

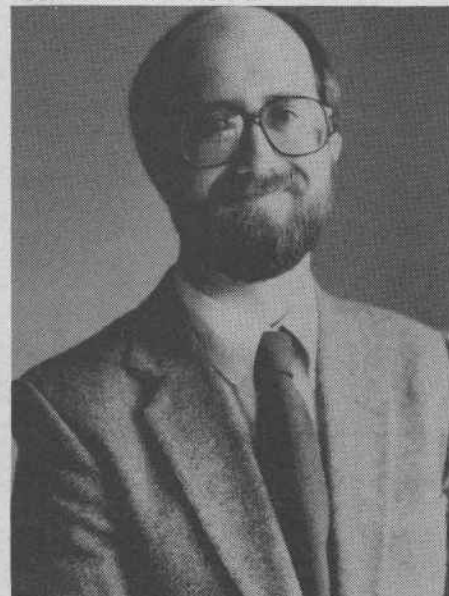


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Quinlan and Stauber Win 'Queer of Year' Madison Awards

[Madison]- On Saturday, June 5, 1993 Madison's United sponsored the first Annual "Queer of the Year" Awards Dinner and Dance in conjunction with The United's 15th anniversary celebration. The banquet, co-chaired by State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Supervisor Dick Wagner, was held at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Approximately 200 people attended.



JOHN QUINLAN

There were six categories of awards given. John Quinlan received the Man of the Year Award. Quinlan, a long-time Wisconsin Gay and political activist, and a highly respected news reporter and commentator, is also head of Wisconsin Light's Madison Bureau.

Editor's Note: Let me take this opportunity to congratulate John on a richly deserved award.

In the other award categories, the Woman of the Year Award went to Lois Stauber, long an active and out-spoken member of the Lesbian community. It was she who spearheaded the development of Apple Island, a centralized space for women's events.

The Madison AIDS Support Network was honored as Organization of the Year.

The Ally of the Year Award went to former State Rep. David Clarenbach. In his 18 years in the State Assembly, Clarenbach was the author of Wisconsin's Gay rights bill and was the author of all the AIDS legislation in the state.

The Male Volunteer of the Year was John Neess, long a dedicated worker for Frontiers and other organizations.

The Woman Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Sharon Hayes for her efforts and dedication in establishing Single Moms by Choice and then, the Lesbian Parents Network.

First Gay/Lesbian Bookstore to Open On Milwaukee's East Side on July 9

[Milwaukee]- We would like to take moment to introduce you to AfterWords, Milwaukee's first Gay/Lesbian Bookstore and Espresso Bar, due to open Friday, July 9th, 1993. The location for AfterWords is 2710 N. Murray Avenue in Milwaukee's East Side.

While most large urban areas have long been served by a Gay/Lesbian Bookstore, the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Community has needed to rely on general, independent bookstores for Gay and Lesbian titles. At AfterWords Gay and Lesbian customers will be provided with superior service through the large and varied selection of titles, values and the store's commitment to the community.

It is the commitment of everyone at AfterWords to provide a friendly space and a community resource that is open to all Lesbians, Gay men, Feminists and their friends. AfterWords will offer the best selection of book titles of interest to

Controversy Over Early AZT Usage Divides Berlin AIDS Conference

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- "Angry," "Frustrating," "Controversial," and "Confusing." These are the words Doug Nelson used to describe and characterize the International Conference on AIDS being held in Berlin, Germany.

Nelson, the Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), reporting by phone, said that the major debate, the "scientific controversy and confusion" was over the results of the Concorde Study and the American response to it. The results of the Study were reported to the Berlin Conference on the morning of June 8, 1993.

The recently completed Concorde Study, done in Great Britain, was a 4-year study of 1,700 people on the effects of AZT on inhibiting the replication of HIV, the virus thought to cause AIDS. The Study indicates that early AZT therapy for people who are HIV positive but asymptomatic makes no significant difference in either the progression of the disease or in individual survival when the drug is used alone.

The Concorde Study is the longest study on AZT as a single drug therapy. Because of its length, Nelson said, its results have had a "powerful" effect on the Conference.

"The Concorde Study is casting a shadow over the use of AZT alone," Nelson said.

American scientists point out that Concorde studied AZT alone. The British researchers did not study the effects of AZT when used in combination with drugs such as DDI or ddC. The Americans, Nelson said, are raising the issue of combination drug therapies as the direction we are heading.

"That is the debate in this whole conference," Nelson said. "There is no consensus on any conclusion. The scientific community is now divided."

Nelson added that to him and others attending the Conference, this is "frustrating in the extreme. The controversy demonstrates to me," Nelson said, "that after 13 years of this epidemic, there are no answers. We have only scratched the surface."

Fauci Speaks to the Conference

On Tuesday, June 8, 1993, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institutes of Health, Office of AIDS Research in Washington, D.C. According to Nelson, Fauci said that the research he has been involved with shows that in the first 12 weeks after infection with HIV, replication of the virus is very high in the lymphatic system.

Fauci also reported that his studies show that immune system activation is profound in the first 12 weeks. Activation in a profound way makes the T cells more susceptible to infection.

Nelson said that "It's a catch-22. We have to find ways to enhance the immune system without triggering a profound activation of that system and thus leaving a person more open to infection."

Nelson said that Fauci gave no answers, no way to do this. "This is the great controversy," Nelson said, "How to find a way to make some progress."

"My sense is," Nelson continued, "is that we're walking into an era of scientific gridlock on HIV research." That, he said, would be "disastrous."

Nelson sharply condemned the U.S. and other developed countries that "have not made a much greater investment in scientific research on AIDS." He reiterated his frustration over the fact that "in 13 years of AIDS, there are no answers. We're back in ground zero," he said.

See Your Doctor

Nelson wanted it to be "very clear" that MAP recommends that those of its clients on drug therapy should "immediately" talk with their physicians

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First Residents Move Into Second AIDS Home In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Residents have begun moving into the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) new, independent living environment on Milwaukee's northwest side. The facility, which once served as a convent, will provide safe, comfortable housing for 33 men and women living with HIV disease and AIDS.

The facility features private bedrooms, a recreation room, living room, large kitchen, and support group meeting rooms. The community setting strives to address residents' physical, recreational and emotional needs, but does not provide medical services. Except for two rooms designated as smoking areas, the facility is smoke, drug and alcohol free.

Two resident managers and a housing coordinator are available to address the daily needs of residents, including coordination of meals, maintenance requests, emotional support, security and transportation.

To qualify, residents must be HIV symptomatic or have an AIDS diagnosis, be in need of housing due to financial difficulties, be a permanent Milwaukee County resident, and be able to live independently. Resident fees are based on each individual's financial situation.

MAP's comprehensive housing program also includes rent assistance payments for approximately 50 individuals and families affected by AIDS and HIV disease each month, a transitional living facility with a capacity of 6 people, as well as referral systems for roommates and landlords.

President Clinton Nearing Decision On Gay Military Ban Changes

[Milwaukee]- President Clinton's announcement on May 27 that he would back a compromise along the lines of Sen. Sam Nunn's (D-GA) "Don't ask, don't tell" that would essentially leave the military's anti-Gay ban in place has been met with nearly universal condemnation.

Reaction from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Campaign for Military Service (CMS) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/USA) were all very critical of the president's statement.

For example, Thomas B. Stoddard, co-ordinator for The Campaign for Military Service (CMS) also condemned the "don't ask, don't tell" proposal. Stoddard added, "We note with satisfaction, however, that the national

debate has at last moved from whether to lift the ban to how."

Stoddard sounded a hopeful note saying, that he did not believe that Clinton would "put aside or dilute his commitment" that he made nearly two years ago.

MAP Receives Grants

MAP is in need of all varieties of household and furniture items to the new living facility. Donations should be directed to Kathy Prodoehl at (414) 461-7672.

MAP also has received a grant from the Stackner Family Foundation, Inc. of \$2,000. The grant is to be used in the expansion of the agency's Food Services and Transportation Programs for people living with AIDS and HIV disease.

MAP has received as well, a \$400 grant from the Community League of Menomonee Falls which will be used to purchase food for the Food Pantry Program.

Meanwhile, informed sources on Capitol Hill speaking on condition that they not be named, told Light that an announcement concerning the ban is coming very soon. The sources told Light that the Rand Corporation's report is in, as is a Department of Defense (DOD) report on Gays in the military. As of this writing (June 9, 1993), these reports are both on the desk of the Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin.

The sources say that the Rand report is "much closer" to the Lesbian/Gay position. DOD's report, written by a panel of military officers and others, is closer to the Nunn plan.

According to David Smith of CMS, what will happen next, either this week or next, will be for Sec. Aspin to issue a statement of his recommendations on "how the ban will be lifted."

This statement, when it is made, will have the backing of Gen. Colin Powell and the Joint Chiefs. It is this statement that is expected "very soon." Smith said, "It is the next important step."

Will the President rubber stamp Aspin's recommendations? Smith said that it was difficult to tell. "The situation is so fluid," he said. "It's changing all the time."

Other sources agreed with Smith. One Capitol Hill source said that the push to lift the ban should not have come when it did. "People should have waited until the President was stronger," they said. "Now it's all balled up with a lot of politics that have nothing especially to do with lifting the ban."

For further information, call Carl M. Szatmary, Manager, at (414) 963-9089. AfterWords will hold their Grand Opening on July 9, 1993. Plan to be there.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Sodomy Law Unconstitutional

[New Orleans]- In 1805, two years after Napoleon sold the Louisiana Territory to the nascent U.S., the new State of Louisiana criminalized oral sex between anybody. Ironically, at the same time, France adopted the Napoleonic code legalizing sex between same-sex partners.

Now, 187 years later, in a case brought by New Orleans lawyer John Rawls, Judge Lewis Johnson has declared that law to be unconstitutional. "I am finding it (the law) unconstitutional because it seeks to regulate behavior clearly protected," the Johnson said in his written statement.

Helms In S.F. Parade Promotion Ad

[San Francisco]- Organizers of San Francisco's huge Gay Pride parade said on May 31, 1993, that they hope to turn the tables on Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

While arguing against the recent Senate confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg, an open lesbian, Helms said, "That Gay Parade — I wish every American could have seen it."

The San Francisco Pride Committee is using a video of Helms' remarks in 15-second clips to promote the parade.

"They're not going to fool anybody with that," Helms retorted. "The people know what I said... Taking it out of context just demonstrates how far out of context these Lesbians and Gays are."

Should Gays Have To Register?

[Washington, D.C.]- If Gays continue to be banned from the military, they shouldn't have to register with the Selective Service, said Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) on Friday, May 28, 1993. "If they want to establish a principle that you must be a heterosexual man to die for your country, we might as well be consistent about that," Frank said in a commencement speech to graduates of the Northeastern University law school.

Frank said if the ban on Gays remains, he would introduce an amendment to the Selective Service laws that no Gay man should have to register. "There wouldn't be a any point in collecting a whole lot of names you don't plan to use," said Frank.

Boulder to Publish Pro-Gay Guide

[Boulder, CO]- A Boulder group says it will soon publish a directory of businesses who oppose the anti-Gay rights Amendment 2 and have signed a pledge of "equal rights for everyone."

The directory, to be published in late June or early July by the Boulder Organization for Non-Discrimination, will cover Boulder County and be free of charge. The efforts of the group parallel those of the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Coalition, which has been canvassing business across the state and asking them to sign an all-inclusive non-discrimination policy.

Sailor's Killer 'Disgusted' By Gays

[Tokyo, Japan]- The U.S. Navy sailor who brutally murdered a Gay shipmate last Fall declared afterward that he would do the same thing again because he was "disgusted by homosexuals," Navy investigators revealed on May 25, 1993.

Testifying at a sentencing hearing for Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey, 21, who has pleaded guilty to unpremeditated murder, investigators said Helvey showed no remorse for the crime when he was questioned two days after the killing of Seaman Allen R. Schindler, who was 22.

Navy special investigator Kevin Privette said Helvey told him the victim "deserved it." Privette said that at one point, Helvey just sat back and said, "I don't regret it. I'd do it again."

Permit Denial Brings Lawsuit

[Chattanooga]- On June 2, 1993, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), filed a lawsuit accusing the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee and city officials of violating the U.S. Constitution by denying a group of Lesbians and Gay men a permit for a parade to commemorate its annual Gay Pride day.

"This is a classic case of censorship," said Marc E. Elovitz, Staff Counsel to the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the lead attorney in the case. "It appears clear that the permit the group sought was denied because of the content of the message — precisely what the First Amendment prohibits."

Ohio Gay Rights May Be Challenged

[Cincinnati, OH]- The leader of Citizens for Community Values (CCV), Phil Burress, an Ohio religious group, announced that "Somewhere, sometime soon, family activists will challenge protections gained by homosexuals as a minority group. Burress called it a "cultural war" and said that "homosexuals are godless."

CCV claims a membership of 16,000 and says it has a computerized list of 5,000 volunteers in the Cincinnati area. CCV has four paid staffers and a budget of \$320,000. Its network includes over 600 Ohio churches, Burress said.

Sen. Pell Is Father Of A Lesbian

[Washington, D.C.]- In the Senate debate over Roberta Achtenberg's confirmation, Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI) rose to tell the hushed chamber that his daughter was a lesbian.

"Julia is president of the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, the 74 year-old Senator said. "I would not want to see her barred from a government job because of her orientation."

Asked for comment, Ms Pell said her father was "very supportive," and added, "It's not a big deal."

Oprah, Religion and Queers

[Chicago]- Talk show host Oprah Winfrey recently held a panel discussion on the feasibility of the conversion of Lesbians and Gay men into straight via religious means.

Countering the right-wing Christian claim that God can cure the Queer, a grieving mother admitted that her teen-age son, Bobby, would not have committed suicide had she and her church just accepted his Gayness. "This is the way God made Bobby," she said. "And had I not been so ignorant and homophobic, Bobby could have lived as healthy and productive a life as the rest of my children."

A non-Gay female member of the show's audience summed it all up. "You shouldn't suppress what you're feeling. God didn't write the bible. God loves everybody, and we shouldn't judge anybody."

Gays Are Not Equal In Colorado

[Denver, CO]- Gays and Lesbians have never been recognized as a separate class that deserves protections from discrimination, the Colorado State Attorney General's office said in a brief filed on May 17, 1993 with the Colorado Supreme Court.

The state high court has been asked to rule on an injunction handed down by Denver District Judge Jeffrey Bayless in January preventing Amendment 2 from taking effect. The Supreme Court will rule simply to uphold or to overturn the injunction. A ruling is not expected until late July or in August.

"In truth," the 26-page rebuttal said, "the plaintiff's newly found 'right' to equally participate in the political process is little more than a prescription for social and political chaos."

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Dr. Fauci Believes AIDS Will Be Controlled Through Several Drugs

By Christopher Fons
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EXCLUSIVE TO WISCONSIN LIGHT

Editor's Note: This interview with Dr. Anthony Fauci was conducted during his visit to Milwaukee on May 15, 1993 to address the graduating class of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Fauci is the Director of the National Institutes of Health's Office of AIDS Research in Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Fauci, welcome to Milwaukee. What is the status of AIDS research now? Do you see the disease becoming chronic? Is there a cure coming in the near future?

Anthony Fauci Well, when I say I see it becoming chronic, I don't mean in the sense that we are being complacent; that it's something we are never going to be able to eliminate.

I think chronic in the positive sense, in that if we can suppress the virus substantially, not in the way it is suppressed now with currently available anti-retrovirals, which are effective only for a brief period of time.

I believe that combination therapy that is being actively pursued now with the currently available drugs, as well as therapy with new agents that have not been as extensively put into clinical trials alone or in combination, will improve substantially and, hopefully, over a reasonable period of time, the possibility of prolonging the disease-free state in individuals who are infected, but who are not ill yet, as well as prolonging the lives of individuals who have already developed advanced HIV disease.

So, I am cautiously optimistic that what is currently in the pipeline will allow us to provide for HIV-infected individuals a much greater period of disease-free state.

So, if by chronic, you mean someone who is infected, you can't do anything about the fact that they're infected. If we can give them instead of an additional year, year and a half, or two years of disease-free state; if we can give them an extra decade or two of disease-free state, that we will do and in a reasonable period of time.

A Cure?

When you talk about a cure, that becomes very problematic with HIV because it has the capability of what we call "integrating itself," or hiding itself, into the genome of your cells.

As we know from studies that we've just published this past month as well as other investigators from Minnesota and others. Actually, Minnesota and our group in the NIH (National Institutes of Health).

That there is a considerable amount of virus present, even very, very early in the course of HIV disease, I don't think that we'll necessarily be able to eliminate each and every virus component from the body, if that's what you mean by a cure.

I think that it'll be very, very difficult to do that. But that doesn't mean that we're pessimistic about getting the virus in a state where, in fact, a person can live for a very long time with the virus adequately suppressed. That, to me, would be almost the functional equivalent of a cure.

But not in the classical sense when someone has pneumococcal pneumonia and you give them penicillin and all of the pneumococcus goes away. I don't think that'll happen.

But I think we'll be able to suppress the viral replication to the point that you don't have that insidious progression that we see with most HIV-infected individuals.

And, on the other side of the coin, we're putting a very active push on what we call "immunological reconstitution," ways of attacking the immune suppression by reconstituting the suppressed immunity.

Well, actually you mentioned protease and TAT and those are out there and in Phase II trials. So, they should be open to parallel track, but they aren't. So, if I wanted to use TAT inhibitor, I could not. How do you feel about making that more available?

AF Well, as you might know from history, that I have been the one who has been the major proponent of parallel track.

Parallel track is predicated on two things: One, that an agent has passed Phase I trial in safety, and has shown some indication that it might be effective.

Hopefully, in Berlin or maybe even very soon thereafter, the data will be discussed so that one can say that there is at least an inkling that there is effectiveness there.

My own feeling is, as has always been the case, that when you get to a point where you're reasonably sure it's

(Protease) safe and there's some indication of efficacy, that you should seriously consider it for parallel track. So my feeling would be positive for that.

Can you see your way to advocate for that if you are the large advocate for parallel track?

AF Right now, all we know is that it's in trail and that it seems to be safe. We don't have any evaluation — is it doing anything positively; is it stabilizing CD4 counts; is it blocking viral replication?

As soon as we get a look at that data, then I think we should go full court press and determine if, in fact, we should go on that.

And this leads to the second half of the question which is, if your goal is to suppress the virus as opposed to the way that the nucleoside analogs do it, TAT and Protease do it in a much better way. I feel there is a strangle hold on ACTGs to include AZT. Right now, it is in every study. It is the control now. Would that finally be released?

AF I think that as soon as you get another drug that shows equivalent efficacy of AZT, whose efficacy is there but marginal, then any of those others can be assumed to be the index, or control against which you test the others.

Is AZT Effective?

Okay, but now with the Concorde Study...

AF Well, the Concorde Study right now. What I think is going to happen that's important is that in June, probably the 23rd I think it is, we are having a state-of-the-art conference. Because the Concorde Study really just came out with a very brief letter in *Lancet* (a leading British medical journal), and there wasn't enough opportunity for the scientific community to really scrutinize the data. So, assuming that the Concorde is right, what the Concorde is saying is that the early use of AZT gives you some benefit for a brief period of time, whose benefit in three years tends to dissipate or disappear and what we need to do at this state-of-the-art conference, assuming that that's what we...

This is the Berlin Conference?

AF No, this is after Berlin. The Concorde data (on the effectiveness of AZT) will probably be presented in most of its entirety in Berlin.

But soon thereafter, then it would be incumbent on the scientific community to look at the data and make the decision that if someone can get benefit for a year and feel better, but have no ultimate benefit later on, namely after three years, what is the consensus opinion?

And by consensus, not just government scientists, I mean industry, academia, constituency advocates and the NIH, to open a forum, look at the data and say, "Is it better to treat early and, if not, then what are the recommendations?"

So, I think that what will come out of that state-of-the-art conference is very, very good because it will be a chance to openly look at what the benefits and the risks are of early intervention.

Is HIV the Cause?

AF The other thing I think that is important, that you may have in your list of questions, but I'll anticipate it because it is very closely allied to the whole question of therapy. In the last year, we've learned an awful lot about pathogenesis and what I think has happened is that there has been too much over the last several years of divided opinions.

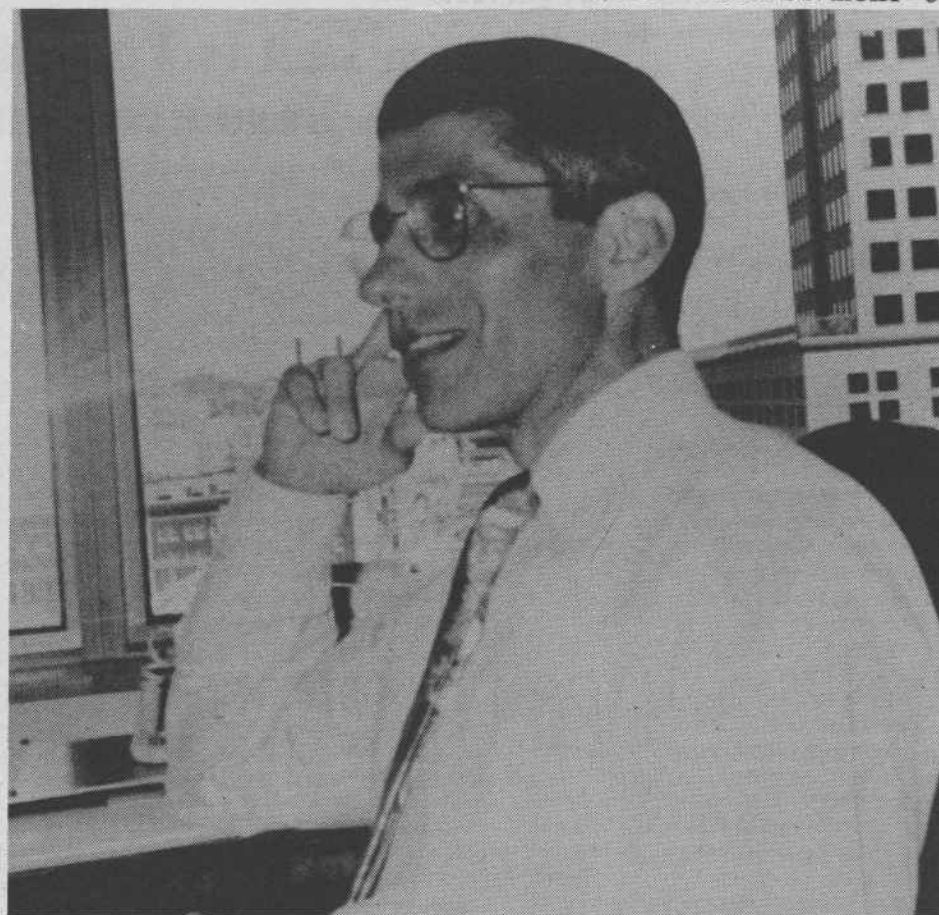
Where, if you can't explain each and every precise component of pathogenesis, then some people take the exact opposite approach and say, "Well then, HIV has nothing to do with the disease."

On the other hand, if you are just so completely taken up with HIV explaining each and every aspect of HIV disease, then you forget about all of the other things, like some of the tangential, or indirect ways, that HIV destroys the immune system.

We're paying much more attention to blocking things that compound the effects of HIV, such as the effect of cytokines (powerful chemical substances produced by the body's cells) which I've been working on for the last 7 or so years.

I was just reviewing a paper we're submitting on that now about some of the cytokines and taking a more comprehensive approach to the HIV-infected individual, not just limiting it to trying to block the virus.

So, we're paying a lot more attention to what else do you do. Do you block cytokines? Do you take a look at what the effect of activation is on the expression of



DR. ANTHONY FAUCI

HIV? What about the enhancement of immune response such as with Interleukin-2?

There are some promising data that's going to come out at some of the meetings (after the Berlin Conference) about the role of intermittently giving patients cytokines to enhance immunity.

So, what I foresee, in answer to your original question, is that you cannot just talk about antiviral effects without talking about, in 1993, '94, '95, is a comprehensive approach where you look at suppressing the phenomenon that induce HIV as well as inducing phenomenon that might be important in suppressing HIV.

So, it is not going to be just a direct antiviral (drug) that will be used in therapy. It'll be a combination of a whole bunch of things.

But it still relies upon HIV being the main cause [of AIDS], the only thing to be looked at as opposed to possible co-factors and explanation of not...?

AF No, no, I'm not talking about co-factors. And we've got to be careful when we talk about co-factors because co-factors isn't just another micro-organism. A co-factor may be a whole bunch of immunological factors that are released in response, directly or indirectly, to HIV.

And it may be that if you block things like tuminocrosis factor alpha T and F or IL-1, or something like that. That's as much a co-factor as the hypothesis that mycoplasma's a co-factor.

In fact, if indeed — and it hasn't been definitively shown — that something like another micro-organism is a co-factor. It probably acts by inducing cytokines which may then induce HIV.

So, it's not at all incompatible with the fact that, underlying it all, you need HIV. Instead of arguing, is it HIV or not, I think if you look epidemiologically, there is no question that you need HIV, but it's very clear now that HIV probably needs a lot of other inductive things. Some of which are probably endogenous (originating internally) to the body such as some of the cytokines.

Reorganization at NIH

Dr. Fauci, what is your analysis of the impact of the NIH reorganization on improving AIDS research in this country?

AF You know, that's a really tough call because it hasn't happened yet. It depends on what aspect of reorganization you have because a lot of things that were proposed in the legislation, in fact, have already occurred.

Like the development of a strategic plan and having a strategic plan guide the research. The difference in what the new "reorganization" is versus what we are doing now, is to put the budget authority in a specific office.

Now, it is the impression of some that that would insure that the right research would get done.

The strategic plan concept is a good concept, but there are people who have some skepticism about it if you put the budget authority into a single office. Would that have the inadvertent and unintended effect of slowing down the ultimate distribution of those funds to the researchers who need them right away?

Although the intention of it is to insure that all the right research gets done, there is some question as to whether or not putting the money in a single office and

then having the money go to the individual institutes, would have a negative effect.

We certainly are willing to try that if the legislation gets passed. We don't have any other choice but to try and to try as best as possible to make it work. But that's the only debate that's going on. Not that there shouldn't be a strategic plan.

The money doesn't seem to flow freely anyway. And there is a glaring example in your history of getting money for 5 employees working with Mathilde Krim to get this money at the end of 1985. And then a couple of years later, she comes back and says, "So how are the employees doing?" and she is informed that there weren't any desks or anything for them so they didn't get hired.

AF That, I would say with all due respect, is a little bit, if not a major distortion of what happened.

But then, even two years later in front of Congress, there still weren't...

AF Well, if you focus on that, you're missing the point. I'm just trying to be real honest with you. Because that was taken completely out of context.

Early on, if you go from square zero to try and build a pharmaceutical corporation in the NIH. Because no one was willing to do that, the first couple of year of that had all the starts and stops that you would have.

In fact, when you evaluate that effort by people who have been involved in 25 years of the pharmaceutical industry, say it is extraordinary how fast it happened. And yet, because of the intensity of the situation of the public scrutiny, it was observed that, "Gee, why don't we have this all in place?" This new several hundred million dollar operation all in place in a year.

And certainly we would have loved to make it go more quickly. In the Congressional hearing, years ago, when I was asked about the FTEs as we call it, the positions, I told them, in fact, we had asked for them and they did not come as quickly as we would have wanted them. And that was corrected rather quickly following that hearing.

Those kinds of things you would like not to happen, but they're not unexpected when you're talking about an effort of this magnitude. But in 1993, if you start hearkening back to what happened in '87, you're missing the major problems that we have in 1993.

But, if the general trend is that there was difficulty, maybe speaking up or what, perhaps due to the Reagan/Bush Administrations. Now we have the Clinton Administration. I personally don't see anything different going on from that administration than from in the past. If you had the same sort of problem now, would it be easier to deal with it?

AF It's very difficult to say right now because I don't think there are those kinds of problems. I think there are less of those problems than people perceived there were before last year.

And right now, what we've seen so far, is that the Clinton Administration has clearly indicated that they're considering AIDS as a very high priority area.

If you look at the 1994 budget I just defended 3 days ago before the Congress, we successfully, I believe, defended a major increase in AIDS resources, 21%

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Tom Boll Is Volunteer Of Year For AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

[Milwaukee]- Over 300 people who volunteer their time at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), were recognized at the annual volunteer dinner on Sunday, June 6, 1993 at Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center.

The keynote speaker for the dinner was State Representative and ARCW Emotional Support volunteer, Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee).

In a moving address, Carpenter said that "Nothing can be said or done that adequately recognizes the tremendous efforts and deeds done by the volunteers"

Carpenter talked about the many friends he had lost to AIDS and added sadly that, "We are weathering terrible times with worse yet to come."

"Today," he said, "a million and a half Americans are HIV positive with 242,000 plus diagnosed with AIDS. Right here in Wisconsin, 16,000 people are HIV positive, 1700 diagnosed with AIDS with a new case of AIDS being reported each day."

Carpenter praised the volunteers, saying that in their assisting people with daily needs, "just being there for someone" was the best prescription for action.

Carpenter finished by saying that "When the last chapter of AIDS is written, the volunteers being honored here tonight will clearly be seen as the unsung heroes."

Carpenter presented ARCW with a Citation by the Wisconsin State Assembly, declaring June 6, 1993 as AIDS Volunteer Recognition Day.

Volunteer of the Year

To provide individual recognition, ARCW employees, clients and volunteers are encouraged to nominate a "Volunteer of the Year." The recipient receives the ARCW DOVES Award (Dedicated Offering of Volunteerism that is Exceptional in its Services).

This year, the recipient was Tom Boll, an ARCW Special Events volunteer. Boll has been a volunteer with the Milwaukee

LETTERS

Come Out, Please!

TO THE EDITOR:

I attended the sixth annual Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) dinner in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday, May 22. By all accounts, it was a very successful event. The HRCF dinner was \$1,000-a-plate fundraising event that was attended by an estimated 1,500 people (the National Park Service claimed 37).

Tim McFeeley, HRCF's Executive Director, gave a very strong speech in which he stated, among other things, that the single most important thing any Gay or Lesbian person can do to help his and other organizations fighting for our rights, is to COME OUT!

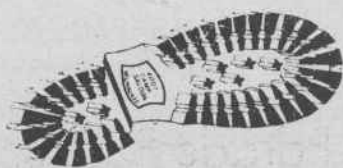
Joseph Steffan, author of *Honor Bound*, was the evening's guest speaker. His speech, while not as polished and professionally delivered as McFeeley's, was nevertheless very moving in its own way. As he expounded upon his personal experiences with military bigotry and the importance of ending the ban, I could see and sense that this young, intelligent man would really much rather be serving his country in the Navy than up on that stage. He reminded me of my own situation when I quit the Army after six years in 1988.

Is there truly anything to be said for the military's Gay ban if our country loses forever the dedicated, patriotic service of people like Steffan?

— John Arthur Jahn
Milwaukee

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AIDS Project (MAP) since the agency was founded in 1985. He was a founding member of the ARCW Board of Directors during 1985 and 1986 and also founded the Make A Promise Dinner, an event that has raised thousands of dollars for ARCW.

Boll reflected on his participation at ARCW. "Sometimes I get so burned out, or so tired, I don't know if I can go on. Then I reflect on that option: the option to turn away from the disease. This is not an option people with HIV/AIDS have, and that gives me the strength and inspiration to keep going."

ARCW currently has over 600 volunteers.

Log Cabin Club Plans Meeting

[Milwaukee]- The Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin has announced that its next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be a dinner meeting held at the Glass Menagerie (in the M&M Club). The group will get a table together in the restaurant.

This meeting will be primarily a social gathering so that members can discuss their philosophical views and the various roles they want to see Log Cabin perform. Members will also report on the Republican Party's state convention, taking place the weekend before. For more information, or for information about joining Log Cabin, please call Jim Rudolph at (414) 332-4549.

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Fest City Singers Sing and Dance In Full Length Musical Comedy

By Geno

With their four performances of *Boyfriends* during the weekend of June 4-6, the Fest City Singers have completed their transformation from an essentially choral group into an ensemble of dedicated singers and dancers who are adventurous enough to mount a full length musical comedy.

The original book and lyrics for *Boyfriends* are the creation of Peter Mortensen who tells the familiar story of lovers breaking up. Richard and Tim have ended a four-year relationship and the musical follows the various stratagems that their friends, especially their women friends, devise to help them to forget, to get back together again, or to find new lovers.

At one point, the group of friends go to Chicago for a change of scene and visit, among other venues, a leather bar and a steam bath. Roger Uscilla as the ultimate Leather Man and Erico Ortiz as the Underwear Man must be seen and heard to be appreciated. Erico's paean to underwear is hilarious — Marky Mark look to your Calvin Kleins. Act I ends

Wedding Hilarity Makes Up Fun At Boulevard

[Milwaukee]- Polka music, bad bridesmaids dresses and a dubious potato salad are among the ingredients Milwaukee's Boulevard Ensemble will include in a wild night of wedding hilarity when it presents *Stan and Trudy's Wedding*.

The event, a fundraiser for the Ensemble's 1993-'94 season, will feature an actual wedding. The Ensemble will present the event on Thursday, June 24, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Art Altenberg's Concertina Bar, 1920 S. 37th Street.

Actors from the Ensemble's productions will appear as the mother of the bride, the caterer and other characters familiar to wedding-goers. Their roles for the production will be both scripted and improvised.

The production is based loosely on *Tony and Tina's Wedding* and depicts a traditional South Side ethnic wedding. Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's general director, will serve as general supervisor for the evening. Dawn Ross will provide the catering.

The Ensemble, Milwaukee's only storefront theatre, will present this event for one night only. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. A dinner is included with the price of the ticket. For reservations and information, call (414) 672-6019

smashingly in the steam bath with the entire cast singing the drinking song from *La Traviata* with the updated lyrics in English by Peter Mortensen. Bravo! Bravissimo!

The voices of the first night leads, Matt Brown and John Vande Walle, were notable for dynamic blendings in their male-male duets. Several of the roles were double cast (the leads were played alternately by Erico and Kevin Quader), a sign of the strength that the Singers have achieved and which carries out their concept of an ensemble working closely together.

Peggy Lozier, musical director, had the entire cast on their toes musically speaking, and also doubled on the telephone as the den mother who listened to her friends' troubles. Other Singers re-invented themselves in changing roles — Michael Schreiber and Tim Kraetsch as Attitudes I and II and Kevin Rock as the New Boyfriend. Penny McCanles, Jeanette Lowther, Leandra Kallas and Sandy Lewis were good friends singing and bar hopping with abandon.

So what's next for the Fest City Singers? It will certainly be worthwhile to wait and see.

By the way, didn't I tell you that *Kiss of the Spider Woman* would sweep the top Tony Awards?

'We the People...' Concert Set For June 19

[Milwaukee]- Just a reminder from the Cream City Chorus. The Chorus, under the direction of Scott S. Stewart will be presenting its annual Spring concert, "We, the People..." on Saturday, June 19 at 8:00 p.m. at Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center (PAC), 123 W. State Street in Milwaukee.

The concert will be composed of selections speaking to individual freedoms — or life without them — highlighting those issues which affect the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community.

Tickets may be purchased at the PAC box office; from Chorus members, or by calling (414) 344-WCCC (9222).

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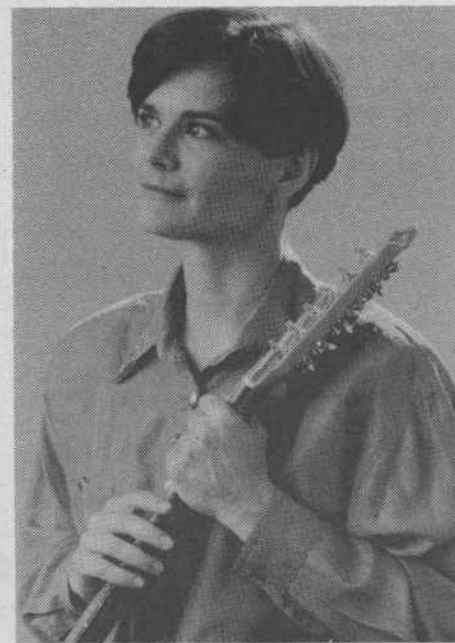
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Rhythm and Blues, Acoustic Guitars Concert To Benefit MAP



DIANNA JONES



JULIE PARROUGH

[Milwaukee]- On the night of Saturday, June 26, there will be a benefit concert for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). All proceeds will be directed to the new housing facility for people infected with HIV.

Dianna Jones and Julie Darrough will be donating their time and talent to the entertainment at this benefit.

Darrough will begin the evening, performing solo. Her music is an original blend of poetic lyrics and acoustic guitars. She will be releasing a limited edition of cassettes entitled, *A Step Above Stop* in September, 1993.

Jones will carry on the evening with original adult contemporary rhythm and blues tunes. "I would like to dedicate this performance to my brother Martin, whose unconditional love and support has inspired me to be who I am today. And his memory will live on with me," Jones said.

The concert is being held at

Milwaukee's Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th Street. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Advance sale tickets are \$6 and may be purchased at Peoples Book Store, 1808 N. Farwell, or at MAP. Tickets bought at the door will be \$7. There will be interpretation for the hearing impaired.

This concert is being produced by Wild Mane Management and Productions. For further information, call Jodi at (414) 283-1380.

Shafer Signs Book

[Milwaukee]- In a reminder to an earlier story, on Saturday, June 19, 1993, Mary Shafer will be signing copies of her new book at a Wildlife Open House. Shafer, a long-time resident of Milwaukee and Gay activist will be signing books from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at McCullough's, 107 S. Third Street in Delavan. For more information, call (414) 728-2661.

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Heins To Discuss History Of Censorship, Sign Books at Schwartz

[Milwaukee]- In her new book, **Sex, Sin, and Blasphemy: A Guide to America's Censorship Wars**, American Civil Liberties Union attorney Marjorie Heins looks at what Pat Buchanan, in his 1992 Republican Convention speech, called "a war for our culture," in historical, cultural, and legal context. She asked of the National Endowment for the Arts controversy, "Was it censorship?"

She asks the same in considering the on-going — and often mystifying — restrictions of school libraries, and the trial of 2 Live Crew lyricist/Skywalker Records boss Luther Campbell.

Dance to Raise Money For Community Center

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, June 12, 1993, the Womyn's Cultural Community Center is sponsoring the First Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Dance and Fundraiser. The event will take place at Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th Street in Milwaukee from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Out Post, Peoples Books, and from the Womyn's Cultural Community Center board members.

Womyn's Cultural Community Center is dedicated to the establishment of a Lesbian Community Center. Help them to obtain a building for Lesbian social activities and events by attending this and other fundraisers.

How Many Of Us Are There?

[Boston, MA]- In the March/April issue of **The Sciences**, Anne Fausto-Sterling speculates that there may be five sexes instead of two. In addition to men and women, there are "herms," true hermaphrodites who have one testis and one ovary; "merms" (testes and some female genitalia); and "ferms," (ovaries and some male genitalia).

Fausto-Sterling says that instead of these being corrected surgically, people should live the way they were born.

There May Now Be Five Sexes Instead of Only Two

[Washington, D.C.]- The very latest report, **The Janus Report on Sexual Behavior**, has reached some interesting new figures on how many of us there are. In a survey taken of 4,550 people, 2,719 responded to questions about homosexual behavior. 1,335 were men, 1,384 were women.

26% of the men and 21% of the women said they had "ongoing" Gay/Lesbian experiences. 13% of the men and 6% of the women said they had these experiences "frequently." 56% of the men and 67% of the women had these experiences "occasionally."

The researchers, highly respected in their field, summed up by saying that 19% of all adults have had a homosexual experience and 7% of adults have a Gay or Bisexual orientation.

Noting the absence of a universal definition of censorship or obscenity, Heins calls obscenity "The First Amendment's second-class citizen." She decries in **Sex, Sin, and Blasphemy**, the historically localized definition, and exposes the hidden agendas of those who would restrict others' access to popular culture ranging from James Joyce books to **Playboy** magazine to rap recordings.

On Wednesday, June 30, at 5:30 p.m., Heins will discuss the history of censorship at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop downtown Milwaukee at Water Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Heins will sign copies of her book. Schwartz Bookshop will donate 10% of the evening's proceeds from the sale of **Sex, Sin, and Blasphemy** to the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. The event is free and open to the public. It is part of Schwartz Bookshop's on-going series, **Writers to Readers: Bringing America's Authors to Milwaukee's Book Lovers**.

For more information call Schwartz Bookshop at (414) 274-6400.

Female Transsexual Group Forming

[Milwaukee]- A new support group for female transsexuals is now forming. For further information, please contact the Oasis at (414) 332-5407.

Ben-Shalom Resigns From Vet Group

[Milwaukee]- In a letter dated May 26, 1993, Miriam Ben-Shalom tendered her resignation as the President of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA). The resignation took effect on Friday, May 28, 1993.

Among the reasons for her resignation, Ben-Shalom, a long-time Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual activist, cited financial constraints and "physical changes occurring in my body right now."

Ben-Shalom said that despite her resignation, that she intended to "continue as a leader of the Gay/Lesbian/Bi Rights movement." She added further, "I will absolutely continue to have the interests of veterans and active duty people at heart. And you should know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that I will continue to keep the interests of GLBVA at the front of my mind."

Theatre X To Hold Wine Tasting June 16

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Theatre X will hold a wine tasting on June 16 at The Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will help the Theatre X office renovation expenses. The event will be held in the lobby of the theatre and on the 5th floor.

An extensive assortment of champagnes and wines from California, France, Germany, Australia and Chile will be offered as well as delicious food samplings from Fresh Bagels to Go, Inc; Brew City Barbecue; Usinger's Famous Sausage; La Boulangerie; Fathom Five and more. The event is sponsored by East Side Wine and Spirits.

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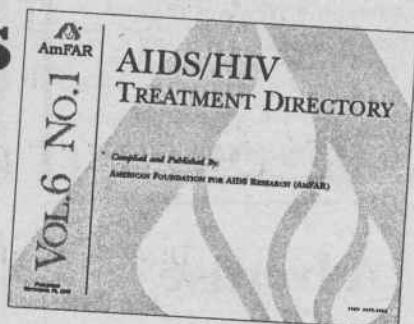
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RESEARCH CONTROVERSY—Members of Milwaukee ACT UP demonstrated against Dr. Fauci when he spoke at the Auditorium on May 15, 1993.

AIDS Research
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increase, which has, in essence, in many respects, distorted the entire NIH resources where everything else went down and there are a couple of things that went up.

AIDS went up the most, breast cancer, tuberculosis, women's issues and the Genome Project with AIDS very high up above everything else.

So, clearly what we're seeing right now is the manifestation of a clear-cut commitment on the part of the Clinton Administration for resources to AIDS research.

The logistic things that appear to go slowly, are sometimes out of the control of the intentions of wanting to make it move quickly.

People say things like, "Why does it take so long to get a contract let out to the community?" The answer is because the law says you have to have X number of days. So, if we all want to get it done more quickly, you can't keep batting people on the head and saying why is it taking 10 months to get a contract awarded.

The fact is, if you didn't do it that way, someone can protest the contract and nullify it and you'll waste 2 years. We've seen that happen.

So the things you're talking about, I think, are dissociated from the intention of any administration or any Congress to get things done more quickly.

But what we can say now, I think, happily, is that at least what we've seen over the last couple of months is a clear-cut commitment to give preferential resources to HIV, which I'm very pleased with.

Kramer Being Kramer

Larry Kramer made statements off the stage at the March On Washington, that in the last 6 months, you have never received a call from the White House saying, "So what do you need?" Is that accurate?

AF Well, you know, it depends on what you mean by the White House. I certainly met with Secretary Shalala a few times about that. And I also, that day that Larry said that, met with Bob Hattoi at the White House.

Do you know Larry at all? Well, Larry was being Larry, which is in many respects good because he tends to use hyperbole to get things shaken up. But, when he does it, everybody hears it because he does it before a million people.

But I think it would be unfair at that point to say that the Administration isn't interested because they didn't bring me to the White House before then to sit. They, in fact, right from the first few days, Secretary Shalala called me in and asked me to brief her about the HIV situation. So, the Secretary is an extension of the White House because she's a member of the cabinet and she clearly sat down with us and discussed it with us.

Non-approved Drugs

If, God forbid, you were HIV positive or had AIDS, would you seek out a non-approved drug? Would you go looking for it?

AF Well, you know, I was asked that question several years ago and it made a big splash when I said I would go ahead and use aerosolized pentamidine even before it was approved.

What I would do, if I were HIV positive, it would really depend upon the stage of my disease. I clearly would look at what the pattern of the slope of the decline of my immune system were.

For example, if I had 499 T4 cells, even though that's below 500 and people say

when it's below 500, the recommendation is to do it, I would concentrate more what the slope of the decline was than on the cell count.

If (the slope) was not steep or was stable, I'd probably hold off and see what (drug) was coming up in the pipeline. If something looked very good and non-toxic, then I would probably take it early.

There's no question that, based on studies that we and others have done, there's virus replication going on very early in the course of infection. So, if we had a drug to block that, I would take that drug as early as possible. But now, in 1993, we don't have that drug.

We have drugs that are, in fact, capable of having a positive effect, but it doesn't last very long. So, if my slope was going down (slowly) I would go on the approved drugs.

I would probably take AZT, and as soon as the slope kept on going down, I would either switch to DDI or add another drug like ddC.

If it started to go down (faster) I would get myself on one of the clinically approved protocols. Be it an immune enhancer like IL-2 or the combination drugs that are going on right now, the Navarapin with ddC and DDI or the U90 drug with DDI and AZT. I'd look around for those kinds of trails.

Then you get to the point if, in fact, you've tried everything and you are still going down. Then I'd have to dissociate myself from my role as a physician and say, "Is there anything out there that would, in fact, give me some glimpse of hope?"

And I would search around and make the appropriate decisions, depending... and it would be an individual decision.

But the problem with my saying that is that then it gets taken out of context. Then it says, "Doctor says to go out and do that." That isn't the case.

You have to separate the question you are asking from me as someone who is trying to develop drugs for HIV-infected people as to what I would do with myself if I had 10 T4 cells. It's a lot different than what I would do with myself if I had 510 T4 cells. So, it depends on where you are.

Communication Inside NIH

I want to make sure we get to something about communication inside NIH. I suppose one of the ideas is that the Office of AIDS Research would help coordinate and not duplicate services for budgetary reasons.

But it still seems to be going on. You helped start the splintering. The NCI

[National Cancer Institute], was doing everything way back when and that you wanted to move it to NIAID [National Institute for AIDS] and that there was a deal struck at the time...

AF Clearly, without a doubt, I admit to the difficulties one has in the process like I just did before, but I can tell you that what you're describing, is a totally inaccurate representation of what happened.

Back then, very early, when we were struggling to find what was the most expeditious way to approach this, we, I, sat down with Vince DeVita who was then the Director of the NCI, and said, "How can we (NIAID) do, individually, what our institute does best so that: (A) we don't duplicate things, and (B) we don't do things that we're not as good as you are at or you're not as good as where we're at?"

So, we sat down and said, "What is the Cancer Institute very good at?"

They had a wonderful screening process for drugs that they had developed for cancer drugs, that we felt could be easily be adopted to the screening of drugs for HIV.

We had enormous expertise in antiviral agents and in the clinical trials of infectious diseases. So, we said it would probably be a good idea to let the clinical trial process and the targeted development of drugs be NIAID and have the screening process and certain of the other things that NCI is expert at, do that.

And it was done to utilize optimally the expertise of the individual institutes. It absolutely had nothing to do whatever with the distortion of a struggle to grab resources. Not at all.

But there is still duplication.

AF No, actually it is complementation. I think you have to really be very careful in distinguishing the difference between duplication and complementation. And if you look very carefully, it compliments much, much, much more than it duplicates.

And a little bit of duplication isn't all that bad.

I would invite anyone to take a look at that. In fact, the activist groups have come in and we've let them go through all of the whole structure of how we do things. You'd be surprised at how much agreement there is among us.

An AIDS Czar?

Okay, and I suppose that leads to an AIDS czar. I mean, it doesn't seem to be popping out of the Administration right now.

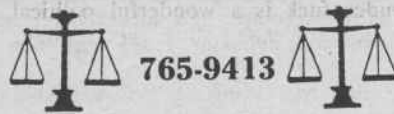
AF There's no question that the President wants an AIDS czar and I believe we will get an AIDS czar. I think, under the appropriate circumstances, an AIDS czar who has a high level position, will be able to facilitate and expedite certain things across agency levels that could use someone whose major thought is, "How do we get things across State, Defense, HHS, Social Security, etc."

For example, the whole question of the immigration problem. The whole question of third-party payments for people on research protocols. I think if that is what they mean by an AIDS czar, I think an AIDS czar could effectively handle that.

Editor's Note: We thank the Medical College of Wisconsin for their help in facilitating this interview with Dr. Fauci.

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Androgyny Look Is Out As Lesbians Become Sure of Themselves in '90's

By Dell Richards

In the past decade, Lesbians have begun to take on new looks, discarding the androgyny of the 1970's feminism to create looks that range from punk to passing. Many women also are taking back butch-femme models that haven't been seen since the 1950's.

While this is not fashion news, it also reflects a major change in Lesbian culture. This diversity in dress shows that Lesbians finally have become sure of themselves, so sure that they can tolerate differences of style which reflect profound differences in personality.

"We are gender pioneers," said Joan Nestle, author *The Persistent Desire: A Butch-Femme Reader*, an anthology of letters, stories, poems and essays that explores the meaning of gender in the Lesbian community. "We are alchemists who are breaking new ground, taking givens and transforming them. We are creating multi-gendered people within on gender—female."

By throwing out old models, Gay women are creating visions of Lesbians that are unlike any female image in mainstream society.

"Heterosexuals have such paltry imaginations, they can only see things as male or female," said Nestle, who co-founded New York City's Lesbian Herstory Archives in 1973. "What we are doing now has nothing to do with the masculine-feminine dichotomy of the straight world."

Women and Dildos

To make the point, 52 year-old Nestle uses two extreme examples of butch and femme, examples which would raise hackles in some Lesbian quarters.

"A woman wearing a dildo is not male, she is something completely different," said Nestle. "A woman who chooses to be another woman's wife if not the same thing as a wife. She doesn't have societal protection, she doesn't have prestige. She isn't invited to the office party. It is almost a commitment to a social martyrdom for the sake of love."

What Nestle — and Lesbians in cafes and colleges nationwide — are saying is that the traditional butch-femme stance is not a mask to be taken off and on like a stage make-up. In reality, these "roles" are a new mix of gender that allows Lesbians to be who they really are.

Lesbians Limit Themselves

By living up to some androgynous middle ground as they have done for the past 20 years, Lesbians lost feelings and

behaviors that are the core of their selves. Nestle, who calls herself a devout feminist, but also wears make-up, heels and stockings, is disturbed by the narrow limits Lesbians are placing on themselves.

"One result of political fervency is a need for rigidity. We had to fight for our freedoms, for our territory as women and Lesbians. But all kinds of subtleties and complexities of gender have been mown down. It breaks my heart to see women apologizing for their femininity. The last thing I want to see is a rigidity that results in a betrayal of self."

Despite the rise of women's sex and S/M clubs, Nestle thinks that mainstream political freedom has been won at the expense of Lesbian sexuality. She believes Lesbians traded the butch-femme look that made the statement "We fuck each other" for political acceptance in the feminist community.

"There is this movement to say 'Homosexuality is okay as long as you don't do it or show it,'" said Nestle. "Sexuality is what the state wants to control most. It wants to control the touch, the kiss, the mouth, the hand."

For Nestle, losing this erotic dance comes at the cost of her most basic sense of self, a price that is too high.

"The body carries stunning ideas," said Nestle. "The body is one of the most theoretical places. The sexual impulse has created all other political impulses in my life."

Although Nestle teaches writing at City University of New York, she thinks in historic terms. A woman who has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for the past 12 years and who, at times, "felt so sick she thought she was going to die," Nestle is keenly aware of time — and each generation's place in it.

"Every generation needs to challenge what came before," said Nestle. "We need older Lesbians who have lived through history, who have a burnished sense of self. And we need younger women who break down walls and find new ways of being."

What Nestle sees in the future from the new generation is an even greater ability to play with gender, its trappings and meanings.

"Gender-fuck is a wonderful political action," said Nestle. "It's the younger generation's gift to us."

Editor's Note: Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book, *Lesbian Lists*, is available nationwide.

Housing Sought For Stonewall Conference

[Milwaukee]- The National Steering Committee for Stonewall '25, will be holding its national conference in Milwaukee from July 30 to August 1, 1993. Gary Wells, Conference Co-ordinator, is seeking community housing for low income activists as well as volunteers to help with the conference.

Volunteers are needed for Friday afternoon's reception and check-in and Saturday evening's barbecue. Also needed are note takers and people to help provide various services for the conference.

The National Steering Committee is planning the celebration for the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots that set off the Lesbian/Gay rights movement in the United States. The celebration will be held in New York City in 1994.

For further information or to volunteer, call Gary Wells at (414) 264-2740.

Gen. Powell Knew His Bodyguard Was Gay

[San Francisco]- U.S. Army Captain Michael McManus revealed on June 3, 1993, that General Colin Powell knew he was Gay while McManus was serving as his personal bodyguard, and that it made no difference to the general. While stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1986, then Sergeant McManus served as General Powell's bodyguard and interpreter, and it was at that time that Sgt. McManus "came out" to him, confiding to him that he was Gay.

According to McManus, Gen. Powell, who at that time was commander of the U.S. Army Fifth Corps, replied, "What do you want me to do about it? As long as you are doing your job well, that does not matter to me. And you are doing an excellent job."

Capt. McManus came out of the closet as a Gay man publicly on Saturday, May 29, at a Memorial Weekend Requiem in San Francisco honoring the Unknown Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Soldiers.

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about the controversy raging at the Berlin Conference. "Ask your doctor questions," he said. "Engage in dialogue."

Nelson also strongly urged that those people who think they may be infected with HIV but who do not have a physician, to please call MAP and ask to speak to Nancy Zackow, RN, the MAP Early Intervention Coordinator at (414) 273-1991. Zackow will help secure a physician for people who need one.

A Note of Optimism

In spite of the frustration, Nelson said that there is some good news coming from the Conference.

On June 9, 1993, it was reported by U.S. scientists that there was "brighter news" on the vaccine front. Three AIDS prevention vaccines in Phase I trials (with animals) have shown themselves to be both tolerated and safe.

The vaccines also increase the immune system antibody response to HIV. Nelson said that the scientists reported that the duration of the immune response is much longer in humans than animals: 26 weeks vs. 6 weeks.

All three vaccines will now move on to Phase II and Phase III trials with humans to determine their effectiveness in preventing HIV infection. The prevention vaccine, for people not infected with HIV, is the most difficult vaccine to develop, Nelson said.

These trials are to begin in 1994. Nelson said that "We're positioning the Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium in a way that it will be a desirable clinical trial center for testing the prevention vaccine." The Consortium is affiliated with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, MAP's parent agency.

A therapeutic vaccine (for people who are infected with HIV) will move into Phase II trials at the end of 1993, Nelson said, adding that the Wisconsin Community-based Consortium is also "strongly positioned" to be a part of that.

Nelson cautioned against over-optimism. "The good news," he said, "is that the trials are progressing. All that is known is that they are safe."

The Berlin conference on AIDS is being attended by 12,000 to 15,000 scientists, AIDS activists and others, representing 166 countries. "The whole world is here," Nelson said.

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Gays In Military— 'Don't Tell, Don't Ask': Compromise Or Sellout?

By Bill Meunier

The most recent turn of events in the continuing battle to lift the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military is the so called "Don't Tell, Don't Ask compromise." The gist of this proposal is that the military won't ask anyone what their sexual orientation is and therefore as long as Gays and Lesbians lay low they won't have unnecessary unpleasantness such as being discharged.

One of the chief proponents of this idea is our own Barney Frank. One of two openly Gay congressmen, Frank says that this is only way we can make any advances on the issue of Gays and Lesbians in the military.

But is this really an advance? Those who are in the military answer with a resounding no! They point out that the Frank compromise does not remove the words "homosexuality is incompatible with military service" from existing Pentagon regulations. Without the removal of those words, anyone found to be Lesbian or Gay will still be thrown out.

Frank's proposal would be understandable (and quickly forgotten) if it had come from some well meaning heterosexual, but coming from one of only two openly Gay Congressmen it has created a firestorm of controversy.

It is the equivalent of a black congressperson advocating doing away with the Voting Rights act. It is not a compromise it is a sellout.

Frank is trying to present himself as some sort of savior of Lesbians and Gays in the military even as he sells them down the river, dooming them to remain in the closet.

Our vets contend that the Frank proposal is very similar to what already exists. Commanding officers rarely ask about sexual orientation. Those in the service rarely openly declare that they are Gay or Lesbian. They should know, after all they are the ones who have served. They say the Frank proposal would mean nothing.

Staying in the closet is a skill that Frank is well acquainted with. He served several terms in Congress before he admitted to being Gay. Obviously he sees nothing wrong with living a lie. Having lived a lie

for years, he now wishes to foist upon others the kind of life he once lived and ultimately rejected.

Frank's contention that this is some sort of compromise doesn't wash. What do we gain from his proposal? Nothing more than a codification of what already exists. What do we lose? Nothing less than our principles.

We can not accept any plan that would require us to hide behind legal subterfuge and smoke screens. Accepting any plan that requires us to remain in the closet means accepting the idea that we are somehow inferior.

If Frank's proposal were adopted, every Lesbian and Gay who had the courage to come of the closet while serving in the military would be forever barred from the service. Miriam Ben-Shalom, Keith Meinhold, Jim English and others who threw away their careers so they could stand up for us, would never be allowed to put on a uniform again.

What President Clinton will do? He has indicated that he may go along with Frank sellout. If Clinton does so he will have without question broken his pledge to us. He owes us a lifting of the ban. If Congress overrides him so be it. Then we will deal with Congress, but he goes back on his word, we will deal with him.

Frank's spineless proposal to surrender our rights notwithstanding, we have every right to expect Clinton to keep his word. If he fails to do so, he will confirm what every critic has been saying about him, "untrustworthy, unprincipled, and hypocritical."

This is not what we voted for back in November. Those Democrats who side with Frank, Sam Nunn and Jesse Helms ought to be ashamed of themselves. At no point in the last campaign, did any of them ever state their disagreement with Clinton's pledge to lift the ban. Now having gotten our votes, they have turned their backs on us.

What we voted for was freedom. How do you compromise freedom? What Barney Frank proposes isn't even a compromise. It is a sellout, a sellout that would bring neither freedom or honor.

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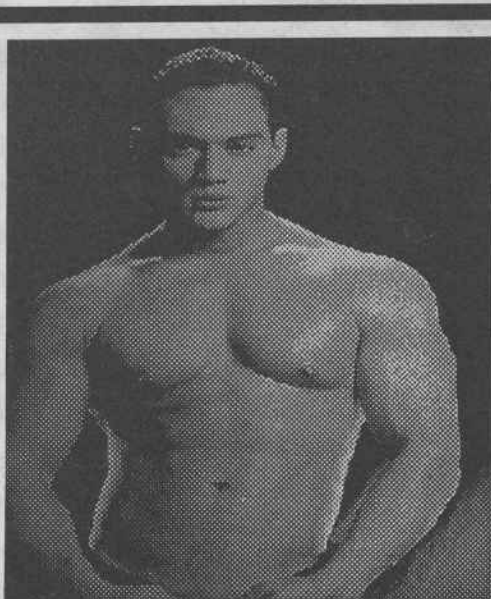
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Pride And Prejudice

By Jamakaya

Each June, as Gay Pride time approaches, I'm filled with anticipation about the big celebration. It's become for me one of the most festive holidays of the year, when the many strands of our diverse communities come together and we revel in our difference and our pride.

This year, there are many things making me feel especially proud. The Queer Nation dominates the national spotlight like never before. Yet that exposure has also unleashed a reactionary wave of prejudice that threatens future progress.

The mean-spirited attack by Jesse Helms and other conservative senators against the nomination of Roberta Achtenberg as Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development was pure character assassination. Calling her a "damn Lesbian" and completely overlooking her excellent qualifications, Helms managed to muster 30 other votes against her.

Achtenberg maintained her dignity throughout, winning confirmation with the votes of 58 senators. She specifically contacted those attacking her, asking to meet with them to discuss their concerns. None of the homophobes took up her offer. They were too busy orchestrating their hate campaign to listen.

In one delicious moment, Achtenberg must have confirmed their worst fears while doing something to make us all very proud. As is the custom of most nominees facing a Senate committee, Achtenberg, without fanfare, introduced to the senators her spouse, San Francisco Municipal Judge Mary Morgan. It was sublime.

The ongoing hearings and debate about Gays in the military have also veered between the sublime and the ridiculous. Surely the most absurd heights were reached when old racist Strom Thurmond nearly resorted to fisticuffs during a debate about sodomy. "Heterosexuals don't practice sodomy!" he yelled, causing many in the hearing room to break into laughter.

But the blatant expressions of ignorance and bigotry about Gay people that have been aired, unchallenged, in the hearings have not been amusing. They have been demoralizing. The compromise that Sam Nunn is pushing will essentially maintain the status quo, and President Clinton's backsliding and move to the right do not auger well. Clinton's erratic behavior is alarming even his most ardent supporters.

There was one delightful crack in the plaster of the Pentagon, however, an unexpected collision of pride and prejudice. That was the dramatic outing of Scott Peck by his Marine colonel father testifying before the committee on national TV. "I love him as much as I do any of my sons. I respect him. I think he's a fine person. But he should not serve in the military."

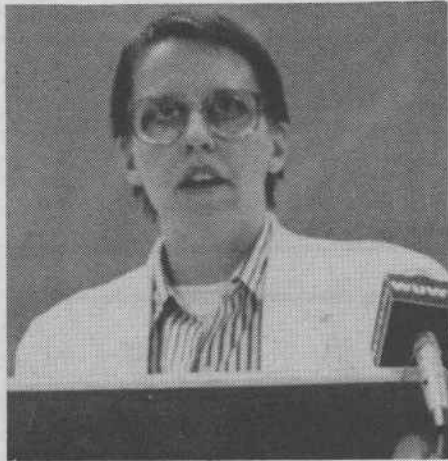
"It was a shock," learning of his son's homosexuality, Fred Peck told the national media. "But I accept him with unconditional love."

Gay leaders immediately attacked Col. Peck for his hypocrisy, but young Scott saw something else at work: "Maybe dad hurt the Gay movement's political agenda but I think he helped individuals alot, especially parents watching. Maybe the sight of this heroic figure, this 110% American male, accepting his own son is making other fathers stop and think about their own relations."

Maybe, Scott. I'm not sure Gay politicians could have scripted a more poignant or thought-provoking little morality tale.

Coming out is, of course, our best long term strategy. And in the past year, an increasing number of celebrities — k.d. lang, Melissa Etheridge, Ian McKellen, Elton John — have proudly come out. The backlash may be sending some back to the closet, but its overall impact seems to be in forcing people to take a stand, like in the old union song, "Which Side Are You On?" I'm especially proud of several friends who, in the past year, have come out to their families and co-workers. It's always a scary step, but not one person regrets their decision.

Martina Navratilova said it best in Washington on April 25: "If we want the world to accept us, we must first accept ourselves. If we want the world to give us respect, not to look at us with shame, we must first be willing to give ourselves



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respect. We must be proud of who we are and we cannot do that while we hide."

I'm also really proud of our community organizations that manage to do such great things with small budgets and mostly volunteer staffs. Madison's United just celebrated its 15th anniversary — Hurrah! A younger but equally vital organization, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will begin its fifth year of service this summer. Can it really be four years since a hundred of us crowded Julie Kleppin's backyard to launch LAMM, now the largest and most politically savvy Lesbian group in the state?

And three cheers for the brave group of women determined to establish the Womyn's Cultural Community Center in Milwaukee! Against a vast array of critics and naysayers, they stubbornly contend, "We can do it!" And I believe they will! Please attend their fundraising dance, Saturday night, June 12 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th Street. To send them money or volunteer, call (414) 264-9927.

I'm also incredibly proud of the Gay and Lesbian writers whose work is being touted as the best in the land. The Pulitzer Prize and multiple Tony Awards for Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* and the Tonys for the musical adaptation of Manuel Puig's *Kiss of the Spider Woman* have capped off a year in which Paul Monette's *Becoming a Man*, Dorothy Allison's *Bastard Out of Carolina* and many other Gay-authored works have wowed the literary establishment. For better or worse, at this point in time, we seem to be the conscience of America.

Now, I've been writing about pride and prejudice, and I'll leave you with a little story that illustrates the theme most vividly. We all know about the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969 that heralded the Gay liberation movement. Well, did you know Milwaukee had its own version of Stonewall just last month?

In the early morning hours of May 9, as patrons stood outside La Cage on S. 2nd Street just after closing, drag performer Miss Goldie Adams approached a car to see who had shouted, "Hey, baby!" When the lugheaded driver realized he had beckoned a drag queen, he got abusive, stopped the car and attacked Goldie, yelling "Fucking faggot drag queen, I'm gonna kick your ass!"

The basher got a few slugs in before Goldie and her "sisters," K.C. Ray and Joanne Cassidy, gave the bigot and his buddy a taste of their own medicine. The girls, in full drag, beat and scratched the would-be bashers and pummeled them with their high heels. The brawl went on for at least five minutes, stopping traffic near 2nd and National. When the cops arrived, they charged the alleged assailants with battery, and one of the thugs had to be treated at a hospital!

"I don't like violence at all," Goldie Adams told me, "but I wasn't born a punching bag. I have the right to defend myself and my friends. We can't stand for this anymore! If someone tries to hurt us we have to help each other. I wasn't gonna stand there and be a victim like that, and I wouldn't let that happen to anybody."

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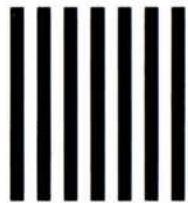
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