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# The Wisconsin Light

## Mayor Norquist Will Meet Quarterly With Gay Community

By Bill Meunier

[Milwaukee]- In an attempt to restore and improve communication in the wake of Mayor John O. Norquist's veto of city festival funds for the annual Gay Pride Parade, twelve members of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community held a cordial meeting with Mayor Norquist and five members of his staff on Wednesday February 5th. The meeting took place in the Mayor's office.

The subject of the veto came up early in the meeting, when Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB) reviewed the events of the last year, including the County Board's refusal to pass a Pride Week Proclamation, the Jeffrey Dahmer case, the School Board's "knuckling under to the fundamentalists," and the Mayor's veto.

In response, the Mayor defended his veto but not the language contained in the veto message. While he didn't apologize for that language, which equated Lesbians and Gays with an advocacy group, he did say "I didn't feel comfortable with it." But the Mayor explained that he doesn't believe in having the government fund political movements. Citing his opposition to state funding for the Women's Issues Council while he was in the State Assembly, Norquist told the group that he doesn't always agree with groups whose agendas he normally supports.

### The Mayor Speaks

"I value the contributions that Gays and Lesbians have made to the community," said Norquist. "I support your efforts. For example I think the issue of whether or not you are getting good service and respect from the police is a serious issue. Using police overtime to pay 30 to 40 officers to raid a bar is ridiculous. If it had been Rickey's or Hoops there would have only been two or three officers there. I spoke to Chief Arreola about this and expressed my concerns and he is concerned as well. But I don't think it's wise to use government money to support a political movement."

Several of the Gays and Lesbians in attendance attacked the language of the veto and the lack of communication with the Gay community about the pending veto. Karen Gotzler of LAMB told the Mayor that his veto message "made the parade an issue even for those who don't care about the parade." "It became a symbol," Gotzler said.

Wendy Pologe told the Mayor: "I am not a movement or an agenda. I am a Lesbian."

Several others also tried to drive home their view that being Gay or Lesbian is a fact not a political cause and that the Pride Parade is a celebration of who we are, in the same way that "celebrations put on by other groups are celebrations of who they are."

Gary Hollander, who served on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Police Community Relations, bluntly told Norquist that he should have communicated with the Gay and Lesbian community before vetoing the funds.

### "Can't Believe It"

After pointing out that the Mayor knew several of the people in attendance he could have contacted, Hollander told the Mayor: "I cannot believe any other group would be treated this way. There are two things that those who hate us say about us, that we molest children and that we choose to be this way. As a psychiatrist I know how important language is. The language in your veto message reinforced the stereotype that we choose to be Gay. If you had come to us we could have helped you with the language. It wouldn't have become an issue."

The Mayor then reiterated that he "didn't feel comfortable with the analogy"

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## UW Must Do More To Stop Gay Violence and Harassment

By John Quinlan

[Madison]- An aggressive effort to combat homophobic violence and harassment in university housing is among the actions recommended by a special committee on January 23, 1992, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Dean of Students' office.

"There are major problems being reported by students, especially in the residence halls — everything from people being assaulted to having 'kill the fag' spray-painted across their door to receiving threatening notes," Gay and Lesbian Issues Committee (GLIC) co-chair Kevin McIntyre told *The Light*. "The dorms are home for a lot of new students — and it's a pretty significant concern when you can't even feel safe in your own home."

GLIC members — who included student, administration, faculty, and community representatives — released the 36 page report, "Issues of Concern to Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Students on Our Campus," after two and a half years of work.

McIntyre asserted the committee's belief that "we need to hear from the top down that this university is willing to accept all people regardless of their sexual orientation for who they are and provide them the opportunities to become whoever they can become within the university setting."

When asked whether Chancellor Donna Shalala was doing enough for Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals, McIntyre answered with an emphatic "No." He says that in private conversations, he senses a strong level of personal support for Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual rights.

"What confuses me is why that doesn't translate into a more assertive public stand on her part as the premier representative of the university, like the kind of stand she's taken on the Madison Plan," he said. "I wish I could explain why that is, but I can't."

### Homophobia in the Dorms

In response to concerns about homophobic violence and harassment in the dorms, the report recommended significant new efforts to train UW housing staff, and provide campus-wide sensitivity training to all incoming freshmen and residents of UW housing. Current disciplinary policies must be strengthened to reflect the seriousness of these offenses, McIntyre said.

"Victims of homophobic violence have been quietly moved to different dormitories [while] the perpetrators of violence have escaped any penalties," the report notes. "A student who turns in a false fire alarm would be immediately dismissed from the [dorms] if caught. A student committing an assault or a

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JEFFREY DAHMER

## Obscuring Dahmer's Homosexuality Hinders Our Understanding of Him

Commentary by Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- In the ongoing trial of Jeffrey L. Dahmer, both Milwaukee District Attorney E. Michael McCann and Defense Attorney Gerald P. Boyle have made the point in opening remarks and other statements before the jury and the world, that the case is not about homosexuality; that, as Boyle said, Dahmer just "happens" to be a homosexual.

I would imagine that many Gays breathed a sigh of relief. I know I did, thinking that at least, with all that our community has been through since last July, we would be spared that. It was Jeffrey Dahmer who was on trial, not being Gay. But on further reflection, I think there's something that needs to be considered.

It is still true that homosexuality is not on trial, but Jeffrey Dahmer is and in his confession, he says he is Gay, that he has realized his Gayness — as most of us do — since he knew what sex was.

I have discovered something else too, about myself. As horrified as I am by it all, I can empathize with Jeffrey Dahmer. He is another Gay man. To obscure that or deny that is at least insensitive, at worst, homophobic. It is astounding considering what the trial is supposed to be about — understanding why one man did what he did.

### "A Walking Tragedy"

We need to understand Jeffrey Dahmer. The whole world needs to understand Jeffrey Dahmer. He is a walking tragedy, a Greek tragedy. We've got to understand the flaw.

The jury, everyone, needs to know about the anguish, the pain, that this society forces so many of us to experience growing up Gay or Lesbian. How many never really get over the trauma?

They need to find out what it's like not to be able to conform — at the precise time in life when you want most to conform, when you're a teenager.

There are no mechanisms for dating, no ways to learn about relationships and love. There are few if any support systems. Who do we turn to? To our families? Many reject us out of hand. To the priest, minister or rabbi? For many of us, religion is worse than useless. It's spokespeople do nothing but condemn what we cannot help.

How many of us think we're all alone, we're the only ones like us there are? How many of us think we can never have love, a home of our own, a family? How many sink into despair?

I was sitting in the court room waiting one day before the session began. A

woman, a reporter for one of the major media, asked if she might interview me, get my reactions. I agreed.

Then, when the interview was finished, she began to tell me about her daughter, now in college. The daughter has a friend, a young man who is Gay. After a long fight, he'd come out.

The reporter said: "My daughter likes him. She admires him and feels for him. She wants to know if he can expect to be happy. Can he date? Can he ever have love? Who do I tell her?"

### Fierce Struggle

I told the reporter not to worry, to tell her daughter that as fierce and painful as her friend's struggle had been, he had as much expectation of love as anyone else. We were strong, I told her, like Jews and Blacks are strong, like any persecuted minority has to be strong. The reporter's eyes were liquid. She thanked me for what I'd said.

From reading his confession, I would guess that Dahmer went through all that and more. Most of us weather it, fight the good fight, win out. He did not. Why? No "expert" can tell about it. The only one who can do that is one who's been through it — one who is Gay.

Sadly, a lot of young Gays assimilate society's hatred and turn in on themselves, collapse in on themselves. They learn to hate themselves — "homo-homophobia" to coin a term. Many teens think about suicide. Many go to the brink. Many go over that brink. And society wonders why.

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## Activist Disrupts Secretary of Defense's Madison Speech

[Madison]- A January 27 speech here by Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney was disrupted by a member of Madison's Ten Percent Society.

According to Ten Percent President, Michael Dixon, he and Ten Percent member, Andrew Miller, "disguised in business drag," obtained tickets to Cheney's speech to the Wisconsin Manufacturing Association convention at the Concourse Hotel.

A few minutes into Cheney's speech, Miller screamed out "We demand a new chestnut! When are you going to let Gays and Lesbians serve in the military?"

This was a reference to Cheney's recent comments that the military's prohibition against Lesbians and Gays was "an old chestnut" that he had inherited from previous administrations.

According to Dixon, five undercover

police jumped out of the crowd, forced Miller to the ground, hand cuffed him, and carried him away. Miller was held and questioned by the police while Cheney completed his speech and then released without any charges being filed against him. Dixon says that Miller received a small cut on his hand during the struggle.

Dixon, who had planned to disrupt the speech again when things had calmed down, says he found himself on the other side of a closed door, with an undercover officer on either side.

Cheney made a brief joke from the podium about the incident and continued with his speech. Despite the implications of his earlier comments that the policy is outdated, Cheney has continued to defend the military's exclusionary policy against Lesbians and Gays at every opportunity.



## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Disney Says Gays Are Okay!

[Orlando, FL]- The *Weekly News* of Miami reports that the Walt Disney Co., Florida's largest single private employer, has revised its corporate regulations to "provide equal opportunity without regard to sexual orientation."

The anti-discrimination policy was adopted in November and includes all of Disney's companies in the U.S., including Disneyland in Anaheim, California and Epcot, the Magic Kingdom and Disney-MGM in Orlando.

"The most wholesome corporation in America looked to the future and did what they knew what was in their long-term best interests," a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) in Florida told the *Weekly News*.

GLAAD had been pressuring Disney for more than a year to adopt the non-discrimination policy. But a key role was played by Local 681, the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union in Anaheim. During negotiations with the Disneyland Hotel, the union insisted that the sexual orientation clause be included or their contract would not be ratified. Local 681 also warned the company of a potential national boycott should the policy not be adopted.

In addition, the *Weekly News* reports, Disney was planning a move into Long Beach, which has a large Gay/Lesbian population. The union's chief negotiator, Jeff LaTourneau, advised Disney that Gay people held important positions in many of the 23 agencies required to approve the expansion.

Said LaTourneau: "We were in the right place at the right time, and through years of work and loaded guns, the point was heard."

### Kowalski Case Sent Back To Court

[St. Paul, MN]- The recent decision by the Minnesota Court of Appeals to grant full guardianship of Sharon Kowalski to her Lesbian partner, Karen Thompson, is being appealed to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The appeal was filed by attorney Thomas Sjogren on behalf of Karen Tomberlin, Kowalski's former guardian. Tomberlin was a high school coach of Kowalski, who was severely brain-injured in a car accident in 1983.

Tomberlin had been appointed guardian by District Court Judge Robert Campbell in April, 1991. The previous year, Kowalski's father had relinquished guardianship of his daughter, citing health problems and the continuing litigation with Thompson, who sought guardianship herself. Campbell said Tomberlin would be a "neutral third party."

On December 17, in a unanimous and strongly worded opinion by the Court of Appeals, Thompson won guardianship. The court said: "Thompson's suitability for guardianship was overwhelmingly clear from the testimony of Sharon's doctors and caretakers."

### HIV Infections Skyrocket

[New York, NY]- The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that the number of confirmed cases of AIDS worldwide reached 446,681 at the end of last year. Because of delays in reporting and frequent misdiagnoses, the figure could be closer to 1.5 million.

WHO estimates that 5,000 new people are infected with HIV each day and the number of people infected could reach 40 million by the end of the century.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reports that the number of Americans with AIDS climbed to over 206,000 by the end of 1991. Almost 140,000 Americans have died of AIDS complications.

### Bashers Given Maximum Sentences

[New York, NY]- Three skinhead Gay bashers, who were convicted of the murder of 29 year old Julio Rivera, have been given the maximum sentences for their brutal crime.

In sentencing the ringleader, David Doyle, 21, Justice Ralph Sherman called him a "disgrace to the human race." In exchange for testifying against his accomplices, Doyle got 8 to 25 years in prison.

Erik Brown, 21, and Esat Bici, 20, were sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after Queens District Attorney Richard Brown argued: "The taking of a human life because of a person's sexual orientation is conduct so deplorable that it must be condemned in the clearest and most unequivocal terms."

The men admitted stalking the streets of Queens in search of a homosexual, drug addict or homeless person to beat up. They lured Rivera to a schoolyard where they beat him with a hammer and a bottle and then stabbed him to death. Police initially refused to categorize the murder as a hate crime, which roused the ire of the city's large Gay community, who turned the attack into a cause celebre.

### New S.F. Mayor Appoints Gays

[San Francisco, CA]- Frank Jordan, who ousted the liberal incumbent Art Agnos to become Mayor of San Francisco, has appointed one Gay man and two Lesbians to positions in his administration. Some Gays had expressed concern that the new mayor, a former police chief, might be less supportive of the Gay community than Agnos had been.

Mayor Jordan appointed Chris Bowman, a former President of the city's Gay Log Cabin Republican Club, a special assistant for issues research. Jean Harris, an aide to Gay Supervisor Harry Britt and a former President of the Harvey Milk Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, was named community liaison. Also appointed as special assistant to Mayor Jordan's chief of staff was Margaret Kisliuk, a Lesbian who previously worked on the staff of former Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

The appointees do not appear to be "token" representatives of the Gay and Lesbian community. Reporter Keith Clark quoted one area activist as saying: "You don't put two outspokenly honest people like Jean and Chris on your team if you're looking for people who are going to roll over and play dead."

### Sodomites Just Can't Get Arrested

[Washington, D.C.]- Dozens of Gay activists in the nation's capital recently turned themselves in to District of Columbia police for violating the city's sodomy law, but they couldn't get arrested.

"I've a sworn affidavit stating that I'm a criminal for the way I make love. I fully expect police to do their duty," said one member of Queer Nation/D.C.

Police did not arrest the "criminals," but took information offered to them and turned it over to the U.S. Attorney's Office which has since refused to press charges.

The District of Columbia sodomy law, passed in 1901, outlaws any sexual activity except for penetration of the vagina by a penis, even when other acts are performed by consenting adults in private. The activists hoped to show the absurdity of the law and the impracticability of its enforcement.

A bill to repeal the law is stalled in the D.C. City Council. Council member Wilhelmina Rolark (D) refuses to release it from the Judiciary Committee.

### Quickies...

[Lithonia, GA]- In January, Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), an openly Gay member of Congress, marched with Queer Nation activists to a Cracker Barrel restaurant in suburban Atlanta to protest the company's firing of Gay and Lesbian employees. Frank, who represented the Gay/Lesbian community in Atlanta's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday march the following day, urged the activists to "keep up the fight."

[Manchester, NH]- WMUR, the ABC TV affiliate in New Hampshire, has banned a 30 second advertisement produced by the local chapter of ACT UP which condemns the Presidential candidates' silence on the AIDS epidemic. The ad features a Gay male couple, a Lesbian couple and a straight couple about to kiss. The station manager called the ad too "sexually explicit."

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.



**VETO PROTEST**—Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians protested Mayor Norquist's veto of Gay Pride Parade funds outside MECCA's convention center where the Mayor delivered his "State of the City" speech January 27. Inside, Dan Fons and Patrick Flaherty of Queer Nation were cited for disorderly conduct for disrupting Norquist's speech.

### Milwaukee Political Endorsements

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB) after extensive research, has issued the following guidelines for the primary on Tuesday, February 18, 1992. *Wisconsin Light* prints them with grateful acknowledgment to LAMB for their work and their use.

LAMB has endorsed **Paul Mathews** for Milwaukee County Executive. Mathews' campaign pursued LAMB's endorsement early on in the race. Mathews shares LAMB's vision of a united Milwaukee County and supports cultural diversity in county government. LAMB interviewed the four declared candidates in November — all of whom sought LAMB endorsement — and decided support Mathews based on his support of Lesbian and Gay issues while serving on the County Board of Supervisors and on his continued support as County Executive.

Mathews has pledged to issue a Lesbian and Gay pride proclamation if elected and he has made diversity a central plank in his county government program.

In addition, he supports a county government role in providing AIDS services and he will work with the Sheriff to ensure equal treatment of Gays and Lesbians by the force. Mathews is pro-choice and he has been an avid supporter of women's rights and issues throughout his career. But most important of all, Mathews understands the pressures and

prejudices Lesbians and Gays face daily because of their sexual orientation. LAMB feels that he is that one crucial step ahead of the other candidates.

In January, State Representative Annette Polly Williams joined the race for County Executive. Ms. Williams did not respond to LAMB's questions. She has stated publicly that she is opposed to a woman's right to choose safe and legal abortion, and she has voted against reproductive choice in the legislature.

While heading up the Rainbow Coalition effort in Wisconsin in 1988, she worked to exclude Gay men and Lesbians from the coalition.

Following is a list of all city and county districts where primary elections will be held on Tuesday, February 18. If your district is not listed below, there will be no primary election for that particular seat. The general election will be held April 7.

Remember, even if your aldermanic and/or county supervisor district does not have a primary race you should still vote. **All Milwaukee County residents can vote for Paul Mathews for County Executive.**

Take this voter's guide to the polls with you. Anyone can vote who has resided in that district for at least 10 days. If you are not currently registered to vote, you can register at the polls. Just take along a current ID (like a driver's license) that shows your home address.

<b>Milwaukee County Races</b>	
<b>County Executive</b>	<b>District #23 - No respondents</b>
ENDORSE Paul Mathews	Maria Cameron 421-0427
	Robert Murphy 423-1456
	James Schmidt 421-4860
	David Zepecki 425-3689
<b>County Board of Supervisors</b>	<b>Common Council (Alderpeople)</b>
<b>District #1 - No respondents to questionnaires. Please contact candidates.</b>	<b>District #2 -</b>
Tyler Maria Brown 374-1177	John Kalwitz - Rating 2
Regina Harmon 444-6423	Norman Werner - Did not respond 527-3190
Mark Lipscomb 351-2439	David Olsen - Did not respond 444-1932
Nathaniel Stampely 447-7207	<b>District #3 -</b>
Richard Williams 352-0846	Endorse Lorraine McNamara-McGraw
<b>City of Milwaukee Races</b>	<b>District #4 -</b>
<b>Mayor</b>	Endorse Paul Henningsen
No candidate poses a threat to Mayor Norquist. LAMB can make no positive recommendations in this race. LAMB does recommend that voters do not vote for Gregory Gracz or David Hall.	<b>District #5 -</b>
	Craig Basile - Rating 2
<b>District #5 -</b>	Taylor Benson - Did not respond 258-6227
Recommend Veronica Taylor-Mosley	David Dane - Did not respond no listing
<b>District #7 -</b>	Daniel Schramm - Did not respond 462-7854
Recommend Terrance L. Pitts	Christine Weber - Did not respond 535-1197
<b>District #11 -</b>	John Sokoly - Did not respond non-published
Mark Borkowski - Did not respond 327-3177	Arthur Beaudry - Did not respond 453-8617
John J. Valenti - Rating 1	<b>District #6 -</b>
Marvin Vogel - Rating 1	Endorse Marlene Johnson
<b>District #16 -</b>	<b>District #7 -</b>
Recommend Lynne DeBruin	Recommend Fredrick Gordon
<b>District #19 -</b>	<b>District #10 -</b>
Leann Launstein - Rating 2	Recommend Michael McGee
Theodore Nardelli - Did not respond 764-1080	<b>District #12 -</b>
John St. John - Rating 1	Endorse Emilio Lopez
<b>District #22 -</b>	<b>District #13 -</b>
Recommend Anthony Czaja	Robert Anderson - Rating 0 (couldn't get any worse)
	Diane L. Head - Rating 3
	William R. Reik - Did not respond 481-0016
	<b>District #14 -</b>
	Recommend Chris Krajniak (75% LAMB approval rating).
	Other candidates: Suzanne Breier - Refused to respond.
	John Drobnik - Did not respond.
	<b>District #17 -</b>
	Endorse E. Fay Anderson
<b>KEY:</b> Endorsement is the strongest form of support from LAMB. We urge all LAMB members to vote for this candidate.	
Recommendation is one step below endorsement and indicates that this candidate is the best candidate in that particular district. LAMB members should support this candidate.	
Rating. Where we have not made an endorsement or recommendation, we have rated candidates. Incumbents are rated on their voting records and response to questionnaires. Other candidates are rated on response to questionnaires. In some instances we have been unable to get any of the candidates in a district to respond to our inquiries. We have printed the home phone numbers of these candidates and urge LAMB members to contact candidates in your districts for further information. Candidates are rated on a scale of 1 - 5 where 1 represents no support of our issues and 5 represents good support of our issues.	



## Common Council Fails To Override Mayor's Veto of Pride Funds

By Julie Kleppin

(Milwaukee)— On January 30, 1992, the Milwaukee Common Council voted to sustain Mayor John Norquist's veto of the Milwaukee Festival Fund resolution, thereby doing away with any city funding for June's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade as well as dozens of other ethnic and neighborhood festivals.

Before the vote, many Council members took the opportunity to explain the way they intended to vote or to lambaste their fellow members' and the Mayor's reasons for their previous actions in the matter.

Alderman Annette Scherbert led the charge, saying Norquist's veto left her feeling "something's wrong with this picture." For a mayor, Scherbert said, who has endorsed several years of Gay pride proclamations and appeared at Pride parades, Scherbert felt Norquist's veto was an effort to "look a little less liberal" for the upcoming elections. She wondered if anyone was fooled.

**Ed. Note:** Mayor Norquist has never attended a Gay Pride parade in Milwaukee.)

### Norquist Suggested Funding

Alderman John Kalwitz said he was "disturbed" by the "lack of leadership" from the Mayor and the "divisiveness" cause by the Mayor's changing positions. Kalwitz said it was Norquist who invited the Pride Committee to apply for city funding in 1988 (a charge confirmed by Gay Pride organizers; please see "Letters to the Editor," this issue) and that the Mayor and his staff had sent out "mixed signals" because they hadn't indicated any opposition to funding the Pride Parade until the veto. Kalwitz wondered just when Mayor Norquist had "formulated his position."

Repeating his earlier statements that "What's fair for one is fair for all," Alderman Donald Richards said "taxpayers" in his district had bombarded him with calls to vote down all parade funding. Therefore, he would now vote against funding the entire package.

Alderman Mary Ann McNulty spoke to "set the record straight" on several matters, the first being that "funding

was never taken from the Veterans to finance Pride." Those allegations, she said, illustrate a "classic case of blaming the victim." She went on to say that "It's pathetic that in 1992, we're still identifying Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual as a 'choice' group."

McNulty cited the American Medical Association's claim that being Gay is not a matter of choice. She stated bluntly that "those who misrepresent the situation do a disservice to the community as a whole. We are all human beings with a sexual orientation; not a 'preference.'"

### Tolerance or Taxes?

Alderman Lorraine McNamara-McGraw said that the aim of the Milwaukee Festival Fund was to build more understanding and tolerance in the city, that if funding Gay Pride was a "tax issue, then the entire fund is a tax issue." If Pride's request was defeated, she supported turning all festival moneys back to the general fund or finding some alternative use for them.

Alderman Michael McGee, who frequently boycotts meetings because of what he believes is the institutional racism of the city, accused the Mayor of "acting like he's the balance of power." McGee said that he disliked many of the groups getting funding, but it had been the Council's decision so he went along with it.

Alderman Wayne Frank ended the discussion by saying, "We need to be an inclusive society."

Eleven votes were needed to override the Mayor's veto. There were only eight: Aids. Thomas Donegan, Frank, Paul Henningsen, Marlene Johnson, McGee, McNamara-McGraw and McNulty. Alderman Marvin Pratt who had been expected to join the eight, was out of town on business, a trip he could not cancel.

Voting to sustain the veto were Aids. Robert Anderson, Kalwitz, Chris Krajniak, Michael Murphy, Thomas Nardelli, Richards and Scherbert.

Because the Common Council did not send the matter back to the Economic Development Committee, only the full Common Council can take any further action at this point.

## Veterans With General Discharges Now Receive Dane County Benefits

(Madison)— Dane County Board of Supervisor members Tammy Baldwin and Richard Wagner chipped away at the military policies that have hurt Gay men and Lesbians. The supervisors ensured that the Dane County ordinances will provide veterans preference points for Gay men and Lesbians who have received other than honorable discharges from military service.

Often Gay men and Lesbians when discovered in the service, are separated under general discharges rather than honorable discharges. Wagner and Baldwin are openly Gay/Lesbian members of the Board.

Dane County was updating its veterans preference statutes to accommodate the Gulf War veterans and making other minor corrections. The proposed ordinance as drafted would only have provided veterans benefits to those honorably discharged.

At the county Finance Committee review, both Wagner and Baldwin who serve on the Committee, raised issues on the draft ordinance and its fairness to those separated under general discharge. As a result, a substitute ordinance was prepared that provided veterans' benefits to all who had served in conflicts except those who had specifically received dishonorable discharges.

Wagner cited the work of Gay historian Allan Berube, *Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War Two*, in discussing the issue. The final version of the substitute ordinance was drafted at Baldwin's request.

The substitute ordinance actually preserved Dane County's existing policy on discharges. The County Board overwhelmingly adopted the substitute ordinance on a voice vote at its meeting on January 23.

## Service Award Nominees Sought

(Milwaukee)— The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is looking for nominations for the MLGPC Community Service Award. This award is to be given to a person who, through actions of their own, has helped to serve our community.

If you feel that you now someone who should receive such an award, please write to MLGPC at P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Remember to list the person's name, address and phone number as well as describing any and all actions this person has done that make you think that he/she deserves this award.

All nominees will be judged by an independent committee. The winner will be contacted and the Award presented at this year's Pride Rally.

### MLGPC Need Volunteers

MLGPC is looking for people to serve as judges to pick a recipient for this year's MLGPC Community Service Award. If you are interested, please contact MLGPC at 871-4839 and leave your name, phone number and the best time to call. Don't forget to say why you are calling.

## Jobs, Crime Rate and Neighborhood Progress On Henningsen's Agenda

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee Alderman Paul Henningsen (4th District) is well-known to the Lesbian/Gay community as a consistent and on-going supporter of our struggle for recognition and civil rights. Whether in committee or in the Common Council, Henningsen has backed our fight. He appeared at the Vigil in August, 1991, speaking forcefully to "Gays and Lesbians" to help us heal. Now he is running for re-election to his Aldermanic seat.

During an interview, Henningsen, 45, looked hearty and full of energy. He says he is a "man with experience." His record proves it. Beginning in 1976, he served as a Milwaukee County Supervisor. In 1983, he was elected as an Alderman and, in that capacity, has served the City ever since.

Asked his aims for Milwaukee, he replies quickly and with assurance. "There are three: 1) Create more jobs. By influencing the city's economic position, you get at the immediate problem, he says, which is crime.

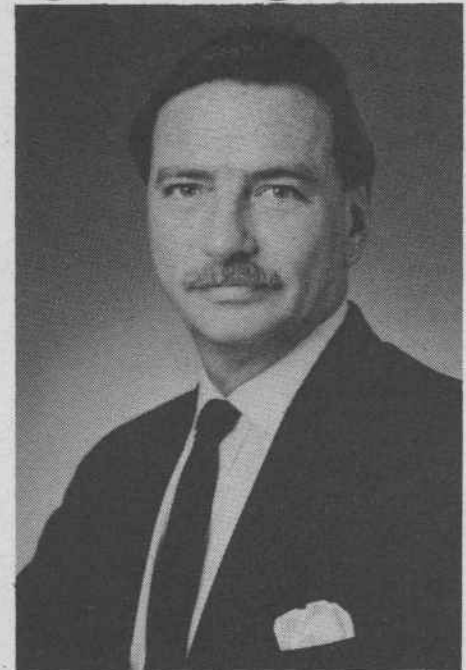
2) Get tougher on the criminal element. He sees the need for more police and more neighborhood policing. He supports Community Oriented Policing (COP) and notes with pride that he was "the first sponsor" of the neighborhood foot patrol program, a forerunner of COP. He is also the one to have sponsored a reduction in the curfew time to 10:00 p.m. "We can't wait for overcoming union rules. We've got to get the cops out there," he says, with their attention not diverted by "little things" like "truancy."

3) Neighborhood and center city revitalization. In this, he calls for a "Marshall Plan for the inner city." As part of this, he urges redevelopment through low interest financing of housing along with rent incentives for moderate income families.

"There are 1,000 vacant lots in the center city," he says. Homes should be built there, construction subsidized and sold to buyers for less than cost.

He supports more express and commuter buses to make living in center city more convenient. His plan for increased numbers of police will provide safe streets.

Henningsen is acutely conscious of Milwaukee's racial problem. "The city's inability to deal with race is an over-riding issue," he says. Part of the problem in economic resulting from the "great reduction" in well-paying manufacturing



ALDERMAN PAUL HENNINGSEN

jobs. Another part is geographic. He calls the the Menominee Valley "the great divide." Moving across it, he says, "is like moving 50 blocks away."

To address the issue, he advocates the involvement of African-American leaders, the clergy and others. He believes them to be one of the keys, noting that "it's only been in the last 10 years that there's been Black participation in efforts to solve the problem." He supports the redirection of funds from projects like repaving the streets and the reduction of capital improvements, to the creation of jobs.

Henningsen says, "I'm running on a record of accomplishment and commitment. He notes proudly that he's "gone to the meetings;" that he's "taken the initiatives." Now, with a strong vision of Milwaukee's future as a happier, more prosperous place to live; a city of diversity, he is on the campaign trail.

## Valentine Ball

Feb. 14 in Madison

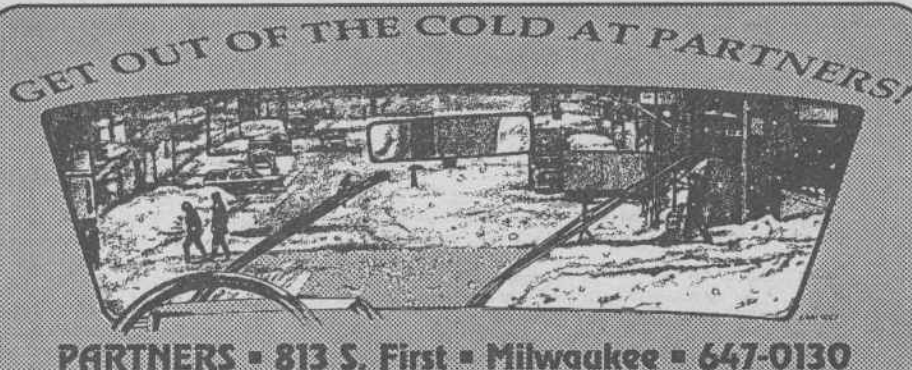
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## EDITORIAL

# Witnessing the Dahmer Trial Is An Extraordinary, Unnerving Experience

The trial of Jeffrey Dahmer is like a dark specter. It is totally unnerving. It should not exist. It does, however, and demands to be understood. There are reporters, some of the best in the business from 70 news organizations around the world, trying to do exactly that. The impression I got from spending several days among them is that none will be successful. But they will make the attempt.

In the beginning they were bored. The jury selection process went on behind closed doors. Only a few pool reporters were allowed in. So the rest sat and waited.

They talked about being present at the start of a "great historical event." There was mention made of the Loeb-Leopold Trial. That also had its Gay angle. Someone speculated as to whether this, like that earlier case, is "Hollywood material."

Rumors haunted the press room. They were insubstantial but welcome ghosts that relieved the tedium. Someone whispered to a colleague that "Queer Nation will be demonstrating." No one knew where or when, about what or against whom, but the whisper hovered around the room. QN never appeared — at least, not at the trial.

Even in the days when "nothing's happening," there was a tremendous sense of excitement and novelty about being in the press room. Computers, TV monitors and cellular phones made the place seem like something out of Star Wars. Only one reporter had an ancient Smith-Corona. No one wore a hat pushed back on their head. No one smoked — except in the restrooms. So much for all the movies I've seen about hard-bitten members of the Fourth Estate.

In these last days, I've gained a new respect for reporters, the "working press." They've been accused of bias, lacking objectivity (whatever that means) and going for the sensational. I didn't find that at all. Maybe it's just my inexperience, but I saw women and men, very professional people, honestly trying to do the best job they could.

As an openly Gay man representing an openly Lesbian/Gay press, they treated me with sensitivity, in some cases, as a resource, and on one occasion as a colleague.

One time it looked like I was going to be a pool reporter in the judge's chambers. That is no mean job. You have to take down a tremendous amount of detail and then report it to the rest of the press. It's a task usually reserved to the major media. That day it fell to four of us, one of whom represented *Wisconsin Light*.

Believe it. I was thrilled with the chance. Believe it too, I was scared to death.

## LETTERS

### TO THE EDITOR:

**Editor's Note:** This letter was sent to Mayor John Norquist and to *Wisconsin Light* with permission to publish. An abbreviated version appears here.

I'm amazed, I'm shocked, I'm disappointed! Your veto action of this past Tuesday afternoon [January 21, 1992] is most disheartening from a number of perspectives and has set us way back in time.

I very vividly recall the evening of Tuesday, September 20, 1988 following a dinner and a program [held at the Marc Plaza during the first organized annual Gay Pride Week Celebration] which you and other City and County Government officials attended.

You turned to us [Susan Cook and the author] in your seat and said, "I have some possible good news for you — the City has funds available to groups like yours and I encourage you to apply for them..." Further, you indicated, "...but the bad news is that it's too late in the year to apply for funds for next year. If you need specific information, please have someone call my office to obtain the name of the contact person and department from whom these funds can be obtained."

We came away from the dinner with a good feeling after your suggestion.

Because of a change in our structure and leadership, this resource was overlooked for 1990...After a one year hiatus from Pride Week activities planning, I was encouraged to rejoin the group in September, 1990. I recall attempting to explore this funding application, but again we missed the deadline due to the recent "changing of the guard" for our organization at that time.

However, we did not miss the opportunity in the Fall of 1991 to request funds for our 1992 Celebration. Also, I very vividly recall that on Sunday, September 12, 1991, Gary Wells (then President) and I spent many hours putting the final touches to our application due in the Office of the Department of City Development by Monday, September 13, 1991. The package with all of its required exhibits was delivered on time.

But as I left the press room to go upstairs, there were smiles and wishes of "good luck" and "you can do it" and "we're counting on you."

In the end, I got bumped by the Associated Press. I was disappointed, but it was as it should have been. When I got back to the press room, a woman reporter, very good, very professional and aggressive, said, "You should have told them 'tough' and gone on in." Maybe. Still, the memory of that "vote of confidence" is warm.

The fifth floor courtroom is a stark place of bone-white plaster walls paneled in pale wood half way up. The venetian blinds are all closed. Judge Laurence Gram has ordered them that way. He says if they were open, people might stand on the roofs of nearby buildings and take pictures of the trial. He doesn't want to have to hold these "peeping toms" in contempt.

Here in this room, behind a bullet proof wall of some kind of glass, the families of the victims also sit and wait. Some wear large pictures of their loved ones. These are their little memorials to the young men they will never see again. The families know things are going to get bad. They don't realize just how bad it will be.

On Thursday, the jury was finally ready. Except for one person, it's all white. So are the lawyers, the defendant, the judge and just about everyone else connected with the case. Many of the families feel betrayed.

Proceedings are supposed to begin at 8:30 a.m., but nothing starts 'till after 10:00. The court room is packed. Every seat is taken. Jeffrey Dahmer is brought in.

He is the focus of all this. His name and features have been familiar for months. But now, he comes with a suddenness that's like walking into a funeral home; make a turn and there's the corpse. There's just no way to be prepared for him.

He's shorter than I expected, almost frail beside his guards. *Newsweek* has described his expression as vacant. I don't agree. "Stoic" is a better word. He doesn't look like a monster. I wish he did, but he doesn't. He looks frighteningly ordinary.

Defense Attorney Gerald Boyle in his opening statement said that Dahmer "happens to be a homosexual" and that the trial isn't "a case about homosexuality." I sat there listening. I'm glad he said it, but I wonder if he's right. I have a feeling that in the minds of many, being Gay and Jeffrey Dahmer is very much what it's all about.

This trial will be a part of Milwaukee for the next couple of weeks. After that, it's reverberations will die away, but only, I think, after a very, very long time.

Unfortunately, the notice for personal appearance at the Funding Board's meeting by applicants was not received in time for our personal attendance and this was complicated, in part, by the fact that the date for such appearance had been changed and we were not appropriately notified. We were, however, informed of the Funding Board's acceptance of our request and the ultimate recommendation of our request to the Economic Development Committee.

Somehow, I guess, we overlooked the fact that this is an important election year for many City Hall incumbents and I now regret that we had not forwarded to you a copy of our community petition to the Council Members on the morning of January 21, 1992.

We had purposely kept this document away from the opposition and the media until such time as Council President Donegan could receive it and personally distribute the copies to his colleagues on the Council.

It was interesting for us to learn that not all groups applying for funds, including the City of Milwaukee for its "Holiday Market" followed all of the required guidelines as did our organization.

The conduct of our type of celebration in every major city of the United States is widely known, publicized and fairly well accepted. In many cases mayors and county executives ride in the annual parade, apparently without fear of their multi-million population constituencies.

I remind you of your personal and direct invitation to us to apply for these funds.

In closing, I wish to make the following point. Application for funding and subsequent granting of such funds by the Festival Funding Board for our group was apparently appropriate by virtue of your initial personal invitation; appropriate by virtue of recommendation by the Festival Funding Board and appropriate by virtue of a "yea" vote by a majority of the Common Council. Now, it seems, the disbursement of these funds for the requested and approved purpose is not appropriate. WHY?

— Donald W. Clabots  
Milwaukee

## Work Together

### TO THE EDITOR:

Queer Nation/Milwaukee is outraged by comments made by Scott Gunkel as President of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) to reporter Gretchen Schultdt of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. These comments were made after the Common Council meeting on Thursday, January 30, 1992 and were paraphrased in the Friday, January 31, 1992, edition of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*.

The comments may at first appear innocuous, however they mark the first time that MLGPC has publicly criticized another organization within the Lesbian and Gay community. This is particularly galling considering the reluctance to criticize that MLGPC has shown towards individuals who actively threaten MLGPC (i.e. Mayor John O. Norquist, Alderman Murphy, Vic Eliason, local media, etc.).

What would MLGPC possibly have to gain by striking out at one of the few organizations within our community to offer unconditional support when City of Milwaukee funding for MLGPC was jeopardized? Is MLGPC actually callous enough to think that Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay community is not harmed by such divisive tactics?

Through most of the preceding year, we have been a community in crisis and our problems are not going to go away any time soon. If we expect to find any solutions, we must be able to work together. Barring that, we must, at least, be able to peacefully co-exist. May we remind you that that is one of the primary objectives of Lesbian and Gay Pride — both in Milwaukee and for Lesbians and Gays everywhere. We await your reply.

— Timothy S. Grair  
Queer Nation/Milwaukee

## Politically Naive

### TO THE EDITOR:

The letter recently submitted to the Queer press from Lambda Rights Network president, Scott Gunkel, could not have been more politically naive. No sooner had Mayor Norquist finished kicking the Queer community with his Pride Parade funding veto, when Mr. Gunkel, also the head of the Pride Committee that was still actively seeking funding, publicly offered to grab his own ankles and let the Mayor do it again.

Mr. Gunkel seems to believe that being "liked" by the Mayor is more important than being represented by him. Unfortunately, the bigots and fundamentalists who pressured the Mayor into his veto decision know better.

While Mr. Gunkel's groveling is certain to win him a position on some future mayoral committee or task force designed to look pro-Queer but accomplish nothing, it works against advancement of our community's rights.

Only when our community "leaders" learn to stop begging for acceptance and start demanding equality will we move forward. Until then, the Mayor and his staff can continue to laugh at Mr. Gunkel and others like him who have expected nothing of the Mayor's office during the past four years and who have been given plenty of it.

— Daniel Fons  
Milwaukee

## Building Bridges

### TO THE EDITOR:

Leadership, it seems to me, involves "looking to the future"; Leadership also involves building bridges, not fences. I, too, am disappointed with Mayor Norquist's veto of the Pride Parade funds, but I'm even more disappointed by the violent language invoked by the editors of *Light* and by those who call themselves "leaders" and "spokespersons" for the Gay/Lesbian community. Neither the statements of the leaders quoted in the last issue of *Light* or *Light's* own editorial coverage build any bridges to the future.

Let's face it, there is a 99 44/100 % probability that John Norquist will be our Mayor for the next four years. Frankly, I doubt if any of the Gay/Lesbian leadership will be voting for his major opponent. Also, political reality tells me that the Norquist campaign does not need the votes of the "Gay bashers" and "bigoted Right" as he was accused of "cowering down to..." With what sense of history...with what a short memory does one leader accuse the Mayor of being "cowardly" and caring more about his career than his city? Does that leader think that it was easy for south side Senator Norquist to vote to make Wisconsin "the Gay Rights State?" That vote took courage.

It wasn't that long ago that a Gay leader was claiming credit for persuading the Mayor to convince School Board member David Lucey to apologize for his homophobic remarks. Does that rank the Mayor with the Gay bashers?

I particularly question *Light's* arrogance in the subhead "Milwaukee Community Stunned, Disgusted and Outraged." I was with twenty or so members of the Milwaukee Gay community last weekend; the subject of the veto never came up — unless I raised it. One guy told me on the chair lift, "We need to understand that there must be a balance in political matters." That statement better expresses the feelings of that sector of the Gay community than anything in *Light's* news or editorial coverage of the matter.

I'm willing to help the "activist" community achieve more of its goals; the name-calling in *Light* and *In Step* certainly doesn't help with any bridge-building. You know, there may even be a bright side to the veto: a tax-supported parade would certainly have been a highly visible event; an event that would have brought out the most militant of the homophobes. Now, by June, this will be a non-issue — and all the activists can parade in peace! And, I will support that.

— Bob Moore  
Milwaukee



## SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

I Was Bashed  
On The Bus  
Last Night

By Jamakaya

I was bashed on the bus last night. A Milwaukee County Transit System bus, the #15 leaving KK and Oklahoma at 1:10 a.m., heading northward to my home on the lower east side.

It happened as the bus approached National Avenue on First Street.

I was reading a crumpled copy of the *New York Times* I'd found on the seat next to me. As luck would have it, it contained a story about Mayor David Dinkins' complaint against the Ancient Order of Hibernians for banning an Irish Gay group from the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The bus braked suddenly 30 feet from the light. Some drunken fool had cut in front of it.

"Fags!" the driver shouted loudly, angrily.

The slur cut like a knife.

I sat, frozen for a moment, shocked and conflicted about what to do. We Gays are a very restrained people.

When I saw the car cut the bus off, I must admit the thought that went through my mind was "Asshole!" But I didn't verbalize it and I certainly wouldn't have thought of yelling "Fags!"

But then, First and National is the heart of Milwaukee's Gay bar district.

I steamed for a moment, but mostly I was hurt, very hurt.

Finally, I decided to approach the driver and said: "What did you say?"

He glared at me but there was no response.

"What did you say?" I asked again.

No response.

Quietly, patiently — we Gays are a very restrained people — I said: "You know driver, I'm a Lesbian. I ride this bus alot, and I don't appreciate what you said."

No response.

"What's your name and number?" I asked.

No response.

I asked again. He said: "Go sit down."

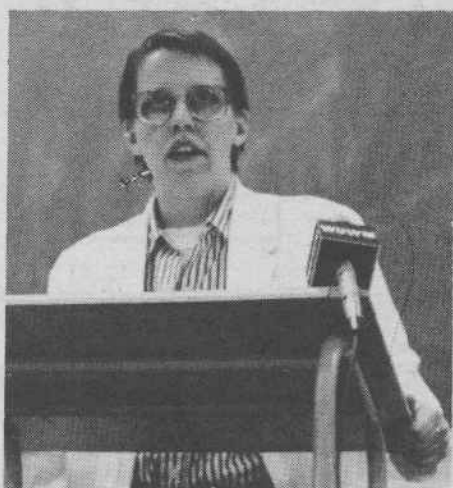
I didn't budge. He told me to sit down again, this time in a more menacing tone. I went back to my seat.

I picked up the *Times* and tried to concentrate on Mayor Dinkins. I couldn't. It just made me think about Mayor Norquist. The parade veto. The betrayal. The insult. The government sanctioned Gay bashing. So, why should I be surprised that a bus driver talks this way? I asked myself.

I felt helpless and defeated. Is there no place safe for us in this city?

Since the Dahmer murders were uncovered last Summer, there has been an orgy of mean-spirited Gay bashing which has extended from the streets outside the Gay bars through major media outlets right up into the halls of government, most noticeably, the Milwaukee School Board and City Hall.

A dozen young Gay men of color are butchered in this city and the School Board responds by rejecting comprehensive services for Gay teens in the schools. Some board members call Gays "abnormal," "homos." The Mayor takes his time issuing a condemnation of the racism and homophobia evident in Dahmer's crimes, stammers over the words "Gay" and "Lesbian" and then slaps us back



JAMAKAYA

further with a veto.

And here I am, a big tough dyke who nobody messes with, and I'm sitting on the #15 bus crying.

And it all comes back to me: having food thrown at me by classmates in high school (Wauwatosa West), even college (police cadets at M.A.T.C.) because I'm a "fucking dyke;" being ashamed of my eighth grade class picture because someone signed the back "To the biggest queer at St. Mary's (Elm Grove, 1968); being attacked near the lakefront as I strode confidently toward the Art Museum on a beautiful Summer morning. (I looked too independent and did not meet the man's gaze; in truth, I hadn't even noticed him. That was my crime. She must be a dyke, he thought, I guess I'll pound her a little.)

But soon it's time to get off the bus, the #15 bus taking me home, sweet home in the early morning hours of Sunday, January 26.

I asked the driver again for his name or badge number. He told me to get off the bus.

I paused, and then said evenly, in very restrained tones: "I know people in your company. I know people in your union. And I know many people in civil rights groups. And you're going to hear about this."

The driver, a white man in his 50's with neatly trimmed, graying hair, turned to me and said: "Whoop-de-doo. Get off my bus."

I got off. I wrote this story. And I'm sending a whole lot of letters about this incident to the responsible parties. I'll let you know what, if anything, comes of it.

This was not the first time I heard a driver make anti-Gay slurs on the #15 bus, and a friend mentioned being harassed on the National Avenue route. If others have had similar experiences on any Milwaukee County Transit System bus, report it! Please call (414) 937-3218. We had no luck with the School Board or the Mayor so, what the hell, let's take on the Transit System!

Valentine Dance  
For Women Set  
For Feb. 15

[Milwaukee]- Hurricane Productions is holding a women's Valentine's Dance from 8p.m. to midnight on Saturday, February 15 (Susan B. Anthony Day) at the Lake Park Pavilion in Milwaukee. The entrance to the park is at the intersection of Newberry Boulevard and Lake Drive.

Admission to the dance, which includes a DJ and cash bar, is \$6.

New Jersey Has Become The  
Nation's Fifth Gay Rights State

[Trenton, NJ]- New Jersey has become the fifth state in the union to protect the rights of its Gay and Lesbian citizens.

On January 19, Democratic Gov. Jim Florio signed a bill amending the state's civil rights statute to prohibit discrimination based on "affectional or sexual orientation."

The measure forbids discrimination in housing, employment, credit, public accommodations and public contracts. Complaints regarding such discrimination can be lodged with the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights.

"Employees should be judged and treated based upon how well they perform their jobs," said Gov. Florio. "Tenants should be judged and treated based upon whether they are good tenants and pay their rent on time."

"These are common sense principles of fairness. There is no room in our state or our society for arbitrary discrimination of any kind," said the Governor.

The bill reached the Governor's desk after the New Jersey State Senate voted 21-0 and the Assembly voted 46-7 to approve it. Even a majority of Republicans voted for the bill. The overwhelming support was the result of concentrated groundwork by Gay activists.

The bill was first introduced in 1984 but made little headway through the committee process. A Gay/Lesbian group called the Campaign to End Discrimination, which sought the support of the state's clergy, set a timetable of goals to be reached over several years.

In 1990, New Jersey passed hate

crimes legislation which included sexual orientation among the categories covered. The following year, domestic violence legislation which protected same-sex couples was adopted. Shortly after that, newly elected Gov. Jim Florio signed an executive order prohibiting bias against Gays in public employment.

The Campaign to End Discrimination commissioned a statewide poll which revealed that 70% of the respondents believed Gays and Lesbians should be included in anti-discrimination legislation. A whopping 83% said that Gay people should have equal opportunities in employment. Just as important, respondents indicated that they would not vote against a politician merely because he or she supported Gay rights.

Armed with the results of the survey and the support of the Governor and many religious leaders, activists began a low-key lobbying campaign among state legislators. They intentionally avoided demonstrations and other confrontational tactics, hoping to avert reaction by conservative elements.

In the end, a fringe group called Concerned Women for America was the only group to oppose the legislation. The effort was also aided by a lame duck session of the state legislature in which a number of representatives may have felt safe in supporting the bill.

New Jersey now joins Hawaii, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Wisconsin — the first Gay Rights State — in protecting the basic rights of Gay and Lesbian citizens.

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A BLACK COMEDY & POIGNANT DRAMA—Victoria Abril and Marisa Paredes are shown in a scene from Pedro Almodovar's film "High Heels" which is now showing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

## Almodovar Fans Will Love 'High Heels'; Everyone Else Be Warned!

By Steven Shea

Black comedy is a difficult art form. A large portion of the potential audience will be offended outright no matter how skillfully it is executed. The rest of the audience may still be offended if the comedy ever flags or by something indigestible in the morally chaotic stew.

In *High Heels*, Pedro Almodovar's ninth film, he switches back and forth from black comedy to poignant drama so fast he has created an even more challenging recipe for himself and his audience.

Like Woody Allen's muddled drama *September*, Almodovar's *High Heels* makes a direct nod to Ingmar Bergman's *Autumn Sonata* and the real life story of Lana Turner and her daughter. Sexy Victoria Abril plays Rebecca, a TV anchorwoman who welcomes home her pop star mother, played by Marisa Paredes, fifteen years after she abandoned her.

To the dismay of both women, they soon find out that Rebecca's TV producer husband, Manuel, was once the mother's lover. He suddenly turns up dead. Although we are tipped off early on to the killer's identity, we still wonder which of the two women committed the murder.

Black comedies succeed by removing the need we feel for compassion for murder victims. In the classic black comedy *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, Alec Guinness plays eight different members of the same family. It is difficult to take their murders seriously since every time Guinness is bumped off, he comes right back.

In *Heathers*, all the victims are so despicable we are unlikely to be offended by their absurd deaths. In *High Heels*, two mundane men are murdered. They are both boorish to be sure, but they aren't evil enough to merit death like the rapist in *Thelma and Louise*. They die for the crime of coming between a mother and

her adoring daughter rather than for their male chauvinism.

That may or may not be a capital crime in the existential world Almodovar, a Gay man raised in Francisco Franco's fascist Spain, creates in all his films. This world is chaotic and liberated rather than amoral. Almodovar is so skilled a director and screenwriter that in his world we don't give a hoot what happened to these two murder victims two seconds after they're gone.

In the film's most important scene, Rebecca emotionally confesses to the murder of her husband after coolly reporting it on the nightly news. Almodovar clearly intends for the viewer to be touched by this exciting scene, but it doesn't quite work. He can't have it both ways. We can not feel an absence of compassion for the boorish murder victim and, at the same time, sympathize with his widow.

Unfortunately, a very offensive scene spoils much of the fun. Early in the film, Rebecca is sexually assaulted by a female impersonator played by pop star Miguel Bose, who dresses as her mother. Freudian imagery aside, this scene is enough to get the politically correct among us to head for the exits. The scene is supposed to be funny. Sexual assault isn't funny.

Much worse, after being assaulted, Rebecca then says to her attacker, "Thanks. I needed that."

Almodovar fans will be happy to know that his new film has the usual outrageous characters, excellent acting, beautiful color cinematography, costumes and art direction we have grown accustomed to since his release of *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*—which is scheduled to be made into an American version.

Almodovar fans will love *High Heels*. Everyone else should consider themselves warned.

## Shakespeare's 'Pericles' Is Next Boulevard Ensemble Production

[Milwaukee]—The Boulevard Ensemble will bring Shakespeare's *Pericles* to Milwaukee audiences in March for the third production of its 1991-'92 season.

The Ensemble will present its production of the seldom-performed *Pericles* on Thursdays through Sundays, March 5 to March 29, at the Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue in Bay View. Tickets for Thursday and Sunday performances are \$8. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$9. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. To reserve tickets, call (414) 672-6019.

In presenting *Pericles*, The Ensemble, one of Milwaukee's most acclaimed theatre groups, continues its sixth season of bringing entertaining, challenging theatre to Milwaukee area audiences. The

Ensemble has just finished an extended presentation of its production of *The Belle of Amherst*, a one-woman production based on the life of the poet Emily Dickinson.

For more information on the Boulevard Ensemble's presentation of William Shakespeare's *Pericles* or other Ensemble activities, call Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's general director at (414) 672-6019.



## Sixteen Short Films Make Up 'Five Feminist Minutes' at UWM

[Milwaukee]—A Valentine's special entitled "Five Feminist Minutes" will be presented at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Union Cinema on February 14 to 16, 1992.

Sixteen short films by the vanguard of Canadian women's filmmaking which map the terrain of Feminism for the 90's. The works include *The Escapades of One Particular Mr. Noodle*, *Prowling by Night* and the funny *We're Talking Vulva*.

The collection of short films —

documentary, dramatic, experimental, live action, animated, historical and contemporary, are truly the cutting edge of Canadian feminist filmmaking.

Showings begin at 8:00 p.m. The UWM Union Cinema is located on the second floor of the UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Films are open to all members of the UWM community and guests. Admission is \$4.00, \$3.00 for students/faculty/staff with college I.D.

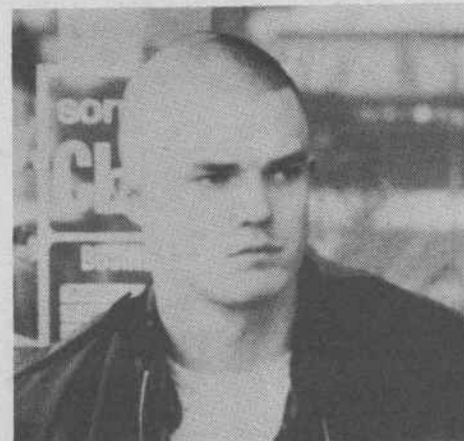
## Great Lakes Film & Video To Present Gay/Lesbian Festival March 6-12

[Milwaukee]—Great Lakes Film and Video will be presenting a Gay/Lesbian Film and Video Festival March 6-12, 1992. The Festival will include both features and shorts by Gay and Lesbian media artists.

From the relationship between a flighty blond with a poodle hairdo and her sulky political activist friend in *Crocodiles In Amsterdam* to the "coming attractions" of *Homo Promo*, a colorful look at the best (or worst) Hollywood "hard-sells" of the Gay and Lesbian "subject matter," the Festival will show a wide range of contemporary Gay and Lesbian films.

Other features premiering in the Festival include *No Skin Off My Ass* by underground Toronto filmmaker Bruce La Bruce and *My Father's Coming* by Monika Treut.

Many short films will be screened as well. They include works by Gus Van Sant (*My Own Private Idaho*) and Marlon Riggs (*Tongues Untied*) as well as the hilarious *We're Talking Vulva* and *Nice Girls Don't Do It*.



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"No Skin Off My Ass"

The Festival is supported by a grant from the Cream City Foundation and will take place at the UW-Milwaukee Union Cinema and Fine Arts Cinema. Please call Great Lakes Film and Video at (414) 229-6971 for more information and a complete schedule.

## Milwaukee's Studio 13 to Premiere Alderman Frank's Play 'Moon Card'

[Milwaukee]—Studio 13 is presenting two new plays by Milwaukee playwrights, one of which is by Milwaukee Alderman Wayne Frank.


Frank's play, entitled *Moon Card*, is set at a baseball card convention in Phoenix, Arizona. The two-man drama concerns an elderly gentleman trying to cope with the recent loss of his son to AIDS. His son has left behind a stack of baseball cards that contain many memories, both good and bad. In dealing with the cards, the elderly man also deals with the loss of his son.

*Moon Card* and a second play, *Return*, will be run from February 6 to 23 at The Bauer Contemporary Ballet, 727 N. Milwaukee Street (one block east of

Broadway between Wisconsin Avenue and Mason Street). They will be presented together on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00; \$10.00 for students and seniors. Call (414) 774-6356 to reserve tickets.



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## 'Women's Agenda' To Be Featured At Feb. 20 LAMM Meeting

[Milwaukee]- An organization called "Women's Agenda" will be featured at the February 20 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

In 1990, a unique collection of women from a broad range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds began to meet with the idea of putting together a women's agenda. The words describe both the name the coalition has adopted and its purpose.

Its stated goals are: 1) to acknowledge the impact of racism and sexism; 2) to value and celebrate diversity; 3) to empower women to influence decision-making processes; 4) to place women in leadership roles in the community; and 5) to address issues in legal, judicial and legislative systems which are of concern to women.

The organization considers itself unique from other women's agendas in

its desire to impact on local political processes and to search for forms of leadership which arise out of the experiences of women of non-white cultures.

On February 20, Holly Gardner will speak to the LAMM membership about the work that the Women's Agenda has taken on. Gardner is a founding member of the group and currently serves as the coordinator for the steering committee. She will discuss the history of the organization, its mission and ideas about how to reach its goals.

There will be a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and the program will follow at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call (414) 264-2600

## Valentine's To Be Sent to Mayor Norquist

[Milwaukee]- Queer Nation/Milwaukee is selling Valentine's Day cards to deliver to Mayor John O. Norquist this year.

Just as there are now collective greeting cards for such "untraditional" occasions as "coming out," Queer Nation/Milwaukee is creating a new kind of Valentine's Day card that is specific to the Mayor. Following are two examples of the verses to be found in these one-of-a-kind cards:

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To purchase a Valentine's Day card, find a Queer Nation/Milwaukee member, ask at Gay or Lesbian businesses or call Queer Nation/Milwaukee at (414) 384-3911. Queer Nation/Milwaukee will hand-deliver the cards to the Mayor's office on Friday, February 14, 1992.

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## Logo Design Entries and Art Work Needed for Madison Art Fair

[Madison]- Each year, the Madison Art Center searches for a distinctive design for the Art Fair T-shirt which becomes the commemorative logo for the event. This is an opportunity to have your original design appear on more than 1,000 T-shirts and on Art Fair publicity materials.

The 34th Annual Art Fair on the Square, sponsored by the Madison Art Center, will be held on July 11 and 12, 1992. Over 200,000 people attend the event, which features the work of 480 artists from around the nation.

The deadline for entries is Monday, March 2. Designs may be submitted in person or mailed to: Samantha Britell, Art Fair Coordinator, Madison Art Center, 211 State Street, Madison, WI 53703.

The winner will be notified by Friday, March 20, 1992 and will receive a \$100 prize and a membership in the Art Center.

For more information or to receive a complete copy of the contest rules, please call Samantha Britell at (608) 257-0158.

[Madison]- The Madison Art Center, Wisconsin's largest museum of modern and contemporary art, is seeking submissions for jury review for the 34th annual Art Fair on the Square, to be held July 11 and 12, 1992.

The Art Fair is the largest two-day

## 'Drummer' Mag Brings Contest To Milwaukee

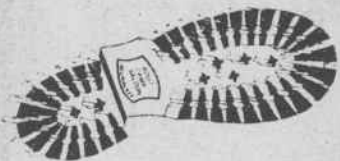
[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, April 18, 1992, Milwaukee will play host to the first Mr. Wisconsin Drummer contest. This is a competition for men in the levi-leather and fetish community held under the auspices of *Drummer* magazine and sponsored by Z-HAWK Productions.

This first-ever statewide leather contest will be held at 9:00 p.m. at the Wreck Room, 266 E. Erie Street in Milwaukee. In addition to the competition, a full weekend of parties and events are planned. Weekend packages will be available.

The contest and show will be hosted by International Ms. Leather '91, Kay Hallanger and International Mr. Drummer '91-'92, Woody Debut. Among the regional and national title holders in attendance at the event will be the newly chosen Ms. and Mr. Midwest Leather, Pam Meyer and Bryan Smith.

The winner of the contest will represent Wisconsin at the Mr. Great Lakes Drummer contest in Chicago.

For more information on the leather weekend, or on competing or sponsoring a contestant, please write to: Tony Terry, 1402 S. Second Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204 or call (414) 672-9266.



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To receive an application with jury and booth fee information, write to: Samantha Britell, Art Fair Coordinator, Madison Art Center, 211 State Street, Madison, WI 53703. Entries are due March 15. Notification will be sent April 9; last day for refunds is May 9.



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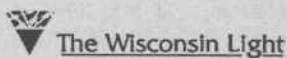
## For Inclusion in the MLGPC "Cooking with Pride" Cookbook

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## Groups Offer Support To People Affected By AIDS

[Milwaukee]- Every week, more than 100 individuals attend at least one of the nine free support groups offered by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for people living with AIDS and HIV infection, their friends, families and partners.

AIDS Information Milwaukee (AIM) is an informational group for men and women who either believe or know that they are infected with the AIDS virus. The group meets every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the MAP offices, 315 W. Court Street, Milwaukee.

AIM features guest speakers at every other meeting. The February/March schedule includes:

**Feb. 12** Open Discussion; **Feb. 19** "Reiki — What it is and How it can be beneficial for people with HIV disease,"

presented by Mark Kamlah; **Feb. 26** Open Discussion; **Mar. 4** "HIV Disease and Mental Health," presented by Doug Johnson, director of STD Specialties Clinic; **Mar. 11** Open Discussion; **Mar. 18** "A Pharmacist's View on Medications for HIV," presented by Kerry Webster, pharmacist; **Mar. 25** Open Discussion.

In an effort to provide a vehicle for Gay men to discuss common issues surrounding HIV disease, MAP has begun a Gay Men's HIV- Positive Support Group. The group, facilitated by David Huibregtse, a trained group facilitator, meets Thursday's from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the MAP offices.

For more information on AIDS Information Milwaukee or any support groups offered by MAP, contact Joan Lawrence at (414) 273-1991.

## Madison's Pam Meyer Wins Ms. Midwest Leather 1992 Contest

[Chicago]- On Saturday, January 25 in Chicago, Mr. and Ms. Midwest Leather 1992 were selected at a competition which packed the ballroom of the Bistrot II.

The title of Ms. Midwest Leather '92 went to Pam Meyer of Madison, sponsored by Rod's. Meyer has been a strong leader of the Madison leather community and is the producer of the Ms. and Mr. Leather Madison Contest.

The new Mr. Midwest Leather is Bryan Smith of St. Louis, Missouri. Smith also holds the title of Mr. Missouri Leather '91 and produces the Midwest Leather Conference in St. Louis.

Milwaukeean Tony Terry was awarded the first runner up medal in the Mr. category. Terry is also first runner up to Mr. Great Lakes Drummer contest and weekend. Terry was sponsored by the Wreck Room bar in Milwaukee.

Other finalists were first runner up Kat McGuire of Chicago, sponsored by the AA Meat Market; second runner up Peter

Mussy, also of Chicago and sponsored by the AA Meat Market.

Nine men and seven women from throughout the Midwest competed in interviews, leather wear, speech and fantasy categories before a distinguished panel of judges led by Mr. International Drummer '91-'92, Woody Debut.

Meyer will go on to compete in the International Ms. Leather competition in San Francisco, March 20-22, while Smith will represent the Midwest at International Mr. Leather in Chicago, Memorial Day weekend.

The contest was hosted by International Ms. Leather '91, Kay Hallanger and International Mr. Leather '91, D. Cannon.

The competition was the featured event in the 2nd annual Midwest Leather Weekend sponsored by Leather United-Chicago, Chicago Hellfire Club, Chicagoland Discussion Group, M.A.F.I.A., Rodeo Riders of Chicago and Windy City Bondage Club.

## Fourth "Sweet Sunday Afternoon" To Support MASN In Madison Feb. 9

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) will hold its fourth annual "Sweet Sunday Afternoon" fundraiser on Sunday, February 9 at the Wilson Street Grill. For a \$20 donation, a dessert lover is invited to unlimited sampling of over fifty desserts donated by the area's finest bakers and restaurants.

This year, Sweet Sunday Afternoon will introduce its first raffle which includes two grand prizes: a gold tree of life pendant with diamonds and black opal (\$2,800 value) courtesy of Studio Jewelers, and a pair of first-class round trip airline tickets anywhere Midwest Express flies (except Florida) donated by Midwest Express and Gulliver's Travels (value up to \$2,400).

Other prizes include: stays at Heidi House and Collins House, a \$200 gift certificate from Marshall Field's, Land's End luggage, Civic Center tickets, a dozen roses from Buffo Floral, a dessert party catered by Chez Vous and champagne from Steve's Liquor.

Raffle tickets are \$2 or \$10 for a booklet of six. They're available at MASN offices,

303 Lathrop Street Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (608) 238-MASN for more information and additional ticket outlet locations.

## Madison Pride March Available On Video April 1

[Madison] - How would you like to relive the sights and sounds of the weekend of Madison's 1991 March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride? A full length video of the events is currently being produced. Copies will be available by April 1.

The video will sell for \$12.95. Proceeds will go to help retire the remaining debt of the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, the event's organizing body, and to establish a fund for the next march. A copy of the video can be reserved by leaving a message for John at (608) 256-8100, or by writing to GALVANize at P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701.

## Fest City Singers To Perform At Mardi Gras Masquerade March 1

[Milwaukee]- The Fest City Singers (FCS) will begin their new year's program of activities by presenting three production numbers as part of the entertainment for the Mardi Gras Ball to be held March 1 at the Domes. They will be featured as the lead-in to the costume judging in the New Orleans Gazebo with such appropriate numbers as "Pennies From Heaven."

Plans and dates for other major Fest City Singer activities have been announced by Michael Wavra, FCS General Manager. These events center around participation in the 4th Annual Convention of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA) to be held in Denver during the week of July 4, 1992. The Fest City Singers will perform individually and will also join their voices with those of the massed singers representing over one hundred choruses.

The Spring/Summer show is scheduled for June 19, 20 and 21 at the Stackner Cabaret in the Milwaukee Center as part of the celebration of Milwaukee's Gay Pride Week. The FCS annual Christmas

production is scheduled for December 11, 12, and 13 and the setting will be the Villa Terrace.

Other events being planned include tours of "History, Herstory, Ourstory," a spaghetti dinner and other fund raisers. (Sending the chorus to the GALA convention for a week in Denver could use some of those "Pennies from Heaven").

## Spring Gathering Set for June 4-7

The Midwest Men's Center/Chicago, will host its 5th Annual Spring Gathering, June 4-7, 1992, at Camp Ronora, in Watervliet, Michigan.

Sing, dance, hike, star-gazing, horseback riding, swimming, tell stories, workshops, community-building. No on-site registration, so please plan ahead.

Contact Earl Welther at (312) 588-2111 or write: Midwest Men's Center/Chicago, c/o P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690 for an invitation.

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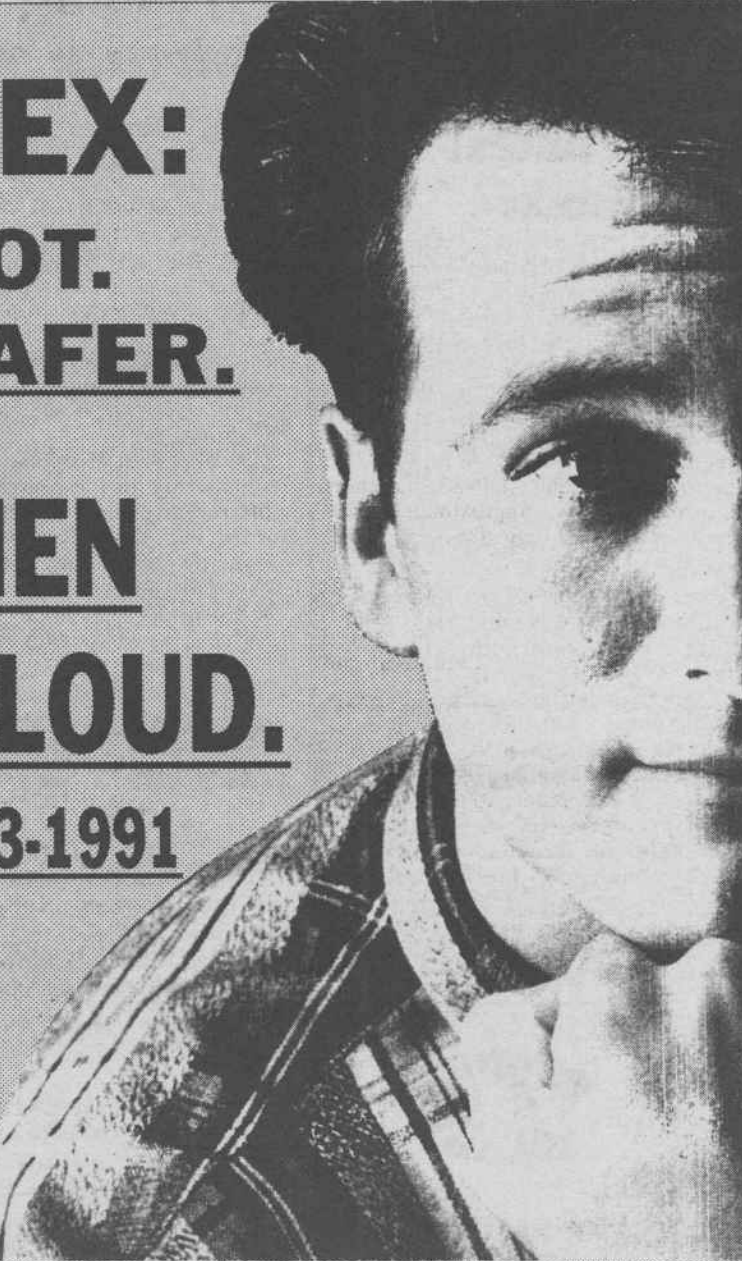
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## Community Computer Centre To Serve Madison Organizations

[Madison]- Establishment of a community computer center by the Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) is being supported by a \$3,000 grant from the New Harvest Foundation, according to the latest issue of *The Gleaner*, the New Harvest Foundation's newsletter.

The computer center will be housed at the Madison Community United's Wilson Street office. The computer facility will be available for use by non-profit groups and individuals serving Gays and Lesbians.

"The computer center we are proposing to create will not be a minimal facility," said the MG/LRC's Chad LaFlash. "It will contain top quality hardware and software — a very fast computer with a large hard disk, high resolution color graphics, a laser printer and leading software in the major categories of word processing,

spreadsheet, database and presentation graphics," he said.

The product of nearly a year of joint planning with the United, the proposed system was strongly backed by 95% of those responding to a survey of likely community users. Some 36% said they would have immediate need for such a facility.

Wanting to create a true community resource of the program, MG/LRC will publicize it to all Gay and Lesbian groups in the Madison area. MG/LRC expects to purchase the equipment by March and have it operational later in the year.

The facility is expected to be fully self-supporting after initial installation, LaFlash said. The only user charge will be 7 cents per printed page to cover consumable costs and discourage use of the laser printer as a copier.

## Amateur Athletic Alliance To Hold Spring Meeting in L.A. Feb. 14-16

[Pittsburgh, PA]- The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) will hold its annual Spring meeting in Los Angeles from February 14-16, 1992. About 100 delegates from softball leagues all over the country are expected to attend.

According to Nancy Pribich, NAGAAA Publicity Chair, the purposes of the meeting are to: elect an NAGAAA Assistant Commissioner and Treasurer; determine if the by-laws and constitution need to be amended; set up the rules for the 1992 season; and review the plans and sites for the 1992 World Series to be held in Los Angeles in August.

NAGAAA consists of two divisions: The Open Division which is primarily all male teams (although there can be all female and mixed teams) and the Women's Division. The difference between the two is that all teams in the Open Division use a 12" softball whereas an 11" ball is used in the Women's Division.

The Open Division sessions will be held

at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, which is also serving as the host hotel for the entire convention. The principal focus of discussion will be the new format for sending Open Division teams to the '92 World Series.

There will be three levels: Level A will be the championship team for each city; Level B will be any team which has a better than .500 record; and Level C will be any team which is totally recreational. The previous method was based on three distinct groups: Open, primarily men; Women's; and Recreational.

The Women's Division meetings will be held at the Airtel Plaza Hotel on February 15 and at the Roosevelt on the 16th. They will review how the round robin schedule format worked in the 1991 World Series and its continued use in the '92 Series.

On February 15, the delegates will visit Balboa Park and Hjelte Fields, the sites for the 1992 World Series. The meeting will conclude with a Farewell Brunch for delegates on February 17.

## Entire World Is Invited To Attend Neldaughter/Lynns Wedding

[Madison]- Stacie Neldaughter and Ginny Lynns invite the Gay and Lesbian community and all supporters of Gay pride and unity to attend their wedding which will be held at the gazebo in Washington Park in Dubuque, Iowa at 1:00 p.m. on May 30, 1992.

Because political activism and Lesbian pride are what brought Neldaughter and Lynns together, after they exchange vows at the gazebo, they will lead, for the sixth year, the annual Gay and Lesbian Pride March through the City of Dubuque.

Neldaughter and Lynns organized the first Dubuque Lesbian/Gay Pride March in September, 1987. Approximately fifty supporters attended that first rally and 25 people marched. The stalwart marchers were assaulted by approximately 200 angry hecklers and egg throwers while the Dubuque police looked on.

The next year, April, 1988, 600 marchers took to the streets of Dubuque. Although the hecklers still numbered approximately 200, the celebration and

response from the Gay and Lesbian community throughout the country far outweighed the prejudice and ignorance.

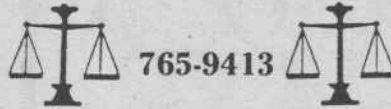
Each year since then, Neldaughter and Lynns have arranged a Dubuque Pride March despite harassment and discouragement from Dubuquers, including the families of the two women.

Because of this failure by their families of origin to support them, Neldaughter and Lynns have recognized a need to build a family of their own. For this reason, they invite the Gay and Lesbian community to stand in for their families of origin and "stand up" for them at their wedding.

Their wedding adds a special significance to the March, in the light of the recent events in Dubuque incited by racial prejudice. The "good citizens" of Dubuque decry racial bigotry, but they have failed to give any support to the Gay and Lesbian community as it struggles with homophobia and hatred against Gays and Lesbians in that city.

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Therefore, Neldaughter and Lynns together with the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Dubuque (GLAD) encourage all of our community from all over the country, and especially people of color, to converge on Dubuque again to celebrate diversity, unity and love on the day of the first public Lesbian wedding in Dubuque and for the Sixth Annual Gay Pride March.

The wedding and march will be open to the public and media. Following them, there will be a closed reception for Gay and Lesbian people and their supporters. The reception will feature performances by Gay and Lesbian people volunteering to perform.

To help organize the reception and performance or to participate as a performer, please contact GLAD at (319) 583-7062 or write GLAD at 1599 Bluff St., Dubuque, IA 52001.

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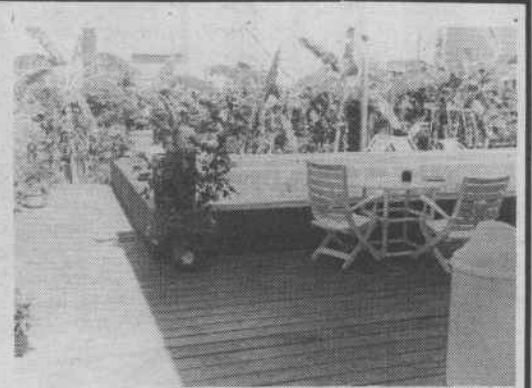
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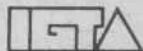
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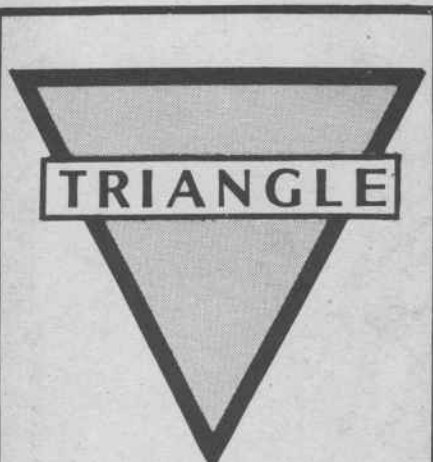
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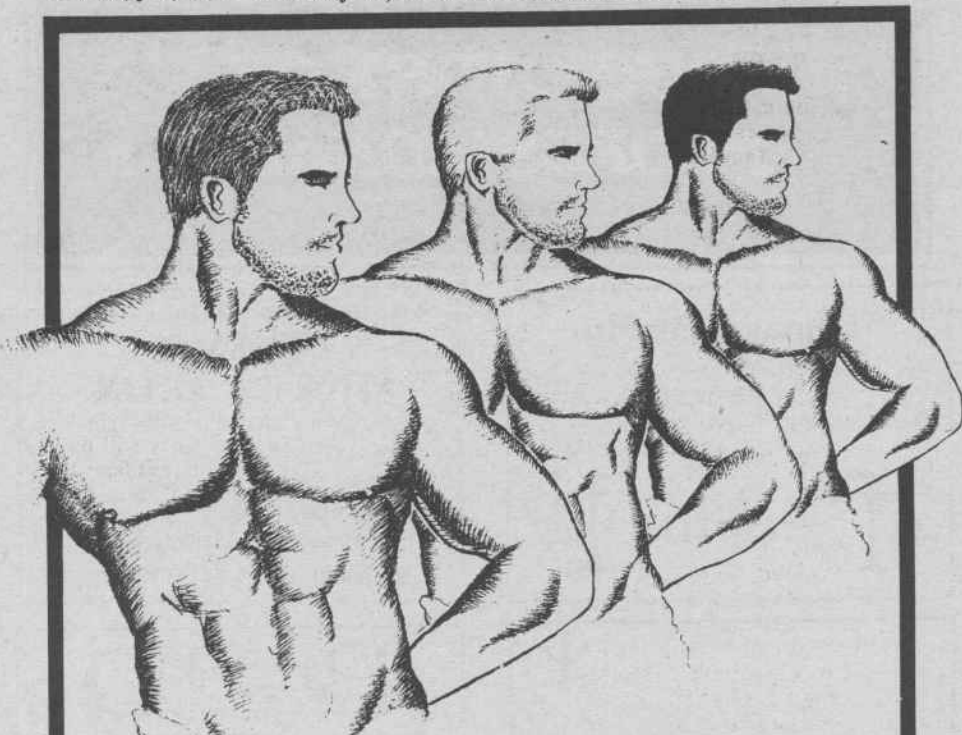
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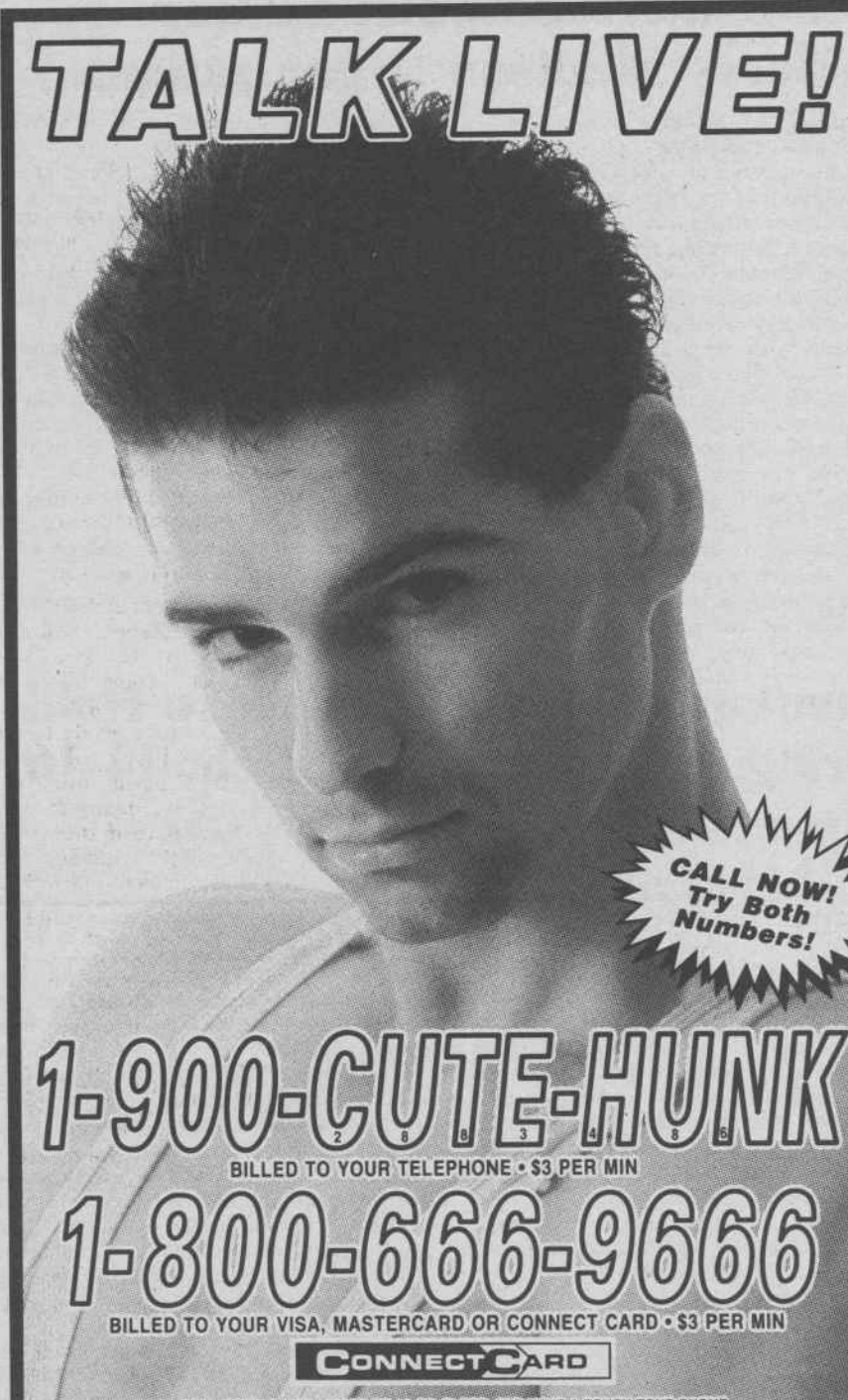
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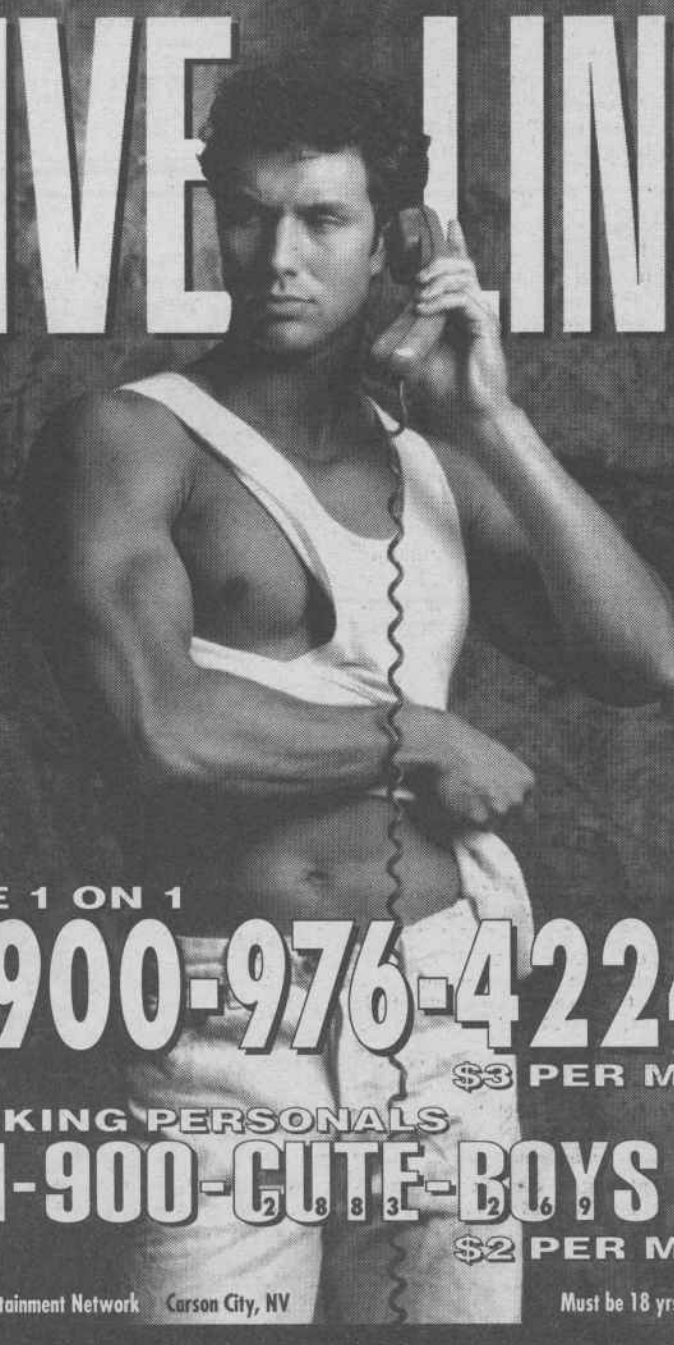
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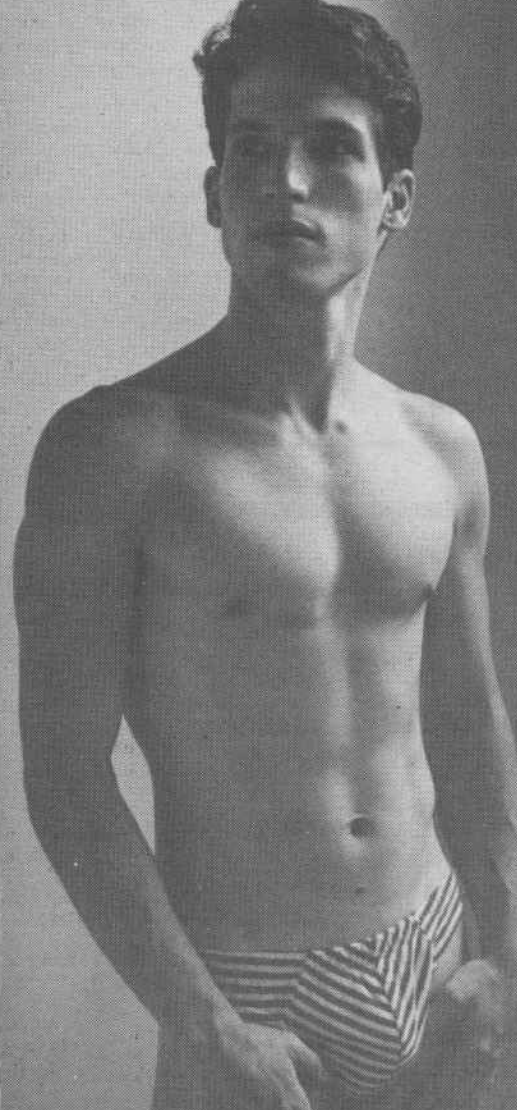
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## NORQUIST

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used in the message," and added, "It would have been better if there had been communication in advance."

Norquist seemed moved when two of those at the meeting told him of bashings their partners had recently experienced. One person who related such an incident asked the Mayor to speak out publicly against bashings of Gays and Lesbians.

The Mayor responded by asking staff member Dave Riemer to help the man get in contact with First District Police Captain Heggerty to see what was being done about the case and promising to "publicly speak out" against Gay and Lesbian bashings "at the first good opportunity."

On other topics, the Mayor agreed to meet with representatives of the Gay and Lesbian community on a quarterly basis and asked Dave Riemer, who he referred to as "the next highest person in City government," to meet with those representatives once a month. Riemer agreed to do so. The Mayor also agreed to come to a general meeting open to all members of the community and said he would welcome input from the Gay and Lesbian community on plans to redevelop Walker's Point on the south side.

In addition to those named above the following people were in attendance at the meeting, Scott Gunkel, Stephanie Hume,

Bill Meunier, Ron Gieman, Jerry Johnson, Gale Davy, Tim Baack and Cheryl Johnson.

One Gay man in attendance said he felt the Mayor was "very attentive and friendly in the discussion," and "he seemed sincere in his desire to be helpful."

Another said "He got the point. He realizes that he made a mistake he can't take back. Hopefully this won't be repeated. If he follows up on the commitments he made to us tonight, our relationship could become stronger than ever."

## UW-Madison

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homophobic hate crime would face no penalties if the victim were not willing to pursue the case through multiple layers of disciplinary hearings."

#### Gay/Lesbian Studies

Another major recommendation is the promotion of Gay and Lesbian studies. "During the last two decades, an enormous amount of scholarship on Lesbians and Gays has emerged," the report says. "This literature needs to be given greater visibility in the curriculum." Even though the law theoretically protects them, many faculty members fear loss of tenure if they take on such "controversial" studies and each department must actively encourage

Neither the Gay community nor any other minority in Milwaukee derives much benefit from a mayor who keeps his alleged support for civil liberties and the right to privacy in his closet in order to appease Vic Eliason and the rest of the bigots at WVCY. If Norquist reacts to Mark Belling, then it is necessary to out-bell Belling. If Norquist wants the benefit of Gay votes, let him come in to ask for them by the front door at high noon and give up his habit of trying to sneak in through the alley at midnight.

—Al Gellersbach  
Milwaukee

## Safer Sex

### TO THE EDITOR:

As one of the ten respondents to the survey by author Jack Hart, I feel compelled to offer clarification to a misleading article about experts' inability to agree about what constitutes safer sex (*Wisconsin Light*, Jan. 23-Feb 5).

Let me briefly state my qualifications to constructively criticize the research and its article.

In addition to being an openly Gay health educator since the mid-1970's and AIDS/HIV educator since the beginning of the epidemic, I am also a physician assistant for Planned Parenthood, and was one of the few Milwaukeeans to attend almost every National AIDS Forum and National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference since they started over 12 years ago. I have also served as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and other federal health agencies on the very issues of AIDS and Gay health care.

First, a case must be made for the validity or truthfulness — and indeed the significance — of conclusive statements about "experts disagreeing about safer sex" based on only 10 volunteered responses. There are thousands of qualified AIDS educators in America, and it was irresponsible for author Jack Hart and his publisher Alyson to define any of the data compiled as conclusive with such an embarrassingly low response. This was only one of several examples of bad research methodology.

Second, disagreement about what constitutes safer sex is as understandable as the disagreement by experts about what treatments are best for medical conditions as diverse as high blood pressure, venereal warts, cancer, or heart disease, or indeed, how to fix your car. What does that disagreement mean?

Third, it is almost impossible to make a case for "safer sex" addressing only the AIDS virus. Although potentially deadly, HIV is one of many agents capable of causing extreme disease or death from unprotected sex with an infected partner.

Hart's study asked educators to rate the risk of certain practices for HIV. For example, oral sex is relatively safe with regards to HIV, but is very unsafe for getting hepatitis B, which can also cause lifelong disability or death.

The same can be said for rimming. How can we assign an arbitrary number to reflect risk meaningfully? This is one of the reasons for the apparent "disagreement" among experts.

Having said that, I will admit that the trends illustrated are not only very persuasive, but also predictable based on what we know about how sexually transmitted viruses are transmitted. In order to cause infection, sexually transmitted germs need to gain entry into a victim. This occurs by contact with mucus membranes or by scratches, abrasions, cuts, etc. caused by the "microtraumas" (frequently without bleeding) that normally occur with sexual activity. Add drugs such as alcohol, pot, poppers, or anything else, and not only is your thinking and judgment clouded, but also sensation to pain is diminished. Injuries can occur and you wouldn't even know it.

Almost any thinking person can pretty successfully evaluate a given sexual activity. Find a Gay/Lesbian empathetic health practitioner to help you answer your questions. No matter what your partner says, consider him/her teeming with microorganisms "eager" to be exchanged with you through intimate contact. Just remember, germs can't soak into intact skin. And don't believe everything you read, even if it claims to be an authoritative book on Gay sex by Jack Hart.

—Mark Behar  
Milwaukee

such work, McIntyre asserts.

The report asks the Chancellor to form a Task Force to create either a separate Lesbian and Gay studies department, or a Research Institute for the Study of Gay and Lesbian Issues that would bring together the faculty of existing departments.

Other recommendations involve further sensitization of UW support services such as improving the sensitivity of the UW counseling services, health services and AODA services.

#### Housing Issue

McIntyre expressed concern that the real work of the committee may have been eclipsed by erroneous reports in the mainstream news media that GLIC had recommended "separate but equal housing" for Gays. "Nothing could be further from the truth," he explained. "What we were trying to get at was the issue of providing 'sensitive housing,' not separate housing."

Two lines in the 36 page report describe one UW option as developing "alternative campus housing which provides a higher level of sensitivity to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students." Prospective residents would be required to attend a 3-day diversity workshop. If this particular recommendation were to be implemented, the housing would nonetheless be open to all students, McIntyre says. Such housing would be analogous to certain off-campus houses that exist to increase understanding among students of different cultural backgrounds.

"One of our eight committee members had once suggested the idea of some kind of separate housing" as a way of providing a safe space for Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals," McIntyre said. "However, everyone else on the committee felt that this was, in fact, a dangerous idea because it would ghettoize people and have exactly the opposite effect — such a house could become a target of homophobic violence. Of course, we also doubted the legality of such an arrangement, because, yes, we have read the Constitution."

McIntyre pointed to the recent inclusion of same-sex couples in Eagle Heights family housing as more in line with the committee's intentions. "That sort of integration and interaction can only help to provide a higher level of understanding about Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals," he added. "The hope is that in living side-by-side with us that people would realize that Gays and Lesbians, as family units, have the same ups and downs, challenges and good times, that other folks do."

#### Hypocrisy on Campus

Ten Percent Society President, Michael Dixon, while offering few objections to the report itself, said that the GLIC report offers very little that is new and charges the Dean of Students office with hypocrisy in issuing it. "Their words will continue to ring hollow as long as ROTC is allowed to operate on campus," he said.

The report itself notes a different sort of hypocrisy in that university policies deny benefits to same-sex couples that are given to heterosexual couples in the use of university facilities ranging from the Unions to the gyms.

"(The university) has paid lip service to high ideals in its statement of nondiscrimination, but the inconsistencies in its regulations raise troubling questions," reads the report. "It is indeed strange that the university declares its abhorrence of discriminatory military regulations, vows to fight for chance, and then proceeds to do basically the same things through policies that are apparently within its power to change."

The work of the Gay and Lesbian Issues Committee is on-going and all meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Dean of Students Office at (608) 263-5700.

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## GALVANize Seeks New Board Members Feb. 23

[Madison] - GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, is looking for new board members. People interested in joining the board are invited to the next board meeting on Sunday, February 23 at the home of Richard Kilmer, 621 Emerson Street (head south on Park St., and then turn left onto Emerson, two blocks after the intersection with Fish Hatchery).

Prospective board members will have a chance to meet with the current board at a potluck and discuss their interest in GALVANize. A short business meeting and election will follow. Call John at (608) 256-8100 or Sylvia at 244-3154 for more information.

## DAHMER

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I am **not** saying that the anguish that many of us go through in our early years leads to the tragic results it did in the case of Jeffrey Dahmer. It clearly and thankfully does not. What I **am** saying is that that terrible pain and suffering, that fear of rejection, the alienation and the loneliness, needs to be understood if we are to understand him.

I am also saying that it is more than possible that society's attitudes toward Gays and Lesbians exacerbated if they did not cause the tragedy.

Jeffrey Dahmer broke. Most of us don't, but to understand where the break began, I think a Gay man needs to be heard.

I have to wonder if society had been less bigoted, less red-eyed with prejudice against Gays, would this hideous thing have come upon us? Would these young men have died and died so terribly? Would their families be going through what they are now enduring? I don't know.

#### Understanding "Why?"

If part of the trial is to determine why he did it, "insane" and "evil" don't tell me anything. To really understand Jeffrey Dahmer, it is utterly crucial to examine the conflicts he felt about his homosexuality. By obscuring that issue, we're doing ourselves a vast disservice.

To get at that "why," let there be a Gay man called to the stand. Let him tell it like it was — and is for a lot of us. Let him confront society with the homophobia that, I think, contributed to this horror.

Let one Gay man who has won out over society's bigotry address the life of another Gay man who collapsed.

As it is, when all the "experts" have had their say and gone home, when all the terms and labels have been flung about and forgotten, we will be no closer to understanding Jeffrey Dahmer than many of us are now.

**Ed. Note:** Jamakaya and Terry Boughner have been covering the Dahmer trial for *Wisconsin Light*. Jamakaya's weekly dispatches have appeared in the *San Francisco Sentinel*, *Frontiers*, *Windy City Times*, *Southern Voice*, *Au Courant*, *NYQ* and other Gay papers across the country.

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## Thank-You

### TO THE EDITOR:

In response to a threatened cut-off of funding, MLGPC initiated a write-in campaign, sending letters to the Common Council of Milwaukee in support of Festival Funding for this year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Rally. Over 300 letters were received. Many people took time out of their personal lives to canvas with these letters at sporting events, bars, church socials, during their business activities and at large.

I would like to thank the following persons and businesses for their help: The Wreck Room, Club 219, This Is It, Wizard's Pub, Loose Ends, Dignity, Lutherans Concerned, Queer Nation, The Wednesday and Sunday Night Bowling leagues, the staff at MAP, Joe Zopp, Kevin Quader, Stephanie Hume, Michael Lisowski, Tim Grair, Stan Straka, Lou Santinielo, Cricket from Chicago, Steven Connors, and all the others who helped us get these letters out, filled, returned, compiled for presentation and made this effort a success.

I also would like to give special thanks to Don Clabots, MLGPC Secretary, without whose 11th hour efforts the timely presentation might not have been possible.

Even though Festival Funding for this year's 4th Annual Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade was not passed, the response made a very important statement not only of our sense of community, among ourselves, but to our elected officials as well.

—Dennis L. Bunch  
Milwaukee

## Veto Unrest

### TO THE EDITOR:

I realize there is a good chance that the column which recently appeared under Bill Meunier's name was actually written by him and was not another product of Mayor Norquist's forgery operation, but in either case I must differ with the author on the subject of John-Bashing.

A mayor who tries to keep controversial positions secret is of little use to anyone. Mayor Dinkins of New York, whose re-election position is far more tenuous than Norquist's, doesn't seem to have any trouble in reaching out in a public way to the Gay community in that city. Why does Norquist, whose re-election seems 83 percent certain, have to try and hide his "true" feelings and leak them out only through "insiders?"





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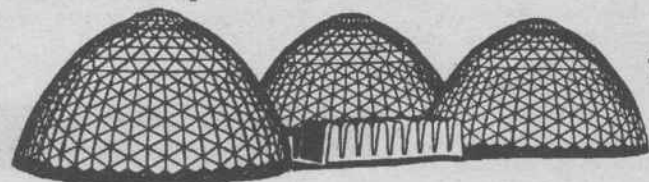
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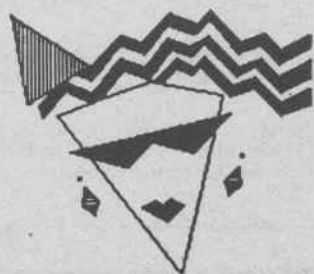
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