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# The Wisconsin Light

## Amnesty Int'l. Adopts Gays As 'Prisoners of Conscience'

[Washington, DC]- In a historic decision for Gay men and Lesbians worldwide, the human rights group Amnesty International (AI), at its biennial conference in Yokohama, Japan on September 7, voted to adopt people imprisoned for their homosexuality as "prisoners of conscience."

International Gay and Lesbian groups were ecstatic that the 12 year campaign to gain support for homosexuals from the prestigious human rights group had finally reached a successful conclusion.

The Gay and Lesbian Task Force to Change Amnesty International, a worldwide coalition formed this year to pressure the organization, issued the following statement:

"We, as representatives of thousands of Gay men and Lesbians around the world, would like to thank Amnesty International for taking this long-needed step. We offer our deepest thanks to Amnesty sections [chapters] that worked so hard to achieve this victory, especially the USA, Canada, Ireland and Norway. The Task Force has faith that Amnesty will implement this important decision immediately."

Until now, AI has assisted some imprisoned Gay activists but not those arrested for simply being themselves or those arrested on the basis of sexual conduct. The Yokohama decision represents a radical change in AI policy.

The Yokohama resolution states, in part, that AI "decides to consider for adoption as prisoners of conscience persons who are imprisoned solely because of their homosexuality, including the practice of homosexual acts in private between consenting adults;...instructs the International Executive Committee, in consultation with sections, to draft guidelines regarding AI action on behalf of imprisoned homosexuals, taking into consideration the cultural background of various areas where we have sections and

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## Compelling Tales of Police Abuse Dominate Commission Hearing

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- "If a society's police do not adhere to the rules, we can easily and quickly move from a free society, a democratic society, to a police state. And I submit to you that today, right here in Milwaukee, for some people in certain parts of the city, a police state exists."

That was the stark conclusion of Kitty Barber, of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, as she gave testimony before Mayor John Norquist's Blue Ribbon Commission on police-community relations at the United Community Center September 17.

The Commission was established in the wake of allegations of police negligence in the Jeffrey Dahmer serial murder case.

### Litany of Abuse

Speaker after speaker presented compelling testimony about police harassment and abuse of Gays and Lesbians and of arbitrary and inconsistent enforcement of the law by the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). Some of these charges came from police officers themselves.

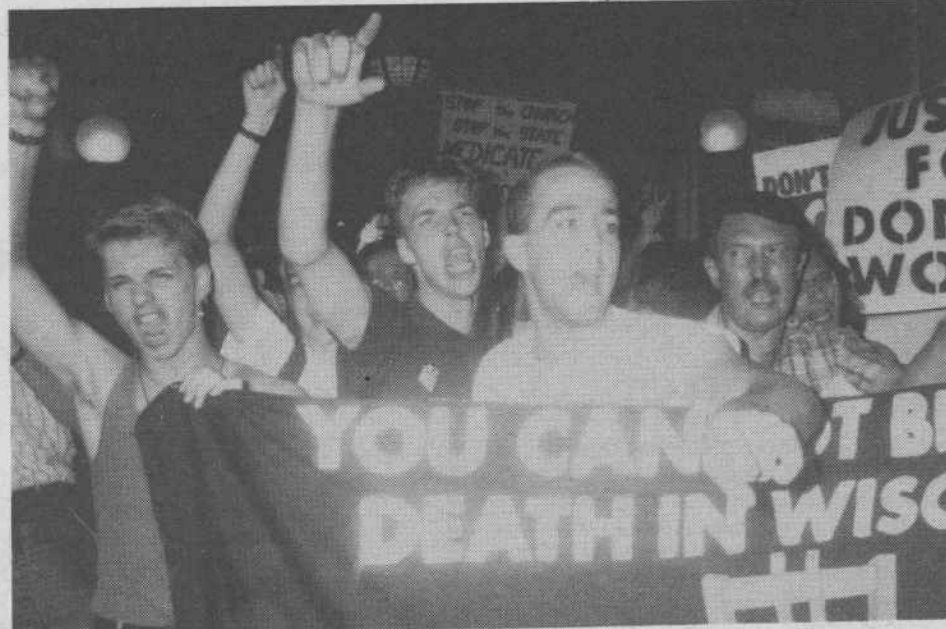
Mary Thoreson was pulled over by Milwaukee police officers on Locust Street in 1978.

"I was yanked out of my car and slammed up against the side of it. I was thoroughly searched by two male officers. They both roughly handled my breasts and one grabbed my crotch and told me, while laughing, that I wasn't a boy but a 'fucking dyke.'"

The police, who were looking for a boy in a stolen vehicle, let her go.

In January of this year, Thoreson was the victim of a Gay bashing. Though she reported it to police, she never heard

## Pride March, NAMES Quilt In Madison, October 4-6



"Tommy Thompson, you can't hide/We charge you with homicide!" shouted activists at ACT UP's September 9 prison issues protest in Madison.

## Eleven ACT UP Members Arrested Protesting Treatment of Inmates

By Jamakaya

[Madison]- Eleven members of ACT UP chapters from Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis and Minnesota were arrested at the State Department of Corrections on September 9 while protesting the mistreatment of inmates with AIDS and HIV infection in Wisconsin's prisons.

The rally, march and sit-in were called by ACT UP to demand a new investigation into the death of Donald Woods, an HIV-positive inmate who died of asphyxiation while being restrained and gagged with a towel by prison guards at the Waupun Correctional facility one year ago.

anything afterward.

Said Thoreson: "The police are paid to protect and serve all of us no matter who or what we are. As a resident of Milwaukee, I demand equal protection and service now."

Scott Gunkel reported that after leaving Club 219 on S. Second Street one night in 1989, he and his friends heard officers in a squad car, using their vehicle microphone, yell out: "Hickory-dickory dock, some young blond is sucking my cock" and "You're all sick fucking faggots!" The slurs were made while the police held their high-powered spotlight on the victims.

Gunkel filed a formal complaint and was given the run-around for 13 months. When he inquired about the status of the complaint at the Second District, he says police there tried to "intimidate him," making him repeat the epithets out loud. Ultimately, the officer involved received a reprimand.

Evidence by many who testified suggests that shining police spotlights is a common tactic of harassment. One woman reported that while leaving a Gay bar one night, she was greeted by a "blinding light" as she emerged from the door. Ironically, she had been attending a seminar on crime prevention led by a Milwaukee police sergeant who remained in the bar. She wondered what his reaction might have been had he emerged to find himself in the spotlight.

Dennis Bunch was arrested in 1989 and, shortly after being placed in a holding cell, was asked by the inmate across the hall whether he had AIDS. Bunch asked why, and the other man told him an officer had placed a card on his cell

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"AIDS did not kill Donald Woods," declared Dan Savage of ACT UP/Madison. "The State of Wisconsin killed Donald Woods."

After rallying on the Capitol steps, almost 200 angry activists, shouting "Tommy Thompson, you can't hide/We charge you with homicide!" converged on Republican Governor Tommy Thompson's office. Dozens of towels were thrown at the locked and guarded doors in symbolic protest while some activists, as they have on a daily basis since April, delivered peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the governor's door.

Wisconsin inmates with HIV/AIDS, like Roger Hillman at Waupun, who are supposed to receive high caloric diets and frequent meals, are currently given just one extra peanut butter and jelly sandwich per day by prison authorities.

After occupying the Capitol rotunda and conducting a die-in, protesters re-enacted the death of Woods and marched to the Department of Corrections building where a phalanx of Madison police officers guarded the entrance.

A brief shoving match occurred and, ultimately, eleven activists were arrested on disorderly conduct charges for sitting in front of the doors. Two were charged with resisting arrest.

In January, Royce A Finne, a Special Prosecutor appointed to investigate the death of Donald Woods, exonerated the guards involved, claiming their gagging of Woods "was not an unreasonable precaution against biting or spitting, which the staff reasonably feared would risk their exposure to the HIV virus."

Outraged by the finding, ACT UP has joined the State Public Defender's Office and the American Civil Liberties Union in demanding a new investigation into Woods' death.

Mary E. Waitrovich, First Assistant State Public Defender and former counsel to Woods, demanded a John Doe probe. She called the state's investigation a "whitewash," citing the Special Prosecutor's failure to interview the prison guards who had restrained Woods.

In a strongly worded rebuttal to Finne's report, Waitrovich noted that the guards involved donned full riot gear while subduing Woods - face masks, rubber gloves, heavy boots. They also carried a 6 x 4 foot plastic shield.

Contrary to Finne's findings, Waitrovich concluded: "I believe that the officers placed a towel around Mr. Woods' mouth and thereby caused his death because of an unreasonable, irrational and unwarranted fear of AIDS exposure."

[Madison]- Up to ten thousand people are expected to converge on Madison, Wisconsin, Saturday, October 5 for the city's second major March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride. The March will be the centerpiece of an extended weekend of concerts, workshops and events, most notably, the largest Midwest display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. (See the many related stories in this issue.)

Madison's Pride Rally begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at the State Street corner of the State Capitol.

Madison City Alderperson Ricardo Gonzales will welcome participants to Madison and introduce two distinguished keynote speakers: Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; and Joe Eider, a University of Wisconsin Professor active in Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and in efforts to end discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men in the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The March will step off at 1:30 p.m., proceed down State Street to Lake Street, then up Langdon to James Madison Park. Participants are encouraged to bring signs, banners and boom boxes tuned to WORT, 89.9FM. Madison's listener-sponsored community radio will be playing march music.

Following the March, there will be a Celebration in James Madison Park from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Celebration will include food booths, information tables, speakers and entertainment. Featured performers are: On the Verge, the popular Madison women's folk/rock band; and Jan Wheaton, jazz vocalist with the Harris Lemberg Trio. MC for the afternoon Celebration will be popular Madison comic Linda Finn. It is also expected that some "surprise guests" (including a certain Gay male quintet and a nationally-known comedienne) might just show up for cameo appearances.

Jan Wheaton is one of Madison's long-time favorite song stylists, although she performs infrequently since her job as Associate Athletic Director of Academic and Student Support at the UW-Madison keeps her busy. She has sung at jazz clubs in Kansas City and New York, as well as in most of Madison's clubs over the past 25 years. (She will be performing at the Lake Monona Pub on September 27 with the Stan Godfriaux Trio.) Jan has a recent album *Small World. Isn't It*.

Candidates for elective office, David Clarenbach and Tammy Baldwin, will speak at the Celebration. Rep. Clarenbach, who is celebrating his 20th year in politics, is a long-time sponsor of legislation protecting the rights of Lesbians and Gays. Clarenbach is preparing a campaign for the U.S. Congress. Tammy Baldwin is an openly-Lesbian County Supervisor who is planning a run for the State Assembly. If elected, she would be the highest openly-Lesbian/Gay elected official in Wisconsin.

The Rally and Celebration will be interpreted for the deaf.

In addition to justice in the Woods case, protesters called for the compassionate release of prisoners with AIDS and full implementation of recommendations by the National AIDS Commission and Gov. Thompson's Advisory Committee on the treatment of HIV/AIDS in the prison system.

In May, 1990, Thompson's Committee issued 34 recommendations for the treatment of inmates with HIV/AIDS. They include: distribution of condoms, bleach and clean needles; ongoing education programs for both inmates and staff; strict confidentiality of HIV status; medical personnel trained in HIV caregiving; and an end to segregation and work restrictions for inmates with HIV/AIDS.

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### 'Great American' To Be Discharged

[Seattle, WA]- A National Guard Colonel, a Vietnam veteran and Bronze Star recipient with 26 years of military service, who was called "one of the great Americans" by her superiors, is about to be drummed out of the Army because she is a Lesbian.

Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, 49, honestly revealed her sexual preference during a top secret military clearance investigation in 1989. The officer, who has a doctorate in nursing, was a candidate for chief nurse of all US National Guard units.

In July, Col. Patsy R. Thompson, President of a four member board of Army and National Guard officials, told Cammermeyer: "I truly believe that you are one of the great Americans Margarethe, and I've admired you for a long time and the work you've done and all that you've done for the Army National Guard."

Thompson then announced that because of Cammermeyer's homosexuality, which is contrary to Pentagon regulations, the board recommended that she be given an honorable discharge. Cammermeyer intends to challenge her discharge in federal court.

### Virginia Liquor Law Challenged

[Alexandria, VA]- The *Washington Blade* reports that a Gay bar called the French Quarter Cafe, the Gay alumni association of William and Mary College and a Lesbian activist filed a joint lawsuit challenging a part of Virginia's liquor law that prohibits the selling of drinks to homosexuals. The plaintiffs say the law violates their constitutional rights to free association, due process and equal protection under the law.

The statute calls for the state's Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board to revoke the license of any establishment that serves as a "meeting place or rendezvous" for homosexuals, pimps, prostitutes, drunks, panderers, etc. It also prevents liquor sellers from hiring anyone with the "general reputation" of belonging to any of those categories.

A recent visit by officials of the ABC Board to the French Quarter Cafe, frequented by Gays, alerted its owner to a potential crackdown. In 1990, a Ramada Hotel had denied the alumni group's request for banquet facilities, fearing its liquor license could be revoked. And Dale Barnhard was forced to leave an Alexandria bar after she began dancing with her woman companion.

The suit does not seek monetary damages but a resolution of the constitutional issues involved.

### Juan Palomo Re-Hired By POST

[Houston, TX]- Following a barrage of protests by Gay activists, Hispanic leaders and the newspaper's own reporters, the *Houston Post* has re-hired popular columnist Juan R. Palomo as an editorial page columnist and a member of the paper's editorial board.

Palomo was fired in August after talking with other newspapers about how his admission that he is Gay was edited out of one of his columns for the *Post*. The column focussed on the homophobic backlash surrounding the murder of a local Gay man, and Palomo felt his revelation was appropriate within that context.

A protest scheduled for September 7 turned into a victory party when Palomo revealed he had been offered — and had accepted — the position on the *Post*'s editorial board. Palomo is now one of the few Hispanics and one of the only openly Gay people to serve on the editorial board of a major daily newspaper.

### Condom Placed On Helms' Home

[Arlington, VA]- A massive nylon condom, inflated by portable generators, was placed over the two story South Arlington residence of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) by members of ACT UP/New York September 5. A slogan on the giant condom said: "A condom to stop unsafe politics. Helms is deadlier than a virus."

The *Washington Blade* reports that as Arlington County police officers arrived at the scene, they all broke into laughter. Neighbors soon gathered, and reporters and cameras captured the comical scene.

After about an hour, police ordered the ACT UPers, who were accompanied by legal counsel, to remove the condom. They complied and no arrests were made. The protest called attention to Helms' continuing opposition to AIDS education, funding and research.

### Polls Removed From Gay Center

[Dallas, TX]- Dallas County Commissioners recently voted 4-1 to discontinue the use of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center as an official polling place. They took the action after a Republican official complained that some people might be uncomfortable about voting there.

John Thomas, the Center's executive director, told the *Advocate*: "We are a good neighbor. We have a good location and access to parking. There are other polling places in Dallas in Jewish and Hispanic community centers. Ours should be treated no differently."

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center was chosen as a polling place in 1990 because it is in the center of the precinct. Voter turnout had increased from 41% in the 1986 election at the previous location to more than 60% in the 1990 election.

"The Community Center has everything going for it as a polling place," precinct judge Brian Drummond told the *Advocate*. "If rational minds were working here, there would be no question that it is where the county's polling place would stay."

The City of Dallas will continue to utilize the Center as a municipal polling place.

### Dannemeyer: 'Gay Conspiracy'

[Los Angeles, CA]- In a recent interview with the *Los Angeles Times*, Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) claimed that there is a conspiracy in both the government and the media to "advance homosexuality as a civil right."

Dannemeyer defended his opposition to a proposed teen sex survey to be conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services. He charged that a small "cell" within that department was working to advance a "homosexual agenda."

"I believe there is a clear agenda on the part of the homosexual community to develop statistical data they can then twist to their own conclusions to justify perversion in American sexual practices."

He attacked television for incorporating themes of "homosexuality tolerance and promotion" and said that because Gays have no children, they spend their extra money on political activism, giving them disproportionate power.

Dannemeyer is seeking the Republican nomination for the US Senate seat in California which is currently held by moderate Republican John Seymour.

### Quickies...

[Trenton, NJ]- The *Washington Blade* reports that New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio (D) signed an executive order in August which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in all state employment, services and benefits. Florio succeeded Republican Gov. Thomas Kean, who was perceived by many as anti-Gay.

[Cambridge, MA]- After two years of discussions with its workers, the Lotus Development Corporation has adopted a policy granting the same benefits to the unmarried and same sex partners of its employees that it offers to the spouses of its married employees. "Fundamentally, we believe it's fair and equitable," said Lotus executive Russ Campanello.

[New York, NY]- Saying that "not a shred of hard evidence" supports the ban, the *New York Times*, in a September 1 editorial, called for the Department of Defense to end its prohibition on Gay and Lesbian soldiers.

News Briefs are compiled by Jamakaya from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.



A protester is carried away by Madison police at ACT UP's prison issues demonstration, September 9.

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## Ten Percent Society Plays Games With UW Board of Regents

[Madison]- True to its much publicized threat, the Ten Percent Society on September 6 disrupted a meeting of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents over the regents' failure to take action against the discriminatory Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) on campus.

"We are tired of being ignored. You're playing games with us, now we're playing games with you. Let the games begin!" shouted Andrew Miller as 25-30 protesters played Twister, threw streamers and silly string and generally partied in the room in Van Hise Hall set aside for the regents' meeting.

The regents recessed for half an hour before resuming their meeting.

The protest was called to demand more aggressive action by the regents against the ROTC program which, in accordance with Pentagon policy, does not commission openly Gay or Lesbian officers. The UW student association, the Faculty Senate and the Board of Regents have all condemned ROTC, and the UW system has a clear non-discrimination

policy in regard to sexual orientation. But ROTC remains on campus.

Ten Percent Society Co-Presidents Michael Dixon and Tracy Prouty said that in a meeting with UW Chancellor Donna Shalala and other administrators the day before the protest, Shalala urged the protesters to focus their attention on the national level, toward Congress and the Department of Defense.

Prouty told the *Badger Herald* it was an ironic suggestion in that "Shalala has been known to say that the UW is a 'bottom up university' but we are told that they will only work from the top down."

Shalala has cited the loss of \$1.6 million in federal funding and the UW's status as a land grant institution as reasons for not terminating the ROTC program immediately.

Dixon declared that the Ten Percent Society planned to keep up the pressure on the regents. He suggested that disrupting ROTC classes or "outing" prominent UW officials could be tactics used in the future.

## Hepatitis A Infections On Rise In Gay Community Nationwide

[Madison]- The Madison Department of Public Health in a recent press release, reports that Hepatitis A infections are on the rise nationwide and that the Gay community has been hit particularly hard.

Hepatitis A is a virus that causes illness lasting one to two weeks, with often an even longer recovery period. Adults may develop some or all of the following symptoms:

Fatigue, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice (yellowed skin and eyes), dark urine and abdominal pain.

The Hepatitis A virus (HAV) is spread in the stool (bowel movement, scat) of the infected person, usually before he or she knows they are sick. (Do not confuse HAV with Hepatitis B, which is spread by blood and body fluids.) Any contact with infected stool will spread the virus.

Usually handwashing is good protection against HAV. However, people who are members of the household or sex partners of an infected person are at greater risk of becoming infected with HAV. People who have become infected with HAV are able to spread it to others unknowingly during the week or two before they themselves become sick.

Gay men, the Department says, may be more vulnerable or at risk for this infection, if they practice anal sex without the use of condoms and handwashing, or if other safer sex practices involve anal contact.

Anal sex is risky, even with handwashing, as there may be enough stool on the outside of the condom to spread HAV. The amount of stool present is not necessarily visible.

Sex toys can spread the disease as well. They should be washed thoroughly, preferably with a 1:10 bleach solution, and dried after use.

Rimming is a very risky activity that is almost certain to spread HAV from an infected person to others, the Department said.

The Department noted in its press release that people who are immunocompromised (HIV infected) can be at risk for a much more serious illness

when infected with HAV. People whose liver is damaged already, due to excessive use or abuse of alcohol or drugs, will likely become more ill, and can develop liver failure and death.

If you have been exposed, contact your local health department. The department can provide you with Immune Globulin (IG), an injection which provides temporary protection against HAV if given within two weeks of exposure. In Milwaukee the number to call is: 278-3180. In Madison: 266-4821.

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**PROJECT COORDINATOR:** Develop, plan, implement and evaluate a prevention research program for chronic mentally ill adults at risk for HIV/AIDS. MS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science or Social Work and three years of experience that includes planning and conducting community living skills programs for chronic psychiatric patients essential.

**SR. RESEARCH ASSOCIATE:** Conduct educational and behavioral skills training risk reduction groups for mentally ill adults at risk for HIV/AIDS. Interview and assess chronic mentally ill adults to evaluate risk. MS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science or Social Work and two years experience in community mental health programs dealing with sexual behavior and substance abuse essential. Experience leading patient groups and working knowledge of computers required.

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE:** Conduct interviews and recruit chronic mentally ill patients for AIDS prevention research program. Co-lead group educational and behavioral skills training and collect and analyze data. BS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science and three years experience conducting community living skills programs for chronic psychiatric patients essential. Experience in counseling intervention related to sexual behavior and substance abuse helpful.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR:** Develop, plan, implement and evaluate a community based HIV/AIDS prevention research program for gay and bisexual men and other groups engaging in high risk behavior. MS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science or Social Work and three years of experience that includes community intervention in the gay community essential.

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE:** Conduct community outreach campaigns to recruit at-risk gay men into the AIDS prevention study program. Interview and assess program participants and participate in data collection and analysis. BS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science and three years experience in AIDS prevention and/or education essential.

**SR. ACCOUNT ANALYST:** Balance financial records, reconcile purchases and expenditures and develop fiscal projections for research projects related to HIV/AIDS prevention program. Associate Degree in Accounting and two years related experience required. Working knowledge of spreadsheet accounting essential.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Format, edit and type manuscripts, correspondence, research reports and grant applications. Answer phones, greet visitors and track information concerning participants in HIV/AIDS prevention projects. Four years progressively responsible secretarial experience required. Working knowledge of word processing essential.

All positions require strong communication skills and proven ability to relate to a culturally diverse population. Occasional travel required.

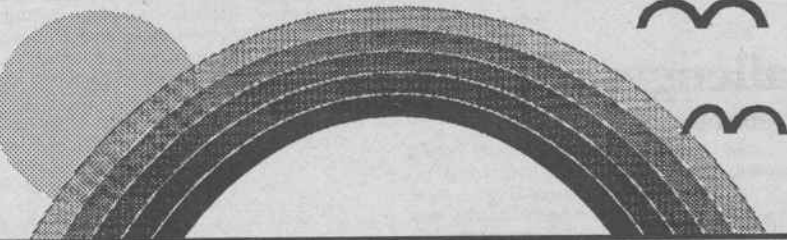
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## EDITORIAL

# Feel The Power and The Pride: Come To Madison, October 4-6

Madison, Wisconsin, the capital city of the Gay Rights State, is throwing a party — and everyone's invited!

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance of Madison — GALVANize — along with many other supportive groups have organized an extraordinary weekend of events to Celebrate Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride, October 4-6, 1991. Everyone with even a smidgen of lavender in their souls should drive their car, get on the bike, take a bus, walk, jog or grab a magic carpet to BE THERE!

The centerpieces of the weekend are the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride, which is set to step off from the Capitol at 1:30 on Saturday afternoon, and the display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at the McClain Athletic facility.

Also planned: performances by comedienne Kate Clinton and the Flirtations, an art show, a video festival, an ecumenical service, a community brunch, workshops, a dance, entertainment in the park — something for everyone! What more could the Queer Nation and its friends ask for?

Join with your extended family of 10,000 (or more) sisters and brothers. Feel the power. Share the love. Show your pride!

See you in Madison!

Guest Editorial

## Something rotten on Capitol Hill

Why are HRCF and NGLTF fighting Queer Nation, not the opposition?



By Tim Campbell

In February of 1987, at one of the largest gatherings of committed Gay rights activists in American history, the famous "war conference" which preceded the last mammoth March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights, delegates endorsed sticking pink triangles on the doors of legislative offices whose occupants opposed Gay and Lesbian rights during the day while enjoying by night time benefits of the Gay community. That's when "outing" got a national mandate.

Subsequently, both the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) the the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), our stodgiest rights groups, took stands opposing outing as if the war conference had never happened.

That's sad. Particularly now that Queer Nation groups throughout the country and abroad have commenced outing legislators and government officials with impressive successes.

During the recent outing of Congressman Steve Gunderson (R) from Wisconsin, HRCF put itself in a particularly dishonorable position. While Queer Nation types were using data about Gunderson's record supplied by HRCF itself to attack his record, HRCF officials Eric Rosenthal and Greg King vigorously denied knowledge of their own data and custom designed a report card for Gunderson on which they gave him a 100% rating.

In order to construct this report card, Rosenthal and King had to overlook the fact that Gunderson is not a sponsor of the Lesbian and Gay rights bill; overlook ten consecutive votes against abortion rights in the last Congress; overlook 24 bad votes out of 25 on feminist issues in the last Congress; overlook bad votes on some of its own issues in the last Congress and only calculate 10 selected votes; overlook bad votes on every civil rights bill yet to be presented to Congress during his tenure; overlook support for Supreme Court nominees Bork and Souter and, finally, overlook his June vote against the 1991 Civil Rights Act. This week they are probably overlooking Gunderson's vote against a motion to conduct a national survey of teenagers and sex as a tool for fighting AIDS.

HRCF justifies its defense of Gunderson, characterizing him as "a moderate Republican." He does not look at all moderate on the battery of issues most likely to concern the Lesbian and Gay communities as I see them. For HRCF to score him 100% when the National Women's Political Caucus scores him 4% insults one of our closest allies. To protect a politician who consistently votes against civil rights is sheer folly.

It seems abundantly clear that HRCF and NGLTF need to come up with more complete report cards for Congressmembers. Queer Nation types are on the right track.

HRCF and NGLTF also need to take a stand of neutrality rather than opposition to outing. They should take the same neutrality on all battles undertaken by hard-hitting activists. There's plenty of room in queer activism for both tough guys and nice guys, as long as we stop fighting each other. It's the so-called nice guys who err most frequently on this count.

When one looks at the infighting among Gay activists on Capitol Hill, one senses quickly that there's something rotten in Denmark. I think the rot is on the side of HRCF, not Queer Nation and not ACT UP.

**Editor's Note:** The author is publisher and editor of GLC Voice, a Gay/Lesbian newspaper in Minneapolis.

## LETTERS

# Sweep 'Em Out

TO THE EDITOR:

Many of us have known it all along, but it was still something of a shock to hear it admitted by an anonymous police officer in the Milwaukee Journal: Law enforcement in Milwaukee is arbitrary and capricious and depends not on the statute book, but on the whims and prejudices of individual police officers.

If the threat of officers to start "going by the book" means that at long last, all will be treated equally, Black the same as White, Gay the same as Straight, men the same as pretty women, then by all means let's have our police department run "by the book," and let's have a thorough investigation of why officers have not been running "by the book" in the past.

And when the broom (a city street sweeping machine would be more suitable) has finished at the Milwaukee Police Department, let's see it in action at the Milwaukee Sheriff's Department.

—Al Gellersbach  
Milwaukee

## Challenges

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, protests by the students aimed at disrupting some arm or another of [UW-Madison] Administration proceedings, have brought up the controversy concerning the way that UW should address ROTC discrimination against bi and homosexual people. Again it has proven to be a disagreement on how to agree and no one side of it is proceeding, I would submit, in an entirely rational or efficient way. I think a much more productive situation could exist if each side would give a little understanding and some redirected efforts toward a common effort to solve the problem.

More specifically, I think that the 10% Society's share of the fault comes from refusing to contemplate the possibility that Donna Shalala and her administration are sincerely working on a potentially effective way to end ROTC discrimination based on sexual orientation. If the 10% Society has any good reason to believe that Shalala is not working on an effective plan, they have never made these reasons clear to the public.

It has been taken as an axiom that because she does not accept their approach, that any approach by her is a cover-up, or at least a very bad plan doomed to failure.

In the spirit of honest inquiry, I challenge the 10% Society to make clear to the general

population of this campus why they feel that their approach is better. I challenge them to cease being as dogmatic as they have portrayed the administration to be. With even Dick Cheney questioning the Pentagon's policy towards alternative sexualities, the idea of Federal level changes seems to be, all else equal, a likely goal to work for.

This does not make Donna Shalala or the administration by any means free of fault. One reason that a person could come to share the 10% Society's suspicions is the lack of communication about two important questions concerning the administration's efforts to change:

Why we should believe that effective actions are being taken, and what the general student body and public could do to assist in those efforts?

I challenge Donna Shalala and the administration to make much clearer to the general population what they are doing and how we could participate. These questions have all along been as vague as the 10% Society's specific reasons for preferring to expel ROTC.

If the administration sees fit to respond to this challenge, I would be very interested in the 10% Society making clear what faults they might see in the administration's plans — when, at last, everyone is informed.

—Benjamin N. Pierce  
Madison

## Mixed Messages

TO THE EDITOR:

The newest scientific evidence indicating that male homosexuality may at least be partially determined by genetics has confirmed what many Gay and Lesbian people have believed all along — we were born as LesGay people.

While the studies are preliminary, they are part of a growing body of evidence that demonstrates that sexual orientation is a given. This evidence may help many people deal with the issue of homosexuality in a more sane and loving manner.

Young LesGay teens could be spared the guilt and shame that many of us (myself included) experienced.

Parents will no longer be able to blame their LesGay children for their lifestyle. The parents, in turn, will be freed of guilt for "causing" their children's homosexuality and free them to love their children the way they were created.

Yet we should not and cannot put too much hope in scientific discoveries that point to the etiology of homosexuality being biological. People of good will may more readily accept us, but all the scientific evidence in the world will not change the attitudes of the bigots.

Mainline churches will — with shameful hypocrisy that parades as compassion — continue to teach that it is okay to be LesGay; after all, it is genetically determined. But it will still be a sin to express those feelings in even the most committed and loving of relationships.

This, lest we endanger our chances of spending eternity with the God who created us LesGay people. Curiously this God has chosen only our community to live under enforced celibacy so that our eternal souls be not tainted and the joys of heaven (albeit in Christian teaching a celibate one) be denied us.

Naturally, the Fundamentalists and other flagrant homophobes will continue their prejudices.

No, while the newest scientific information may be helpful to some, it really will not make a difference in our world. The hatred will continue.

In our life times, at least, we will still need to have LESGAY PRIDE parades and rallies. We will still need to defend our rights to love and live. We will still need to insist to some churches that our most sacred commitments of love and faithfulness to a partner of our sex receives God's blessing on equal footing with heterosexual relationships.

But for most of us, nothing has really changed, because we knew long ago that as surely as God made Adam and Eve, God did make Adam and Steve and Eve and Amy too!

—Carl Olson  
Milwaukee

## Homophobia

TO THE EDITOR:

I've been reading that since the time of Dahmer's mass killing of males in Wisconsin, there has been a very marked increase in homophobic violence. This seems odd. According to reports in the media, Dahmer was constantly uttering anti-Black and anti-Gay slurs. He is both a racist and a homophobe. He went into Gay bars to lure clients out and kill them. He especially tried to entice and kill men that were both Black and Gay. He is as Gay as a baseball bat-toting punk looking for Gay perceived males to kill or maim. Dahmer is as Gay as Sen. Jesse Helms of N.C. is Gay. They are all homophobes. Some of the boys/men that Dahmer killed were perceived as Gay, but were not Gay. Homophobia hurts everybody. The public should be rallying against homophobia if it were responding LOGICALLY to the Dahmer incident.

The other non-mentioned fact in this case is: what caused the 14-year-old boy to die? The police officers' homophobia. Dahmer convinced them that this bleeding, naked boy was his boyfriend. So they just thought: "Let the queers kill each other" and threw the boy back to the homophobic killer. In a male/female domestic violence case the cops are required to remove one of the participants from the scene. Why did they treat this differently? Because it was "two queers" and "who cares if they die?"

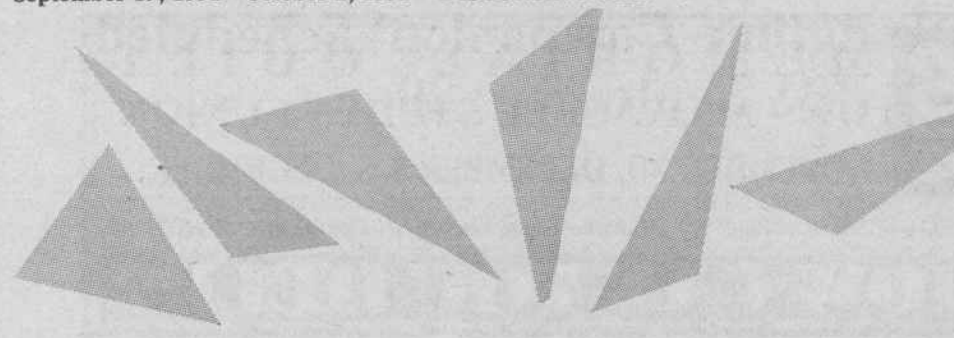
When will the public and the media realize that homophobia hurts everyone and laws and actions against it are clearly necessary? When will the media tell the public they are at risk when they allow homophobia to fester and spread unchecked?

—Brian Ginns  
Los Angeles, CA









# The Light LIVELY ARTS



Members of the Feld Ballets/New York in contra pose. The troupe will perform 'Endsong' in Milwaukee September 27 and 28, and tour the state through October 14.

## Feld Ballets/New York To Perform 'Endsong' At The Pabst, Alverno

[Milwaukee]- Eliot Feld will celebrate his 25th year as one of America's leading ballet choreographers with the premiere of **Endsong**, a ballet commissioned by the Wisconsin Presenters Network. **Endsong** will receive its debut performances in Milwaukee as part of a three and a half week tour of eight Wisconsin cities, September 19-October 14.

The Feld Ballets/New York's Milwaukee performances will take place on Friday, September 27 at Alverno College's Pitman Theater, 3401 S. 39th Street, and on Saturday, September 28 at the Pabst Theater, 144 East Wells Street, sponsored by the UW-Milwaukee Great Artist Series. Both performances begin at 8p.m.

Tickets for September 27 are available through the Alverno College Box Office, (414)382-6044. Tickets for September 28 may be purchased at the Pabst Theater Box Office at (414)278-3663.

The programs for each night will be different, but each will include a performance of **Endsong**.

The radiantly bittersweet **Endsong**, danced to the music of Richard Strauss, will feature Feld dancers Lynn Aaron and Jeffrey Neeck as principals in a cast of eleven. Tony Award-winning costume designer Willa Kim (**Sophisticated**

**Ladies, The Will Rogers Follies**) has created costumes for **Endsong**. The lighting designer is Allen Lee Hughes.

Brooklyn-born Eliot Feld began his stage career as the Child Prince in George Balanchine's original production of **The Nutcracker**. While attending the High School of the Performing Arts, he appeared in the Broadway and Hollywood versions of **West Side Story**.

From 1963-1968, Feld danced with the American Ballet Theatre, which he left to establish the American Ballet Company, a resident company in the Brooklyn Academy of Music from 1969-71.

In 1974, Feld founded Feld Ballets/New York, for which he has created 54 of his 70 ballets. Feld Ballets/New York presents annual winter seasons and summer "preview" seasons in New York City at the Joyce Theater, renovated and reopened in 1982.

Wisconsin Bell is the major sponsor of the three and a half week tour to eight Wisconsin cities. The Milwaukee shows are being underwritten by Marquette Electronics and the Milwaukee Foundation.

For further information on the Feld Ballets/New York tour in Wisconsin, call Philip Proctor of the Wisconsin Presenters Network at (414) 278-3665.

## 'Dos Lesbos' Musical Revue Plays Milwaukee, October 11-12

[Milwaukee]- **Dos Lesbos**, the musical comedy revue which played to cheering overflow crowds at this year's National Women's Music Festival, is coming to Milwaukee on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12.

Hurricane Productions will present the musical play at Centennial Hall of the Central Library in downtown Milwaukee at 733 N. 8th Street. Both shows are at 8 p.m.

**Dos Lesbos**, by Terry Baum, is a witty and endearing look at the joys and trials of lesbian coupledom.

Pam Petruzzi as Peg and Barbara Harrell as Gracie will dance, sing, laugh, cry, argue and mug their way through a series of vignettes about work, love, sex, depression, coming out and meeting their partners' parents in funny 'before' and 'after' scenes.

A hilarious Lesbian version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and the tongue-in-cheek "I Don't Care" (which elicited a spirited sing-a-long by audiences at the Bloomington festival) are among the musical highlights.

Tickets for **Dos Lesbos** are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. In Madison, they can be purchased at Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson. For Madisonians, directions to Centennial Hall and parking tips will be included with the tickets.

In Milwaukee, tickets are available at: People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell Avenue; Outpost Natural Foods at 102 E. Capitol Drive; and Station II, 1534 W. Grant Street.

Group rates at \$9 per person for groups of 10 or more can be obtained by calling (414) 276-6935. Call that number for any further information.

Centennial Hall is wheelchair accessible, and seating for the visually or hearing impaired will be available both nights.

## Feminist Poet Robin Becker At Writer's Place

[Madison]- The Writers' Place is pleased to announce three events in October featuring Lesbian feminist poet, Robin Becker.

On Friday, October 11, from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Becker will read from her work which includes three books of poems, **Giacometti's Dog**, **Backtalk** and **Personal Effects**.

On Saturday, October 12, 1991, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Becker will speak informally on feminist publishing from her experience as a founder of the Alice James Feminist Press Cooperative and as poetry editor of **The Women's Review of Books**.

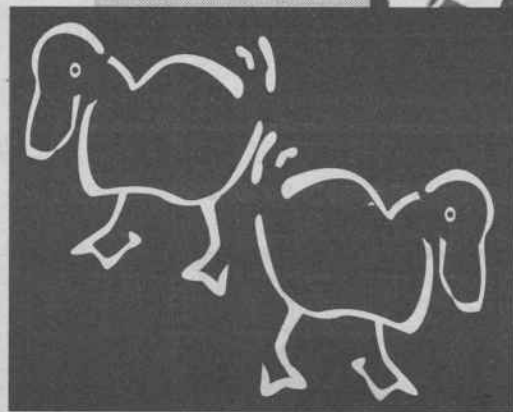
That same day, from 2:00-5:00 p.m., Becker will present a writing workshop, focusing on using sensory detail, writing in voices and "jump starting" poems.

The Writers' Place is located at 122 State Street in Madison, Room 607.

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## 'Longtime Companion' Scheduled on PBS September 29

[Milwaukee]- *Longtime Companion*, the acclaimed film that focuses on the interrelated struggles of a diverse group of New Yorkers, most members of the Gay community affected by a mystifying new disease, airs on **American Playhouse** Sunday, September 29 at 9pm on most PBS stations.

From the time the first reports of the disease, now known as AIDS, hit the *New York Times*, in 1981, to the more-informed but equally uncertain

present, *Longtime Companion* depicts not only the difficulties that consume the daily existences of each character, but the love, courage and humor which become necessities when one faces the ravaging disease.

Oscar nominated Bruce Davison stars in this award-winning 1989 production, along with Stephen Caffrey, Patrick Cassidy, Dermot Mulroney, Mary Louise Parker and Campbell Scott.

## Karen Lee Osbourne Reading In Madison October 10

[Madison]- Karen Lee Osbourne will read from her new novel, *Hawkings*, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 1991 at A Room of One's Own Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison. The event is free and open to the interested public.

Osbourne is currently teaching in the English Department of Columbia College in Chicago. *Hawkings* is her second novel. Her first book, *Carlyle Simpson*, was awarded first prize from Friends of

American Writers and the Chicago Foundation for Literature Award.

Set in Chicago, *Hawkings* tells the story of Emily Hawk who has been recovering from the grief of losing her lover and her best friend and now finds herself falling in love with Catherine. It's a well-written novel of love and recovery in the Lesbian community, published by Third Side Press, a new Chicago publisher.

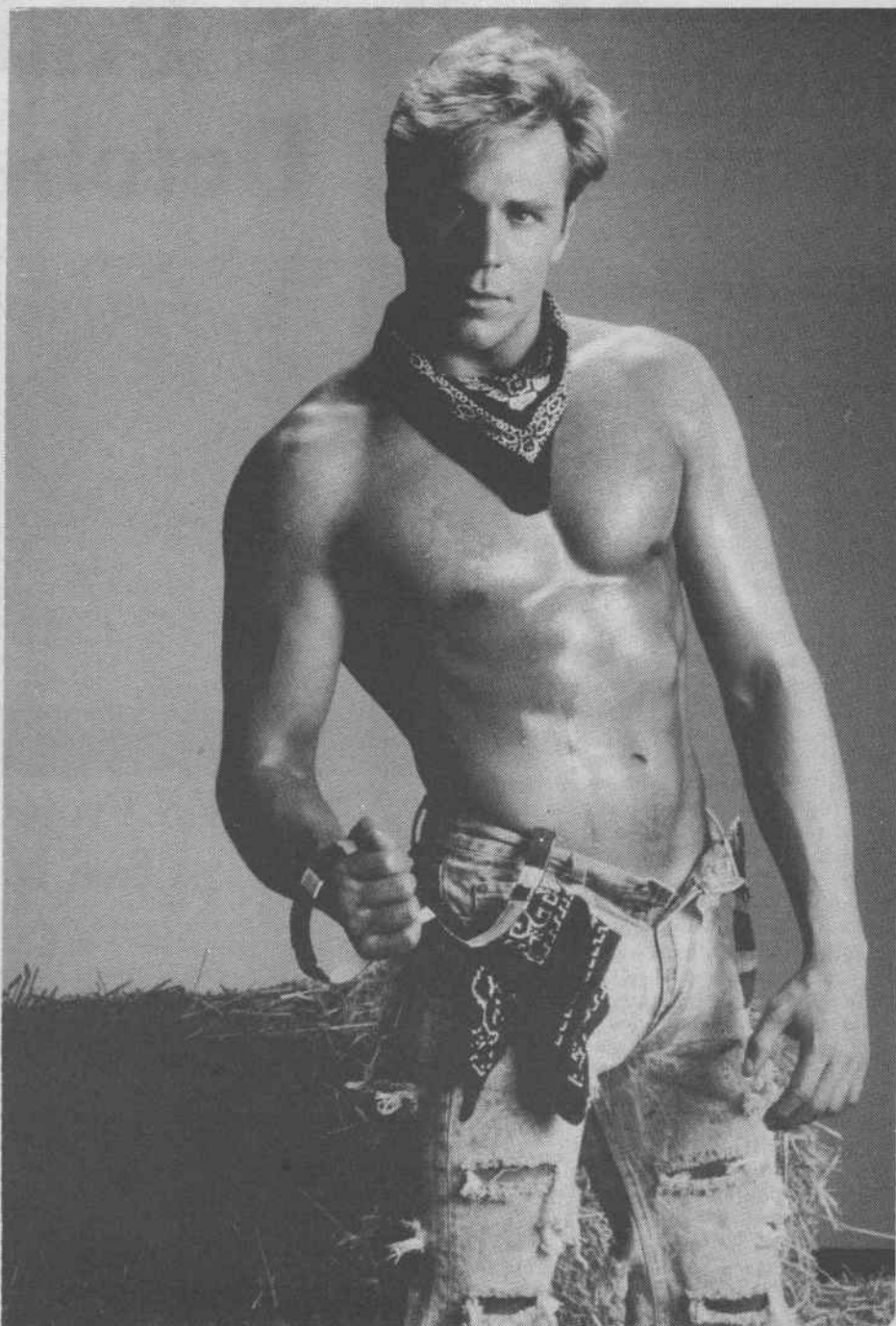
## Papers Wanted For National Gay Graduate Studies Conference

[Champaign, IL]- "Making It Perfectly Queer," the second national inter-disciplinary graduate student conference on Lesbian and Gay Studies will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2-4, 1992.

While the conference is primarily for graduate students, organizers are also planning several sessions on community

activism. Submissions from activists are welcome.

Presentations should be 8-10 pages in length. Please submit one-page proposals for papers by January 15, 1992 to: Cris Mayo, Dept. of Education Policy Studies, UI/Urbana-Champaign, 360 Education Building, S. Sixth Street, Champaign, IL 61820.



Milwaukee's own Beau Beaumont will be performing at the second anniversary celebration of Milwaukee's Partner's bar on Sunday, Sept. 22.

## Randy Frank's Goal: \$5,000 For Wisconsin AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- As AIDS challenges the world, one particularly caring individual is challenging himself, doing what he can to make a difference.

Randy Frank, bartender at the M&M Club in Milwaukee, has set a personal goal to raise \$5,000 in pledges for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. The Walk will be held Sunday, September 22, 1991 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Urban Park on Milwaukee's Lakefront.

To date, Randy has generated \$2,000 in pledges and is pursuing his \$5,000 goal by challenging his family, friends and M&M Club patrons to pledge.

Randy is a self-taught and gifted designer. His company, "Designs Four All Seasons," specializes in party and stage decorations, sign designs and design consulting. Randy is also the man responsible for the ever-changing, creative displays at the M&M Club.

When asked if he was motivated by the prizes if he reached his exceptional goal, his response was gallant: "The prizes at the goal level I am trying to reach are not important to me. I am doing this for AIDS care. In the past years, I have lost many people I loved to AIDS. I am doing this out of the love in my heart in hopes of finding

a cure, not to win prizes."

Randy's kindness does not stop here. He sponsors an annual benefit, this year to support the Cream City Chorus and Milwaukee Home Hospice. The benefit marks a very significant event: Randy's own birthday. Randy's birthday party was held at The M&M Club on September 14, 1991 at 11:30 p.m. According to Randy, "There was lots of fun guest stars making appearances throughout the night."

If you would like to help Randy achieve his goal in The Wisconsin AIDS Walk as well as make a contribution towards AIDS care and education, stop into M&M's and make your pledge today.

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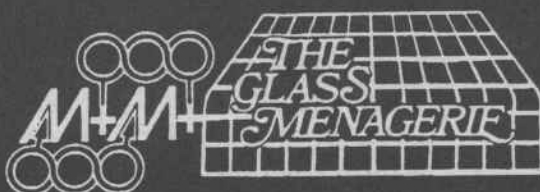
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## NGLTF Director Urvashi Vaid: Dynamic Speaker and Organizer

By Sylvia Brown

[Madison]- Urvashi Vaid, the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the first woman of color to run a major national Lesbian and Gay organization, will provide the keynote address at GALVANize's pre-March rally at the state capitol, 1:00 p.m. on October 5, 1991.

"She's an incredibly dynamic and inspiring speaker," said a Madison man who heard her keynote at last June's Chicago Pride March. A Madison woman, who heard her speech at the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta, said, "I'd follow her anywhere."

Vaid was born in New Delhi, India and grew up in upstate New York. She has a law degree from Northwestern University. She is a long-time feminist activist and community organizer whose involvement in the feminist and Gay/Lesbian movements spans more than a decade. She has worked for prisoner's rights around the issue of AIDS. In the women's community, she has worked with a variety of grassroots organizations dealing with violence against women.



URVASHI VAID

Vaid was also involved with Roadwork, a multi-racial women's cultural foundation based in Washington, D.C. Roadwork produced the Sisterfire urban festival of women's music and culture and serves as booking agent for Sweet Honey in the Rock.

NGLTF, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., is the oldest national Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocacy organization. Its political work is divided into three primary areas: lobbying, education and grassroots organizing. NGLTF has been extending its lobbying and membership development efforts in

the Midwest. Vaid and other members of the organization will be at an information table in James Madison Park at the Celebration following the March on October 5th.

In an interview in *Democratic Left* earlier this year, Vaid described NGLTF as a unique institution in the Gay and Lesbian political movement because it's the one with the broadest vision.

"We exist to do two things," said Vaid, "to eliminate prejudice and discrimination based on sexual orientation, and to build a movement for social change. As part of our mission statement, we have a commitment to ending racism, sexism and other systems of oppression."

Noting that the Lesbian/Gay community itself is not immune from sexism and racism, Vaid described the problems faced by women and people of color in their fight for Lesbian and Gay rights.

"The Gay community is in fact not a community, but a series of communities united by the experience of oppression because of our sexual orientation. We are African-American people, Latino/Latina people, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, white, men, women; we are sexual minorities within our own community, the leather community, the S&M community, the transvestite community."

"Sometimes it's a miracle that we actually coalesce as a movement," said Vaid, "but we are engaged in developing a diverse politics, a politics that respects difference and allows us to work together. The institutions of our community are changing because women and people of color are rising to positions of power in those institutions."

"It's a part of a process of broadening the mission of NGLTF...We are becoming a movement for liberation—for broad progressive change."

**Editor's Note:** Portions of this article originally appeared in *Feminist Voices*.

## Michael Callen To Sign Books October 5

[Madison]- Michael Callen of the Flirtations, will make a special appearance at Four Star Fiction and Video, 315 N. Henry Street in Madison on October 5 at 11 a.m. Callen will be there to autograph his book *Surviving AIDS*.

Callen's book has received rave reviews from people with AIDS and professionals across the country. Callen is himself one of the longest surviving persons with AIDS in the U.S., and much of the practical information in his book is drawn from personal experience.

although, tongue-in-cheek, they sometimes describe themselves as "the 'out' Nylons." Their music is a melodious a cappella blend and their message is also a harmonious blend of the many different dimensions of the Gay experience. Proceeds from this benefit concert at 9:30 p.m. will go to the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center and the Madison AIDS Support Network.

Tickets for Kate Clinton are \$15, for the Flirtations, \$10. For ticket information, call the Barrymore Theatre at (608) 241-8633.

# Madison Pride September 29-October 4

## Childcare Info For Madison Pride Weekend Events

In recognition of the ever increasing number of Lesbians and Gay men who are raising children, childcare services are being offered to assist you in participating in the Rights & Pride weekend events directly sponsored by GALVANize.

1. Vouchers will be available at the Friday evening NAMES Project Quilt 6:30 p.m. opening ceremony and at the Variety Show and Dance for reimbursement of childcare expenses incurred so that you can attend these three events.

2. During Saturday morning workshops from 10:00 a.m. to noon, plans are to offer childcare at the UW Memorial Union. Let us know if you need this service.

3. Free childcare will be available during all Sunday events. We hope that you will be able to bring your children along to the Rally, March and Celebration in James Madison Park on Saturday. Childcare or reimbursement will NOT be provided for events sponsored by other organizations such as the Saturday night concerts.

Sunday's childcare will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. It will be located in the "3 Wishes" Child Care Center facilities in the University United Methodist Church at 1127 University Avenue, which is convenient to both the CHAS/Brooks Street Y Brunch location, the UW Memorial Union where the workshops and videos will be held, and probably the Ecumenical Service site.

It will be directed by professional childcare providers, two women who formerly operated the Magic Penny and now do in-home child care, along with enough staff for approximately 40 children. Parents will be responsible to furnish a brown bag lunch or take your children out to lunch. Healthy snacks are being donated by the Mifflin Street Food Coop.

To assure a space for your children, contact GALVANize by October 1. Otherwise, Sunday's care will be limited on a space available basis according to staff/child ratio standards.

## Parking Tips In Madison

On street parking near the Rally and Celebration and near the UW campus will be hard to find. We recommend you head for one of the parking ramps, labeled "P" on the map. All city ramps are \$1 for all day on weekends and evenings after 6:00 p.m. Your "spitter ticket" is good for free rides on the city buses.

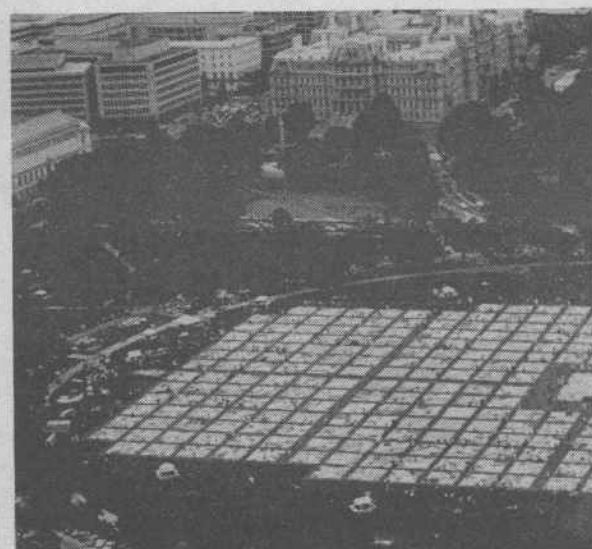
P1 The McCormick ramp is midway between the two Saturday afternoon events. It does NOT have an elevator or DIS/VET spots.

P2 The Capitol Center ramp, west of the Square, is convenient to the Sign-making Workshop and has an elevator.

P3 The Dayton Street ramp, northwest of the Square, has DIS/VET spots and meters which are free with appropriate license plates. These latter two are both close to the Rally and March beginning point, as well as to Four Star Fiction and Video.

In the UW campus area, the closest parking to the Memorial Union is a small metered lot east of the building, and under the Helen C. White Hall to the west at the end of Park Street. There will be fees at "Helen C" on Friday night and Saturday, but on Sunday it's free.

Parking near the Brooks Street Y/CHAS for Sunday's Brunch and the University Methodist Church where child care is located, is nearly impossible. Give the area a quick cruise, then head for the Union area or the Lake/Francis ramp marked P4 on the map. It's a short walk between this ramp and the campus area events sights.



## NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt See It and Understand

[Madison]- Over 1,600 panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in 1991 — will be on display October 4-6 at the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison.

The NAMES Quilt, begun by a handful of volunteers, is a collection of thousands of foot panels, each crated by family and friends in memory of a person who died of AIDS.

Even President Bush was moved when he saw the Quilt. "Every life has its own fabric, its own color," he said.

The McClain Athletic Facility, at Regent and Monroe, is available by the UW-Madison Athletic Department and Quilt. An indoor football field completed in 1989, the facility is 100,000 square feet and is covered by a translucent dome which allows natural light.

The Quilt will be eight times the size of the Madison dome. The display will be free and open to the public from 6 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6.

Opening ceremonies, including the ceremonial unfolding of the Quilt, will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 3:30 p.m. The Rodney Scheel House for Persons with AIDS is sponsoring the display. The Rodney Scheel House is at the New Bar, 636 W. Washington Avenue in Madison.

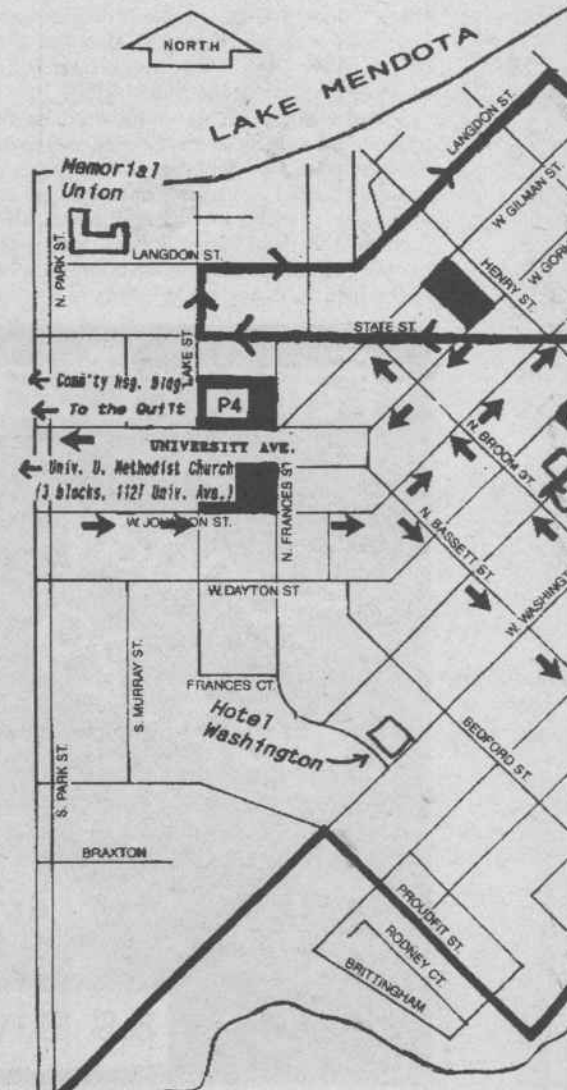
Interested people should bring their own fabric and information. Pam Geisler or Sherry Nelson of the Rodney Scheel House can provide information.

While admission to the weekend display will be free, the Rodney Scheel House and the Madison AIDS Support Network.

It is impossible to fully describe the power of the Quilt. It is a revelation. As one viewer from Anchorage, Alaska, wrote: "I came over to see what was there. I had no idea about AIDS... thinking this is the saddest, most beautiful thing I have ever seen. AIDS is all about."

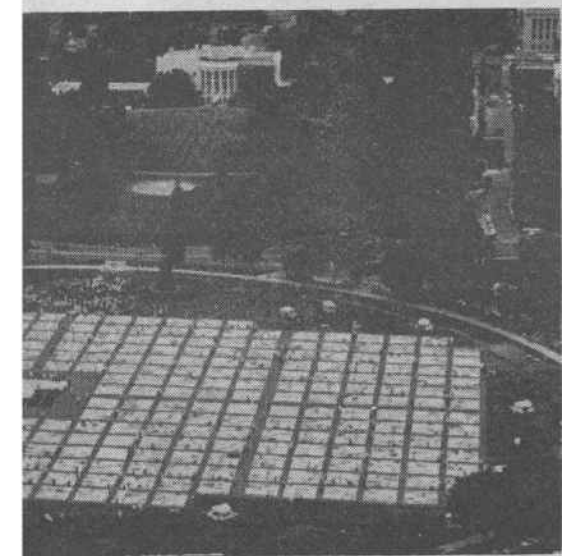
For those who have lived with the reality of AIDS for years, the Quilt is a reminder of the reality of AIDS for all.

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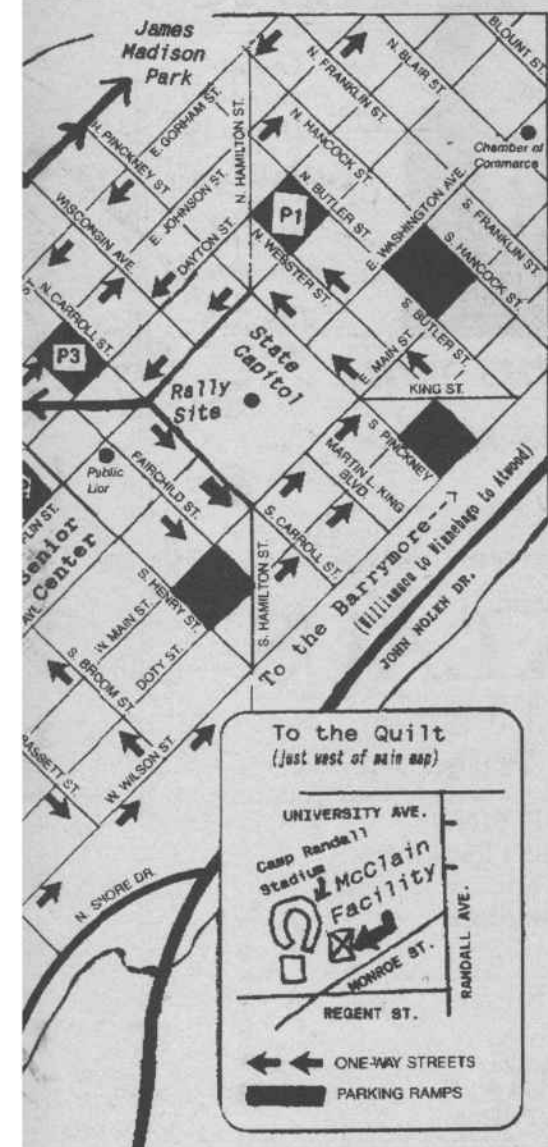
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Her-sterical comedienne Kate Clinton (top,  
left) and the cappella singing sensations the  
Flirtations will perform in separate shows at  
Madison's Barrymore Theatre, October 5. The  
NAMES Quilt as it appeared on Ellipse in  
Washington, D.C. in October, 1989.

## Politician, Comedian Ammiano To Speak, Entertain for Pride

[Madison]- Tom Ammiano, an openly  
Gay teacher, member of the San Francisco  
School Board and stand-up comedian, will  
perform at "A GAYLA Affair," on  
Friday night, October 4, 1991, at 8:00  
p.m. in the Great Hall of the UW  
Memorial Union.

Educator Ammiano will also lead a  
workshop entitled, "Gay and Lesbian  
Issues in the Public School Arena," on  
Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the  
UW Memorial Union.

It goes without saying that Ammiano is  
a man of many interests. One minute he  
can engage in a serious discussion about  
the need to open up the educational  
process to people of color and kids with  
special needs, and the next, he'll have  
you on the floor with a comedy routine  
that brings together two of his favorite  
subjects: growing up in Catholic schools  
and the unique Gay culture of the city by  
the Bay.

"Not everyone knows this, but San  
Francisco has a patron saint--Saint  
Francis A Sissy," Ammiano explains.  
"His miracle was changing breakfast into  
brunch."

Ammiano, 48, grew up in New Jersey  
and first came to San Francisco in the late  
'60's. As he began his career as a special  
education teacher in 1969, he faced his  
first confrontation with the system when  
he realized that many of his students were  
monolingual Spanish speakers who didn't  
belong in a class for developmentally  
disabled kids.

After coming out in 1975, he joined the  
Bay Area Gay Liberation Movement and  
picketed the School Board to get  
information about sexual orientation  
added to the curriculum. About this time,  
he became close to Gay Supervisor

Harvey Milk. (Ammiano's recollections of  
that time figure prominently in the  
award-winning documentary, *The Life  
and Times of Harvey Milk*.)

In the early 1980's, Ammiano's career  
as an openly Gay stand-up comedian  
began to take off. He worked the open  
mike circuit both for Lesbian/Gay crowds  
and for the tougher mixed audiences. As a  
Hawaiian reviewer noted, "He's a  
quick-witted performer. His rapid-fire  
delivery and irreverence in everything  
from religion and politics to ethnic  
background to straight and Gay lifestyles  
have earned him wild praise."

He's not someone known for holding  
back with a deserving target. As a *San  
Francisco Examiner* critic quipped,  
"Ammiano's very fair. He tears  
everybody to shreds."

In the late 1980's, Ammiano's fame  
became national as he began appearing  
throughout the country, including at  
numerous benefits for AIDS-related  
organizations. And, he became  
"immortalized" thanks to the popular  
1987 PBS documentary, "The History of  
English," which featured an Ammiano  
monologue about the expressions that are  
unique to the Gay dialect.

After he was blown out of the water in  
his first try at the school board,  
Ammiano's stand-up act had included a  
routine about how it feels to be rejected by  
tens of thousands of people at the same  
time. Those jokes ended in November,  
1990, when Ammiano won election to the  
San Francisco school board with the  
largest majority of any candidate.

Ammiano's performance at A GAYLA  
Affair marks his first appearance in  
Wisconsin.

## 'GAYLA Affair' Variety Show In Memorial Union October 4

[Madison]- Kicking off the Rights and  
Pride weekend in style, GALVANize is  
hosting "A GAYLA AFFAIR," a variety  
show in the Great Hall of the UW  
Memorial Union on Friday evening,  
October 4, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. A dance will  
follow the show at about 10:30 p.m.

The evening will be hosted by  
entertainer Max Ward, former conductor  
of the Gay Men's Chorus. At press time,  
some of the acts included singer-pianist  
Faron Evans, comedian Tom Ammiano,  
the popular Madison women's band, the  
Cow Girl Sweethearts and dancer, Cassie.  
(See related articles on Evans and  
Ammiano.)

The Cow Girl Sweethearts will be  
featured doing their own material as well  
as "slightly modified" standard  
Country-Western tunes. You don't need  
to be a C-W fan to appreciate their unique  
approach to this musical form — they are  
just out to have fun! They've been

featured in Lesbian variety shows, at local  
fundraisers and perform regularly at  
Apple Island.

Cassie will be jazzing up the stage in  
one number and coming back later with a  
dance of classical inspiration. (Cassie was  
recently named first runner-up in the  
Miss Gay Wisconsin contest.)

Between sets, audience members will  
be treated to an array of original stories,  
poetry and comedy in keeping with the  
theme of the show. Local Lesbians and  
Gays will present insightful and  
whimsical looks at ourselves and our  
society.

Admission to A GAYLA AFFAIR is  
free, but seating is limited, so concert  
goers are encouraged to arrive early. The  
doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and close at  
the 8:00 p.m. start of the show. Childcare  
vouchers will be available at the door.

A GAYLA Dance follows in the Great  
Hall from 10:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

## Gay/Lesbian Video Festival Scheduled For October 6

[Madison]- As part of Pride Weekend  
in Madison, a Gay and Lesbian Video  
Festival will be held in the UW Memorial  
Union, 800 Langdon Street, from Noon to  
4 p.m. on Sunday, October 6.

For everyone: the wonderful  
documentary *Before Stonewall*, which  
chronicles the lives and times of Lesbians  
and Gay men before the contemporary  
Gay rights movement.

For men: the feature *Wonderland* along  
with the shorts *Fireworks* and *Scorpio* by  
1940's to '60's filmmaker Kenneth  
Anger, and the satire *Ray's Male  
Heterosexual Dance Hall*.

For women: the feature *Lesbionage*  
with a cameo performance by Urvashi  
Vaid, along with shorts *Mensus* and  
*Superdyke*, made in the 1970's by  
Lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer.

Selections from *Lesbian Tongues* will also  
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## Faron Evans Performs At GAYLA Affair

[Madison]- Singer-pianist Faron Evans  
is back in Madison for a special  
performance at "A GAYLA Affair," the  
variety show planned in the Great Hall of  
the UW Memorial Union, October 4 at  
8:00 p.m. Prior to leaving Madison,  
Faron was a popular regular in the  
Concourse Hotel's Piano Bar.

Since moving to Chicago in 1988,  
Faron's career has taken off in a big way.  
He has become a fixture at Gentry on  
Chicago's Rush Street and has also made  
occasional visits to San Diego's No. 1  
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## Volunteers Needed For Pride Weekend

Have you got an hour or more to give  
toward a successful Madison Pride  
March weekend?

In the days before the March, people  
are needed to sell T-shirts and staff info  
tables, do outreach in Madison and  
out-of-town, help with posters, help  
distribute the program booklet, and help  
with last minute mailing and phoning.

During the March weekend itself,  
volunteers are needed to help set up the  
Sunday Brunch and to donate food.  
People are needed to help on the stage  
crew for Friday's variety show and for  
Saturday's celebration. People are also  
needed to staff the GALVANize  
information table and sell T-shirts at all  
events.

Special needs: GALVANize is also  
looking for volunteers to act as sighted  
guides or to otherwise assist people with  
disabilities, people to assist with  
childcare, and people who are able to  
provide housing to out-of-town visitors.

You can volunteer by coming to a  
GALVANize meeting at the UW Memorial  
Union. The Outreach/Media Committee  
meets on Tuesday nights at 6:30 and the  
Events Committee meets on Thursday  
nights at 6:30. You can also call the  
GALVANize hotline at (608) 255-8061



## Milwaukee Pride Committee To Reorganize and Move Forward

"The Pride Committee lives!" declared Gary Wells, President of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC), after an emergency meeting September 18 to decide the future course of the troubled organization.

Burdened by a \$9,000 debt and a continuing lack of representation by women as mandated in its by-laws, Committee members defeated a proposal to dissolve the MLGPC and declare bankruptcy.

Members voted instead to suspend the by-laws, which were viewed by some as impediments to progress, and, essentially, start from scratch.

Wells told the *Light* that the Committee's immediate and primary concerns were finances and structure. "We need to raise money, and we need to develop a credible budget for 1992. We need to formulate an organization less cumbersome to manage, streamline it, and make it more business like and effective."

"People are still committed to the ideals of the organization," said Wells, "and since we have wiped the slate clean, this is the perfect time for input and ideas from the community to make the Committee a more representative and responsive group."

To that end, the Pride Committee has scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. to hear both

complaints and suggestions from the community about how the Committee should proceed. For the location of that meeting, call (414)32-PRIDE. Everyone is invited and encouraged to become involved.

The emergency meeting of MLGPC had been called in the wake of its annual meeting on September 10, which drew only five people beside the Committee's officers. Elections scheduled to be held that night were postponed because of the lack of women present. Heated debate about the future of the Pride Committee at that time led to the September 18 meeting.

(Editor's Note: Full coverage of all sides in the controversy was impossible as the *Light* was in production the evening of the 18th. We will follow up with additional coverage.)

In a related story, at a meeting September 8, the Pride Committee voted to cancel the Flirtations Concert that had been scheduled for September 19.

According to Dennis Bunch, MLGPC Vice President, there were two reasons for the cancellation. One was the low ticket sales. Bunch cited the "lack of community desire for the event." He added that MLGPC did not get its promotional material out on time, and apologized to those people who had looked forward to the event.

## Inaction of Police, Mayor, Media Focus of Queer Nation Protest

[Milwaukee]- Queer Nation (QN) Milwaukee is calling for a national demonstration to take place in Milwaukee on Monday, October 7, 1991. According to QN-Milwaukee spokespeople, the demonstration is motivated by "the action and inaction of the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and the media" regarding the "horrific" crimes of Jeffery Dahmer.

The demonstration will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Milwaukee's City Hall (Water and Wells Streets). Speakers from various communities have been planned. According to Tim Grair, a QN-Milwaukee spokesperson, one of the speakers is anti-violence activist, Queen Hyler. Others have yet to be announced.

The demonstration will conclude at the Police Administration Building at 7th and State Streets.

In a press release, QN-Milwaukee said that they found it "unacceptable" for the Milwaukee Police Department to be "more concerned about the suspension of officers under investigation" than for

the "safety of People of Color, Womyn and Gays." It is unacceptable for Womyn and minorities to be "given less police protection than straight white males."

QN-Milwaukee also object strongly to the establishment of "a Blue Ribbon panel without community input. It is unacceptable for the Mayor to ignore the Lesbian & Gay community both at our functions and his own," the release said.

QN-Milwaukee went on to say that they objected strongly to the "blind use" by the media of phrases like "homosexual overkill" in what QN called "a blatant disregard of journalistic responsibility."

QN-Milwaukee added that they found it "unacceptable that uninformed ravers are allowed to spread hatred and homophobia through the press and over the public's airwaves."

QN-Milwaukee asks that anyone interested in contributing time, ideas or money to the up-coming demonstration, to contact them at (414) 384-3911 or write: P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

## Dahmer Pleads 'Not Guilty' And Arreola Fires Two Officers

[Milwaukee]- Accused serial murderer Jeffrey L. Dahmer entered pleas of not guilty and not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect to fifteen charges of first degree murder and intentional homicide September 10 in the courtroom of Judge Laurence Gram.

The dual plea means that the trial will take place in two stages: the first to ascertain whether Dahmer committed the crimes, the second to determine whether he was insane at the time of the murders.

The first day of the trial was set for late January, 1991. Dahmer is expected to undergo extensive mental examinations in the next few weeks. His attorney, Gerald Boyle, has time to change or modify the plea, and he implied he might seek a change of venue because of the massive publicity about the case in the Milwaukee area.

On September 7, Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola fired two officers involved in the May 27 incident in which they returned the naked and bleeding Konerak Sinthasomphone back into the custody of Dahmer. Dahmer has admitted to killing the 14-year old shortly after police left. A third officer, a rookie, had his firing suspended pending good behavior over the next year.

"I have concluded that the three officers did not follow basic investigative procedures by failing to obtain the names of any witnesses," said Chief Arreola. "Their memo books contained almost no information pertaining to the investigation."

Arreola said the officers "failed to take an obviously incapacitated child into protective custody as required by department procedure and state law" and ignored the "impassioned pleas" of a citizen, Glenda Cleveland, who called to offer further information about the boy.

The State Attorney General's Office investigated the incident, but found no basis on which to press criminal charges against the officers.

Just days before Chief Arreola fired the officers, the Community for Justice Committee, which includes several aldermen and state representatives, threatened "massive civil disobedience" if such action was not taken. They have now canceled those plans. A demonstration by Queer Nation/Milwaukee to protest both the police negligence and the media coverage of the Dahmer case remains scheduled for October 7.

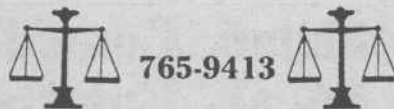
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## 'Nurturing Ourselves' Men's Retreat October 11-13

[Chicago, IL]- "Nurturing Ourselves," the annual Natural Male Autumn Gathering sponsored by the Midwest Men's Center in Chicago, will take place October 11-13, 1991 at the Haimowoods Center near Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The weekend of workshops and activities is intended to "focus on the ways we as men can nurture and care for ourselves." Past workshops have included: Body Painting, Anti-Violence Protection, Poetry Writing, AIDS Awareness and Body Massage.

The weekend is open to all men regardless of age, race, ethnic background, lifestyle or sexual orientation. Those who are HIV-positive or in 12 Step programs are especially welcome. It will be a chemical-free weekend. The facility is partially wheelchair accessible.

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to help with meal preparation or clean-up. Meals are included in the cost.

The men's retreat will have exclusive use of the Haimowoods facility, which includes single and double bed private rooms and communal sleeping space, a large kitchen, meeting rooms and an indoor swimming pool. Outside, 40 acres of woods, hiking trails, a pond and orchard provide relaxation and respite. It is located 38 miles south of Milwaukee, 3 miles west of I-94. Directions will be sent with registration materials.

Registration options include: single bed private room with shared bath \$110; double bed private room with shared bath \$200; communal sleeping space \$95. Full payment must accompany all reservations.

Send check or money order payable to: Midwest Men's Center/Chicago, P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690-2547. For further information, call either (312) 604-4410 in Chicago, or (608) 246-4254 in Madison.

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The Cream City Foundation held a fundraiser on September 10 at Milwaukee's Charles Allis Art Museum. Event organizers were: Don Schwamb, Tony Rhodes, Russ Draeger, Arnie Malm. (Clockwise from left)

## OBITUARIES

### Brad Davis

Brad Davis, who acted on stage, screen and television and who was best known for the film *Midnight Express*, died of complications from AIDS in California on September 8. He was 41.

Davis won a Golden Globe Award for his portrayal of Billy, the hashish smuggler imprisoned in Turkey, in *Midnight Express*. He also appeared in *Chariots of Fire*, *Querelle* and the TV miniseries *Robert Kennedy and His Times*. On stage, he played Ned Weeks in Larry Kramer's drama about AIDS, *The Normal Heart*.

In a statement published after his death, Davis attacked the film industry's hypocrisy in dealing with AIDS: "I make my money in an industry that professes to care very much about the fight against AIDS... But in actual fact, if an actor is even rumored to have HIV, he gets no support on an individual basis. He does not work."

Davis said he had lived in fear that "somehow the gossip mill would get hold of me and that would be that: I'd be one more pariah in Hollywood who would never get a job."

Davis is survived by his wife, Susan Bluestein and a daughter.

### Dwight E. Jordan

Dwight E. Jordan died September 6, 1991 while inner tubing on a river in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dwight, an amazingly talented and giving man, touched the hearts and minds of many people. While doing what he loved best, entertaining across the United States and Canada, he uplifted and inspired people to reach for and fulfill

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groups and countries in which Amnesty International is proposing development."

To implement its decision, the Gay and Lesbian Task Force to Change AI is calling on the group to: devote money and resources to researching and pursuing cases of Gay and Lesbian oppression; initiate a major study documenting Gay and Lesbian oppression throughout the world; organize major publicity campaigns around the issue; and work with existing Gay and Lesbian organizations, like the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission and the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA).

ILGA said it was "very pleased with the changed position AI has taken with regard to the persecution of Lesbians and Gays... This concludes a worldwide discussion of many years. ILGA hopes that Amnesty will tackle its new task effectively and is prepared to cooperate toward this end."

AI-USA Executive Director Jack Healey hailed the decision and noted that "If it hadn't gone well, a lot of us [in AI-USA] would have resigned."

Activists are eagerly awaiting the new guidelines being developed by Amnesty's Executive Committee. Marj Byler of AI-USA, said the guidelines would teach sections assigned cases of Gay and Lesbian prisoners how to handle local homophobia and how to develop strategies for successful campaigns. (All cases are researched and assigned to different countries by Amnesty's central

their own dreams.

Dwight is survived by his companion of six years, David Radl, his mother, brother, grandmother and a large family of close friends. Dwight will always remain in the hearts of all those he loved.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 21, 1991, at the Shorewood Women's Club in Hubbard Park, 3565 N. Morris Blvd. Friends and loved ones will gather at 4:00 p.m. with the service at 5:00 p.m. A party will follow. For more information, call (414) 291-0341.

### MAP Teaches Risk Reduction

[Milwaukee]- Men Aloud, a hands-on educational workshop for Gay and Bisexual men, is the first in a series of HIV risk-reduction workshops produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) designed to meet the needs of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community.

"Men Aloud uses discussion, games and video to help participants develop a more sex-positive attitude that will enable safer sexual behaviors," said Elizabeth Burden, Director of Education and Training at MAP.

The program, facilitated by MAP, will help participants discover creative ways for safer sexual expression. Sessions will be held from 7:00-10:00 p.m. on the following dates: Tuesday, October 8; Wednesday, October 30; and Thursday, November 21 at MAP, 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee.

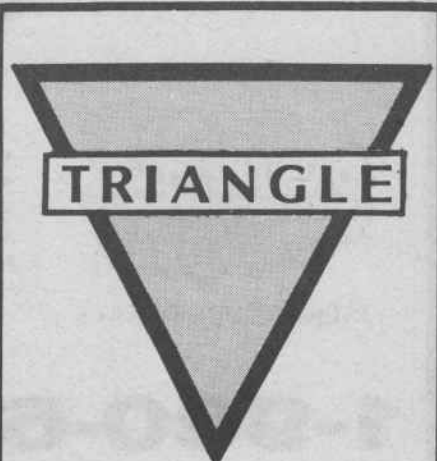
As the capacity is limited for each session, contact Michael Lisowski at MAP at (414) 273-1991, to make a reservation.

office in London.)

Gay and Lesbian activists, in the Task Force coalition and abroad, waged an intensive campaign to change the AI policy. The Task Force launched letter writing campaigns and provided extensive information to AI. Julie Dorf, founder of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, was credited by AI with providing many examples of anti-Gay imprisonments, thus bolstering the case for Gays as prisoners of conscience.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) organized a massive lobbying campaign at AI's annual meeting held in Washington, DC last June, where Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Executive Director, keynoted the meeting's welcoming event.

"Perhaps one of the most important things we did as Gay and Lesbian activists," said Charlotte Innes of the Task Force coalition, "was sensitize AI and raise its consciousness to a point where it would take a principled position from which it would not budge."



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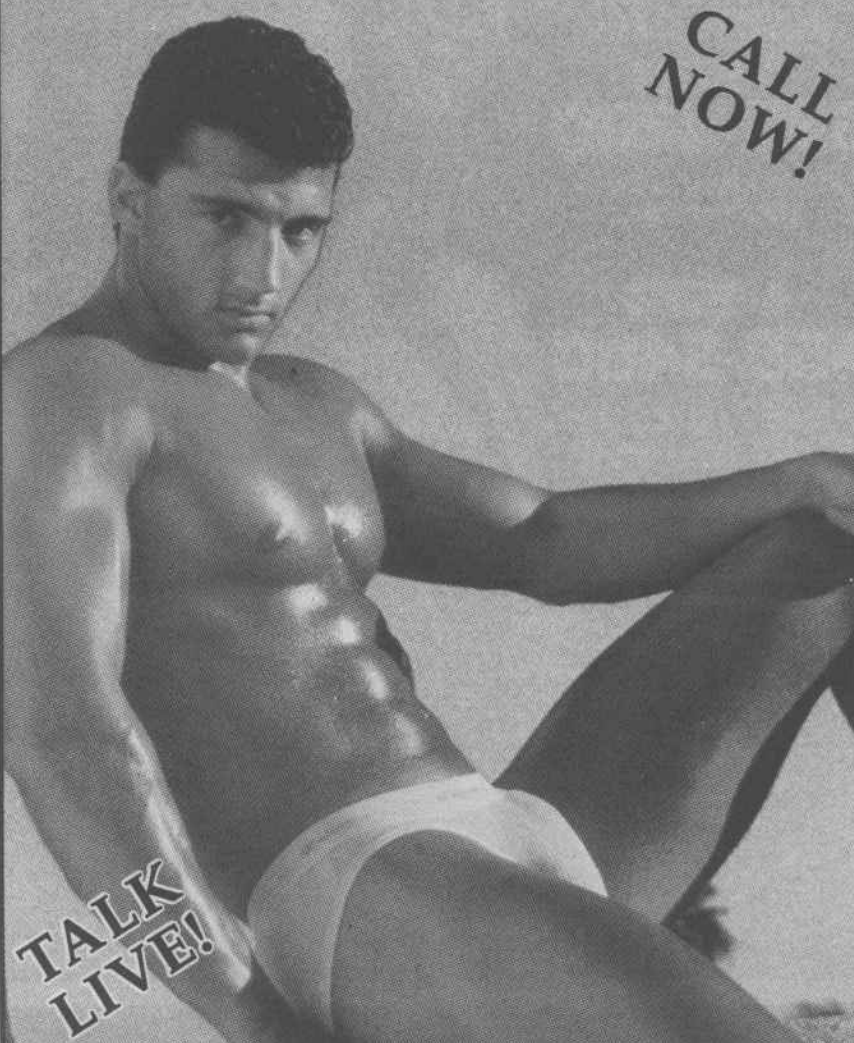
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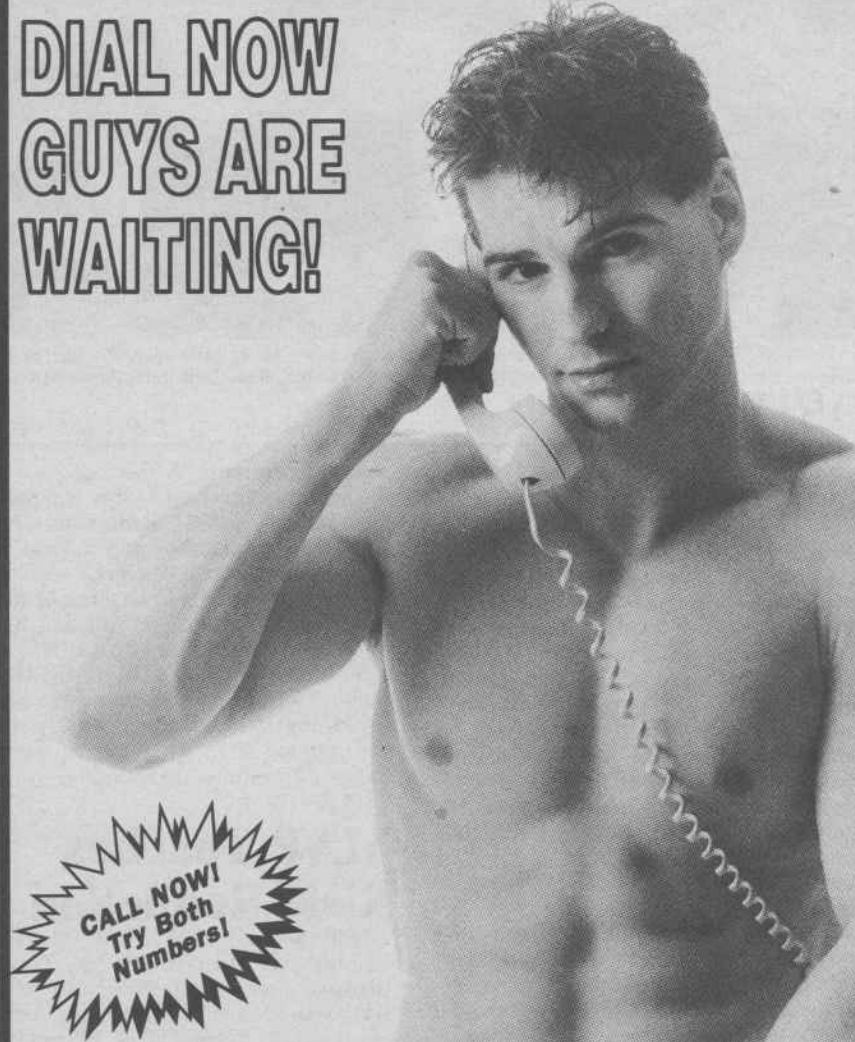


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door indicating that he was.

Several individuals testified that, as either victims of or witnesses to Gay bashing in the south side Gay bar district, when they sought assistance from the police they were dismissed and even threatened with arrest.

A man named Richard, desperately seeking assistance for a friend in trouble, was told: "Get the hell out of here or we're going to arrest you." Another witness trying to supply information was told: "Shut the fuck up and get out of here or I'll arrest you."

In a chilling episode similar to that of Konerak Sinthasomphone, one woman spoke about her 15 year old brother out biking late one night, who found himself being stalked by a stranger. He was able to flag down a squad car, told the officers of his plight and asked for a ride home. The police not only did not help the boy, but issued \$100 worth of citations to the boy for having no light or license for his bicycle.

Scott Gunkel, who is a bartender at Club 219, related the story of the now infamous March 28 police raid there in which 35-40 officers in fifteen squad cars and one paddy wagon roused a total of 40 customers and seven contestants who were participating in a "Hot Buns" contest — an example, he said, of "excessive force and manpower."

One contestant's arm was broken by police and officers taped the wrists of a female impersonator to her ankles and left her that way for 20 minutes. She was later thrown into the police holding tank where she was made the subject of ridicule.

Stephanie Hume talked about a friend who was severely injured in a Gay bashing. Hume tried to follow up with police but was stymied when she found that they had written "almost nothing in their books" about it.

The litany of traumatic stories went on for more than two hours. Some of the most damning evidence was submitted by police officers themselves.

### Cops Speak Out

One ten year veteran of the MPD wrote an anonymous letter to **Wisconsin In Step** last year in which he reviewed some of the tactics of harassment apparently used by Milwaukee police.

"Why are officers still allowed to flash floodlights into Gay bars, yet do not subject straight businesses to the same harassment?" he asked.

"I suggest you have someone statistically examine the amount of parking tickets issued with several blocks of the Gay bars and businesses as opposed to all the other bars in Walker's Point and the Third Ward to see if the parking meters in front of those addresses are enforced more regularly."

"I suggest Chief Arreola ask why officers carrying paperwork with gloved hands are allowed to tell other workers and prisoners that a prisoner is Gay or that he has AIDS...Or why District 2 officers are allowed to park in front of 219 S. Second or in the block of 100 E. National Avenue for the legendary pedestrian violation activity, while not subjecting patrons of the straight bars and restaurants to the same..."

"Why do officers write down all the license plates numbers in parking lots of such establishments, obtaining listings and filing them in various illegal files that are still kept, from the Internal Affairs Division on down?"

This officer also wrote that sexual harassment is "rampant within the MPD. At least ten different desks within the Department have signs on them reading: 'Sexual harassment will not be tolerated — it will be graded.'"

Another officer, a Lesbian, who has since left the Department, wrote: "My eyes were opened my first day of training. My training officer's opening comments were strewn with sexist and anti-Gay remarks. Men who had difficulty with the physical regimen were called 'faggots' or 'fairies.' I was sure that racist remarks weren't far behind. I was right. Even though racist jokes and remarks weren't made in front of cadets of color, they were prevalent in private conversations."

"On the street," she commented, "the stereotypical behavior continued. Officers did not hesitate displaying their disgust towards homosexuals. And their prejudice affected their enforcement of the law."

Knowing "I would never be able to reveal my sexual orientation to anyone in the Department for fear of discrimination and harassment," she left the MPD.

### The Madison Story

Detective Alix Olson, an openly Lesbian officer with the Madison Police Department, testified that she was

"really appalled" at the "horror stories" that were unfolding at the hearing. "It just seems unreal to me that this is going on."

Olson joined the Madison force ten years ago as an open Lesbian and could recall only one "mild" incident of harassment by fellow officers. She said that of Madison's sworn force of 300 officers, about one sixth of those were openly Gay.

Olson said that she and several other Madison officers had taken upon themselves the task of establishing a police liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community and that the results have been very "beneficial." She recommended that the Milwaukee Department establish its own.

"It shows the Police Department is ready and willing to work with the Gay community. I've heard people say here tonight 'We'll work with you, just don't bash us. We want to work with you. We want to cooperate.' If you're having people in the Gay and Lesbian community saying that to you — that's terrific! Don't lose that! It's really important. Because, as an officer, I know I can't be everywhere. I can't see everything. I need to have people out there helping me out in my investigations. And if they're willing to do that, even after all the crap they've taken, I think you ought to help them get to that point."

Detective Olson urged ongoing sensitivity training. "You need some sort of ongoing training, not only in the academy, but also for people who are already in the Department, because a lot of times they're the ones who are major problems. They've been there forever. They're like dinosaurs."

"You may not change all of them, but you're going to get through to some of them. And if you can do that, hopefully, they're going to have an influence on their peers. Among police officers, peer pressure is really strong. Even if one person can say to another officer, 'Hey, you really shouldn't do that,' or 'Hey, don't call them queers,' then you've made a start."

Olson also made a strong pitch for the establishment of a special hate crimes unit to focus specifically on bias motivated crimes. Madison has one detective specializing in that area, but Olson suggested that a city the size of Milwaukee should have an entire unit.

Ron Geiman of **Wisconsin In Step**, said that "never" in the seven years he had published the magazine had police ever sought him out as a source of information about hate crimes or missing persons in the Gay community. He reinforced the request for a police liaison to the Gay community and said: "The community is here to work with them if they [the police] ever bother to approach us."

Geiman suggested that police launch sting operations like the one in Houston, in which undercover cops posing as Gay couples were able to arrest many Gay bashers.

In reference to the harassment of Gay men in particular, Geiman said: "Officers have to be informed that there is a difference between cruising and hustling...there is a distinct difference — money does not always change hands."

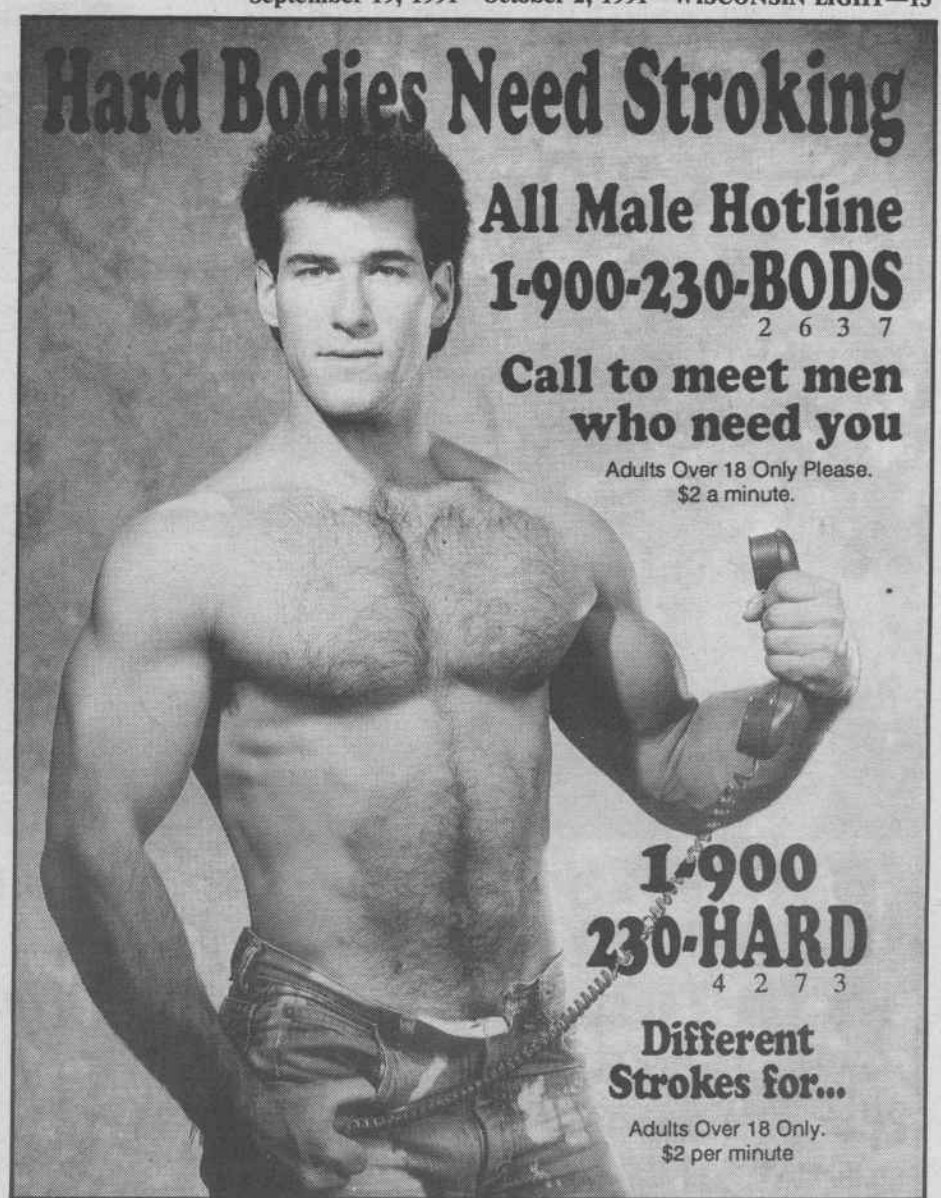
Geiman, echoing many other speakers, also strongly encouraged the MPD to begin actively recruiting Gay and Lesbian officers: "Gay and Lesbian officers working in the Gay and Lesbian areas are going to get more cooperation from our community. Our people would feel more open with Gay and Lesbian officers."

Margaret Snow of the Police Proposal Task Force of the Milwaukee Lavender Network, a coalition of Gay and Lesbian groups, presented preliminary findings of a survey about police performance distributed in the Gay community.

Ninety-five percent of those surveyed said they did not believe the MPD provided the same services to Gay, Lesbian and bisexual people as they did to heterosexuals. Six out of seven people who actually reported a hate crime to the MPD characterized the Department's response to their victimization "homophobic."

The Lavender Network Task Force is in the process of drafting a proposal for reforms in the MPD which encompasses many of the suggestions made at the hearing: comprehensive sensitivity training at all levels of police personnel; a liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community; the immediate cessation of racist and homophobic slurs by police officers; and the recruitment of openly Gay and Lesbian officers.

At the end of the lengthy hearing, Blue Ribbon Commission Chair Father Albert DiUlio told the audience that the Commission would be sending its final report and recommendations to the Mayor's Office and the Police and Fire Commission by October 15. It is then up to those institutions to take action on the findings.



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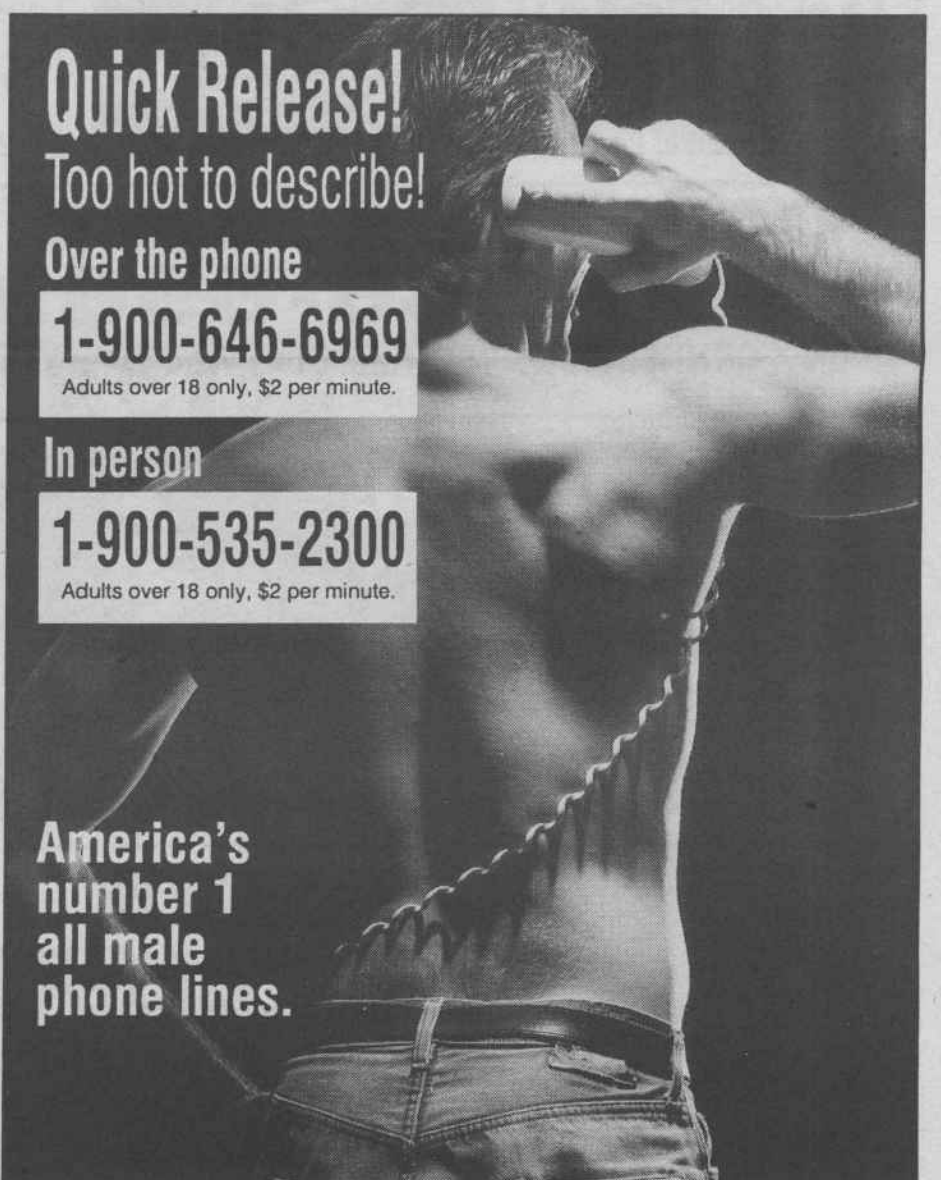
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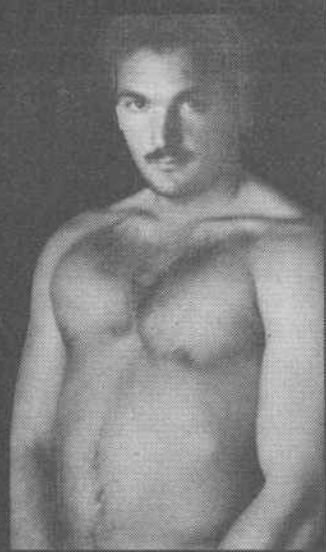
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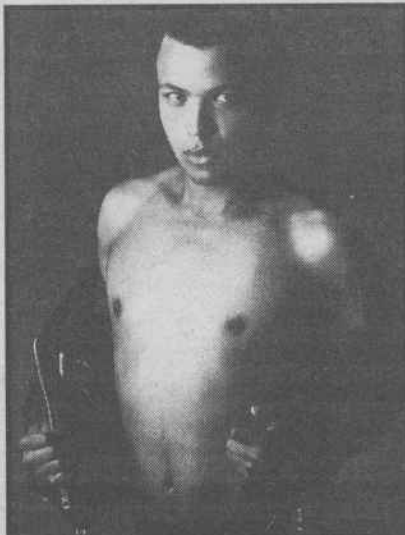
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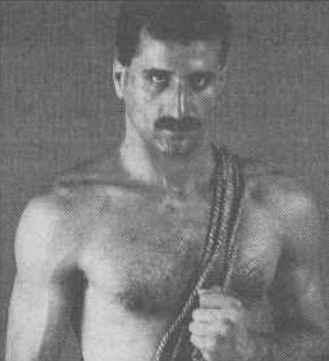
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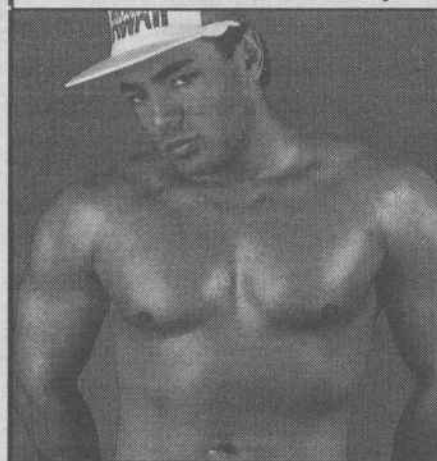
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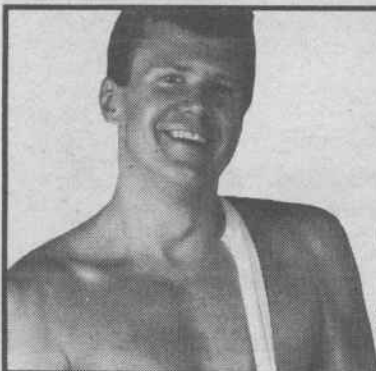
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## PRISONS

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ACT UP/Madison and ACT UP/Milwaukee have charged that the Department of Corrections (DOC) has dragged its feet in implementing these recommendations. Since the death of Donald Woods last year and the death of Ricardo Thomas, another prisoner with AIDS, in June, ACT UP has intensified its protests.

During the protest outside the DOC's building, DOC officials released to the press a statement itemizing a list of seventeen of the Governor's recommendations which it claimed have been implemented. Those recommendations deal primarily with counseling and education of inmates on HIV/AIDS and special training and protocols adopted by the prison system's medical staff in dealing with HIV-infected inmates.

The DOC asserted that it would maintain the segregation of HIV/AIDS infected inmates "for medical reasons as well as for the protection of the infected

inmate and others." Records of blood and diseases transmitted through bodily fluids will continue to be collected by staff. In addition, citing unspecified "legitimate medical and security reasons," the DOC opposes the elimination of work restrictions for inmates with HIV/AIDS. The DOC is also on record in opposition to the distribution of condoms and needles.

ACT UP's Dan Savage remained adamant: "We're not going to settle for enactment of 'just about' all of the recommendations or 'almost' all of the recommendations. We want every single one of those recommendations implemented and we want it now!" He promised further agitation on the part of ACT UP to see that the DOC complies with all the recommendations.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, has been appointed to a DOC Committee charged with implementing the Governor's recommendations. He said he felt that the DOC was more flexible today than a year ago, in part, due to the concerted agitation of ACT UP. As to whether the DOC will move on all the recommendations, Nelson said: "The jury is still out."

Judy Greenspan of the A.C.L.U.'s National Prison Project spoke at the September 9 rally and offered a stark assessment of the AIDS epidemic in America's prisons.

"Today, AIDS in prison is a death sentence," said Greenspan. "There is no doubt about it. Everything from substandard medical care to astronomically long sentences to indifference to discrimination to harassment to violence to the criminalization of the epidemic, which has led to attempted murder charges being lodged against persons with AIDS."

"We have an epidemic of fear in the prisons," said Greenspan, "and the corrections staff and administrators are fostering that fear."

Greenspan noted that the universal demand voiced in similar protests throughout the country was that prison authorities "Treat and educate, not test and segregate."

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## Madison Pride At A Glance

### PRE-MARCH WEEKEND

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**Friday, September 27**  
Musica Femina Classical Music  
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Apple Island  
849 E. Washington, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, September 28**  
Country Line Dancing for Women  
Apple Island, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, October 3**  
GALVANize Events Committee Meeting  
New Volunteers Welcome!  
Memorial Union, 6:30 p.m.  
Art Show Party  
Steep and Brew  
544 State Street, 8-10 p.m.

**Friday, October 4**  
NAMES Project Quilt Opening Ceremony  
McClain Center  
Regent and Monroe Streets, 6:30 p.m.  
A GAYLA Affair (Variety Show)  
Great Hall/Memorial Union, 8:00 p.m.  
GAYLA Dance  
Great Hall/Memorial Union, 10:30 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.

**Saturday, October 5**  
Michael Callen Booksigning  
Four Star Fiction and Video  
315 N. Henry, 11 a.m.  
Pre-March Party  
Rod's  
636 W. Washington Avenue, 10 a.m.  
Workshops  
Memorial Union, 10 a.m. — Noon  
Sign-Making Workshop  
Madison Senior Center Meeting Room  
330 W. Mifflin St., 10 a.m. — Noon  
NAMES Project Quilt  
McClain Facility, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.  
Pre-March Rally  
State St. side of State Capitol, 1 p.m.  
The March — 1:30 p.m.  
The Celebration  
James Madison Park, 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Concerts:  
Kate Clinton, (\$15) 7 p.m.  
The Flirtations, (\$10) 9:30 p.m.  
Barrymore Theatre, 2040 Atwood Avenue  
Women's Dance  
Apple Island, 9:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 6**  
NAMES Project Quilt  
McClain Facility, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Brunch  
Community Housing and Services Bldg.  
306 N. Brooks St., \$5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Workshops  
Memorial Union, noon to 4 p.m.  
Videos  
Memorial Union, noon to 4 p.m.  
Ecumenical Service  
University United Methodist Church  
1127 University Ave., 2 p.m.  
Closing Ceremonies/NAMES Project Quilt  
McClain Facility, 3:30 p.m.  
Silver Branch Gathering  
Drop-in support for "older" Lesbians  
Apple Island, 5 p.m.

## Workshop Schedule

Interpreting for the deaf will be available for both Saturday and Sunday workshops held in the UW Memorial Union. If you need this service, check at the information table in the Union Lobby to connect with one of the pool of ASL interpreters.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

ALL WORKSHOPS 10AM - NOON

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"Celebrating Lesbian Family Diversity: Our Challenges and Promises." Sponsored by the Lesbian Parents Network.

"Coming Out to Parents and Family." Facilitated by the Madison chapter of P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

"Gay and Lesbian Issues in the Public School Arena." With Tom Ammiano, "out" teacher and member of the San Francisco School Board. Co-sponsored by GLEE, Gay and Lesbian Education Employees.

"GREAT: Steps to Self-Empowerment for Gay and Bisexual Men." Facilitated by Paul Wesselman, Assistant Director of Resident Life at Beloit College.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

NOON - 4PM

Free child care at University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Avenue. Three Wishes Child Care Center.

UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street

"Race Awareness." Noon - 4 p.m. Facilitated by the Race Awareness Program of the UW-Madison.

"Alternative Fertilization." Noon - 2 p.m. Panel discussion of issues and experiences. The Lesbian Parents Network.

"Adoption Issues for Lesbians." Noon - 2 p.m. Panel Discussion. Lesbian Parents Network.

"The Fight Against Lesbian and Gay Oppression." Noon - 2 p.m. Cameron Sturdevant, International Socialist Organization.

"Statewide Coalition- Building." Noon - 1 p.m. Facilitated by the Wisconsin N.O.W. Lesbian Rights Task Force.

"Living with AIDS." 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Facilitated by Michael Callen and the Flirtations.

"Gay Rights in Wisconsin." 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. A panel of activists and politicians discuss how to influence public policy.

"Legal Issues for Lesbian Parents." 2:30 - 4 p.m. Attorney Shelley Gaylord (videotape). Facilitated by the Lesbian Parents Network.

## 3,000 Walkers Expected For September 22 AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- Sunday, September 22, 1991, people from all walks of life will converge on Milwaukee's Lakefront for the Second Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk to benefit AIDS care and education programs throughout Wisconsin.

The Walk, led by honorary co-chairs Allan "Bud" and Sue Selig of the Milwaukee Brewers, is expected to exceed its goal of \$285,000 through the work of more than 3,000 walkers.

"We are extremely excited about the potential success of this year's walk," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). "It's encouraging to see so many people from throughout the community getting together and filling their pledge forms."

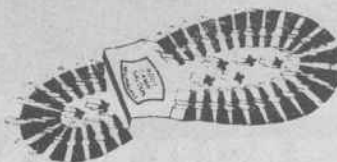
Many community leaders from throughout the state will be present at the Walk. Master of Ceremonies, Marty Burns Wolfe, co-anchor at WISN-TV-Channel 12, will lead the opening ceremonies, scheduled to begin at noon. Also present at the opening ceremonies will be Bud and Sue Selig, Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist and Lesley Keegan, Sr. Vice President at Time Insurance Company.

Many exciting prizes, including a trip to Hawai'i, will be given out to those who

bring in the most money at the Walk.

Registration for the Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. at Urban Park, which is located just north of the Summerfest Grounds on Milwaukee's Lakefront. Again this year, walkers can indulge themselves in foot massages and kids can enjoy face painting and other activities.

There is still time to pick up registration materials at MAP, 315 W. Court St., at any Kohl's Food Store.



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