and most highly qualified people in the Gay/Lesbian publishing industry, feature articles, Lesbian/Gay history, book, movie and restaurant reviews and a whole lot more. All this delivered discreetly wrapped to your home every other week for one full year.

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Gay/Lesbian organization, club or charity of your choice. Or, should you not make a choice, the money will be turned over to the Cream City Foundation.

In announcing the subscription drive, Light, sent letters to 77 Gay and Lesbian supportive organizations throughout the state. Lists were derived from In Step, Hag Rag, and Among Friends. Nine letters were returned as undeliverable. If your organization did not receive a letter and would like to participate you need only mail Light your organization's name, address, phone number and contact person and their position within the organization. You group will be added to our next issues list.

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Homophobic Flyers Arrive In Wisconsin Mail-boxes

They're at it again!

A flier entitled "Official Legislative Census" is being sent to homes throughout Wisconsin and, presumably, to addresses in other states as well.

Far from being the "Official" document it purports to be, the militantly homophobic flier is being distributed by an organization calling itself "Christian Family Renewal" with an address in Stafford, Virginia.

Inside are 10 questions to which the recipient is asked to agree or disagree. Examples include statements on HR-709, the Gay Civil Rights bill currently before the House of Representatives in Washington. "Realizing there are presently an estimated 5-20 million homosexuals making up the United States' population, the "Gay Bill of Rights" should be swiftly passed to legally force all churches, non-profit and private businesses, and local, state and federal government agencies to hire homosexuals and lesbians. All those refusing to do so will be prosecuted as criminals, according to HR-709."

According to the flier, "All results of the census will be used for congressional consideration in respect to voting for or against HR-709. The results will also be sent to the federal Department of Education, the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Respondents are asked to check the following: "Yes. I have answered all census questions and you can count on

my support to help defeat this "Gay Bill of Rights" and continue your efforts to preserve our Christian family values."

Why not send for a copy of "the census?" Then write to Dr. Murray Norris, Christian Family Renewal, P.O. Box 488, Stafford, VA 22554 and make your outrage clear in whatever manner seems appropriate.



In the film, "A World Apart," Dina Roth (Barbara Hershey) and her daughter Molly (Jodhi May) are united in their opposition to apartheid in South Africa. The movie is playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre through mid-October and will play in Madison at the Majestic Theatre from November 13-26.

Woman-Centered "A World Apart" Is Beautiful Dramatic Film

By Jamakaya

I've just seen an absolutely beautiful film that I'd like to encourage everyone to attend. It's called "A World Apart," a domestic and political drama set within the context of anti-apartheid activism in 1960's South Africa. It plays at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre through mid-October.

The most remarkable features of this film are its woman-centered focus and its uncompromising political vision. One leaves the theatre awed by the intensity of the female bonding and familial relationships and equally inspired by the example of South Africa's freedom fighters.

"A World Apart" unfolds largely through the perspective of 13 year-old Molly Roth (Jodhi May), whose revolutionary father disappears into exile early in the story and whose crusading journalist mother, Diana (Barbara Hershey), is jailed without charge under South Africa's 90 day detention law. The sensitive Molly watches helplessly as her family crumbles about her and schoolgirl friends and neighbors ostracize her because of her parents' political associations.

Molly is aware of the cruel inequities of her country but, at her impressionable age, feels more devastated by the neglect of her parents due to their all-encompassing political work. With a deep sensitivity and attention to detail, the film chronicles Molly's efforts to come to grips and adapt to the political choices her parents have made.

The impact of "A World Apart" is intensified by the fact that it is essentially a true story. It was written by Shawn Slovo, the daughter of exiled anti-apartheid leader Joe Slovo and journalist Ruth First, who was assassinated in 1982. Slovo wrote the script in an attempt to come to terms with her mother's political work and her violent death. It is no wonder then that, in the film, young Molly's confusion and pain are so heartbreakingly real. I have never seen a girl's coming of age story scripted or acted so brilliantly.

This personal drama is set against the wider tragedy of South Africa's evil policy of apartheid. In many vivid and unforgettable images, the film portrays

the terrible contrasts between white privilege and black oppression. Scenes illustrating the heavy-handed enforcement of apartheid laws, the bleak conditions of the black townships and the government's use of torture expose the racism and terror that are the foundation of South African society. I have rarely seen a film which depicted the power of the state in such a chilling way.

It's definitely heavy-duty but, lest I scare you away, "A World Apart" is also one of the most uplifting movies I've seen in years.

The freedom songs and protest chants voiced by the huge crowds have a power and clarity that will blow you away and the spirit of resistance this film conveys is inspirational and infectious. Its woman-oriented focus is also truly remarkable. In an unusual decision, and reflecting the film's strong female energy, all three actresses, Hershey, May and Linda Mvusi, playing the Roth's housekeeper, shared best actress honors at the Cannes Film Festival this year.

In its exploration of human relationships and political conflicts, "A World Apart" is a profound film both of the heart and of the mind.

"A World Apart" settled its lovely self into my consciousness at a time I was ready to swear off movies entirely. I've been really fed up with the sexist and offensive images of women in most mainstream movies. It seems you have to see a foreign or independent film if you looking for any depth or authenticity regarding women's lives.

Women deserve to see images of themselves that reflect our diverse experiences, our wildest dreams and our holistic selves. Happily, two such possibilities are on the horizon.

"Gorillas in the Mist," featuring Sigourney Weaver as scientist Dian Fossey, who literally gave her life to the gorillas of central Africa, has just opened. And in mid-October, the Oriental will run an Australian import called "Shame," about a woman biker stranded in a small outback town who confronts the gang that routinely terrorizes local women. Hmmm, sounds intriguing . . .

In the meantime, do yourself a favor and see "A World Apart." Take a friend along. You won't regret it.

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A BOY OF SUMMER

YEARBOOK

By Morgan Summer

There is a thin, white book in my room, one I will be taking with me to college, and one I am sure I will look at often during my college days. It is a book of mostly black and white pictures and the inside front and back covers and some of the pages are covered with writing from people I knew a short time ago. Wishing me well, good luck in the future, and a good life.

It is my yearbook; my high school yearbook.

Recently, I find myself looking through it more and more often, remembering the boys and girls, some of whom I was lucky enough to call friends. I was not lucky enough to call any of them lovers, but I have questioned before what high school teen-agers call love. I think it is rare, and beautiful.

I also remember the classes, in particular gym class. The smell of disinfectant and old sweat and sometimes blood, smells among the cold steel lockers that would make my stomach twist in nervousness. And in my nervousness, I would quickly look at a nearby classmate to see his near-or-total nudity, and smile inside. So there were good things.

It is about a school I will never attend again as a student; I have graduated. I put the book back with a twinge of sadness, missing some of those days . . . but surely not all.

It is another reminder that I am "growing up," maturing. When I was small, I thought that I would never, well, grow up; I thought with disgust that I would be young forever. Now I know that I will never be forever young, but it seems that a person I met at high school will be. His name was Todd, and he was a freshman who I shared a locker with for most of my senior year. I had a big crush on him and on the last day of school when I knew I would never see him again, I nearly cried. And when I look at his small mug shot in the year book, I remember his beautiful brown, gold-flecked eyes, and his more beautiful personality. To me, he will always be forever young.

But Todd is gone and I am still around, bound for college. And you know, having the knowledge that I will be starting a new stage in my life very soon — next week, August 30, in fact — is exciting and, at the same time, a little intimidating. I am looking forward to it, though, more than I ever have anything in my life.

The concept is still a little hard for me to fully grasp yet. But I know it's coming.

. . . There are times when I'm writing,



Morgan Summer

and I will pause at my typewriter. At times I put a thoughtful finger to my lips, not smiling. Other moments I lean back and cross my arms, looking at the typewriter, what I had just written. At these times, I think of what I am writing, telling you about, or I might have a memory, a memory of youth, such as Todd, and miss him so much I almost literally hurt inside. Then, in awhile, I go on writing . . . more determined, sometimes. And in recent days, I am wondering what I will think about at college, what will make me more determined, as I look out the window of my dorm room with my arms crossed . . . I know it will not be Todd.

At college most of the faces in my yearbook will fade, and I will not remember what everyone I knew was like. It's part of growing up, I suppose, a needed part, and sometimes welcomed.

So then. College. I have my schedule, know my dorm room, and have contacted my future roommate, who sounds quite heterosexual. I know there is not a Gay Student Union listed on the folder of school groups and activities. While I am there, that will change. There are also about one hundred students from my old high school who are attending my college, and they know I'm Gay. Some of them will make this fact known, and I don't know yet — not quite — if I will deny it.

My youth is over, it is time for me to live and fight and learn and triumph. I am mostly glad it is over . . . but sometimes I will remember those who I would have liked to have loved; those who will be in high school as I have gone on; and those who will, as it will always be, realize they are Gay. I have; I have gone through youth and made it. Now it is time for me to go on. It is time for me to live and learn and fight...and smile.

I'm not interested. I just cruise the guys instead, thinking how much cuter they are than girls.

Kuj, like I said, parties. He likes beer a lot and sometimes harder drinks like tequila. And since he knows a lot of people, it's not a problem for him to go to a gathering in the dorm where we live or in one close by. I sometimes go with him.

For example, a few nights ago, I went to a party with him in our dorm. The blast was in its withering stages with the beer running out and no girls, much to Kuj's disappointment. We stayed anyway and airjammed to a side of an old Van Halen tape, "Runnin' With The Devil" and "Eruption." We then left and went back to our room with a few friends. Ordered a pizza, deep dish, cheese. Kuj, our friends and I laughed a lot that night and on most party nights.

A fine line of distinction, however. Kuj drinks pretty heavily. At a recent party he told me he had guzzled a 12-pack of beer and then five or six plastic cups of the beverage from a quarter barrel. It sort of bothers me — I mean, technically I'm a hypocrite, 'cause I drink too — but Kuj, for a nineteen year old, drinks pretty much to excess, in my opinion. It's his life, though.

But still, you know, there are times. Some days during the week I have to get up for an early morning class and Kuj, who doesn't have most of his classes (including one called "Family and Marriage" — sigh) until the early afternoon, is still sleeping. We have bunk beds and I sleep on the bottom, with he in the upper bed. I put on my bathrobe and go down the hall to shower and shave, then come back to our room and get

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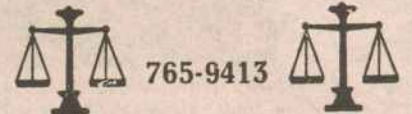
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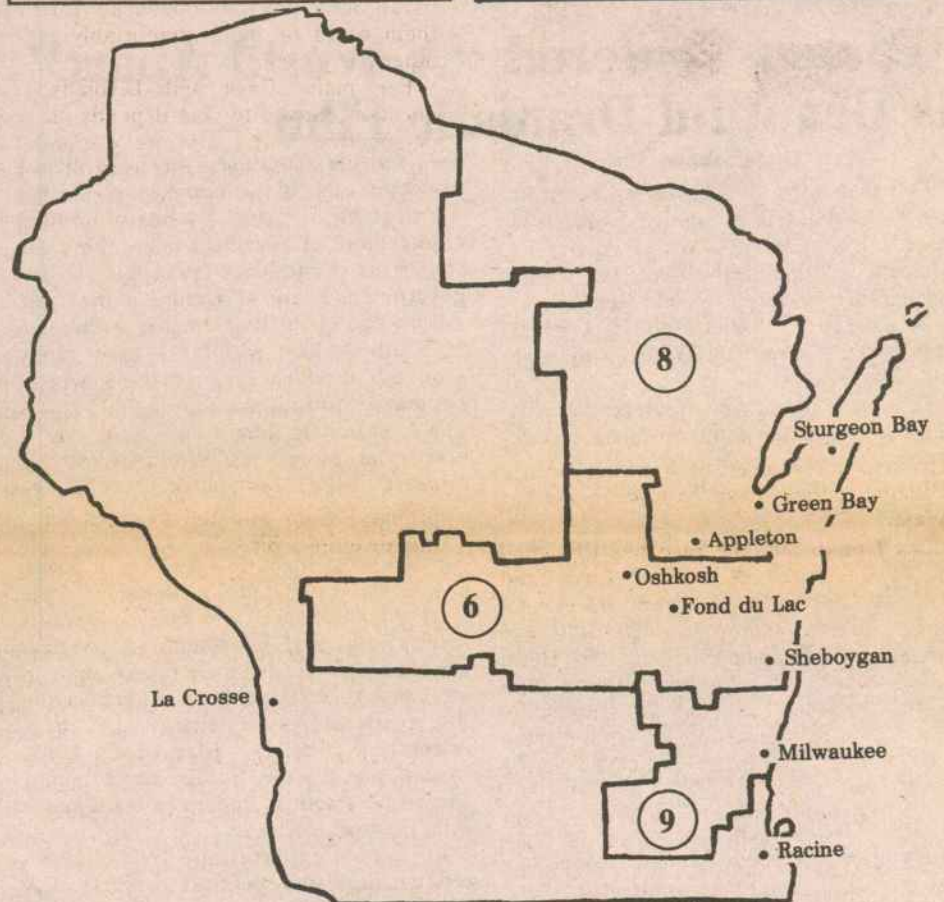
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Pictured on the above map are the Congressional districts of the three representatives who voted against the recently passed Federal AIDS Bill. They are: Republicans Thomas Petri, 6th district; Toby Roth, 8th district; and James Sensenbrenner, 9th district. Nationally, only thirteen votes were against the bill.

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ing HRCF, AIDS Action Council and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force — have been furiously lobbying the House to get the bill passed by the 100th Congress, scheduled to adjourn on October 8.

The House bill must now go to a joint House-Senate conference with S. 1220, the Senate's AIDS Research, Care, and Information Act cosponsored by Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah).

The joint conference must combine the bills and work out differences in the

legislation, then return the new bill to the House and Senate for final vote before signing by the President.

"The House and Senate bills are very different so there's a lot of work to be done in conference," said Carlton Lee, HRCF lobbyist. "We have a real opportunity to get the best of both bills. In particular, we will lobby to improve on language about promoting or encouraging homosexual lifestyle which is included in both bills."

Should the bill not be passed by the current Congress, lobbyists will have to start from scratch to pass the bill next year at the 101st Congress, which opens in January, 1989.

KUJ

By Morgan Summer

A little while before I left for college this year, I went over to a friend's house and saw a Gay male porno movie titled **Student Bodies**. It was a typical porno, with plenty of sucking and fucking, and not much else in-between. But this movie took place on a college campus, so I thought that it may be of special interest to me. It was. I liked it. One scene that stuck in my mind was an episode where two male roommates have hot, frenzied sex. And I thought, well, could happen, I suppose. Aren't college students supposed to be experimental?

Well, anyway, now that I've been at college for a few weeks, I can truthfully tell you that the movie is not quite accurate. The best way to illustrate this, I think, is to tell you about my roommate.

He is called Kuj, a nickname derived from the first three letters of his last name. He's a sophomore, a pretty decent guy. Medium-length blond hair, spiked on top, faded blue eyes that, at times, can become charmingly vacant. Same problem, though, which he shares with other basically nice guys: he has a casual dislike for Gay people. That is, he calls friends "faggot", says "Bite my dick" a lot (take it out); and makes occasional Gay slurs. However, I do not believe that he is intentionally cruel and, by the way, he does not know I am Gay.

Kuj is popular here on campus. He has charisma and treats most people well and knows how to party.

He cruises girls everywhere he goes as do most of the guys here I know. They say to each other, "Hey, look at that chick," or, cutting to the core of the matter, "Shit, I'd sure like to fuck her brains out." When I am with them, I don't say anything. Hell,

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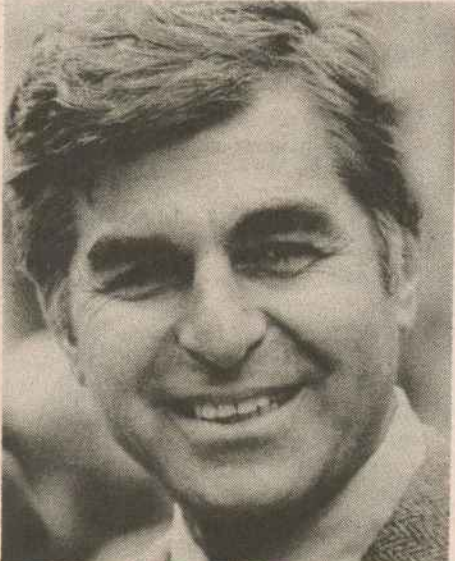
By Bill Meunier

The election season is getting ready to come to a roaring finish. With six weeks to go, here's how things look.

Presidential Election

The race is close but Dukakis is clearly behind. Look for the Dukakis campaign to retrench and abandon its overly ambitious goal of putting on a full blown campaign in all fifty states. Against the advice of many experts, the Duke decided to contest the election even in states where Bush was nearly certain to win. The Dukakis staff will not admit it, but they will concede a number of states in the deep South and West. This will give Bush about 100 electoral votes.

Dukakis, in the meantime, does not have nearly as large a base of support that the Bush campaign will concede to him. Even in the Northeast, Bush is slugging it out toe to toe.



Governor Dukakis

All of this means that Wisconsin is critical to Dukakis. He needs our 11 electoral votes to offset Bush's Electoral College edge down South and out West.

As I predicted, the race has tightened considerably in Wisconsin. Bush and Dukakis are in a statistical dead heat here. Just a month ago, Dukakis was ahead in Wisconsin polls by 15. Here, as elsewhere, Dukakis has suffered from being branded a Liberal. Apparently many folks think that the only thing worse than voting for a liberal would be voting for a Black Gay Liberal.

The Dukakis record, while somewhat liberal (especially on Gay/Lesbian issues), certainly does not show him to be the big free spender that Bush has tried to portray him to be. As a result, he is not getting the support from the liberal community that he needs.

The first debate does not appear to have helped Dukakis very much, if at all. He didn't use several chances to show he is a moderate. For example, when questioned about Star Wars, he could have pointed out that he does favor research and development, but does not favor deployment unless it appears as though the Russians are about to deploy their own version.

This is the type of tactic that Reagan used to soften his hard line conservative image when he debated Jimmy Carter. By pointing to a more moderate position on an issue, Reagan succeeded in convincing people that he really wasn't a right wing fanatic. Dukakis should have done the same thing to show that he isn't a left wing radical.

Dukakis also failed to attack Bush as often as he could. The Duke's answer to the question on AZT is a good example. He could have and should have laced into the Vice President over the Reagan administration's AIDS policy. Instead, he equated Bush's position with his own.

Dukakis does have several advantages. It is very difficult for a party in power to win three elections in a row. Only two sitting Vice Presidents, Thomas Jefferson (1800) and Martin Van Buren (1836) have ever succeeded in winning the oval office. Furthermore, the polls show that most of the American people think that the economy will take a turn for the worse if Reaganomics is continued.

Bush has some advantages too. He has a solid base of electoral votes in the South and West. A recent poll showed that only 13% of the public wants a Liberal in the White House and most likely voters think

they are better off now than they were eight years ago.

This race is still to close to call, but will be decided in the next two weeks. The Duke has to start moving up in the polls now if he is going to catch up with Bush.

Dukakis needs to counter Bush's labeling him as a Liberal. He needs to exploit people's fear of economic disaster if the Reagan economic policies are continued under Bush and he needs to attack Bush harder.

Bush needs to avoid making any big mistakes and to convince more people that Dukakis really is a big spending Liberal.

If Bush does win, Dukakis will wish that he had listened to those who advised him not to sit around in August. That's when he lost his lead in the polls and, quite possibly, the election.

Wisconsin Senate Race

The U.S. Senate race is shaping up as one of the most competitive in some time. Herb Kohl holds a slight lead over his Republican opponent Susan Engeliter.

This is an interesting race for several reasons. Kohl is a millionaire running as a Democrat. Engeliter has a middle class background, but is a Republican. Either of them could fit quite comfortably in the other party.

For many Gays and Lesbians, the question on who to vote depends on your perspective. Those who are worried that the Republicans may gain control of the Senate are for Kohl. Those who want to elect a woman or feel that we should reward those who have supported us in the past, are likely to vote for Engeliter. Kohl has no known positions on Gay/Lesbian issues. His other stands are liberal enough, but then again, so were Proxmire's, the man they are trying to succeed. Proxmire voted against Gay and Lesbian rights on a consistent basis.

Engeliter will have plenty of money to spend and, unlike the Democratic primary, Kohl will find his opponent on the air quite a bit.

When all is said and done, however, I believe that Kohl will win for several reasons.

Kohl appears to be more decisive in his commercials. He has deliberately modeled his campaign to make him look like Bill Proxmire, a maverick, owing no one but the people. He is very popular in Milwaukee and is better known (thanks to all of those commercials) around the state. Furthermore, Steve King ran a bitter campaign against Engeliter in the Republican primary. Many conservative regulars in the GOP are not keen on Engeliter. Since they constitute the overwhelming majority of Wisconsin Republicans, Engeliter will not have the campaign workers she needs to counter Kohl's well-shaped image. Many who might have helped Engeliter because of her sex are not going to do so because of her stands on defense, Central America and other issues.

It will be close, but the race is Kohl's to lose. If he avoids making any big mistakes, he should win.

Congressional Races

Look for all of the incumbents to win handily. The most serious challenge may come in the Third District (Western Wisconsin). The farmers in that area are not pleased with Reagan's farm policies. But Republican Congressman Steve Engleiter has distanced himself enough from Reagan (at least on farm issues) that he doesn't appear to be in any real danger.

Nor does Jim Moody. His opponent, Helen Barnhill, is an attractive candidate. Her speech at the GOP Convention turned some people off. During the speech, she called the Republicans the party of opportunity for minority groups. That speech pointed out to many that, although Ms. Barnhill appears to be a progressive on many issues, she is still a Republican.

State Legislature

With most of the attention focused on the Presidential and Senate races it appears unlikely that the Republicans can seize control of either the State Senate or the State Assembly. A few seats may change hands, but the Democrats should remain in control of both houses.

State Republicans Seek Gay Vote

By Jim McFarland

If you went to Madison's M.A.G.I.C. Picnic this Summer, you might have noticed two politicians working the crowd together in the late afternoon. One of them, wearing a nametag that said "Alderqueer", was me. The other was Steve Meyer, a candidate for Dane County District Attorney. Seeing politicians campaigning at the M.A.G.I.C. Picnic might not be so uncommon, but these were Republicans, and Meyer is the Republican candidate in the election this fall for the open seat.

Meyer, like Sheriff Laacke and a number of other Dane County Republicans, is not the average Republican. His views on women's issues, for instance, are progressive enough that he was able to persuade a few of the endorsement committee members of the Madison chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus to support him. But the fact that he was willing to come with me and campaign on our turf, socializing with people who were openly Gay or Lesbian, means a great deal to me. It makes me feel like I am having an effect on at least some members of the Republican Party here, getting them to see that it should be a party of inclusion, and that bigotry has no place in it.

The September primary results were encouraging in that respect as well. I was very surprised at the margin by which Senator Engleiter won the Republican primary. Despite the pre-primary polls showing her to be substantially ahead of Steve King, I really thought she might lose due to a strong turnout of conservatives. But the strong repudiation of King's right wing views by rank and file Republicans restores my faith in them.

I was also surprised by how much Kohl won the Democratic primary. I thought he might, but I expected it to be very close. I was disappointed for Earl because, while I disagree with him on a great many issues, I do have much respect for him. Not long after the primary results were in, two conservative Republican leaders, Sen. Don Stitt (who has recently attacked the Engleiter campaign) and Michael Grebe (who is one of Sen. Kasten's right hand men), started telling the press that they wondered what was wrong with Kohl as he is in his 50's and single. The Engleiter campaign has stayed above such attacks and has, instead, emphasized her middle class background versus his millionaire status.

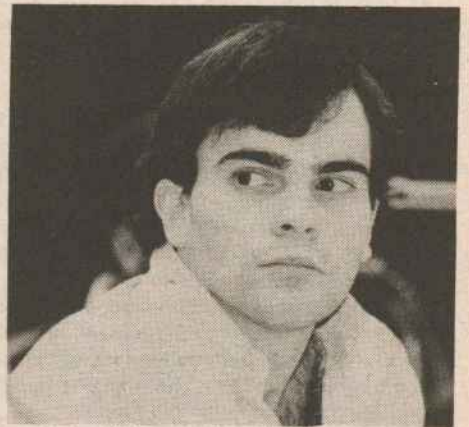
But I really enjoyed Kohl's response to these attacks. Referring to the "whisper campaign" about his bachelorhood, he said that there was nothing wrong with being single. He later said he cherished marriage and the family, greatly desired it, and was disappointed that it had eluded him so far.

Which is it? The real question is what a candidate's private life has to do with whether he or she should be elected. If I ever run for higher office, I guess I'll have to have Rick stand with me and look pretty for photo opportunities so I can show the voters that I have a family!

Ed Garvey showed an incredible change of heart recently. After first bluntly refusing to endorse Kohl, he suddenly came out in support of him with guns blazing, saying King should have called Engleiter "Sue Helms" instead of "Suekakis" and that the first thing she would do in the Senate would be to ask Jesse Helms what to do. I have lost a lot of respect for Ed Garvey because of this vicious, unfounded attack.

Did Susan Engleiter ask Jesse Helms and those of his ilk what to do when she voted for the Gay rights bill and the consenting adults bill? Did she ask him what to do when she emphatically stated that the woman must make the difficult decisions about an unwanted pregnancy? Did she ask Jesse Helms what to do when she said she opposed his AIDS amendment to censor important safe sex information? Of course not. Engleiter has a record of support on our issues and the legislative experience and knowledge to put that support to work; Kohl has neither.

A great many people who supported Earl or Garvey in the primary have told me that they plan to vote for Engleiter



Alderman Jim McFarland

because they dislike Kohl so much. Some have said that they would like to, but they do not wish to contribute to a Republican majority in the Senate. In one sense, their fears may be warranted, since AIDS legislation has done much better since the Democrats took control of the committee structure in 1986. But in another sense, their fears are unfounded. Even Republican insiders will concede that it is unlikely that Republicans will gain the majority this year. Wisconsin is really one of only three states with open seats that Republicans have even a small chance of gaining, and few incumbent Democrats are facing strong threats while a number of Republicans are.

Gay and Lesbian voters can be happy that the choice in the U.S. Senate race is not stark. On those issues of concern to the Gay community that Kohl has discussed, he is also very supportive. Voters in the 5th and 2nd Congressional Districts can be pleased that they have choices between pro-Gay candidates as well. Jim Moody went so far as to say that he liked his Republican opponent, Helen Barnhill, so much that he regretted only that she is not a Democrat. Of course, there is more of a difference between Barnhill and Moody than that he is the incumbent and she is from the other party. Their main areas of disagreement are on fiscal and foreign policy issues. But they share similar views on social issues, and both are supportive of Gay rights in particular.

Here in Madison, Dane County, and the rest of the 2nd District, Gays and Lesbians have a similar choice. While Congressman Kastenmeier is a co-sponsor of the Gay rights bill as Moody is, Ann Haney is equally supportive. Many ask me why I won't vote for someone who has been as supportive of our community as Kastenmeier has? Of course, I disagree with Kastenmeier on a lot of other issues in the fiscal and foreign policy areas. But Kastenmeier also strikes me as more conservative, in the traditional sense of the word, than Haney. That is, he has difficulty supporting issues that he sees as non-traditional.

I think that is why it took some coaxing by local Gay Democrats like Dick Wagner to get him to sign on to the "Gay Rights Bill" and I am almost sure that is why he at first supported the Helms AIDS amendment designed to censor safer sex information. But I am glad that Gay and Lesbian Democrats like Wagner have as much influence with him as they do and have persuaded him to be on the right side of both those issues. In the final analysis, I think Lesbians and Gays will have to make this choice based on issues that don't directly impact on the Gay community.

The debate about Bush continues to rage among Gay Republicans. One Gay Republican friend of mine told me he very much hopes that Bush wins because he feels that if Bush is elected he will be able to stop the right wingers from taking over the party. He fears that if Bush loses, the fundamentalist wing will gear up their fundraising machines and take control. But, after the Republican National Convention and the result of the platform debates, many Gay Republicans wonder if the right wing could be in any more control of the party.

Some have argued that it would actually be better if Bush lost. Then people would point to how far he moved to the right to get the nomination, and learn from his defeat that he country will not vote for such a right wing agenda. Obviously one of these theories will either be vindicated or repudiated. I am personally more inclined to believe the latter one. But I can emphatically state that I have found this Presidential election to be very frustrating because I feel disenfranchised by the national political parties.

It's OK To Be Gay-- Just Don't-You-Know-What!

By Thomas J. Rondy

As citizens of a patriarchal "civilization", the struggle for liberation has been an uphill battle, particularly in this decade of uncertainty. More often than not, one can see this difficulty in the double standard to which we are subjected by heterosexuals. Many of us find ourselves dealing with it every day. We are expected to be on our best behavior and never, ever, in a million years should we mention anything even remotely relating to "the three-letter S word."

There must, of course, be a civilized standard of governing human interaction, but many heterosexuals apply their judgments to us with a severity that boggles the mind (hence, the distinction between "Good Gays" and "Bad Gays"). Many heterosexuals don't seem interested in remembering that we are human too and that we make mistakes like everyone else (There are some of my mistakes that I wouldn't even confess to God if He didn't already know about them!). Many minorities on the road to liberation have encountered something like this double standard (particularly when dealing with middle class liberals), but for us, the matter is somewhat more complicated because we are a SEXUAL minority. (There. I went and said it.)

It doesn't take an Albert Einstein to figure out the fact that America's traditional attitudes toward sexuality are really screwed up, thanks to our Puritan cultural legacy. Granted, there was a sexual revolution in the 60's (We Madisonians have a thing with the 60's) that started off with some truly libertarian ideals, but true to the pattern of American "culture", when it finally managed to filter down to the popular level, it was really botched, the libertarian ideals dying along with the revolution. Don't get me wrong. Important progress was made enabling our voice to be heard for a change. The problem was, the half-won revolution left behind a mess, an incoherent combination between old and new values. The result was a hackneyed hedonism for heterosexual males, a new level of exploitation for heterosexual women and an extremely precarious place for the fledgling Lesbian and Gay community which explains the double standard. As I said before, the double standard really comes down heavily where issues of sexuality are concerned. We all have heard the it's-okay-to-be-Gay (Lesbian)- just -don't-you-know-what. Quite a few Protestant denominations are infamous for this line. That's right folks, we're not supposed to do it, say it, or think it. However, much to the chagrin of St. Augustine, sexuality is an integral part of being human.

Anyone of us who has had to listen to a heterosexual man-boy brag about his ability to exploit women, can see the double standard inherent in the celibacy line. There's also the minor fact that

when two human beings fall in love, you need a diamond wall to keep them physically apart. At any rate, this half-assed attempt to accept us is directly related to the half-assed changes of recent history.

There's good news and there's bad news and it's in the same bit of information. The situation with society's sexual mores is too unstable to be capable of reaching its own equilibrium. It must either go forward or go backward, explaining why this decade has seen such a heavy counterattack from the forces of reaction. AIDS has become a frightening variable in this already twisted social equation.

Our determination to overcome the double standard must be unshakable. We can't let the desire to prove ourselves trick us into becoming enslaved by such hypocrisy; rather, we should live up to the standard of decency we would like to see in the world around us. We also can't let the insecurity about sexual mores of others become our insecurity. Instead, we must come to terms individually with that aspect of our beings and then be secure in that coming to terms. Lastly, we must ridicule the Far Right at every possible opportunity. Our survival as a people depends on that. Not only do they want to turn back the clock, they have done **nothing** about AIDS, then turned around and hypocritically pointed the finger of blame at us!

Obviously, only a dramatic pushing forward of the social clock will allow us to see our dreams come to fruition within our lifetimes.

Hasta la victoria siempre!

By the way, I'm "Benjamin A.S.C. Stone", the dude who did the article on the history of homophobia in the late September issue of *Light*. The pseudonym was from its first printing which was in *The Daily Cardinal* the real student paper of UW-Madison.

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In my very first column in the *Light*, I started off by discussing my disillusionment with Madison upon finding out that this city and campus is not the liberated paradise for Gay people that I thought it would be.

Well, I'm the type that would rather light a single candle than curse the darkness, and there is not an opportunity to light a few candles.

Madison's Gay/Lesbian Resource Center is starting an undergraduate (basically 18-21 range) social activities group. We are just beginning, so we still need new people, especially those who are willing to make an effort to "get the show on the road."

I'm not saying that we're going to transform the face of the social scene overnight, but we're off to a good start. We have plenty of room for more people. For more information, the number is (608) 255-4297.

It's Time To Come Out... Again

By Sue Burke

It's time to come out again.

I came out the first time nine years ago, October 18. Like many people, I was afraid because I knew almost nothing about Gay and Lesbian people, only that I thought I was one of them.

Of course, since then, I have learned a lot, and have joined the fight for equality. I have learned that Lesbians, moved by their love for women, are the heart and hands of the feminist movement. I have seen how Gay men, faced with AIDS, have drawn on their love for men to be heroes fighting the disease and comforting the sick. I believe that the world would be a better place for all people in many ways if Lesbians and Gays could be equal.

But it's time to come out again. Although I have loved women, for the past year my lover has been a man. At the same time, I have continued to be involved in the Gay and Lesbian community.

But what am I? I feel as if I am both Gay and straight, if that's possible. I wonder what bisexuality really is: there is little enough known about heterosexuality, and less about homosexuality, but even the existence and proper place of bisexuality is in dispute.

What do I do? When I came out the first time, I knew some people would reject me, and a few did. Will I face rejection again?

I sometimes bring my boyfriend to Lesbian and Gay events, and he sometimes reads our literature. He is surprised at the hostility towards bisexuality, and is a little worried about the results this confession might bring. So am I, but if I did not come out again and live truthfully, I would be a coward.

MAP Announces New Fund Raising Procedures

In an effort to streamline operations and to provide for an accurate accounting of all fund raising activities, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has instituted a new procedure for fund raising events.

Anyone wishing to hold a fund raiser for MAP is asked to contact Brian Dettmering, MAP Business Manager, to make arrangements for staff assistance, promotion and accounting for proceeds. A paid staff person will be assigned to represent the agency, offer any assistance and to accept the donation on behalf of the agency.

MAP feels that his procedure will provide more control over funds being raised for MAP and will help assure that donations will be properly allocated to the appropriate department.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact Brian Dettmering at MAP. The number is (414) 273-2437.

Law Students To Hold Conference

[New York]- The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. will host a conference for Lesbian and Gay law students at Golden Gate Law School in San Francisco on November 11, 1988 to officially establish the National Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association (NLGLSA). The NLGLSA conference is scheduled to coincide with Lavender Law: The National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues which will convene November 12, 1988 at the Golden Gate School.

Students from law schools across the country are encouraged to attend the NLGLSA conference to help create the first national organization specifically intended for Lesbian and Gay law students and their local campus-based organizations.

For further information, contact Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund at 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012 or phone Mickey J. Wheatley at (212) 995-8585.

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housewarming and birthday gifts; the TV weather person who makes the best (or worst) predictions; or he radio announcer you'd rather listen to than music. We'll consider any nomination you care to make, though we reserve the right to turn it down.

To nominate someone, call the Theatre X box office at 278-0555. Tell us what's so lovable about your nominee and we'll tell you if they qualify. Although a number of nominations also will be taken on the floor each night during preview week, preregistration and seating reservations are advised. Nominees accompanied by five or more people will be admitted free.

To complete, all that a nominee has to do is stand onstage while we explain why they're so lovable. However, dialog and movement from participants will not be discouraged. Judging will be done by audience applause. In the event of a tie, Theatre X will make the final decision in awarding the prize.

If your nominee is shy, or unable to attend for some reason, we'll let you onstage with a likeness (or disguise) of your Most Lovable. But whether that likeness is a drawing, a party doll, or whatever, it should be life size.

Also, all guests are invited throughout the run of the play, Oct. 14-Nov. 20, to bring pictures of someone that they "can't stop loving" to add to the Gallery of Faces that will be on display in the Theatre X lobby. Since no pictures can be returned, if you can't bare to part with yours, bring us a photocopy or a sketch.

So, do something lovable today, and you might wind up on our stage or in our Gallery of Faces tomorrow.

For more information, call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555.

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Jerry Johnson

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makes the cunt grow fonder," "Butch in the streets, femme in the sheets", etc.

Underlying JoAnn Loulan's humor is a profound message affirming Lesbian lives and love.

She told the audience not to be ashamed of their sexual fantasies and warned against the proverbial Lesbian "police:" "Fantasies are called fantasies because they are not reality... We cannot tell other Lesbians what they can or cannot do."

She disparaged the idea that she was somehow the expert on Lesbian sex and, instead, turned it back to the audience: "You are the Lesbian sex expert. You are the expert about your own body -- so practice, practice, practice!"

Loulan emphasized the importance of lover's communicating their needs and desires to one another, and spoke against the tyranny of measuring sexual satisfaction by the frequency and intensity of orgasms alone.

With a knowing and gentle irony, she outlined the ritual nature of Lesbian relationships, calling the Lesbian date "a virtual engagement party," followed by the progressive stages of LIP -- the "Lesbian Insanity Period"-- and MIP -- the "Moving-In Phenomenon." She also joked about the penchant of many Lesbians for choosing partners with completely opposing attitudes and interests, and the inevitable conflicts and control issues that ensue.

She disputed the feminist critique of butch/femme relationships, asserting that butch/femme represents a "uniquely Lesbian cultural phenomenon," and suggested that women who identify as femmes are actually oppressed by misogyny, while butches are oppressed by homophobia.

Loulan talked a great deal about body image, how prevailing standards of beauty make women feel inadequate and unattractive, and how this inhibits sexual expression. Eating disorders, compulsive exercise and cosmetic surgery are often resorted to in a desperate attempt to "measure up." She repeatedly encouraged audience members to accept and to love themselves as they are.

Many other societal factors conspire to oppress and inhibit Lesbian sexual and self expression. Loulan conducted a survey which revealed that 38 of Lesbian respondents experience sexual abuse as children. (The 38 figure is consistent with findings of studies of the general female population as well.) This means a large number of Lesbians are likely to be struggling with those difficult memories and issues as the embark on adult relationships.

In addition, the usual societal disapproval of Gays has intensified during the AIDS epidemic when the predominant (if fallacious) message from everywhere seems to be "Homosexuality will kill you." That Lesbians are managing to find themselves and bond with each other in light of these burdens

says a lot about the strength of their character and their desire.

Loulan spoke very emotionally about the toll that being closeted takes on our lives: "When we go to work, when we go to school, we have to lock our hearts away in a box denying who we are..."

She encouraged those present to take the risk of coming out to families and friends and to participate in National Coming Out Day on October 11: "In this period of backlash in the streets and in the legislatures, we have to hold our turf. We can't let them get us down."

Loulan's message of Lesbian pride and self-esteem and her compassionate approach to Lesbian sexuality was also in evidence at an all day workshop held the following day at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. About 60 women attended. Loulan's visit to Milwaukee was sponsored by Hurricane Productions, the Women's Crisis Line and the Counseling Center. These groups provided our community with a wonderful weekend of entertainment and growth.

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again, and over and over again he repeated. "I could do nothing. I could do nothing."

"There was a man there, a prisoner, a murderer, a great hulking man. They called him 'The Lithuanian' and he took a stick, a great stick and raped Frederick with that. They forced him on to his hands and knees, facing me. He looked at me. I can still see his eyes, his beautiful eyes, full of so much agony, so much pain, as the stick was rammed into him again and again and then the man, the hulk, fell on him and raped him and tore his throat out with his teeth. His blood, my lover's blood, like a fountain, covered that man and drenched the ground."

Hans grabbed my shoulders, his gnarled fingers digging in. "My God! My God! I can still see it, see him. My God! I can still hear him scream!"

I held him then, this old man, and thought how that day I had been there, stood on the very parade ground where all this had happened. I thought of Sajid and of others I had loved. For the first time, the Holocaust about which I had read much came home to me like a searing, white-hot iron. This was no abstract thing that had happened to others, to members of groups of which I was not a part. This had happened to me! I was Gay. It could have been me!

I wanted to run. I wanted to get drunker than I had ever done before in my life, but I did neither. Instead, I held Hans until the bartender came over and said Hans would have to "straighten up or leave." He was causing a disturbance, bothering others. I guess the guy saw my outraged look, for he leaned across the bar and said, "Don't worry about him. These old ones live the war too much."

Hans did recover after a bit and ordered another beer. He apologized for upsetting me and said nothing more about Dachau or Frederick that evening. Before he left, I asked him if he would have coffee with me the next morning. He agreed and we

made an appointment to meet at the Cafe St. Peter on the Marienplatz in Old Town Munich. Then he was gone, leaving me with a million questions and praying that Hans would be willing to answer them.

In the next issue, we will continue with Hans's story and discuss in some depth the Nazi hatred of Gays.

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dressed, sometimes glancing up at Kuj's sleeping form. He kicks off most of his sheets and blankets during the night and he only sleeps in his underwear briefs, so I get a pretty good picture of him, his bare, smooth chest and his wiped out, I-was-pretty- wasted-last-night sleeping face and his tousled blond hair. I wonder why he drinks so much, then forget about it, my thoughts slowly drifting to wondering if he would be experimental after all...

So, Kuj and I have been getting along pretty well. We see each other infrequently during the day and study between classes in our room and sometimes eat breakfast or other meals together with some friends from our floor. It's good times and, I'm sure, with Kuj, my first college roommate, things will continue to get better.

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