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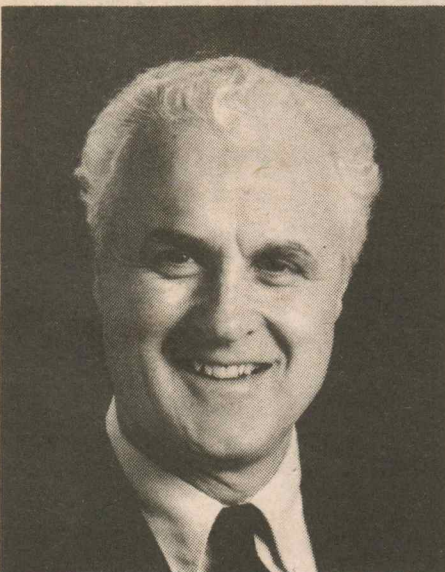
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Moody Earns An "A" In Congress

In Issue No. 15 of *Light* we reported that according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) report card, the Wisconsin U.S. Congressional delegation came up with only a "C" grade when voting on Gay and Lesbian issues.

While a "C" may not seem very high, the fact that it is that good is largely due to Congressman Jim Moody.

Moody, a Democrat who represents the Wisconsin 5th Congressional District, recently coasted to an easy re-election victory over his Republican opponent, Helen Barnhill. Moody received 64% of the vote.



Rep. Jim Moody

Lesbians and Gays can be glad Moody won for he is a friend in Congress. Moody is the only representative in the nine-person Wisconsin Congressional delegation to whom the NGLTF gave 100% or a score of "A+." (For other percentages and scores see the accompanying chart supplied by NGLTF.)

Moody voted for The Civil Rights Restoration Act which includes protections for people with AIDS. When Reagan vetoed the bill, Moody voted with the majority to override.

Moody consistently voted against Congressman Dannemeyer's attempts to derail pro-Gay legislation. Moody voted for the Federal AIDS Policy Act which provides \$400 million for HIV testing and counseling. Moody constantly voted against any form of mandatory AIDS testing.

While Congressman Kastnmeier (D-2) comes close with 94%, Moody's outstanding record on our issues is second to none.

Gays and Lesbians have reason to be grateful to Moody and look forward to his support in the future.

SURVEY FINDS SUPREME COURT, ECONOMY TOP ISSUES

By Lisa M. Keen

The following article is an analysis of the poll results conducted by the *Washington Blade*. *Wisconsin Light* was one of the participants, placing 1000 cards at random in the November 3 issue of the paper. Keen is editor of the *Blade*.

Despite concerns voiced by many Gay activists that Gay voters would write in votes or sit out the 1988 presidential election this month, a national poll shows there were likely very few write-ins from Gays and debatable evidence of Gays sitting out the vote. The poll also shows that the issues which influenced most Gay voters' choice of candidates were primarily non-Gay issues.

According to the results of a poll conducted by 10 Gay newspapers in different major metropolitan areas around the country, only three percent of Gay voters stayed home November 8 and only two percent wrote in or voted for candidates other than the two major party nominees.

Of the 803 people who responded to the Gay newspaper poll, 80 percent said they voted for Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis, while 15 percent said they voted for Republican nominee, and winner, George Bush.

The Gay voting pattern contrasted sharply with that of the general voting population nationwide, 54 percent of which voted for Vice President Bush, while 46 percent voted for Massachusetts Governor Dukakis.

The contrast between voters responding to the Gay newspaper poll and those responding to the many national polls taken of the general public was also stark when voters identified what issues most influenced their choice of candidates.

The most frequently cited issue for voters responding to the Gay newspaper poll was future nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court. One in five readers responding to the Gay poll said that concern most influenced their choice of candidates, and all but 6 of those 147 Gays said they chose Dukakis.

By contrast, Supreme Court nominees never surfaced as an issue in any of the major polls conducted of the general voting population nationwide. The primary issue for 1,100 voters responding to an ABC exit poll was drug abuse, while 1,287 voters responding to a CBS-*New York Times* poll cited the economy.

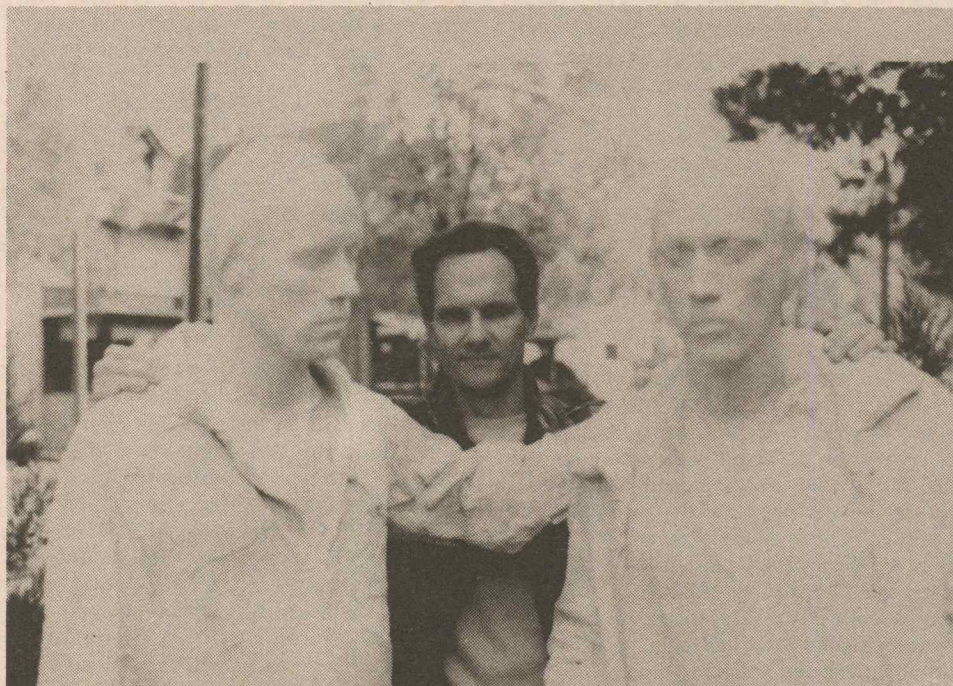
One possible explanation for the Supreme Court nominees to be at the top of Gay voters' lists is the recent decision of the high court to uphold state laws prohibiting homosexual sodomy and to allow the U.S. Olympic Committee to bar the organizers of the Gay Games to call their event the Gay Olympics.

While the economy was not at the top of the list for those responding to the Gay newspaper poll, it was the number two concern, with 19 percent of respondents saying the economy was their motivating factor in deciding for whom to vote. Of the 140 Gays who said they were most influenced by the economy, the votes were split evenly between those who voted for Bush and those who voted for Dukakis.

Following closely behind the economy as an influential issue to those responding to the Gay newspaper poll was social welfare (18%). Gay-related issues rated only fourth (with 17% of the vote) out of 10 issues from which to choose on the newspaper poll survey. In fifth place, with 14% of the vote, was AIDS.

VIVA WHAT DIFFERENCE?

Between Gay men and Lesbians
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Henry X. Dudek poses with George Segal's sculpture, "Gay Liberation," located in Madison's Orton Park.

Madison's Segal Sculpture Brings A Pause For Reflection

By Henry X Dudek

[Madison]-Whether it's fundraising, providing support services to a Gay man with AIDS, counseling a Lesbian teen-ager, editing a newsletter, serving on a planning committee, or just paying membership dues, a lot of folks in the Gay/Lesbian community contribute time, talent and money to the needs they see around them.

I try to do my little part. For the last five years, I have volunteered with the New Harvest Foundation which raises funds for Gay/Lesbian projects in Dane County. I've found that fundraising isn't easy. It takes time and perseverance. But the hard part is taking advantage of my personal relationships with people to ask them for money. It takes some getting used to.

The Foundation offers plenty of other opportunities for volunteers: creating policies and forms, soliciting grant applications, evaluating them, trying to get the most impact for our donors' money, requesting and reviewing project reports, writing promotional materials and reports to donors and planning fundraising events.

A lot of women and men have to donate some of their time to make the Foundation work. Though we're all willing, our time and energy are limited. Kicking myself — and others — into action can be difficult. It's easier — and more fun — to go out and kick some Autumn leaves instead.

Luckily I live near Madison's Orton Park. It's the site of George Segal's sculpture "Gay Liberation," which was placed there with funds raised by the New Harvest Foundation. It's composed of two sets of figures and two park benches. Two men stand next to each other, one just touching the other's shoulder. Two women sit, one's hand gently laid upon the other's. The stark black-and-white of the sculpture is nestled among the natural greens and browns of the park. The sculpture invites participation and park-goers often spend time with it.

Sitting on the park lawn one day, I see three boys playing around and tugging at the statues of the two males who stand imperturbable in their moment of discovering each other. I think, "When those boys grow up, they'll be able to accept two guys walking in a park holding hands."

Another day, walking by the park, I see a woman sitting on the bench next to the

two sculpted women. She is reverently rubbing her hugely pregnant belly up and down and smiling at her intimate connection with the new life she senses there. I think, the day the child now growing in her womb, says "Mother, I'm a Lesbian," she'll hug that child to her heart."

Yet another day, I walk towards the sculpture and see a boy sitting on the lap of one of the women figures and stroking the hair of the other. A man sitting on the bench is intently explaining something to a boy. As I pass by, I hear a fragment of his speech and reconstruct the tenor of their little talk: "Daddy, why are they touching like this?"

"Joey, sometimes two women fall in love with each other, or two men, just like
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Teenage Issues Workshop Dec. 7

[Madison]- A workshop for the understanding of adolescent homosexuality will be held in Madison on December 7, 1988. The workshop is being sponsored by UW-Madison, Division of University Outreach Health and Human Issues. It will be held at The InnTower Hotel, 2424 University Avenue in Madison.

The purpose of the workshop according to the flyer released by the conference sponsor, is to explore issues and concerns relating to sexual preference and sexual identity and to grant exposure to chosen options.

The workshop will equip those attending with tools and techniques to relate positively and with understanding to the adolescent homosexual.

The workshop leader is Sue Hunter, a Senior Intervention and Training Specialist. Hunter has 8 years experience working with group facilitation, assessment skills and parent and community programs. She currently serves on the Wisconsin State Committee for AOD/Special Populations and on the Human Services Advisory Board for the Vocational Technical Education System.

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OUR HISTORY



A TIME TO DIE VI

Women Were Instrumental In Germany's Gay Underground

By Terry Boughner

The following account continues Heinrich's story as I have never forgotten it.

Kurt quickly took him by a circuitous route to a small, dingy basement apartment in one of the poorer quarters of Berlin. When they arrived, there were three others there, all young, two men and a woman. Kurt introduced him and gave him something to drink to steady his nerves.

As Heinrich told me, "I was fortunate. I had fallen into the hands of the underground."

The existence of the Gay underground is, like so much else about the Pink Triangle, little known to history. From all that I could find out from Heinrich and others, in numbers it probably was not very large. Nor was it well organized, at

chest as a warning."

After the Nazi hoards overran the western countries, there was nowhere else to send escapees except Switzerland and, as one said, the Swiss weren't very friendly.

"They were really afraid of the Germans," Richard told me, "scared that they would invade them, but they hated us even without that. Still, there were some wonderful Swiss people who, if we could get our people across the boarder, would take them in until we could get papers to Brazil or someplace." Then he paused. "We became quite good at that, forging passports, getting the necessary documents."

Gretchen told me, "Finding safe houses was difficult. Many of our people lived with family members or people like that so it was difficult, if not impossible, explaining why you needed to put someone up. That's where women came in. They could explain that whoever it was, was a nephew or lover or somebody. No one questioned that."

"We knew all about what was going on in the camps," Gretchen continued. "You see, there were people who couldn't believe that Germans, the highly civilized Germans, would do anything like that, like murdering millions of innocent people. But we (Lesbians and Gays) weren't fooled. We had been rejected too often, despised, hated, made to be criminals, even before it all started, so we weren't under any illusions like many of the Jews were. We knew that Dachau and all the rest of the work and death camps were just a continuation of that hatred, carrying it on by other means as they had always done."

In all of this, I will never forget the hardness of the some of these people who had in one way or another been associated with the Gay underground. The war had been over for 30 years or more when I met them, but their hatreds still burned hot.

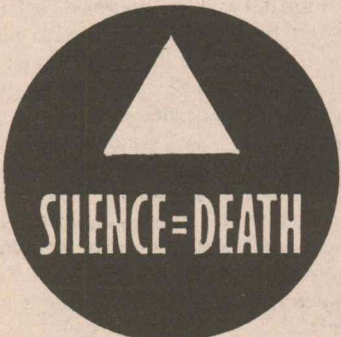
"Jews, Catholics, Lutherans, what difference does it make?," Richard asked me. "Have you no idea how they hated us? Don't speak to me of 6,000,000 Jews who died in the conflagration. Yes, it's true. They did, but many of the Jews, as terrible as their persecutions were, treated us as the Nazis treated them. There was no brotherhood of suffering. The Jews hated us as badly as the Catholics or the Protestants. We were filth!"

"Let me tell you a story. In 1938, just before Kristallnacht, there was a young man, 20 or so, whose name was Aaron. He was homosexual and after terrible agony, made contact with us in the underground. We agreed to help him escape to France. The problem was that he wanted to say good-by to his family. It was a stupid thing to do. We told people they didn't have families. A lot of families informed the Gestapo on a son. Is that a family? But he insisted. I was to meet him on this certain street corner at 1:00 am. When he didn't come, I went to his house. The whole place was in an uproar. His father and brother were screaming at him at the top of their lungs, threatening to expose him to the Gestapo as a disgrace to the family. I took out my gun and shot the brother right through the head. I was not sorry. In fact, it felt good and besides, there was nothing else to do. Then I grabbed Aaron and took him with me. I told him he was my prisoner and that I would do the same thing to him if he acted up. He went willingly or maybe in shock, with his parents yelling and carrying on as we left. That night we got him into France."

I heard many stories like this, many of them much more gruesome, yet I could not help but feel something in me that was kin to each of them.

Next issue, more about the Gay underground.

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least not on any large scale. Probably the best idea of it should be little independent groups, each operating in cities throughout Germany, each group or cell, pretty much on its own. Certainly there was no central leadership, nothing to resemble the council or brotherhood that Himmler and the others imagined in their fevered brains. But though independent, the groups did keep close touch with each other and rendered all aid and assistance when they could.

From all accounts, the Gay underground was in the hands of women and male cross-dressers. Membership was constantly changing, fatalities ran high. If an activist was caught, his or her punishment was slow, sure and hideous. One young man in Hamburg was suspended from the ceiling by a meathook driven through his back. His agonies were only ended when a Gestapo guard, Gay himself, strangled him with his bare hands. He did his fellow Gay a mercy.

The underground's tentacles were long and it had informational sources everywhere not hesitating to resort to blackmail or other means to force cooperation when it was necessary. One man named John, a former lustnaben or male whore, enjoyed telling me this story.

"We needed to get some of our people across into France and it was decided that nuns' habits would be the best camouflage. But how to get them short of robbing a convent? I went to a priest, an out and out Nazi just like Pius XII — and told him that if I didn't get the habits, I'd see that he and half the priests in his diocese were exposed as homosexuals. I told him I'd been with them all and could name names — which I could. Oh, you should have seen him bluster and rant and rave, but in the end we got what we wanted."

Contrary to what John said, Gretchen reported numerous instances where the clergy and religious did give Gays much needed help. There was one convent, she said, where the nuns gave shelter to both Gays and Jews, hiding them in the cellars as long as was necessary until they could be gotten to safety.

The tactics that John described, as I was told, were not used solely on straights. Closet Gays had the same treatment meted out to them and sometimes not just to induce their cooperation. In cases where those trying to pass participated in persecution in an effort to save themselves, they were informed on to eliminate them. "Sometimes," John said, "we killed them and stuck a pink triangle to their

Measures of Change

By Alyn Hess

Can you believe that the hair on men's legs was ever the subject of public debate? Well, it was in my home town back in 1957 when "Bermuda Shorts" first came into style. On the island of Bermuda which can be nice and warm, adult men traditionally wore trousers that came only to just above the knee complimented by stockings that rose to just below the knee thus exposing only inches of smooth, bony flesh.

Well, some young guys who were real fashion setters, bought some Bermuda Shorts, but did not have calf-length stockings. To bring the matter to a head, they wore those shorts to high school. Some women got rather upset and asked the student council to ban the wearing of such shorts — especially when there were no knee socks to go with them. The women's complaint was that while they had to shave their legs, the more hairy males did not.

So, there was a laughable debate that went on in the student council with the principal involved as well, all involving the propriety of men showing off their hairy legs in public.

Nowadays, many women do not shave their legs and the modest Bermuda Shorts compete with some of those racy high-cut shorts from International Male's California shops.

Public standards have certainly changed if you look at an old movie magazine. The swim suits for men often came down to mid-thigh. Now there is only the briefest of covering, often not much more than a posing strap.

What should we make of all these changes? Do they prove that men have liberated themselves? Or that now, men think of themselves as sexual objects?

Perhaps the widely broadcast photos of the Olympic athletes with their head hair covered, if not shaved, has had an effect? Or the swimmers and bikers who have shaved those male legs supposedly only for lessened resistance? I may be wrong, but I feel it is to make them look great as much as anything. Only top body builders used to shave their bodies to show off their muscular definition.

That leads me to another measure of change. In the late 1950's, there were a dozen or more bodybuilding magazines, some of which got to be rather Gay for the time. They showed hard ones bulging in those small posing straps or bikinis. Sometimes they even had two men in the same photo looking wistfully into each others eyes or touching.

I well remember many men telling me



Jerry Johnson

Alyn Hess

how they thought these pictures were so hot that they went home and masturbated looking at the photos.

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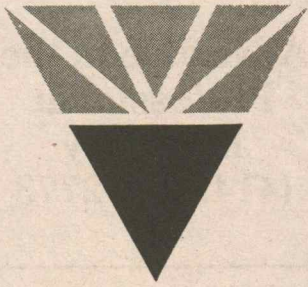
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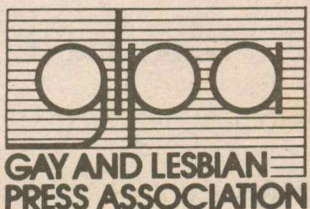
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EDITORIAL

Simon Brings High Honor to Senate, While Helms Provokes Suffering

There are two names worthy of note in the paper this time.

One is Paul Simon.

The other is Jesse Helms.

They are both Public Officials. They are both Senators of the United States. The similarities end there.

Senator Simon, from all that can be learned of him, is a man who cares. He is a man of deep sensitivity and compassion. He is a man who regrets the suffering of others and wants to do what he can to help. He has a tender heart that feels pain when others hurt. He thinks that in America there is room for everyone. He thinks that in America, no one should be denied civil rights.

The same is not true for Jesse Helms.

From all that can be found out, Jesse Helms does not feel nor believe in any of these things.

Jesse Helms calls himself a conservative. He is not a conservative. He is an unfeeling, insensitive wretch. As he strides through the halls of power, his hands drip with the blood of AIDS victims. They cry out for compassion. Jesse Helms feels nothing. He wipes his hands on his pants and goes on.

Don't you care, Jesse Helms? Do you feel nothing for these people? If you feel nothing for the suffering among us, Jesse Helms, don't you know you can feel nothing for anyone?

Jesse Helms hates what he does not understand. He hates Gays and Lesbians. We should have no civil rights, says Jesse Helms.

Do you agree, Jesse Helms, that America has no room for Gays and Lesbians? Who else do you hate, Jesse Helms? Who else do you despise?

Do you agree, Jesse Helms, that all those not like you, including Gays and Lesbians, should live in misery, degradation, fear and guilt?

If you do, Jesse Helms, then you are an evil man. The last shred of your humanity is gone. There is none left. You are a scandal, Jesse Helms. You are miserable beyond the power of imagination to think.

History will judge you, Jesse Helms, and judge you for what you are. Don't you fear that? Or in your uncaring condition, have you ceased to be concerned?

We will never have the honor of meeting Senator Simon. Neither will we meet Jesse Helms. It does not matter. The conclusion about both is clear. One is worthy of the high office he holds. Paul Simon regrets suffering and tries to heal.

The other is a terrible burden that suffering humanity must bear. In a world full of sorrow and tears, Jesse Helms, dries no eyes.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

Statistics about diseases lack much meaning until the hit someone you know. The other day I received the following letter:

"I wanted to inform you that my close friend and your former colleague, John Jones (not his real name) died this morning after several months of his final battle with his illness.

"On Friday morning, his last lucid day, I was discussing funeral arrangements with John and he dictated the following letter to you."

Dear Senator,

I feel it is very pretentious of me on the one hand; on the other hand I felt close to you during the time I worked in the Senate. As currently planned, my funeral will be held in Washington and the burial in Chicago. I hope you would do me the high honor of lending your presence to either event. With warm regards and many thanks, John

The letter was signed by his friend.

I was at the funeral, but that is only part of the story.

In June, my wife and I attended a meeting at which I spoke. In the audience was John Jones, an employee of a federal agency who had taken a one-year leave about three years ago to do some specialized work for my office.

He did excellent work, but I had not seen him since he left my office.

I asked him how he was doing, one of those general questions we routinely ask about each other, not expecting anything substantial by way of reply. When I asked, he replied, "Not too well. I have AIDS."

I was stunned.

I knew nothing about his private life other than seeing him in the office, or at an office party or picnic. A little shy, but well-liked by everyone in the office, he showed great ability on tasks assigned to him.

He was 38 when he died.

It is one thing to know that more than 42,000 Americans have died of AIDS. That is tragic, but it remains a statistic until suddenly someone you know and respect meets an untimely end because of this dread killer.

Forty-four people die each day in this country from AIDS.

Next year we'll spend more to test nuclear weapons than to find a cure for AIDS.

Conquering AIDS and cancer and arthritis and heart disease and a host of other health problems that kill people takes resources.

And those resources will be available when we make a priority of using them for these causes. The question is one of national will.

John is dead. I regret that I did not see him from the June day he told me he had AIDS until his death in October.

But the best way of paying tribute to him is not with pleasant words, but with action so that others do not die needlessly.

-Senator Paul Simon
Washington, D.C.

Senator Simon is a Democrat from Illinois who serves on the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources which oversees most of that chamber's AIDS legislation. Senator Simon is the chief sponsor of the Hate Crimes Statistics bill and co-sponsor of the federal Gay rights bill.

TO THE EDITOR:

When I travel to a new city, I challenge myself to find Gays and Lesbians. I usually start by looking in the phone book under women's center, book stores, crisis lines, or the local university student services center. Sometimes there is even a Gay and Lesbian hot line listed in the phone book, but not too often. And cabbies know where to find the bars.

Yes, I know I should take along the Gay yellow pages, or contact dyke listing from Lesbian Connection, or even one of the local Gay/Lesbian newspapers that list bars. I don't always remember to do that — and who says I always do it the easy way?

I headed out of town last week. When I got to my destination, I did my usual search in the phone book. My quest ended after awhile when I made contact with a person from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). She was a warm spoken woman — reminded me of my mom. No, she didn't know about the Lesbian scene in my guest city, but she told me about the bar and the AA group. Those two were all she was aware of.

When I asked further about the Gay person, I supposed to be her offspring, she explained that he had died several years ago. I was a little taken aback and was sorry to have asked the question. I mumbled something about hoping I had not brought up hard memories for her.

"No," she said. "We were his parents — he was part of our lives. He and his lover were quite active and we were friends of many of the Gays in the community — still are." She went on to share with me that she still keeps in touch with her son's lover's family. Now, his lover lives out of state, but she visits him every year.

Her story was made even more moving for me when she told me that her son had been the same age I am now.

I thanked this woman on the other end of the phone. I did not know her and would probably never meet her, but she had

shared with me an intimate part of her life. For that, I was and am grateful. She reminded me that sharing memories is important. It keeps us in touch with who we are.

-Barb Quoyle
Milwaukee

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to correspond with some black Gays from Wisconsin. Do you happen to know some Gay and black fellows willing to correspond with me? Does Wisconsin have a Gay black community? Do not hesitate to forward my address to them as I would like to contact them.

I do like to correspond first a bit, the time of getting acquainted, and then, if appropriate, to visit and meet each other personally. I look forward to a response.

-Jurgen Loose,
Adolfplatz 5, 24 Lubeck,
West Germany.

TO THE EDITOR:

During a recent extended visit to Milwaukee, I found the people generous and warm and I wanted a way to say thank you to everyone there who made my stay a memorable and pleasant one. This was my first visit to Milwaukee and I especially want to extend my thanks to the bartenders who welcomed me and acclimated me to the local scene. Thank you Chip, Mike, Michael, Kevin, Floyd, Terry, and Scott, and Ron. Then there were all the great people of Milwaukee who engaged me in some grand conversations, extended sightseeing trips... Thank you!

On those rare occasions when I was able to relax with the local paper, I found the range of coverage presented in *The Wisconsin Light* to be a refreshing change of pace from the community papers back East. You're to be commended.

-Donald C. Monroé
Bladensburg, Maryland

Election Brings Added Security To Gay Rights Law

By Rep. David E. Clarenbach

Despite dismayed results in the presidential elections, gains made at the state level present the Gay/Lesbian community of Wisconsin an opportunity to make studies in areas of primary concern during the 1989-90 legislative session.

The new Democrat-Republican margins of 56-43 in the Assembly and 20-13 in the Senate are critical for both taking action on critical issues facing Gays and Lesbians and preserving Wisconsin's historic Gay rights law.

The Democratic majority, increased on November 8 by one seat in both Senate and Assembly, is a hopeful sign of security for the nation's only Gay rights law, which has faced constant threat of repeal since its inception six years ago. Wisconsin remains the only state to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Likewise, the widened margin in both houses and the replacement of some conservative Republicans with more progressive Democrats may provide the receptive climate necessary to meet the challenges brought by the Gay/Lesbian community before the legislature.

When the legislature convenes in January, the Gay/Lesbian related agenda for action will focus on:

- prohibiting the use of AIDS antibody test status by the insurance industry to determine insurability;
- prohibiting mandatory AIDS testing and prevention of any effort to reduce the confidentiality requirements;
- increasing state funding for direct support services for persons with AIDS, ARC, and HIV infection;
- encouraging greater criminal penalties for hate crimes;
- supporting the "right to privacy" amendment to the state constitution.

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An Invitation from Karen Lamb

Dear Sweet Friends,

You are cordially invited to join Jerry Johnson, the publisher of *Wisconsin Light* and me as we celebrate the publication of Terry Boughner's new book, *Out of All Time*. Terry, of course, is our editor and brilliant historian in residence.

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But please, do plan to join us in the club



Jerry Johnson

Dr. Karen Lamb

and have the author sign a copy of this important book for you and your friends.

And now, I'm simply so excited that I really must buy a new hat for this occasion. See you on Sunday!

Love and hugs,
Karen Lamb

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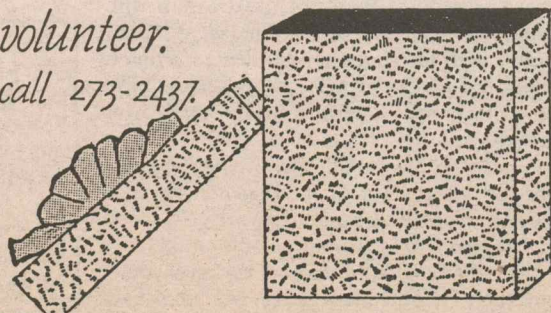
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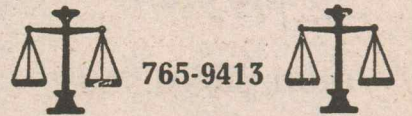
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OUT OF ALL TIME PARTIES PLANNED
Three autograph parties have been scheduled in Milwaukee for Terry Boughner's new book on Gay and Lesbian history, *Out of All Time*.

On Friday, December 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. People's Book Store, 1808 N. Farwell, will host a book signing. A second party will be held on Sunday

afternoon, December 11 at the M&M Club/Glass Menagerie Restaurant, 124 N. Water St. Hosted by Dr. Karen Lamb this reception will run from 12 noon to 4 p.m. A third autograph party will be held on Saturday evening, December 17 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at This Is It, 418 East Wells Street. *Out of All Time* may be purchased at these events.

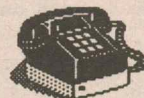
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A BOY OF SUMMER

REPRISE

By Morgan Summer

I'm doing alright, now. Last week was rather hectic, but things smoothed out for me as things have a way of doing.

One shred left from last week, however, brought me back to a time that I thought I had left. It happened when I was going up the cement stairs of the physical sciences building here on campus. I was headed for my Introduction to Sociology class. A male student came out of the inside doors as I was headed in and I looked to see his face. It was Tony, from my old residence hall.

I thought, "Oh shit." I thought that I would just keep my eyes turned towards the stairs and try and ignore him, and I decided in a split second that that would be the smartest thing for me to do. So, of course, I looked right at him instead.

He said, "Hi" and I said, "Hi." I walked past him and into the building pleasantly surprised.

Now, of course, I am pretty sure he was simply being friendly and open-minded, but, upon reflection of that moment, I thought about what would have happened under the same circumstances last year when I was in high school.

As I've said, Tony found out that I wrote about him in *Wisconsin Light* and what, in effect, I wrote about him was that he was quite cute. Amazingly, he found this column through a pure accident, and was angry with me for awhile — a day, perhaps — then he talked with me briefly and we settled it. He's like that, and so am I — talk it out. Which is as it should be. It could have easily turned into a bloody fistfight and with both of us in the hospital — I am not, sadly, exaggerating — but it didn't.

Now, at this time last year, I was at my high school in Milwaukee, freshly transferred from my lily-white, uptight and outta-sight suburban high school where the general student and teacher population had found out that I am Gay.

I was nervous at my Milwaukee school, at first. It is a sprawling place with discipline, hall passes and swear words that would make a veteran sailor blush. But, eventually, I got used to it and I even grew rather fond of the place . . . but I was in the closet, partly because I had "learned my lesson" at my suburban high school and partly due to the fact that I probably would have been the target of some kind of violence if I had let it be known I am Gay. So, for the rest of my senior year, I was in the closet, deep.

And I observed, of course. I looked into the eyes of some boys there, seeing the longing there, the desire to love, to hold and be held. There were fights often, rumors of gang violence, disrupted study halls, prank fire drills and a lot else.

Turning to expose another shade of light on it, there was a gentle side; a snowfall outside near Christmas vacation, a spirited rally in the large gym, crude posters made with a rainbow of bright colors trying to recruit for student groups.

One particular memory that I have is of staying in Milwaukee near the school until near sunset and seeing the outline of my school, my hands in the pockets of my jacket and snow seeping through my Reeboks and the school in front of the sunset, standing bold, quiet and strong.

But being a Gay teen in high school is another matter. You stay closeted from a real fear of anyone finding out and losing all your friends. There is always, always the feeling of being alone, the feeling of sadness and helplessness when a friend goes out with a girl.

And if, through some chance, another person with the same feelings is found . . . it would be relief and thankfulness. But that is rare in high school.

I remember . . . maybe too well. If Tony's high school counterpart had found out my feelings for him, I am sure it



Morgan Summer

would have been disastrous. He didn't, though, and I graduated okay. But there are thousands of Gay teens right now in high school with no support . . . and, as I write, I think that it is now none of my concern. I think, now I am in college, but it is my concern, for I am Gay.

On the day Tony passed me, I took notes from the Sociology professor's lecture and contributed to the class. I am a college student, sure . . . but I am Gay.

And it is perhaps for that reason that during my Christmas break in a few weeks, I will be going back to my Milwaukee high school. For me, it will be kind of a reprise, a repetition of an original theme. While I am there, maybe I'll find out what I left behind and again look into frightened and hopeful eyes, the eyes of Gay youth.

AUTUMN

By Morgan Summer

Scenes from a college autumn, in the life of me, a Gay student.

Watching a movie in my History of Pop Music in America class and having the professor momentarily stop the film to talk about Michael Bennet, a person actively involved in Broadway shows such as *A Chorus Line*. The professor in my class also acknowledged that AIDS has taken a terrible toll in the creative community — although he didn't go as far as recognizing the Gay contribution to musical theatre personified in such people as Bennet, who was an AIDS victim.

Having a substitute professor in my Sociology class for a day. The sub was a professor of African History and he talked with the class about that subject. He also mentioned African culture and told us that in Africa it was legal for a man to have more than one wife at a time. The majority of the class was appalled at this. The professor shook his head, with a puzzled expression on his face, and said, "I can not understand why, in America, two men or two women can have sex with each other and yet a man is not allowed to have more than one wife?"

This comment sparked off a mini-debate and a boy spoke up with, "I think most guys would rather have a woman than a guy. I don't think it polygamy is that big a deal." He also stated that a Gay relationship was not approved of, in this country.

The professor balked at this, saying that he didn't see anything wrong with homosexuality, in fact, he even went as far as to call it natural head.

Being out on campus, as it were, I am free to talk to heterosexuals about being Gay should they ask. This happened a week ago in my dorm in the lounge on my floor. A male student, a freshman, found out I was Gay (He knew what the Pink Triangle I was wearing meant) and simply asked intelligent questions. They were prefaced with many "No offense, but . . ." and "I don't mean to be rude, but . . ." of this, this guy who was asking the questions and I, later got into a political debate about Dukakis and Bush. The guy

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was a strong Republican and I am a strong Democrat. Since I am openly Gay, I was free to bring up the issues of future Gay rights and AIDS. Very interesting, actually.

Being out, I am free to deal this Autumn with the administration of my college. They are quite liberal and stress the need for diversity — and I like to think that I have helped them to realize that not only do college students need diversity ethnically and academically, but also between Gays and straights. Now there is such diversity on my college campus, thanks to the Gay student union here.

The Gay Student Union of which I am president, is doing well. I think that it is a good thing and sometimes indulge in an ego trip. I think, **Well, hey, if it wasn't for me, these guys and girls would have never, probably met each other and so on.**

I bought an answering machine to handle personal/union calls while I am at class or elsewhere. Some of these calls, of course, are rather nasty cranks, some threatening literally to kill me and others promising to "kick my faggot ass across this campus." Interesting, disgusting and sick-making. However, the administration is quite interested in finding the charming fellows — they have all been males — who have called and harassed me. Apparently, the sons-of-bitches forget they are on tape. How sad.

On weekends, the students at my college party (i.e. get drunk and stoned) and as a consequence of this, think of rather clever little stunts to try on the rest of the students. One of the perennial favorites is pulling the fire alarm at some awful hour of the morning — re 4:00 am. So we students are obliged to haul our bodies out of our warm bunks and trudge outside to the cold, chill morning with no jackets, in bathrobes and slippers, with the hair plastered on the sides of heads from pillows, looking very tired.

And for me, there's something about seeing guys in shorts, looking disheveled and sleepy that makes me appreciate males even more. It's sort of funny in a way, but also sort of, well, erotic.

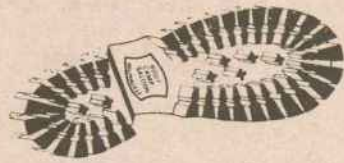
Mail is a highly valued commodity at college. I have been getting a lot of it this Autumn from you, my readers, most in support of the union I have started. This makes me smile and feel wonderful.

There is a place not too far from my

residence hall where I go infrequently to watch the sunset. I think about the Union and my classes and the fantastic boys and girls who I know. And, recently, also about Autumn, the time between Winter and Summer. I wonder what is in the future and how I will remember the past.

The sun goes down and leaves behind a richly-colored, bright and clear and chalky sky, oranges, pinks, reds, blues, navy blue, dark blue, then the terminator line between dark blue and night.

I think of Autumn. I remember Summer. And I look forward to those Summers still ahead.



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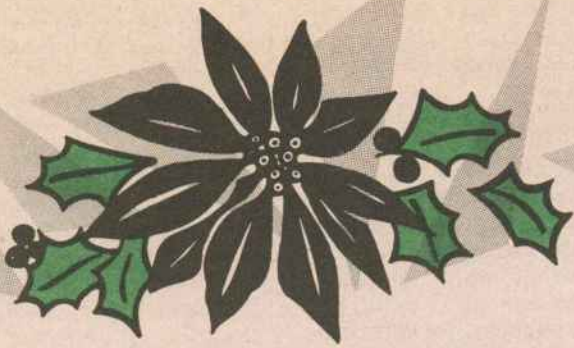


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Bill Leach is a familiar face to Milwaukee audiences, with extensive credits at the Skylight Comic Opera, the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Melody Top, Next Generation Theatre, and the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Last seen at the Skylight as the Jailer in **Die Fledermaus**, Leach has also appeared in **Working**, **The Cradle Will Rock**, and **Irma La Douce**.

Other credits this season include acclaimed performances in the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's productions of **Waiting for Godot** and **Murder in the**

Cathedral. Leach has appeared with numerous regional theatre companies across the country, on Broadway, and in television, and is also an accomplished director.

Tickets are available by calling (414) 271-8815 or at the Skylight Theatre box office, 813 North Jefferson St. Senior citizens', student and group discounts are available.

Madison Outdoor Group Formed

[Madison]- A Gay/Lesbian outdoor recreational group has been formed with its first organizational meeting held in Madison on Thursday, November 10, 1988.

The group plans on sponsoring a wide variety of outdoor events all year round. Outings are planned to accommodate everyone from the total novice to the experienced outdoorsman. Winter activities include ice skating parties, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, toboggan/sledding and a weekend retreat camp.

Summer events include white-water rafting, bicycling, hiking and sailing.

Membership is open to any Lesbians and Gay men who have a little adventure in their blood. For more information, write: P.O. Box 8234, Madison, WI 53708 or phone (608) 244-8675 (evenings.)

Fest City Singers Announce Busy Holiday Schedule

The busy holiday schedule of Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers (FCS) begins on Sunday, December 4 with the singing of “A Garland of Carols” for Milwaukee's Galano Club celebrating their annual “Christmas Trim a Tree” meeting from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Clubroom, 1428 N. Farwell Avenue.

Next, “A Fest City Christmas” will welcome family, friends and guests of the FCS to the South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive for an informal open house. Guests will be seated at tables surrounding the Singers in a living room setting with the lake and the city skyline in the background. Entertainment will include choral singing, novelty numbers and skits, a reading of “The Night Before Christmas” and songs in

Spanish, German and Polish. Petits fours, chocolate Turtles and all the things that say “forget about calories” will be served together with coffees, hot cider and punch. A Santa Claus who needs no padding will have special treats for the children and the young at heart. (See the accompanying ad for further details and ticket information.)

Members of the Fest City Singers will staff the Friends of the Ballet Boutique in the Magin Lounge of Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center for several performances of “The Nutcracker” by the Pennsylvania and Milwaukee Ballet. And on Wednesday evening, December 21, the Singers will entertain the elderly residents of the Park View Apartments for the second of two holiday mini concerts.

Cream City Chorus to Join 67 Choruses in Seattle July 1-9

What is G.A.L.A.? That is probably a question that comes to mind when we, Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus, (CCC) ask for your support in sending us to G.A.L.A. in '89.

Here is what it's all about.

G.A.L.A. stands for Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses which will be holding its Third Music Festival in 1989 in Seattle, Washington. The Festival will run from July 1-9. In attending, CCC will be joined by 67 other choruses from all over the U.S. These will include men's, women's and mixed choruses ranging from 20 to almost 200 members strong.

Since the last G.A.L.A. Music Festival was held in Minneapolis, the movement has grown appreciably. Then, only 17 choruses attended.

CCC members will be housed at the University of Washington. They will spend the week rehearsing for the two concerts that they will present as well as preparing for their joint participation in a concert with all of the attending mixed choruses. The combined choruses will perform a work by Conrad Sousa. This will be a composition, especially commissioned for the mixed choral presentation at the Festival.

In addition, the CCC will have the opportunity to be directed by Vance

George, conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus as well as by Margaret Hawkins, famed conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony.

The CCC believes that attending G.A.L.A.'s Third Music Festival is important to the entire Gay/Lesbian community. They are proud to be a part of a “mixed community.”

Excitement within the CCC runs high. One member said, “Everyone at the Festival will know we're there.” Another added proudly, “We will be part of history by attending the biggest G.A.L.A. music festival to date.”

The members of the CCC are glad of the community's past support. “The community's support has made us confident in our voices and in ourselves. It has allowed us to be positive representatives of the community in the world of music and song.”

The CCC asks that everyone watch for their various fundraisers. As one member said, “YOU can help make history.”

The CCC would like to remind everyone of their Annual Christmas Concert. This year it is titled “A Winter Song” and will be held in Milwaukee's Centennial Hall, December 9. Tickets are available through chorus members. Join them for some “Holiday Spirit.”

Friendship Group Plans Ice Skating, Pot-Luck Dinners, Excursions

The Metro Milwaukee Friendship Group's (MMFG) monthly meeting, held the second Saturday of each month, is scheduled for December 10 at 7:00 p.m. To celebrate the holiday season, the meeting will also include a pot luck dinner and gag gift exchange. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass and a gag gift.

The monthly dinner, held the Thursday after the second Saturday of each month, is set for December 15. This month we will be consuming Cajon cuisine carefully created for classy connoisseurs at a community cafe. The repast is held at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, December 17, an ice skating outing is planned. Now's the time to bone up on your figure eights, twirls and spins. Members can rent skates or bring their own if they wish.

At the end of the month, a visit to Milwaukee's own domes is forthcoming. It will be a breath of warm, fresh air in the middle of Winter. The annual Christmas show at the domes will be at its height . . . and the flora are always spectacular.

The Tuesday night movie group has more movies planned in December and there is no end in sight. Assembling the second and fourth week of each month, the group is looking forward to viewing

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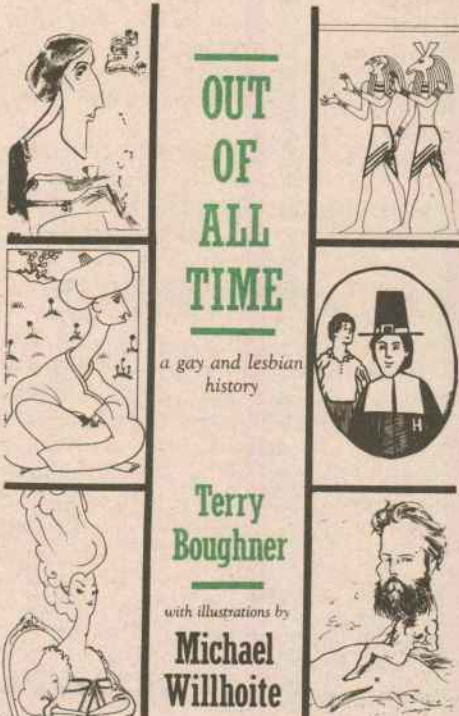
Milwaukee Resident Boughner and Milwaukee Native Champagne Publish New Books "Out of All Time" and "Blue Lady's Hands"

By Geno

"If Robert Louis Stevenson had really wanted to make *Treasure Island* historically accurate, Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver would have been lovers." Surprising insights like this on history, literature, and human behavior abound in Terry Boughner's *Out of All Time*, a Gay and Lesbian history. This attractive paperback published by Alyson Publications of Boston provides many fresh perspectives on various cultures and famous individuals from the past 3500 years. For example, if you've always wanted to know the real story behind the hanging of Roger Casement, Terry has seen the *Diaries* and his book answers many puzzling questions. And he has gone to the original sources of information, whether hidden away in secret archives or buried in Greek, Latin, medieval French and other obscure manuscripts. There is also a useful bibliography included so you can do a little spade work of your own.

Out of All Time is organized chronologically, beginning with ancient civilizations and their attitudes toward homosexuality and ending with James Dean who said he had avoided the draft because, "I kissed the medic." But this book can be dipped into at any of the 50 portraits, each a complete chapter by itself. They give the reader a fresh slant on Early Christianity, the Greeks and ancient Egyptians, the Papacy, the Arab World and its tolerant point of view, Colonial America, and Victorian England. And Gay sidelights on such historical figures as Sappho, Alexander the Great, Rasputin, Susan B. Anthony, and Lawrence of Arabia are just a few of the dozens of revealing sketches that tell you what they don't teach about our heritage in high school or even college history courses.

Out of All Time truly lives up to its name. Whether you read it from cover to cover or choose to dip into it at your leisure, certain patterns emerge. It becomes clear that homosexuality was accepted, praised, even romanticized in many cultures throughout the centuries.



"Out of All Time" Book Cover

And as Christopher Isherwood learned, "the most important lesson of his life was that to be in rebellion for, rather than against oneself leads to strength, pride, and a rich and satisfying life."

The imaginative and often rather sly illustrations by artist Michael Willhoite of the *Washington Blade* add greatly to the attractiveness of this handy volume. Look carefully at Marie Antoinette's headdress and do the ink blot test on the drawing of Rasputin for some clever visual asides. The text and the illustrations reinforce each other beautifully.

The timely publication of this volume for the Christmas season make *Out of All Time* at \$6.95 the answer to gift giving as well as a welcome addition to anyone's library.

In Milwaukee the book is available at Peoples Books on N. Farwell, Websters and Schwartz's books. In Madison, it is available at Four Star Fiction and Video and Room of One's Own.

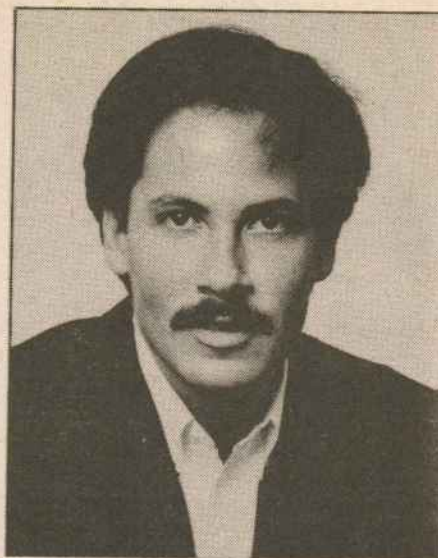
By Geno

The Blue Lady's Hands
By John Champagne,
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162 pp., \$12.95.

The intriguing title of this novel, *The Blue Lady's Hands*, is explained in the very first page and a half — the unnamed narrator describes a dream in which a woman "dressed in robes as blue as a clear sea on a sunny day" appears to him, her hands counting the beats of his heart. "Her fingers travel over my chest. . . Suddenly I feel them enter my body, piercing my skin, pushing up beneath the breastbone, up, under my rib cage, past my lungs, and into the chambers of my heart." It is then she twice asks, "How much room?"

Oh, no! Not another novel with Bernadette-like apparitions, I thought. But then the speaker ingenuously explains, "But of course this is all made up. No Blue Lady ever taught me any secrets (of love). I invented the whole story once when I fell in love." This child-like openness is engaging and disarming, and similar confidences involve the reader so that it is easy to identify with this imaginative individual. It is a daring move on the author's part, but then even more daringly he has his leading character use the nonexistent Blue Lady's question, "How much room?" throughout the rest of his story as a test of his capacity to love. And it works beautifully!

The young man (let's call him Bud) tells his story in an easy conversational style, again helping the reader to empathize and identify with his love for Daniel, a slightly older man. We are given all the nuances of a relationship from the first meeting through all the natural shifts and changes that take place when a romantic person falls in love with someone who doesn't necessarily value monogamy in a relationship. For example, Bud feels threatened by Dan's mature independence, his membership in a safe sex club and the Jerk-Off Club (remember this is New York City), as well as by



John Champagne

Dan's former life.

Most readers, if they are honest with themselves, will recognize that they have shared similar uncertainties — the need to fight against possessiveness and insecurity, for instance. But Dan is actually very reassuring although Bud doesn't always perceive this and a double point of view is created and the narrative is given an enriched texture, almost making the reader a participant.

The process of learning to love and to trust is communicated as Bud talks things out with his friends, Brian and Randy, (a couple we have all known at some time or other), with Dan and in interior monologues with himself. And he learns to make room in his heart in answer to the Blue Lady's question. He also works out his thoughts and feelings writing poems that are thoughtful and moving.

When we reach the end of the novel, we feel that the protagonist's heart has opened (our's too!), life goes on, and the process of learning to love continues. This is a love story about a character who is vulnerable, funny and resilient, but above all, perceptive.

John Champagne was born in Milwaukee and grew up in the nearby

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Kennedy's Leadership Is His Real Legacy to Greatness

By Bill Meunier

It has become fashionable in some circles to ridicule and downgrade the impact and worth of the John F. Kennedy's administration. Many revisionist historians would have us believe that the Kennedy era was all fluff and no substance. Recent articles in newspapers and magazines commemorating the 25th anniversary of his death have contained comments from these so-called "experts" bemoaning the fact that so many Americans rank Kennedy in the top two or three presidents in American history. These academicians and pundits are missing the point.

Yes, there was quite a bit of style to the Kennedy administration and yes, his tragic death 25 years ago has contributed to his legend and following, but more than this led to his reputation.

Consider the Cuban Missile Crisis. America had been faced with a string of

defeats at the hands of the Soviet Union. Kennedy's cool handling of the Russians, staring them down, was a major victory. Make no mistake about it, people were scared, but no one doubted the President's ability to stand up to the Russians.

Then there were the civil rights issues. Kennedy took on members of his own party in fighting for the integration of the South. Nowadays, there are those who say that he didn't do enough. They forget that Kennedy's full exercise of federal power to force the South to begin according its Black citizens equal treatment was the first real use of that power since Abe Lincoln. These same people forget that the Congressional system in place during Kennedy's brief stay in the White House gave almost total power to Southern Congressmen and Senators who bottled up his civil rights legislation.

Then there are those who claim that

Kennedy embroiled us in Vietnam. What nonsense. According to **The Pentagon Papers**, the American government's commitment of money and men to South Vietnam began in the Truman administration and was continued under Eisenhower. Faced with commitment before he came into office, Kennedy honored that commitment. It is hypocritical of historians to blame Kennedy for a war to which he never sent combat troops.

As much as Kennedy did accomplish during his 1000+ days in office, it is not these things that ultimately made him a national hero. It was that always intangible but absolutely necessary quality of leadership that expresses the nation and give it a higher image of itself.

It was Kennedy who set landing on the moon as a national goal. It was Kennedy who began the Peace Corps. It was Kennedy who first called for the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. It was Kennedy who first called for cutting back on nuclear arms. It was Kennedy who was the first president since Franklin D. Roosevelt to call attention to the problems of Latin America and the need for this country to react with economic help. This was the Alliance for Progress.

Kennedy did not just belong to America. He was a world figure in the manner of Woodrow Wilson or Franklin Roosevelt. In Europe and Latin America literally millions of people lined the sidewalks and filled the squares to cheer him to the echo. Can you imagine that happening with President Reagan?

In the end, despite all that he accomplished, it is the Kennedy leadership that is his real legacy of greatness. Perhaps it is too much to expect that this legacy will surface in the textbooks and public prints which tend to concentrate on laws and other such things. But Kennedy's legacy does show up where it really counts, in the hearts of millions of Americans who, in this era of cold, unfeeling, dishonest government, long for the days of the Kennedy administration.

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By Jamakaya

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round . . . as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely."

Dickens' Christmas Carol

I'm a real sucker when it comes to the holidays.

Not because of any religious convictions though. I left my Catholicism behind at about age ten. While home from school on a Friday, I deliberately ate a bologna sandwich to test divine providence. When God did not smite me down with fire and brimstone, I was kind of disappointed, and I've been a skeptic about religious matters (obedience is particularly problematic for me) ever since.

I don't relish the crass commercialism that characterizes the holiday season either. But be assured, dear reader, I will spare you from yet another editorial about capitalism run amuck during the holidays.

I like the holidays because I'm a hopeless sentimentalist.

I love many of the beautiful holiday songs and the colored lights, candles and tinsel that are so much a part of the season. I love the scent of pine needles and the smell of breads and cookies baking in the oven. I cherish the reunions with my friends and family and the little rituals and traditions that accompany our celebrations. And I love the cold December air that hits me as I leave late night parties and the stillness of the streets.

Ahhh, 'tis the season indeed!

Humbug, you say? Christmas a humbug? I don't want to hear about it.

I think we all have the power to resist the commercial excesses of the season. We can focus on positive attitudes that reflect our own true values and design celebrations that are uniquely meaningful to us. We each have the power to "take back" the holidays and make of them what we will.

Some of my friends celebrate the Winter Solstice, an ancient observance marking the earth's seasonal cycles of death and rebirth. At Solstice, the day with the shortest amount of light and the longest period of darkness gives way to the rebirth of sunlight and the new year — yuletide — the following day. People gather to share memories and to express their respect for the natural cycles of life through meditation and ceremonies that they themselves design.

I especially love the concept behind the Afro-American holiday of Kwanzaa, Swahili for "first fruits." It is a week-long event in which seven principles are celebrated and discussed among families and friends. These principles are: unity, self-determination, collective effort and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Candles are lit each day, feasts are shared and gifts which symbolize Black pride and culture are exchanged.

Lesbians and Gay men can experience a special sort of anxiety and ambivalence toward family life during the holidays.



Jamakaya

Parental expectations, conflicts and feelings of alienation can really dampen the holiday spirit. I can't offer any easy solution to these problems, but I would like to assert the validity of alternative family structures and encourage all readers to recognize and rejoice in theirs.

The people who we love and support and who love and support us in return are, unfortunately, not always our biological families. But whoever they are — whether friends, lovers, neighbors, colleagues, or even pets — they are our families in the best and deepest sense. Make plans with them, celebrate with them and share your love together.

Another way we can make the holidays richer for ourselves and our community is to spend our money in support of alternative businesses and services. Believe me, Marshall Field's and Sear's do not need our money, but smaller, more deserving entrepreneurs do.

Make an effort to buy your holiday gifts from alternative stores like People's books and High Wind in Milwaukee and Room of One's Own in Madison. Purchase subscriptions to *The Wisconsin Light*, *Hag Rag* or other feminist or Gay publications for yourself and your friends. These periodicals are reasonably priced and bring enjoyment all year long.

A "Womyn's Holiday Art and Craft Affair," scheduled for Sunday, December 11th from 11 to 5 p.m. at the Cream City Foundation Community Center (225 S. 2nd St.) in Milwaukee, is an excellent opportunity to buy woman-made products and gifts.

Better yet, while you're feeling generous, make a donation of money or time to the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Madison's AIDS Support Network, or your local health clinic, women's crisis line or transit service. After all, like that famous philosopher, Dolly Levi, once said, "Money is like manure. It doesn't do a damn bit of good unless you spread it around, encouraging young things to grow."

In practicing this selective gift-giving, you will be doing the double service of withholding money from nasty corporations that don't need it while nurturing the growth of our own community's talent and institutions. We can really make the holidays work for us in this way!

So go out there, don you now your Gay apparel and make the Yuletide Gay!

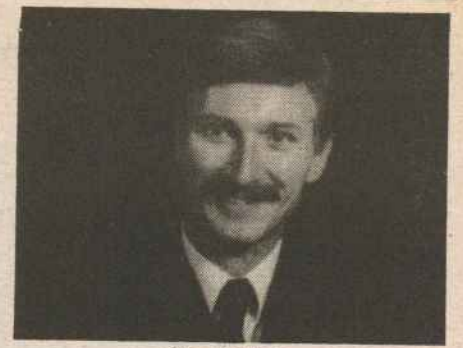
Gary Dalton

Garold (Gary) Dalton, July 23, 1937 to November 23, 1988.

Gary passed away with his family and companion of eleven years at his side. Born deaf, Gary graduated from Lincoln High School in the late fifties. He worked over 25 years for C.P. Gauger Co. (a computerized type-setting firm) and was learning his fifth computer system when he became ill two and a half years ago.

Up to and during his teen years, he was a state champion skater in singles and pairs. Later in life, he was responsible for organizing the deaf Gays of Wisconsin and joining the National Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf. Gary attended their conventions in many cities both in Canada and the United States, where he made many friends.

Gary was one of the first persons in Milwaukee to try AZT and the new Pentamidine inhalation therapy. He was



Gary Dalton

waiting for CD4 test to begin.*

Memorial donations may be made to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's Home for Persons with AIDS. Please send contributions to: ARCW, P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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SPORTS NEWS

Holiday Invitational Tournament X A Great Success

By Jerry Warzyn Sports Editor

Milwaukee hosted its 10th annual Holiday Invitational Bowling Tournament (HIT) over Thanksgiving weekend. Approximately 300 bowlers from across the country participated in the event held at the Red Carpet Regency Lanes located at 76th and Florist. This bowling house is one of the largest in Milwaukee and almost all the lanes were utilized for the team competition held on Saturday, November 26.

Activities for HIT X commenced on Wednesday night with a welcome reception at Your Place bar. Bowlers registering at the Marc Plaza Hotel, the tournament headquarters, received registration packets containing vital information, free drink tickets and assorted paraphernalia and goodies.

Bowling action commenced on the evening of Thanksgiving Day for those bowlers who could not compete on Friday and late entrants. Team competition was held beginning at 4:00 p.m. For those not bowling, a Thanksgiving buffet was available at the Ballgame and Shadows II bars. That evening, the Triangle bar sponsored a champagne reception. Thursday night also featured a show at La Cage/Dance, Dance sponsored by the HIT X Committee. Also highlighting Thursday's events was a special out-of-city competition in Your Place's "Moon Over Milwaukee" weekly show.

Friday's bowling began at 11:00 am with tow shifts of singles and doubles competition. Bowling ran all day until 10:00 p.m. That night Wreck Room and Fannie's sponsored a reception for the tired bowlers.

Saturday featured the team competition. Almost all the bowlers were present for the announcement of the creative team names prior to the beginning of bowling. Names such as "Piss Perfume & Shit Caviar", "Women of the House & Senate" (from the DC area of course), "Warehouse Women & Some Fish", and "Looking for Mr. Goodball" amused the receptive bowlers.

The Awards Banquet was held Saturday night at the elegant ballroom at the Marc Plaza Hotel. The HIT X Committee sponsored an evening at the Cabaret with a fine production headed by Jim Mierzwa who also served as emcee for the meeting. The production featured several entertainers who obviously had worked long and hard in putting the show together. Also serving to entertain the crowd was Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus.

This year, awards were presented in several categories depending on the bowler's entering average. Taking top honors in Individual All Events was

Raymond Johnson of Illinois in Division I, Robert Maloney of Illinois in Division II and Scott Collins of Milwaukee in Division III. Taking first place in the Doubles Event were Carl Serra and Dick Uyvari of Chicago, followed by Dennis Tadeyeske and Julie Pelkowski of Milwaukee. Winning Division I Singles Event was Bart Vasel of St. Louis, Fred Crescente of New Jersey in Division II and Petge Lefaiver of Chicago in Division III. A team from Chicago took first place in The Team Event. These were called Rich's Bitches.

The HIT X Committee is to be commended for an excellent tournament. The annual bowling event brings much credit to Milwaukee and the entire state. Tournament Director Bob Glinicki and Co-Director Jeff Clark and their committee deserve our thanks for a job well done.

HIT X STATISTICS

AT A GLANCE

Singles Events

Division I	Scratch W/Handicap
1. Bart Vasel	519 684
2. Raymond Johnson	492 675
3. Allan Yheulon	535 673
4. Jim Gruzosky	532 664
5. Jerry Wurgler	496 652

Division II	Scratch W/Handicap
1. Fred Crescente	589 694
2. Tessie Glover	569 665
3. Dean Mawhiney	570 660
4. Bob Ritcey	536 644
5. Marty Martin	532 643

Division III	Scratch W/Handicap
1. Petge Lefaiver	630 675
2. Tom Hack	589 667
3. Tony Wallner	589 661
4. Wally Landers	596 653
5. Tom Benson	594 645

Individual All Events

Division I	Score
1. Raymond Johnson	1426 1975
2. Jim Gruzosky	1555 1951
3. Wilma Miller	1460 1928
4. Lloyd Dreger	1424 1883
5. Mike Farmer	1334 1874

Division II	Score
1. Robert Maloney	1629 1971
2. Fred Crescente	1600 1915
3. Tessie Glover	1602 1890
4. Guy Petras	1564 1888
5. Rob Kerg	1595 1874

Division III	Score
1. Scott Collins	1712 1901
2. Tom Hack	1659 1893
3. Julie Pelkowski	1693 1882
4. Tony Wallner	1660 1876
5. Tom Bowers	1655 1871

Doubles Event

1. Carl Serra & Dick Uyvari	1218 1314
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2. Dennis Tadeyeski & Julie Pelkowski	1211 1313
3. Raymond Johnson & Andre Thomas	1103 1310
4. "Maui" Ramos & Butch Toland	1042 1288
5. Kim Young & Dawn Pinlowski	1115 1274

Team Event

1. Rich's Bitches	2731 3259
2. Yard Boys	2430 3114
3. Look What The Wind Blew In	2627 3071
4. Raisin Triangles	2395 3061
5. Billy's Butt Busters	2486 3053

Monday Nite Irregulars

As of 11/21/88

	WON	LOST
1. YP Vultures	61	16
2. This Is It	51	26
3. G.L.O.B.	50	27
4. Short Circuit	45	32
5. YP Flamingos	45	32
6. Wreck Room Spurs	39	31
7. Ball Game Deluxe 30&Over	43	34
8. Wreck Room Wranglers	42	35
9. Crack of Fannies	41	36
10. M&M Close	39	38
11. M&M Bowlerama Bimbos	37	40
12. Who's Sorry Now?	32	45
13. Born Again Virgins	25	52
14. Pin Whackers	24	53
15. Pointless Sisters	20	57
16. Cream City Foundation	17	60

The Alternative and Beer Garden Volley Dollies remain undefeated in Saturday Volleyball League (SVBL) competition after two weeks of play. The Alternative has won 9 matches while Beer Garden has won 6 matches. In competition on November 19, three teams failed to show up and forfeited all their games. These teams were Club Muse, La Cage and Station II.

SVBL Volleyball Standings

As of 12/03/88

Team	Won	Lost
Alternative	9	0
Beer Garden Volley Dollies	6	0
YP	8	1
Gamma	7	2
Ball Game	6	3
M&M's	6	3
La Cage	3	6
Cream City Foundation	0	6
This Is It	0	6
Triangle	0	6
Club Muse	0	9
Station 2	0	9

Games are played on Saturdays commencing at 3:00 p.m. at UWM's Englemann Gym located at Hartford and Maryland in Milwaukee. Fans are encouraged to attend and take in some good volleyball action. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

Volleyball Schedule

December 3

TIME	MATCH
3:00	Gamma vs. Beer Garden
	Cream City vs. Club Muse

4:00	Cream City vs. Beer Garden
	Alternative vs. LaCage
5:00	This Is It vs. LaCage
	Alternative vs. Triangle
6:00	Station 2 vs. YP
	This Is It vs. Triangle

December 10

3:00	M&M's vs. Triangle
	CCF vs. This Is It
4:00	Station 2 vs. CCF
	Ball Game vs. M&M's
5:00	Ball Game vs. Station 2
	Gamma vs. Club Muse
6:00	LaCage vs. Club Muse
	Gamma vs. Alternative

RESULTS

November 19, 1988

Gamma 15-15-15,	Cream City 1-6-1
YP 15-15-15,	Club Muse 0-0-0
YP 16-15-5,	Gamma 14-9-15
Station 2 vs. Club Muse	(double forfeit)
Beer Garden 15-15-15,	Station 2 0-0-0
M&M's 15-15-15,	LaCage 0-0-0
Ball Game 15-15-15,	LaCage 0-0-0
Alternative 15-15-15,	M&M's 2-3-4

BLUE LADY

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suburb of Greenfield. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and completed his BA at Hunter College in 1986. An accomplished pianist, he has supported himself playing for ballet classes, cabaret acts, and song interpretation workshops.

Champagne recently completed an MA in Cinema Studies at New York University and is presently pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Pittsburgh. His second novel with another arresting title, *When the Parrot Boy Sings* is currently being considered by several publishers.

Asked about the reasons for writing this first novel, Champagne explains, "Throughout most of my life, I have chosen to be in a monogamous relationship, yet I've sometimes been made to feel by my Gay male friends as if that was something weird or repressed. I happen to have been very influenced by my own positive family situation, and I wanted to write a book that would describe someone whose growing up Gay was positive and somewhat similar to my own."

Champagne explained the ins and outs of getting a Gay novel published in the last issue of *The Wisconsin Light* but he adds, "Sex has been a very challenging subject to write about, and I do feel that your writing must be erotically charged. I think my parents are hoping my future work will be less sexually explicit, but my second novel, written last Summer, is even more explicit than the first. I am really fascinated with the problems involved in the representation of the erotic, balancing safe sex, promiscuity, and the fear of AIDS with the freedom of the individual to determine the parameters of his or her own sexual expression."

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