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The Wisconsin Light

Bigotry and Discrimination Win

Defense Secretary Aspin Says That Anyone Admitting To Being Gay or Lesbian Will Be Discharged From the Military

Community Reaction to Military Plan Is Swift and Largely Negative

[Milwaukee]- Reaction to President Clinton's acceptance of the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on the anti-Gay ban was immediate. Some condemned Clinton. Others, like Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) praised the President, saying that "He has stood for reason and decency" in a hostile environment." But all alike, found the policy falling short of the mark.

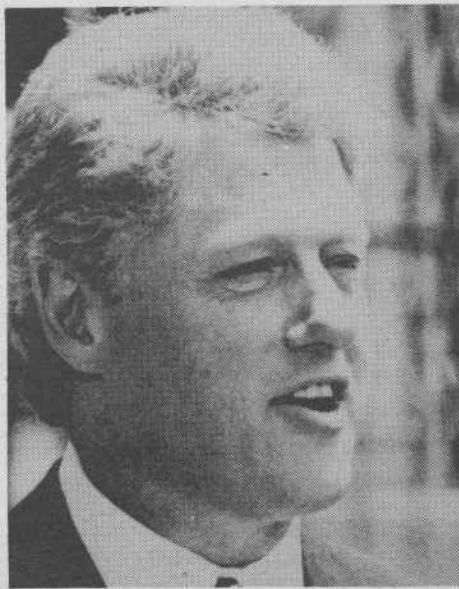
In Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) reacted with disappointment. "While the compromise is politically pragmatic, it is a concession to bigotry," she said. "It shows how far we still have to go to eradicate irrational prejudice and homophobia."

Yet for many there was some optimism. For example, Baldwin said, "I think it is only a matter of time before the ban is totally lifted."

Ltjg Tracy Thorne agreed, saying, "One day we'll look back and wonder, what was the big deal about Gays and the military anyway?"

Baldwin added, "We can still be proud that this issue prompted a dialogue on Gay and Lesbian issues like we have never seen before, a dialogue that took place all over the country."



PRESIDENT CLINTON

State Rep. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), agreed with Baldwin, saying that "The only positive gained in this political donnybrook is the intense public debate raging about Gay and Lesbian injustice in our society."

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State's Anti-Gay Law Dealt Serious Blow By Colorado Supreme Court

[Denver, CO]- In an important affirmation of Lesbian and Gay civil rights, the Colorado Supreme Court on July 19, 1993, dealt a blow to the wave of anti-Gay initiatives around the country. The court ruled that "fundamental rights may not be submitted to a vote."

In this ruling, the court, in a 6 to 1 vote, upheld a preliminary injunction blocking the enforcement of Amendment 2, an anti-Gay initiative passed by Colorado voters last November. The amendment attempts to prohibit the State of Colorado and any of its agencies from passing laws and policies to protect Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals from discrimination.

Agreeing with the trial court — which was the first court to order Colorado's Governor and Attorney General not to enforce the Amendment after a four-day hearing last January — the Colorado Supreme Court found that Amendment 2 infringed upon the fundamental right of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals to participate meaningfully in the political process.

"No other identifiable group faces such a burden," the ruling said. "No other group's ability to participate in the political process is restricted and encumbered in a like manner. Such a structuring of the political process is contrary to the notion that the concept of 'We the People' visualizes."

The state's High Court also indicated that unless the State shows a compelling justification at a trial, to be held in October, for Amendment 2's discriminatory classification, it will hold the Amendment unconstitutional.

"There is a fundamental right here," said Judge Jeff Bayless of Denver District Court, "and it is the right not have the state endorse and give effect to private biases."

Judge Bayless had issued the temporary injunction against enforcement of the Amendment and will preside over the trial on Amendment 2 in October.

Suzanne Goldberg, Staff Attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and co-counsel on the litigation, praised the ruling and noted its effects in other states.

"Because the Colorado Supreme Court is the first state High Court to consider the constitutionality of an anti-Gay initiative, the decision deals an important legal and political blow to anti-Gay initiative efforts throughout the United States."

In campaigns organized, paid for and led by the Christian Right, petitions for measures similar to Amendment 2 are being circulated in Florida, Idaho, Maine and Michigan.

Reaction in Colorado

The reaction of Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men to the ruling was joyous.

"There's going to be a great big party," said Anne Gallagher, owner of Basil's Cafe in Denver.

Others, while equally pleased, cautioned that the fight wasn't over yet.

"The boycott continues until Amendment 2 is overturned or repealed," said Duncan Osborne, a spokesman for Boycott Colorado.

Will Perkins, a Colorado Springs car dealer who leads Colorado for Family Values (CFV), a Right-wing Christian group, insisted that the ruling "does not change our resolve." He said that CFV would continue with its attempts to educate people to the "threat of homosexual extremism and doing everything we can to keep that threat from coming to our state." CFV spokespeople indicated that they could carry the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"In a practical sense, (the Supreme Court's ruling) is probably a fatal blow to Amendment 2," said Gene Nicol, the Dean of the University of Colorado Law School. "It's very unlikely that the state can meet the strict standard set by the state Supreme Court."

President Clinton Breaks Promise And Gives in to Outside Pressures

By Bill Meunier

Despite stiff opposition from Gays and Lesbians, President Bill Clinton has issued a policy which many say breaks his promise to end the prohibition on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military.

In what he called "an honorable compromise" Clinton announced a plan that would continue the discharges of service members who engage in homosexual conduct even while off duty in the privacy of their homes. In addition according to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Clinton's policy also has the practical effect of making any service member who publicly or privately says that he/she is Gay or Lesbian eligible for discharge.

Key Elements of the Clinton Plan

The man who was elected after promising to eliminate the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military said he had ordered the military to continue with the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy he implemented earlier this year.

Under this policy recruits will not be asked about their sexual orientation and those in the military will not be asked if they are Gay or Lesbian. Gays or Lesbians who tell the military of their sexual orientation will be dismissed from the service.

The President said that if a member of the military publicly or privately said they were Gay or Lesbian there would "be a presumption that they had engaged in homosexual conduct." They would thus be eligible for discharge.

Under the Clinton plan the practice of using military investigators to watch bars, clubs and other Gay and Lesbian activities to snare Gay and Lesbian service members would be ended.

The President also said that the Uniform Code of Military Justice which prohibits service people from engaging in sexual relations with anyone they are not married to and from engaging in homosexual conduct would be uniformly, evenly and fairly enforced. The military definition of homosexual conduct includes holding hands and same sex dancing.

According to Clinton Lesbian and Gay service members who can not prove they have not engaged in homosexual conduct will be dismissed from the service. Clinton did not outline any plans to investigate or dismiss heterosexual soldiers who can not prove they have not violated the code if they are observed holding hands or dancing with a member of the opposite sex.

Clinton asserted that admitted and discovered Gays and Lesbians would still have an opportunity to remain in the military. According to the President they would be given the opportunity to prove they had not and would not engage in homosexual conduct.

Clinton Claims Progress

Clinton said "The Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue Policy" he offered "substantial progress."

According to Clinton, the major element of progress was that under his plan admitted Lesbians and Gays could remain in the service if they could prove they had not and would not engage in "homosexual conduct."

The day after Clinton announced his proposal, Defense Secretary Les Aspin rebutted the President. Aspin told the Senate Armed Services committee that anyone who admitted publicly or privately to being Gay or Lesbian would be

discharged, because "it is not possible to prove they hadn't and wouldn't engage in homosexual conduct."

Clinton also said that his order to stop the "witch hunts" represented great progress. According to Clinton this means that Lesbian and Gay service personnel will be able to go bars, and participate in Gay and Lesbian activities without fear of being discharged.

Finally, Clinton says that service members will be investigated only if there is reason to believe that they are "homosexual." The decision on whether or not to launch an investigation will be left up to individual commanders.

Whether or not someone observed or reported to be going to a Gay or Lesbian Bar or participating in a Pride march would constitute sufficient reason to investigate has not yet been made clear.

Others Disagree

Activists dispute Clinton's assertions. They say it is unlikely that a Gay or Lesbian recruit would admit to their homosexuality. Therefore they contend his policy of not asking them about their orientation has no effect.

Activists also say that any Gay or Lesbian in the military who goes to a Gay bar does so at their own peril. The Clinton plan says the military will not be allowed to "Stake out" these and other gathering places but if the military discovers that one of its members has frequented them, an investigation will begin. Unless the individual can prove they have not engaged in "homosexual conduct" they will be discharged.

Activists also question Clinton's plan to allow individual commanding officers to decide when to launch an investigation. Jim English, Chairperson of the South East Wisconsin GLBVA chapter, said "This facet of the policy can and will lead to capricious and arbitrary use of authority. Investigations will be launched on the basis of personalities and politics. Once an investigation is launched the service member's career is effectively at an end."

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David Mixner To Protest New Military Plan

[WASHINGTON D.C.]- As we go to Press, Wednesday evening July 21st, Wisconsin Light has learned that David Mixner, a friend and confidant of the President and member of Clinton's inner circle, is expected to publicly protest Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" plan.

In an exclusive interview, sources within the Campaign for Military Service revealed to Wisconsin Light that Mixner has assured the organization that he will participate in a non-violent demonstration of civil disobedience planned to be held within the next week. All participants will be expecting to be arrested.

Mixner's presence will send a powerful message of Gay and Lesbian anger over the Clinton plan. Mixner is credited with raising millions of dollars for Clinton during his campaign for President and was also part of a small but influential group of Clinton advisers during the campaign.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Nevada Repeals Its Sodomy Law

[Las Vegas, NV]- In an unexpected move in June, the Nevada legislature voted to repeal the state's sodomy law, which made homosexual oral and anal sex a felony punishable by up to six years in prison. With Democratic Gov. Bob Miller's signature on the bill Wednesday, June 16, the law that made homosexual sodomy illegal was amended to make only public sodomy — between heterosexuals or Gays — illegal.

According to Rob Schlegel, publisher of the state's Gay newspaper, during hearings on the amendment, Christian Right Wingers cited "statistics" and "facts" about Gay sex that "made many of the legislators laugh."

Jerry Cade, a long-time Gay activist, said that after the bill was signed, "We all celebrated appropriately that night."

Religious Right Loses Key Writer

[Dallas, TX]- Having written speeches for Oliver North and having served as a ghost-writer for Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, Dr. Mel White carries an impressive resume as he assumes his new position in the Gay community.

On June 27, Gay Pride Sunday, Dr. White was installed as the Dean of the Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church. With over 1000 members, the Dallas church is the world's largest church with a primary outreach to Lesbian and Gay people.

"This is the moment of truth for our community," says White. "The religious and political right are mounting an incredible campaign of hate and disinformation against us. Our freedom, our human rights, and even our lives are at stake."

"As in the days of segregation," White said, "the misuse of God's word by Christian preachers is at the heart of the injustice and discrimination that we face." White said he could not remain silent while "others die on our behalf."

Anti-Gay Amendments In Progress

[St. Louis, MO]- A group calling itself The Amendment Coalition filed language with the Missouri Secretary of State that would put an anti-Gay constitutional amendment on the Missouri statewide ballot in November, 1994. The amendment is modeled after Colorado's Amendment 2.

Similar petition drives are under way in Oregon, Idaho, Washington State, Michigan, California, Florida and Maine.

Coalition leader Kerry Messer, said his group would spend between \$500,000 and \$2 million on the campaign.

Southern Baptists Rebuke Clinton

[Houston, TX]- Southern Baptists have formally chided President Clinton for supporting abortion and Gay rights, according to the Associated Press.

But the delegates at the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, stopped short of passing a resolution to ask Clinton to repent. Before the vote on the repent motion, Don Wilkey of Onalaska, TX, objected that such a resolution would set "a dangerous precedent." Wilkey said, "I don't think we need to put his (Clinton's) name of this thing. It smacks of partisan politics."

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore are members of the denomination's moderate wing. Neither was asked to speak at the convention.

U.S. Park Service Stands By Count

[Washington, D.C.]- As reported in *The Washington Blade*, the U.S. Park Service is sticking by its count of the crowd at the April March On Washington. In an interview with *The Blade's* Lou Chibbaro Jr. and Sheila Walsh, Parks Service Spokesperson Major Robert H. Hines, said, "You know, counting anything over 10,000 people gets hard... But still when we estimated (aerial photographs, head counts, etc.), we only come up with 250,000 to 300,000."

Hines said that the Park Service takes into account Metro ridership and chartered buses. "We allow 50 persons per bus, now that's pretty generous."

Blade aerial photographers, however, took shots of the Mall at 4:30 p.m., mid-way between Park Service photos at 2:55 and 5:30 p.m. *Blade* pictures show a vastly larger crowd.

AMA Bans Anti-Gay Discrimination

[Chicago]- Delegates to the American Medical Association's (AMA) annual convention voted June 16 to ban bias on the basis of sexual orientation within the organization.

A resolution adopted by voice vote by member doctors says that the AMA will not deny any person a membership based on the applicant's sexual orientation. The resolution covers membership in the AMA as well as in any of its constituent associations.

Massachusetts Helps Gay Students

[Boston, MA]- In an effort to make Massachusetts high schools safer for Gay and Lesbian students, Republican Gov. William F. Weld has announced what is believed to be the first state-wide effort to train teachers to help those students.

Each school will have the option of adopting the program, which calls for training teachers to prevent violence and harassment against Lesbian and Gay students and to prevent suicide.

"The concept of schools as safe havens must apply to all students," Governor Weld told a group of teachers and Gay students. "This is not about a different way of life; it is about life itself," the Governor said.

HBO Extends Health Benefits

[New York, NY]- HBO, the TV entertainment division of Time Warner, Inc., began offering health insurance on a trial basis on July 1 to the domestic partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees, according to *The New York Times*.

The *Times* reports that HBO made the move after considering it for a year, largely to bring Gay and Lesbian employee compensation into parity with that of heterosexual employees. HBO employs about 1,600 people.

In addition, Time Warner's Hollywood studio subsidiary, Warner Brothers, said on July 1, that beginning on August 1, 1993, it too will extend the health insurance coverage it provides for families of its 3,500 employees to same-sex domestic partners.

To qualify for HBO's program, same-sex couples must affirm in writing that they live together and are financially interdependent. HBO will accept joint bank accounts, leases or wills as evidence.

Sexual Harassment Alive in Navy

[Washington, D.C.]- In a sign that the Navy's repeated efforts to combat sexual harassment face out-right defiance from some officers, aviators from several reserve squadrons in the San Diego area have distributed T-shirts emblazoned with lewd statements about U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO).

The T-shirts feature a mock front page of a fictitious newspaper that is dominated by a huge headline that makes crude sexual references to Schroeder who is a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee. Schroeder has been one of the most outspoken critics of sexual harassment in the armed forces.

Comdr. Craig Quigley, a Navy spokesman in Washington, said the service was investigating the squadrons involved and said further that the squadrons had been told "not to sell, distribute, wear or display these shirts, on duty or off duty."

Schroeder said, "It makes you wonder whether the (sensitivity) training is ever going to get through to some people in the Navy."

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

Study Says That Being Gay May Be Linked To Your Genes

[Washington, D.C.]- A new study has found a correlation between a specific region of the X chromosome and male homosexuality. A report issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Washington, D.C. says that the finding represents "new evidence that sexual orientation may be influenced by heredity."

The study is reported in the July 16, 1993, issue of *Science* by scientists from NIH in Bethesda, MD.

The findings indicate that sexual orientation often is at least partly inborn, rather than being a matter of choice. But Dean Hamer, Ph.D., chief author of the study cautioned against overinterpreting the work. A so-called "Gay gene" has not been found. What has been done, Hamer said, was to localize the region related to sexual orientation to a minute segment of the human genome.

"The region that we've discovered represents a significant variation in the human genetic repertoire," Hamer said. "If the gene itself can be isolated, then it will be important to understand how it interacts with other genes, the brain, and the environment to influence a trait as complex and variable as human sexuality."

Even when they do have the "Gay gene" on the X chromosome pinpointed, the researchers said they will continue to search for genes on other chromosomes that may be involved in sexual orientation. "Sexual orientation is too complex to be determined by a single gene," Hamer said.

Being Gay Runs In Families

Hamer and his colleagues studied the family histories of 114 Gay men and found that their brothers, maternal uncles, and maternal male cousins were more likely to be Gay than would be expected among the general male population. In some families, Gay relatives could be traced back three generations.

Because the Gay uncles and male cousins of the Gay subjects were raised in different households, the scientists hypothesized that a genetic factor was involved. Furthermore, the maternal link suggested that being Gay might be associated with the X chromosome, which

is the sex-linked chromosome that men inherit only from their mothers.

Explicit evidence for a genetic link was obtained by studying the X chromosome DNA of 40 pairs of Gay brothers. Thirty-three of the Gay sibling pairs had co-inherited genetic markers in the same chromosome region called Xq28, suggesting that 65% of the families studied were transmitting a gene for homosexual orientation.

Studies of Lesbians

The scientists are also studying the families of Lesbians. Preliminary results suggest that female sexual orientation is genetically influenced, but DNA markers have not been detected yet.

Hamer emphasized that the study was not designed to test for sexual orientation. The findings do not permit determination of an individual's sexual orientation, he pointed out, because the complexities of sexuality cannot be fully explained by a gene or genes.

"The NIH study is an important addition to the growing body of evidence proving a genetic basis for homosexuality in some people," said Peri Jude Radevic, Deputy Director of Public Police for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "And it shows that homosexuality is a naturally occurring and common variation among humans — a fact that Gay and Lesbian people have known all along."

Radevic went on to say that "Regardless of the origins of homosexuality, however, discrimination based on sexual orientation is wrong and must end. This is especially true to avoid potential genetic engineering if science should ever discover a gene responsible for homosexuality."

The Christian Right

Radevic noted that Christian Right Wingers have claimed that homosexuality is not genetically based and have therefore encouraged "reparative therapy" to "cure" Gay people. Rev. Lou Sheldon, an anti-Gay activist with the Traditional Values Coalition has insinuated that if homosexuality were proven to be biologically based, he believed medicine and science should seek to genetically alter Gays and Lesbians.

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An Open Letter: Take Notice— Our Freedom is Being Threatened

By Mary Shafer

"They first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me — and by that time, no one was left to speak up."

The above quote is from Pastor Martin Niemoeller, who learned in a very personal way, at the hands of his Nazi captors, what a dangerous thing silence can be.

Lots of us wear those little black buttons that read "Silence = Death," and we think we're making a statement about AIDS in support of our friends who are dying from it... if we think about it at all after we've pinned them on. Today, I write to call attention to the fact that we are — all of us — facing just as real and dangerous a threat as any insidious disease can bring, and we're guilty of remaining all too silent in the face of it.

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The Christian Right

I am talking about the threat to our freedom, our well-being and our very right to exist that's being brought on by the reactionary, so-called "Christian" Fundamentalist "family values" groups. They go by many misleading names — Colorado for Family Values, Youth Action Coalition, Oregon Citizens Alliance — but they all have the same agenda: passing legislation to deny civil rights to Gays and Lesbians.

Anyone who read the front page article in the July 8th issue of the *Wisconsin Light* ("Voters in Oregon Back Local Anti-Gay Laws") will know what I'm talking about. But the legislative issue is not what's most disturbing about this article. What's really frightening is the encouragement by Right-wing leaders for the Fundies to "monitor" Gays and Lesbians; to "keep track of them" so that they will be ready "to take that information and use it" when the time comes.

America and the Third Reich

Anyone who is a student of history can draw a chilling parallel between this sort of action, rhetoric and behavior and that of the period immediately preceding the rise of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich in Germany. At the risk of sounding like an alarmist, I will draw the parallel myself, because I believe that the time has come to sound an alarm.

Before pogroms (official sanctions) were begun against the Jews in Nazi Germany, private hate groups had already established themselves and, in the name of "Christian purity," started to perform such acts of violence as verbal harassment, beatings, rape and property damage against "non-Aryans." The German Chancellery conveniently looked the other way, concerning itself instead with the "more pressing" matters of a depressed, stagnated economy, joblessness and civil unrest. Sound familiar?

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The Far Right has already begun to mobilize its homophobic, hate-mongering forces even as the last electoral votes were tallied in November. Unfortunately, this coincided with the Lesbian/Gay community sitting back and thinking we could relax for awhile not that we had a "friend" in the White House.

Well, we've seen just how strong that "friend" really is, and just how committed to remembering who put him there, and I don't think we can expect much more than lip service from that arena. As usual, we are alone in our fight for freedom, for our civil rights — for our very lives.

As a prominent Fundie in the above mentioned article state, "We are in... a full-scale cultural war now." He was right, and I, for one, do not intend to be a casualty of this very real war. With all due respect for the brave, kind people who have sought to gain freedom while maintaining peace, I contend that there are some situations where the only ones who can win are the ones who are willing to fight. Words are find for rational arguments, but you can't reason with irrational people.

A Gentle People No Longer

I am tired of backing down, being polite and behaving myself. I'm 32. My life is one third over. And I don't intend to live the rest of it by someone else's rules who believes I don't have a right to full U.S. citizenship because I love someone they don't approve of. Sorry Holly — as beautiful as the song is, I refuse to be a "gently, angry person" any longer. But I will continue "fighting for our lives."

And I ask (and beg, and cajole, and even guilt-trip you, if necessary) to join me, I'll fight for your life, too, if you won't fight for it yourself, but just remember; in desperate times, a fast moving train has a way of ridding itself of dead weight.

There isn't a single one of you reading this letter who can't write one of your own to a mainstream newspaper, making them aware of this ugliness, and exposing it for the intolerance and hateful bigotry it is; make a phone call to a REAL Christian organization, asking them to publicly disavow these Fundamentalist fringe lunatics (remind them that their silence is interpreted by most people as condoning these scurrilous acts, and that the duty of God's church is to preach and practice love and acceptance of ALL God's children); or just talk to people to make them aware of this hatefulness being spread far and wide in the name of God. Talk to straight people: no need preaching to the converted.

But if we remain complacent, we may just be writing our own history of a new Holocaust (as if we hadn't already participated in the last one).

Don't think it can't happen to us because we're not Jews or Communists or trade unionists or Catholics or Protestants. Because we are all of those and more. And we are real, and we are not going to just go away. But if we remain complacent, we may just be writing our own history of a new Holocaust (as if we hadn't already participated in the last one). The concentration camps happened folks. Fundie Reparative Centers are just another name for the same thing.

In the words of Kevin Tebedo, founder of Colorado for Family Values, "The game of politics is simply who has got the biggest bat and who can swing the fastest." How long is it going to take for us to realize that? Are we going to wait until we're pushed back into those dark, musty closets before we realize the darkness is closing in around us? Do we need a Gay Kristallnacht to knock it into us?

Some of us have more resources than others, but we can all do something. Take the next night that you were going to spend in the bars and spend it writing letters and making phone calls instead. Just one evening.

Or get on those computer bulletin boards and instead of party chat, start posting messages alerting Gays and Lesbians to this "monitoring" push. "Lurkers" are already there on our boards: let them know we know they're there. This is not paranoia: the KKK has their own BBS called "Queerwatch." It's not fantasy. It's a nightmare.

If this seems like too much work, just remember: a community that will not fight for its own existence does not deserve to survive. If we don't think we're worth the effort...we're not. If you just prize your party time too much, think about what it will be like if we don't have any places of our own to go to anymore because they're all shut down. It could happen.

The Last Gay Party

While you're gearing up to celebrate next year's 25th Stonewall anniversary, pause for a moment to reflect on how sad it would be if our biggest party was our last.

President Clinton Should Have Done the Right Thing: Lift the Ban

Commentary by Tom Hecht

I am very disappointed about the President's retreat from his campaign promise to lift the ban on Gays in the military. His waffling on the issue over the past few months and his politically expedient "cave-in" show a lack of leadership that should concern all Americans.

Yes, the American people are deeply divided on this issue. Yes, as Rep. Barney Frank said, this may have been the best possible solution right now given the strong opposition. However, did the compromise satisfy anyone on either side in such a way that this issue go away? — No. Did President Clinton use this opportunity to show courage and leadership on an important civil rights matter? — No. Did the President succeed in improving his already shaky relations with the military? — No. No, this compromise will not please anyone, and more importantly, I fear that the President has missed a golden opportunity to demonstrate positive, forceful leadership to the military and to the country.

Integration, Not Segregation

Our moral example in the '60's was Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. King pushed hard for social change and refused to compromise in his fight for civil rights for African Americans. He understood that America's ideals could only be met by inclusion instead of exclusion, by integration instead of segregation. When people warned him to slow down and let society adjust gradually to the demands he made, King refused. **It is always the right time to do the right thing,** he said.

A complete dismantling of the Gay ban

Milwaukeean, Thomas Reed, Elected To The Victory Fund Board

[Milwaukee]- Thomas F. Reed of Milwaukee has been elected to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund board of directors.

The Victory Fund, headquartered in Washington, D.C. is a political donor network that puts the power of the national Gay/Lesbian community behind campaigns of viable openly Gay and Lesbian candidates for local, state and federal office. Members are informed about recommended candidates in periodic candidate profiles. Members choose which candidates to support and when.

Reed, a corporate affairs specialist with expertise in legislative, regulatory and issues management, is Director of Public Affairs for Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee.

In addition, Reed is vice president of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the parent agency for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), and chairs MAP's Public Affairs Committee as well as being the Chair of corporate solicitation for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk.

Reed has been zealous in raising funds throughout the U.S. for various candidates, environmental and AIDS causes, including the Magic Johnson Foundation. Reed engineered Miller's corporate support for Gay and Lesbian rights legislation in California.

Reed recently coordinated Miller Brewing Company's sponsorship of a

would be a courageous and progressive venture by our government. Integration of openly homosexual soldiers would be one more proud battle to add to the list of U.S. military victories.

I have the utmost confidence that it can be done. The military has fought many more difficult battles and emerged the victor, including battles that required a similar ability to adapt to challenging cultural and political changes.

In the past 220 years, the U.S. military forged an effective Continental Army out of the militias of 13 squabbling colonies, rebuilt an Army made up of both Rebels and Yanks after the Civil War, and fought against countries whose emigrants served in our own Army.

Compared to these accomplishments, the challenge of creating loyalty among straight and Gay soldiers is clearly not impossible. Instilling mature, contemporary attitudes in 18-year-old boys is a lofty task, but old and young alike are capable of character growth. Just consider arch-conservative Barry Goldwater, who recently called the Gay ban "Just Plain Un-American."

Obviously, we have a long way to go to overcome irrational prejudices, bigotry, and homophobia in this country. Yet, with the words of Dr. King echoing through our consciences, we must urge our government to "do the right thing." The right time is now.

Editor's Note: Tom Hecht is Wisconsin's Assistant Secretary of State. He previously served as an aide to Sen. Bill Proxmire in Washington. He is considering running for Congress next year against Scott Klug, who has said he opposes lifting the ban on Gays in the military.



fundraising reception for the Victory Fund in San Francisco, during Gay/Lesbian Pride weekend, honoring Roberta Achtenberg, President Clinton's first appointment of an openly Lesbian or Gay public official. He also helped negotiate corporate support for the Illinois Federation for Human Rights' recent legislative initiative on Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

Editor's Note: Wisconsin Light heartily congratulates Tom Reed on his appointment to the Victory Fund's board.

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EDITORIAL

President Clinton Should Have Lifted the Ban on January 21

President's Clinton's recent decision on the ban against Gays in the military is one of the saddest pieces of political mishmash we've come across in a long, long time. It's like an animal out of Dr. Dolittle, a Hippocamelephant made up in equal parts of political expedience and ineptitude, sheer ignorance, bigotry and no little stupidity all around. The only thing is, this animal actually exists.

For example, if Clinton was going to fulfill his campaign promise to us and lift the ban, he should have done it, completely and at once, on January 21. Then, if it was to be reversed, let Congress take the fall. Instead of doing that, the White House dragged it out for months and now, hopes fervently that it will all just go away. It won't.

It won't go away because nothing much has changed. Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men are still objects of discrimination. We are still deprived of those two absolutely essential qualities of human freedom — dignity and equality in all respects before the law.

As it stands, this "thing" still deprives us of what our movement is all about: equality in all respects, every single respect, as is commensurate with Liberty.

But we haven't got that. What we do have is Les Aspin telling Sam Nunn and Strom Thurmond that we don't belong at all, just like Strom did with African Americans back in 1948.

Don't tell us, Mr. Secretary, that we would be happier someplace else than in the military. Perhaps so, but if so, it is up to us, each individual, to make that decision. Not you. By the right of equality, Mr. Secretary, we belong anywhere we want to be, doing anything others are entitled to do — like holding hands with someone we love.

It is our position that this Hippocamelephant must be made extinct, and we believe that it will be. Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men want what America has promised all its citizens, and believe it, sooner or later, we're going to have it!

LETTERS

An Open Letter To Pres. Clinton

Dear Bill,

As you know, when one is involved in a debate, it's not wise to allow one's opponent either to set the limits of the debate or to define exclusively the issues in question. The extreme Right Wing has tried the tactics mentioned above in their attempt to brainwash the American public through the uncritical tool of the commercial media.

The point is, Gay and Lesbian issues also deal with what is above the waist, i.e. full citizenship as taxpayers, i.e. human rights as defined in the U.S. Constitution.

In Euripides' Medea, Medea is accused of unnatural acts by fools who pride themselves on being so rational. We, the Gay/Lesbian community, feel like Medea. We feel that justice is only a name, not a fact.

How are we to take seriously the Pledge of Allegiance ("...with liberty and justice for all"), the 14th Amendment ("...equal protection of the laws."), the legend above the entrance to the Supreme Court ("Equal Justice Under Law"), the Constitution ("We the People...establish Justice...and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves...").

Then there is the Bill of Rights: First Amendment (freedom of speech), the Fourth Amendment ("...to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects..."), the Fifth Amendment ("...nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law..."), and the Eighth Amendment ("...nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted").

Whatever happened to Thomas Jefferson's belief that the temple of Democracy is dedicated to the individual? Whatever happened to the belief in the strength of pluralism, the spirit of the French Enlightenment, and the concept that we are citizens and not subjects of the state/crown?

Why have you opted for a Gay/Lesbian apartheid? As a lawyer, you can see that you've maintained a policy that keeps Gays and Lesbians as second-class citizens. Why have you supported a policy which discriminates against human rights and civil rights?

Why did you approve a double standard? Why did you break your campaign promise to us?

When taking the oath of office, did you promise to preserve, protect and defend bigots like Senator Sam Nunn or did you vow to uphold the Constitution?

Is equal justice so impossible that it cannot be supported by anyone in an elected office? Are you giving Gays and Lesbians a policy so blatantly un constitutional that our equality can only be gained by a judicial process/redress?

It is truly a sad day when the President of the United States is so boxed-in that he is powerless to do the right thing. I do not have to pass judgment upon you; history will paint a much more colorful picture.

— With Regret
David K. Runyon, Madison

P.S. Let's hope you can do better with a single player National Health Care plan on a Canadian model rather than the more monstrous privatized plan of managed competition which is worse than the privatized system we have now.

Adapt Canada's Health Plan

The following letter was sent to Wisconsin State Senator Peggy Rosenzweig by ACT UP Milwaukee

ACT UP Milwaukee, an activist organization dedicated to ending AIDS, is firmly committed to the principles of universal health care and open government. We feel that you may be impeding realization of both ideals by restricting the public's opportunity to support the Wisconsin Universal Health Plan (WUHP).

Since you chair the State Senate's Select Committee on Reform of Health Insurance, ACT UP Milwaukee asks that you provide more open hearings on WUHP (SB 100 and AB 247), including Milwaukee and Madison. For the sake of good law-making, it is essential that these hearings take place before executive action is taken on the Governor's inadequate alternative bill.

ACT UP Milwaukee supports WUHP not because it fits neatly into any ideological niche, but because it does best what health reform should — control costs while assuring quality care to everyone. Indeed, WUHP's principle of single-payer public financing of health care has succeeded in covering every one of our Canadian neighbors for the last 20 years. It is the pride of the Canadian people, has kept health spending as a proportion of Gross National Product down to about 8-9% — as opposed to our 13-14% — and has given Canadians better health statistics. What's more, Canadian political parties across the spectrum support single-payer as good common sense. A similar, bi-partisan consensus for reform like WUHP is growing in the U.S.

AIDS activists support the WUHP proposal over the other alternatives because it gives patients their choice of health provider. People with HIV and AIDS depend on health practitioners who have specialized knowledge and give supportive care — not moral judgments. Picking a doctor from a list — as the other proposals would have us do — will shorten lives. Also, because people with AIDS often become too sick to work, WUHP's plan to provide health care as a human right, not an employee benefit, is ideal.

We also find unacceptable any proposal that keeps for-profit private insurance companies as an integral part of the health care market place; the administrative waste and duplication of these insurers consumes 10% and more of the health care dollar (compared to publicly-financed Medicare and Medicaid's 3% administrative costs).

What's more, the systematic discrimination against people with AIDS waged by private insurers over the last ten years, including "red-lining" Gay zip codes and illegal HIV testing, should disqualify them from playing any part in the provision of the basic right of health care.

We look forward to informing our members in your district about your plans to give the Wisconsin Universal Health Plan an equal chance. There is no reason to wait for some solution to be drafted in Washington; that most innovative policies come from the grass roots. The half million uninsured citizens of Wisconsin demand that real health reform begin now, at home. Please respond.

— Patrick J. Flaherty
ACT UP Milwaukee

Schlenker Letter

Editor's Note: In a follow-up to last issue's front page lead story, we publish the following letter sent to Paul Nannis, Milwaukee County Commissioner of Health on July 13, 1993.

I am concerned about the reports I have seen of the contents of a letter written by Dr. Thomas L. Schlenker. Unless Dr. Schlenker is a psychiatrist, his comments as reported are completely inappropriate for someone in his position. Aside from the fact that his original comments are simplistic and fatuous.

Unfortunately, comments like his diminish public confidence in the Public Health Department. Everyone has a right to expect professional, confidential treatment from the Health Department. Dr. Schlenker's written remarks cast doubt upon that.

I know that the City Health Department is made up of top-notch medical professionals, and I hate to see the public's perception of the department slip because of the personal, non-medical views of one of its staff members.

I hope that you can take steps to minimize the risk of this sort of incident happening again.

— Dorothy K. Dean
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 13 District
Milwaukee

Open Letter to Senator Nunn

Seldom has the country seen a major politician destroy a promising national career in such a short span of time. From the days of Desert Shield to your recent announcement of your intent to encode military homophobia into law regardless of what agreement President Clinton and the Joint Chiefs of Staff might reach, you have shown poor judgment and a great ability to make the wrong choice at the wrong time.

Your courageous stand against Gays in the military apparently plays well among the Southern Baptists, though it destroys your chance of future consideration as a national political candidate. Have you actually been trying to become President of the Southern Baptist Convention perhaps, all this time that some of us erroneously thought you might be interested in becoming President of the United States? That would, at least, provide a logical explanation for your actions, without which it appears that you are driven by a deep, inner personal hatred evidenced by your past "ethnic cleansing" of Gays from your staff.

— Al Gellersbach
Milwaukee

Mayor Norquist Supports Health Official

[Milwaukee]- In an update to our lead article in the last issue of Light concerning Milwaukee Deputy Commissioner of Health, Thomas Schlenker's letter to Marquette University students, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist sent a letter to Christopher Fons, member of ACT UP Milwaukee.

The Mayor said in his letter that Schlenker's statements were "not intended to offend anyone and I know he regrets any misinterpretation of his comment."

The Mayor went on to say that "His (Schlenker) choice of words was not the best, but his statement is not grounds for dismissal."

ACT UP Milwaukee had called for Schlenker's dismissal.

Norquist went on to praise Schlenker for his work during the cryptosporidium crisis with the city's water supply.

Support Group Formed For Battered Women

[Sun Prairie, WI]- A support group for older women who are or were in controlling relationships will be held Mondays, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. beginning August 9 at the Colonial Club, 301 Blankenheim Lane in Sun Prairie. The group is co-sponsored by Dane County Advocates for Battered Women (DCABW) and Family Service, and is free to all participants. This will be an on-going group that women are welcome to join at any time.

For more information contact DCABW at (608) 251-4445.

DCABW is pleased to announce the following new programs: Rural Outreach, Older Women's Outreach and Outreach Support Groups.

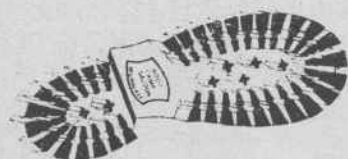
These programs provide individual counseling, advocacy, information and referrals, and support groups in rural communities in Dane County.

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Gays and Lesbians Help Hold The Line for Abortion Rights

By Sue Burke

A half-dozen teenagers filed past us, their eyes darting anxiously around or glaring angrily into ours. I stood on a Saturday summer morning with other abortion-rights defenders in front of Affiliated Medical Services Inc., 1428 N. Farwell Avenue.

I had already been standing for about an hour with my belly against a police barricade. It was the last day of the National Right to Life Committee convention in Milwaukee. The clinics expected extra trouble. Teenagers, for example, might rush the clinic defense lines, as they had on other mornings.

When we saw the teens, many decked out in T-shirts with Christian or anti-abortion slogans, we tensed and stood ready: my arms locked with the arms of the defenders on either side of me, my feet planted against theirs. Behind me, a woman put her hands on my shoulders to brace me, and set one of her feet squarely between mine.

We were determined that no one would push or crawl past us, and patients would be safe behind us to get to the door. That morning, we succeeded.

A Member of ACT UP

Jay Hanson, another defender, had taken a place in the parking lot. AIDS has made him thin and frail, but wearing a jacket embellished with Gay rights and abortion rights buttons, he stood with others ready to protect the clinic.

He had become involved last summer when Operation Rescue targeted Milwaukee. His mother and sister had volunteered to help at the lines. "They needed people out there so I just did it," he said.

"I don't think anyone has the right to tell someone else what to do," he said. Hanson worried about the rough tactics of what he called "anti-choice fanatics."

Although this year his health sometimes keeps him away from clinics, last year he came often and worked as a site leader, directing other defenders in the discipline of non-violent conduct. Details count.

"People who are defending clinics have to keep their hands to their sides," Hanson explained. "If their arms are being waved about, the anti-choice fanatics could always claim that they were hit or smacked, which is what they keep trying to do."

When protesters would try to rush the clinic, he would tell people to tighten up and "just keep holding on," encouraging them to let no one through.

Hanson had once worked as a master puppeteer, touring with Jim Henson and Frank Oz. Now he paints banners for ACT UP demonstrations and makes buttons to support his travel. This spring, with a rainbow dyed into his blond hair, he spent a week in Washington for the national march for Gay, Lesbian and bisexual rights.

For Hanson, in his 20s, clinic defense is not the focus of his life. "AIDS is the big thing in my life." He writes "deadly, tear-jerker" poems about it, he said. As a member of ACT UP, "wherever there's a big ACT UP demo I'll be there."

A Nurse

But for Rita, a former nurse, abortion rights has been a central issue with her for decades. She had worked in an East Coast clinic that performed abortions even before they were legal. Now she protects clinics in Milwaukee. The protests offend her.

"This is bullshit. People have a right to enter for medical care whether you agree with it or not," she said.

She remembers the gruesome, sometimes deadly steps pregnant women and girls took before abortion was legal.

She tells of a 14-year-old who tried to induce an abortion by shoving soap up her cervix. "She died." She remembers a woman whose fetus had died in the 32nd week of pregnancy, but because abortion was illegal, she had to carry the corpse to

term.

"That to me is absolutely obnoxious." Rita worries that a generation of women have grown up with choice, so they might not understand the urgency of protecting choice. She worries that the anti-choice protesters might be more focused.

Still, using her experience as a nurse and mother, she enjoys debating with anti-choice protesters, challenging them to tell what they have done to prevent pregnancies. But she doesn't tell them she's a Lesbian.

"You have to be careful in any line of work when you come out," Rita said. She knows of two nurses who lost their jobs when their Lesbianism became known.

Some other clinic defenders know she is a Lesbian, and "it doesn't bother them," she said. But she adds that because she is an effeminate, makeup-wearing Lesbian, "people that find out are kind of surprised because you don't fit the stereotype."

For Rita, protecting abortions rights is part of protecting the rights of women. "We as women are the ones who will get pregnant. We as women should have the right to say yes or no, I will or will not do this."

As a woman who carried one pregnancy to term and then aborted a second one, Rita said, "I'm very glad I had that choice because I could not have done it (had a child) again."

A Christian

Religious beliefs motivate Terry Underberg to defend clinics. As a lifelong Christian, he disagrees with the Fundamentalist claim that abortion is murder. Last summer, the tall, broad, bearded man spent many mornings defending the Wisconsin Women's Health Center at 8634 W. Brown Deer Road.

To him, life begins with the "breath of life" of a newborn at birth. He also abhors forcing beliefs on others.

"I don't like the idea of abortion, but I also know there are circumstances that make it necessary," he said. "I can't make that decision for anyone else."

Last summer, he said, the anti-choice protesters troubled him "because the people who were shouting in my face were brothers and sisters in Christ, yet there's such a difference. My god and my Christ are compassion and love, not hate."

This difference comes out clearly on the issue of homosexuality.

"Their whole agenda is to make the world in their understanding of what it ought to be like and they don't have any understanding or compassion for anyone else," said Underberg, a Methodist. "For me, we're all created in the image of God, and that's a lot of diversity. For them, they're trying to create God's image after themselves."

Told he would go to hell because he is Gay, Underberg enjoys tweaking clinic protesters by joining them in singing familiar hymns and debating God's calling to Christians.

"Often with these folks, if you quote scripture back to them, they're defenseless. That's the unique situation with the scripture because the Bible can be used to argue both sides of any argument. It's a matter of interpretation," he said.

Underberg said other clinic defenders tend to share his view of compassion, which extends to homosexuality. He said straight clinic defenders look forward to Gay men and Lesbians joining them, and he wishes more Gay men came to defend the clinics.

"We're all fighting for our rights," he said. "I will never need an abortion nor will I be the cause of an abortion. This is a human rights issue and if other Gay men realized that they'd be out there with us," he said.

The Milwaukee Clinic Protection Coalition maintains a hotline, [414] 276-5010, to tell clinic protectors when and where they are needed each day.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT—Clinic escorts protect a patient as she enters the Planned Parenthood Clinic at 302 N. Jackson Street in Milwaukee.

Interview Reveals New AIDS Czar, Gabbie, as Bland Bureaucrat

By Bob Roehr

[Washington, D.C.]—AIDS czar Kristine Gebbie in an interview covering much ink, but little substance, in the July 9th *Washington Blade*, came across as much more a bland bureaucrat than the strong leader candidate Bill Clinton had promised during his campaign and that AIDS advocates had pushed him to appoint since his inauguration.

Gebbie, announced in a Rose Garden press conference on June 25th, is spending some time in Washington but will move here only in August.

To the question "What are your top priorities as AIDS czar?" she responded, "Some of them are so practical they sound dull and mundane — like getting an office properly set up and that sort of thing. One of my principal priorities is to get to know this town better."

Pressed for specifics Gebbie said, "I don't want to jump to specifics" based upon her localized experience which may not be relevant nationally.

She was specific on sex education, saying, "If they're 11, 12 or 13, knowing how properly to use a condom isn't a central issue." Recent survey data indicates that up to half of all teenagers are sexually active by the age of 14.

Gebbie sees one of her roles as "opening up the policy process" for earlier inclusion of people living with AIDS, care givers and service providers.

On July 13, ACT UP DC held a demonstration to protest what they called "the continuing lack of an AIDS czar. Concurrent actions were also held in Minneapolis and Seattle.

ACT UP argues that 2,000 plus of the most important presidential appointments require Senate confirmation. As the AIDS czar does not, they maintain that Clinton has broken his campaign promise to create a powerful senior level position. Furthermore, they say, if the position were that powerful, Gebbie would not be qualified.

Former Seattle activist and now a member of ACT UP DC, Steve Michael, said that "ACT UP is not going to work with Gebbie." He indicated that they want her gone by the August 2nd date

when she is scheduled to begin work.

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, echoed some of the sentiments of the more radical ACT UP. "The President said in his May 18th '92 (campaign) speech that he wanted somebody (as AIDS czar) to have the ear and the arm of the President. I don't think she has got either."

McFeeley summed it up, saying "Gebbie doesn't have the profile we were looking for."

Bill Freeman, Executive Director of the National Association of People with AIDS, shares disappointment with the ill-defined nature of the position of AIDS czar. Nevertheless, Freeman said that he was eager to work with Gebbie.

Freeman maintained that ACT UP's action is not "the right move at this time." He said he was afraid that the AIDS community will be perceived by the public as a "bunch of whiners" who are not willing to give Gebbie a chance.

Stonewall 25 Committee to Meet in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]—Wisconsin Light welcomes the members of the Stonewall 25 Steering Committee who will be meeting in Milwaukee from July 30 to August 1, 1993. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend from all over the country and will be meeting on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The Committee has been meeting regularly in other parts of the country, planning what is expected to be the largest Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights March and Cultural Celebration in history. It will be held in New York City on June 26, 1994, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that began the drive for Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual civil rights.



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LONG LIVE THE QUEEN— Queen Elizabeth I (Quentin Crisp, left) and Orlando (Tilda Swinton, right) are featured in the film *Orlando* which opens July 30, 1993 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

Virginia Woolf's Gender-Bending Novel 'Orlando' Brought to Screen

By Geno

The gender-bending theme of *Orlando*, the film version of Virginia Woolf's 1928 novel, is sounded early on with the appearance of Quentin Crisp as the aged Queen Elizabeth I in 1600.

Orlando is played by Tilda Swinton whose delicate cameo face notwithstanding, resembles one of the cross-dressing boy actors of Shakespeare's theatre wearing tights with red hair tightly curled and an earring in one ear. The poetry loving stripling wins the Queen's favor and the dying monarch, like an ugly fairy godmother, pronounces, "Do not fade, do not wither, do not grow old," upon her favorite. Like an unspoken wish, it comes true, and Orlando lives for 400 years becoming a woman in the process.

Woolf wrote her novel as a playful compliment, a symbolic biography inspired by her love for Vita Sackville-West. Orlando's loves and adventures in the 17th, 18th and 19th Centuries metaphorically parallel those in Sackville's life. And like Sackville-West in the Twentieth Century, Orlando gives birth to a child, in Vita's case, a son Nigel, who wrote a touching account of the marriage of his bisexual parents, *A Portrait of a Marriage*.

Incidentally, Sackville-West "eloped" with Violet Trefusis in an passionate attempt to escape their conventional marriages.

Director/writer Sally Potter takes few chances in translating the novel into cinematic terms and, except for a few changes, follows the book closely.

As a young man in Elizabethan England, Orlando falls in love with a Russian princess (Charlotte Valandrey) encountered when the Thames freezes over and gala skating parties are possible. This love is not requited. In 1700, the androgynous Orlando meets a devastatingly handsome Circassian Khan (Lothaire Bluteau) who clearly has eyes for the British visitor, but the director/writer does not follow up on these subtexts screaming for attention.

Instead, Orlando discovers during an insurrection that he is not a fighting man and inexplicably falls into a deep, death-like sleep for seven days and awakens to discover that he has become a beautiful woman — Tilda Swinton, now out of male drag and shining in her naked beauty.

Woolf described these potentially exciting, action-packed events in the style of the essay, and Potter has accordingly chosen to present these scenes in the manner of stately pageants, often static tableaux.

The skating scenes are presented by torchlight and missing is the cold, crisp light and air of Winter as described by Woolf.

In an 18th Century salon, Orlando sits

almost immobile listening to Pope and Addison discuss literature ("Mr. Pope is pleased to be witty"). Even for lovers of the writings of Virginia Woolf and at home in the historical periods, these scenes result in a certain amount of tedium as they go on at too great a length.

The final scenes of *Orlando* do come alive with the entrance of Shelmerdine (Billy Zane), depicted as an American swashbuckling adventurer, part Romantic hero and part uncommitted hippie.

Their child, a girl, (Swinton's own daughter, Jessica), offers the hope that she can live a life that partakes of the strengths and freedoms of her parents' natures, particularly the male/female component of her mother's experience.

The settings are opulent and the costumes are gorgeous, and *Orlando* will appeal to those who have longed to see the novel brought to the screen, who are held by the slower pace of such films as *Prospero's Books*. Many will identify with Orlando who can say, "I'm the same person, no difference at all, just a different sex."

Cream City Chorus Sings With Barry Manilow

[Milwaukee]- On Friday, July 9, 1993, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus joined world-renowned singer Barry Manilow on-stage at Milwaukee's Marcus Amphitheatre. The final numbers of their concert, which included Manilow's signature "I write the Songs", employed the vocal talents of Wisconsin's premier Gay, Lesbian and straight chorus.

Manilow ended his *Greatest Hits and Then Some* concert with the Cream City Chorus backing him up on the patriotic "Let Freedom Ring." This tune brought back pleasant memories of the Chorus' Spring Concert *We, the People...*, which spoke to the freedoms of individual Americans.

The audience responded with uproarious applause when the curtains parted to reveal the Chorus singing, clapping and swaying to the rhythms of Barry and the band. Manilow's mini-chorus of back-up singers included the mega-talented Debra Byrd, who arranged the choral version of "Let Freedom Ring," worked with the Chorus to perfect its stage presence and vocal stylings, and was featured in the concert, singing a medley of Dionne Warwick tunes with Manilow.

This event, the finale of the Chorus' 1992-93 season, was enjoyed by all those who participated. The Chorus, now enjoying a well-deserved break, is looking forward to next season, and to rehearsals which resume on Wednesday, September 8, 1993.

Milwaukee's First Lesbian/Gay Bookstore Celebrates Its Opening

By Terry Boughner

Finally, it's happened, and it's about time. There's a Lesbian/Gay bookstore in Milwaukee, the only one especially geared for our community between

Chicago and Minneapolis. It's called AfterWords. It held its Grand Opening on July 9, 1993. Jerry and I, along with dozens and dozens of others, were there.

It's a cozy place, located among a cove of little stores along a tree-lined street. The inside is done in soft tones of gray and off-white, comfortable for browsing about. In the front, before large windows, are two tables with chairs. It was pleasant imagining myself curled up like a cat, reading, having a cup of coffee, while the rain pattered against the glass.

There is a fine selection of books, some with Lesbian themes, some for Gay men. There is a wide rack with the latest Lesbo/Gay magazines and newspapers neatly arranged. Nearby are shelves showing a whole variety of cards. On one side are those picturing burning hunks of thigh-throbbing men, oozing with smoldering good-looks.

On the other, are those with women, luscious beauties straight from the halls of your dreams.

There's a display case of gift items, too; Pink Triangle pins, buttons of one kind or another and a host of other things.

In August, the Espresso Bar will be open, offering a full menu of speciality coffees along with an array of baked goods and snacks.

AfterWords is located at 2710 N. Murray Avenue on Milwaukee's East Side. Phone: (414) 963-9089. (Murray is a north-south street and runs parallel to Oakland. The store is a couple of blocks north of North Avenue.)

Our community has needed a store like this for a long, long time. AfterWords is a quality store run by dedicated people. I cannot urge your support too strongly.

Models Sought For Poster Promotion

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is looking for models, all kinds of models, young, old, short and tall, all races, both genders, to pose for posters to be used for an up-coming fundraiser.

Twenty models will be needed on Thursday, August 5, 1993, at the studio of photographer Brian Malloy, 301 N. Water Street, fifth floor, in Milwaukee for a photo shoot.

Since the fundraiser will be a dance to raise money for AIDS care, education and research, the models in the poster will be shown dancing. The posters will be used to promote "Danc'n For AIDS" to be held on December 5, 1993, at NITRO, 500 N. Water Street. NITRO is Milwaukee's premier entertainment complex. Photos for the posters and additional materials will be selected from the photo shoot and not all photos will be used. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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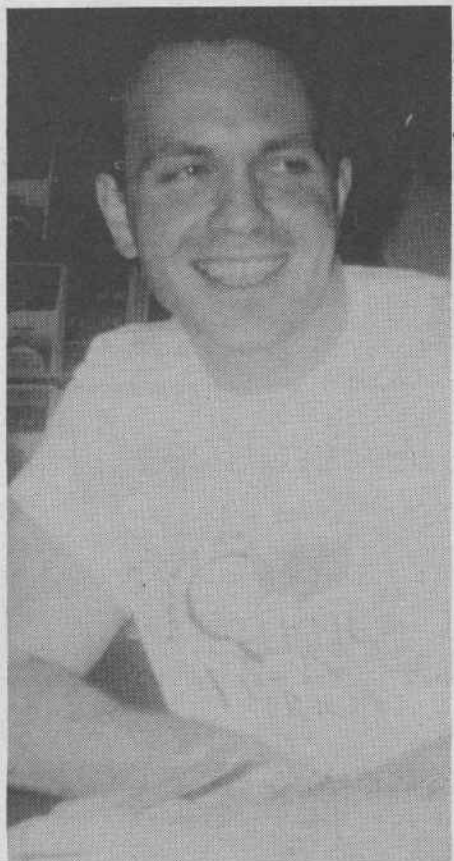
Michaelangelo Signorile Plans Book On Religious Right

By Tom Flint

Michaelangelo Signorile is on a nation-wide tour promoting his new book **Queer In America**. After following his columns for years, I was well aware of his ability to lose his temper, and a little apprehensive about meeting him. In reality, Signorile turned out to be a great big sweetheart with a happy, open smile.

Signorile said his next book will be an investigation of the religious right, including the Catholic Church.

Most recently, Signorile was a columnist at **The Advocate**, but has begun publishing feature articles in **Out** magazine, three per year, he says, while he continues his research for his next book.



Jerry Johnson

MICHAELANGELO SIGNORILE

Tom Flint: In your book you raise a new issue that has never been discussed in the Gay community, and that is male-to-male sexual harassment in the closet. It goes on all the time in deep closets like the Catholic Church.

Michaelangelo Signorile: That is an example of the pathology of the closet. People who want to look at outing as cut and dried aren't looking at the pathology of the closet and the things it forces people to do. Sexual harassment is very common among powerful men in society. Not among Lesbians, but among men.

TF: Why didn't you include the closet of the churches as one of the power centers?

MS: I want to do that in my next book. These three centers I talk about in my (current) book are the so-called "liberal centers" — the ones pretending to act in our best interest. But they're the ones who are guarding the closet door so that the church and the evangelical people can really do their work on us.

TF: Will you continue to be an activist?

MS: I see journalism as activism. I'm sick of the idea of this pristine "objective" journalism. Journalism is activism and always has been. It is only in this country in this century that they have

defined it differently. You're putting down facts the way you see them and changing things through telling the truth.

The **Washington Post** and **The New York Times** are trying to be "objective;" that's impossible. It is so insidious the way they present all these slanted opinions as "objective journalism."

TF: I'm glad to see you're focusing your attention on the religious right. Many people don't really yet understand what we're up against.

MS: Gays and Lesbians are thinking everything is getting better. We've got Clinton in there doing things. But why did this think happen in Colorado or Oregon, and now in Washington State and Idaho? The community is confused.

They don't understand that it is all very much related. What it really means is that for 20 years we've been picking a fight and (the religious right) ignored us because they thought we were irrelevant.

But now, they recognize they've got an opponent and they're going to give us a fight.

People who think we've won are wrong. We've just reached the stage where we can have the fight to see who wins.

The last five years was really all about getting our friends in line, finding out who will stand with us — the Democrats, **The New York Times**, the liberal establishment. And now they've taken a stand with us, and that's probably why the extreme right is taking us so seriously.

But people need to understand that now we are going to get a battle and it's going to last about ten years.

It is war for the people in the middle. There's this big middle population who are so ambivalent. They literally go back and forth. They're decent people, but they can be swayed against us.

I think the solution is very simple. We just have to develop strategies and ways to get the truth out there.

What the religious right is using is lies and propaganda, which works to an extent. But the only thing to counteract those lies is the truth.

It will be like the abortion issue. The people in the middle will eventually make up their minds and then they can't be swayed anymore.

TF: The last five years have been such a vast expense of energy. I'm wondering if we're going to have the stamina to fight the religious right for ten years.

MS: Well, young people are coming forward. And all kinds of new people are coming out of the closets and getting political.

Maybe the militant activists have done their job by creating an explosion and it's time for them to pass the torch. The average Gays and Lesbians were motivated by that. They were moved by Queer Nation and ACT UP.

During this book tour, I'm meeting so many people who have come out of the closet because they saw Queer Nation on TV fighting for them.

The truth is that in our society Gays and Lesbians are average, everyday people. We broke down the door for them, and now they're coming out.

These computer Queers were inspired by the activists, but they are average everyday people, and they're using their special talents for Gay rights.

This is the future. They appreciate what we did for them and they say, "This is what I can do." It's progress.



HAIL TO THE QUEEN— The falcon sees the falconer as a true friend at the Annual Bristol Renaissance Faire which runs weekends through August 22.

Join the Queen at the Bristol Renaissance Faire for a Great Day

By Barb Coyle

When I was invited to visit the Queen by the publishers of **The Wisconsin Light**, I thought for sure that I was being asked to attend a drag show. "Which Queen?" was my first response. I came to find out that my invitation came directly from Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth I, now in residence at the Bristol Renaissance Faire on the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

Now, I am a small time Milwaukee Lesbian, content to walk my poodle puppies, raise my raspberries and listen to the radio. An invitation to the Bristol Renaissance Faire did not seem like my cup of tea, but I was willing to go along for the ride. My partner, and two teen-age sons joined me. After all, a command from the Queen cannot be disobeyed.

I found the Renaissance Faire to be a delightful place, full of vendors selling "ran-away" pickles, plates of fruit crepes and passing samples of freshly warmed almonds. It seems that everyone dresses for the festivities, with long gowns, jerkins, vests and pendants found to be the order of the day.

As soon as we arrived at the Faire, my oldest son slipped into a monk's robe brought from home, and headed off to find the Tower of London. My younger son headed for the vendor booths, and returned with pewter rune pendants, and a double-headed axe medallion. (He IS the son of a Lesbian!)

The grounds are lovely, set in a lightly shaded wood, with meandering grassy streets and open air cafes. Hostas, coreopsis, lilies and columbine are planted in kegs and crannies throughout the Faire. In the heat of the afternoon, I savored both an ale and a concert by Olde English entertainers in an open air cafe.

I thoroughly enjoyed the falconer's presentation on birds of prey. Don't miss the owls and hawks, all being raised to return to the wild.

After the show, I attended the Joust, with armored knights and squires on galloping steeds, vying for the Queen's

colors.

Now, according to my son, I would be remiss if I didn't also mention something about the mud wrestling show. They have mud wrestling. There, no remissions. Pretty slimy mud wrestling, I thought. I guess there is something for all ages there.

Take a short drive down I-94 into another century. The Bristol Renaissance Faire is a comfortable, relaxing place to visit. Remember your purse of gold coins, as you can expect to spend \$13.00 adult admission, and find \$4 food entrees... but this seems no higher than some of the other entertainment options available.

Editor's Note: Subway Shops have discount coupons.

The Faire is open on weekends through August 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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[Milwaukee]- Dick Tate Productions will be holding auditions every Monday evening during the month of August at The Right Street Theatre, 901 E. Wright Street, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. casting all parts for the touring show, **Cracks in the Autumn Night**.

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Others who have worked on the issue of Gays and Lesbians in the military agree with English. They maintain that just as was the case before Clinton's election, Gays and Lesbians who are discovered will still be discharged.

Vets Dispute Clinton

There is also a disagreement over Clinton's statement that the military code of justice "will be uniformly enforced on both heterosexuals and homosexuals."

One Gay man currently in the army said "When is the last time you heard about a straight soldier being kicked out for going to a brothel? Plus since straights can get married and we can't, they are saying that Gays have to be celibate while they are in the military. To say that this is equal treatment is a lie."

Several Lesbians and Gays currently serving in the military were contacted by **Wisconsin Light**. None of them felt that under Clinton's plan they would be safe if they allowed **Wisconsin Light** to quote them by name. All of them said the Clinton plan offered no change from existing policy and accused him of going back on his promise to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Gay and Lesbian vets who have been publicly opposing the ban agree. Tanya Domi, from NGLTF said Clinton's plan would result in more investigations of suspected Lesbians and Gays and that those investigations would be "punitive."

Miriam Ben-Shalom, the first Lesbian or Gay veteran to ever win a court case against the Military agreed. For the last few months she has been working in Washington DC as a staff member of the Campaign for Military Service.

Ms Ben-Shalom told **Wisconsin Light**, "This was no compromise, it's actually worse than the ban that was in place. I would not want to be Gay and in the military now. You will see more court martials, more dishonorable discharges, more jail time and more shattered lives."

She added "I am outraged and my heart is broken. I have watched people in my community come together and work and begin again to have hope. Clinton dashed that hope. For two decades of my life I have fought for civil rights. Until today I never really lost faith in America. Today my faith in this country died."

Congressional Action Was Possible

Clinton said that a full lifting of the ban "would have faced certain and decisive reversal by the Congress."

Georgia Senator Sam Nunn, had promised to introduce a bill to give the military ban on Gays and Lesbians the force of law. Had the Nunn proposal become law, only an act of Congress could have overturned the ban. Nunn has indicated that he is pleased with Clinton's action and will probably drop his proposed bill.

Clinton said he wanted to avoid Congressional action like the one Nunn was proposing. The President said he was worried that such action would delay progress on the issue for years. But many Gays and Lesbians inside and outside of the military say that his plan will have the same effect.

Some Gay and Lesbian lobbyists felt that a Congressional override was far from certain. Furthermore they said that even if Congress had ordered the ban reinstated and made it stick, a Congressional vote would have allowed Gays and Lesbians to determine who their friends are.

David Mixner disputed that statement. During an interview on National Public Radio, Mixner said, "We counted 46 votes in the US Senate in support of a full lifting of the ban. Strong Presidential leadership could have picked up the additional four or five votes needed for a majority." If Congress had overridden the President, he would have needed only 33 votes in the Senate to uphold a veto of that action.

While some Congresspersons and Senators reported a strong tide of mail running against lifting the ban, others like Wisconsin Democrat Tom Barrett reported that their mail was running in favor of lifting the ban.

Lesbians and Gays were not alone in their criticism. Human rights activist, former Judge Fred Kessler told **Wisconsin Light**, "I wish the administration had chosen to stick with its original position even at the risk of defeat. There are points where you say that this is so important I would rather lose."

That was a point that Gay and Lesbian activists attempted to make to Clinton prior to his announcement. They urged him to lift the ban even with the prospect of defeat at the hands of Congress.

Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold

called the Clinton approach "inadequate." Feingold said "It fully ignores the principles that discharges should not be based on sexual orientation or status, that all prohibitions against sexual misconduct should be equally enforced, and that there should be only narrowly limited restrictions on private speech and conduct."

In contrast to Feingold's position a spokesperson for Wisconsin Senator Herbert Kohl told the **Milwaukee Sentinel** that the Clinton policy "a reasonable solution to a very complex issue." Senator Kohl and his press secretary failed to return **Wisconsin Light's** calls. Kohl is up for re-election in the fall of 1994.

Clinton Promised to End Ban

Even before he became a candidate, Bill Clinton was promising to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military.

In June 1991, after a speech at the Wisconsin Democratic Convention, the Governor Clinton told **Wisconsin Light** "If I were elected President and someone served my country with honor, I think I would permit them to continue to serve with honor." When asked if that meant he would issue an order ending the ban on Gays and Lesbians Clinton replied "Yes it does."

Candidate Clinton repeatedly and publicly promised to end the ban with an Executive order. During a celebrated meeting with Lesbian and Gay activists in Los Angeles, Clinton promised hundreds of cheering Gays and Lesbians that after his election he would swiftly issue an executive order lifting the ban on Lesbians and Gays.

Prior to the Democratic Convention, the Clinton controlled Platform committee approved a plank promising to lift the ban if their nominee won the election. The plank was passed by the convention without debate or controversy.

During the general election campaign, Clinton appeared on the Arsenio Hall show. With no prompting from his host, the Democratic nominee brought up the issue of discrimination faced by Gays and Lesbians in the military. Again he promised to issue an Executive Order ending the ban saying that what people do in their private life is their business as long as it doesn't interfere with their ability to serve their country honorably.

During his Arsenio Hall appearance Clinton cited the case of a Lesbian Colonel in the Washington State National Guard, "Greta" Cammermeyer. Clinton said her discharge was shameful and a disgrace. Ironically Cammermeyer will still be barred from the military under the provisions of the Clinton policy.

During an appearance on MTV he was asked if he said that "as President I would end the ban on Gays in the military with a stroke of my pen." He answered "Yes." Nominee Clinton went on to say that he believed that as long as someone was performing their duties, their orientation and private life should not make any difference in their ability to serve their country.

After announcing his new plan, Clinton appeared on the Larry King show and insisted "If I had just gone and lifted the ban without regard to what people do in their private lives, something I never promised to do during the campaign..."

Gay and Lesbian Support for Clinton

Gays and Lesbians flocked to the Clinton camp by the millions. The Clinton campaign acknowledged that between the Democratic convention and the general election over 4 million Lesbian and Gay dollars found their way into the Clinton coffers. Tens of thousands of Gays and Lesbians became campaign workers for the Clinton-Gore ticket. US News and World Report estimated that Clinton received one out of every seven of his votes from Gays and Lesbians.

The Lesbian and Gay role in the Clinton campaign was so strong that even veteran observers took note. On election night Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist told the local media "When the Republicans attacked the Gay and Lesbian community it was the biggest mistake they ever made."

The promise to end the ban was not the only one that Clinton made to gain money, votes and volunteers from Lesbians and Gays, but it was the one that attracted the most attention, seemed to be the most easily attained, and provided Gays and Lesbians with the clearest reason to support him.

Powell Led Opponents

After the election, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Colin Powell embarked on a series of speeches denouncing any attempt to lift the ban. The press repeatedly questioned Clinton about his intentions and he repeatedly responded that he would order the ban lifted.

Dykes To Watch Out For



After Clinton's announcement, General Powell expressed his support for the Clinton plan. The General said he was pleased with the plan calling it "a good compromise."

The opposition of Powell and others in the military raised alarm bells even among those who favor the ban. One caller to a National Public Radio Show expressed her displeasure with the role of the Joint Chiefs saying "We have a two hundred year tradition of civilians and not the military running this country. I think Clinton has damaged the Presidency by allowing them to call the shots."

Powell and others in the military insisted that allowing Gays and Lesbians to openly serve would endanger military unit cohesion. Opponents of the ban countered by pointing out that the Israeli army as well as all but one NATO army allow Gays and Lesbians to openly serve.

Opponents also provided hard evidence that during the Gulf War, the Pentagon canceled all discharge proceedings against known Gays and Lesbians and ordered them shipped to the Gulf with their units. There were no reports of any problems with unit cohesion in any unit that included them.

Gays Lesbians Feel Betrayed

As the controversy dragged on many in the Gay and Lesbian community were braced for the worst. Nevertheless Clinton's action still sent shock waves reverberating throughout it.

As word of his impending action filtered out in Madison during the Magic

picnic weekend, the words "coward", "treacherous," "liar," "cheat" and "hypocrite" were among those most commonly used at area bars to describe Clinton. His expected action was described as "a sellout," "a betrayal" and "unprincipled."

Clinton and his advisers sought to put the best "spin" on his announcement that they could. They insisted that his proposal would in fact make real progress. Opponents cited Powell and Nunn's support of his plan as proof that Clinton's ideas would not help end the discrimination faced by Gay and Lesbian service persons.

While some in the Lesbian and Gay community blamed Powell and Nunn many others put the blame squarely on Clinton.

Battle to Continue

Outside of the Joint Chiefs and Senator Nunn there were few who expressed agreement with the Clinton plan. Right wing Republicans in both the House and Senate are upset by what they say is the Clinton plan's "ambiguity." They are worried about that the plan will lead to more court challenges. Gay and Lesbian activists are vowing to make that prediction come true.

The only thing those on both sides seem to agree on is that the Clinton plan settled nothing. The battle will continue. As Jim Lehr of the PBS Mc Neil Lehr Report said at the end of panel discussion on Clinton's action, "I think we have an area of agreement. Everybody agrees this didn't end it."

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Military Policy: 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue,' Is No Change

By Bill Meunier

The recently announced Clinton plan on Gays in the military is being called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." They might as well have called it "Don't Change."

I was a Clinton supporter even before the Wisconsin Primary. I worked in his campaign, contributed money and urged everyone I knew to vote for him. I have never felt so let down by a politician in my entire life.

Clinton says that his policy offers "substantial progress." If it weren't so pathetic that statement would be laughable. In fact when I told my 18 year old straight niece, Lisa, about Clinton's claim of progress, she couldn't stop laughing.

Think this is progress? Ask Les Aspin what will happen to Gay and Lesbian service members who are discovered. He will tell you that the military will boot them out. That's what he told Congress just one day after Clinton claimed that his plan would allow known Gays and Lesbians to continue to serve. Since that's what happened before Clinton took office one is left wondering where the progress part comes in.

Clinton's latest tact is even more incredible. Now he is denying that his plan is a retreat from his promise to lift the ban. He also denies promising to lift the ban despite a service members "homosexual conduct."

Excuse me Mr. President but in June, 1991 you told me personally "If I were elected President and someone served my country with honor, I think I would permit them to continue to serve with honor." What does who we love have to do with serving our country with honor? Or are you saying that those of us who are involved in same sex love have no honor?

During the campaign we heard Clinton repeatedly say that as long as people's private lives do not conflict with their duties they should be allowed to continue to serve their country.

Perhaps he can explain to us how those duties are interfered with by a service man holding the hand of another man while off duty? By his own admission tens of thousands of service members have served honorably despite their being Gay. Did he really think that none of them so much as held hands with members of the same sex?

REACTIONS

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Carpenter added, that while he thought the President deserved credit for "his support in lifting the ban," he merited criticism as well for "settling for such an inadequate compromise." Carpenter said he hoped that out of all this, "greater appreciation and understanding of Gays and Lesbians as follow human beings and soldiers" would emerge.

On the National Level

Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) called the new policy "an inadequate approach for achieving the goal of lifting the ban." Feingold added that the policy accepted by the President would "subject Gay and Lesbian members of the armed forces to discharge and the loss of their military careers, if for any reason, their sexual orientation or their off-base, off-duty private conduct becomes known. I regard such a far-reaching disqualification as harsh and unwarranted."

Neither Congressman Scott Klug (D-WI) nor Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI) returned calls, but a spokesman for the Senator was quoted in the **Milwaukee Sentinel** as saying that the Clinton policy seemed to be a "reasonable solution to a very complex issue." Kohl was quoted as saying that now "let's see if we can make progress on other important issues."

Other Reactions

National Gay and Liberal organizations were universally condemnatory of the new policy and, in some cases, Clinton as well.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) called the policy a "complete failure to validate the principles of equal justice, and liberty for all America's people." GLBVA called the policy "nothing more than window dressing" and called for a "declaration of war on ignorance, bigotry and homophobia."

Other Lesbian/Gay organizations agreed.

For example, Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) called the policy "a shattering

If he wanted to break his word to us rather than use some of the political capital we help him gain at least he shouldn't have insulted us further by denying that he was doing so. At least he should have had the decency not to deny making promises we heard with our own ears.

Clinton calls his plan "an honorable compromise." One has to wonder if what he really meant was that he had "compromised honor." Or even if he has any honor.

An honorable man would have come to us and said, "I am sorry I can't do it, the opposition is too great, its hurting my Presidency. Please understand the time is not right." We wouldn't liked it, but most of us would have understood. After all we have been dealing with Colin Powells and Sam Nunn's all our lives.

An honorable man would not have tried to pretend that he had done some great deed on our behalf and then lied about whether he had promised to do more.

Clinton can't claim ignorance. There were plenty of Gays and Lesbians telling him and his administration that this plan would only codify what already exists.

The damage Clinton did goes beyond that done to those of us who serve in the military.

By kowtowing to the bigotry of the Joint Chiefs he endangered the principle of civilian rule. By stating that Gay service members will be kicked out even if they only hold hands off duty in the privacy of their own homes, he told Gays and Lesbians that they are less than equal.

By promulgating a policy that punishes us for coming out, he sends a message that our government wants us to go away.

By going back on his promise to us he has shattered millions of Lesbians and Gays who believed in him, supported him and voted for him and further alienated them from their government.

Clinton probably thinks we will calm down and forget about this when he runs for re-election in 1996. He is probably banking on our not having an alternative to turn to.

If so he is wrong on both counts. Unfortunately, many of us will just refuse to vote. Others will support Perot.

We will not forget electing a man we thought represented hope and change and getting another con man instead.

disappointment for millions of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans."

In a statement for the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, Maurice Franklin condemned the President for courting the Gay/Lesbian community when he needed our votes, then "Mr. President, you defaulted on your promise, your check was returned marked insufficient funds."

Religious groups such as the American Jewish Congress, and the National Council of Jewish Women were equally condemnatory of the policy as it was announced.

David Mixner, former Senior Advisor to the Clinton campaign and Gay activist spoke of his personal pain at the policy. "Mr. President, you were called to greatness and instead you sacrificed the freedom of millions for your own political expediency."

Protest and Demonstration

On July 20, one day following the President's announcement, several Lesbian and Gay rights leaders were arrested at a peaceful demonstration outside the White House.

Police arrested 11 demonstrators. Among those arrested were HRCF's McFeeley, Maurice Franklin, Rosemary Dempsey, Vice President of the National Organization for Women and Tanya Domi, director of NGLTF's Freedom Project.

"I've played by the rules all my life," Domi said. "I served in the Army for 15 years and then served in the legislative arena as a policy maker and lobbyist. But today, it is my duty as a veteran and as an advocate for Gay and Lesbian people to engage in this act of civil disobedience. I feel I must demonstrate our commitment to a principle the President failed to uphold."

As of this writing, 12 cities across the U.S. have held or planning to hold demonstrations and rallies protesting the Clinton policy. Among these is Madison. For further information, call The United at (608) 255-8582 or the 10% Society at (608) 262-7365.

OBITUARIES

Duane J. Boulware

[Beloit, WI]- Duane J. Boulware, founder of Edenite (now Chest Men of America), died suddenly of an apparent heart attack on June 6, 1993.

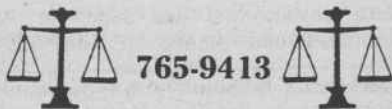
Born July 26, 1931, he founded the international club known as Edenite in 1980. Through the years 1980-1991, over eleven hundred men were members of the club, residents of the U.S. and 34 foreign

countries. In 1991, Boulware handed the leadership of the club to Robert M. Berglund, at which time the club's name was changed to Chest Men of America. Boulware assumed the role of President Emeritus.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 12, 1993, at Bink Noll Park, Beloit College in Beloit. The place of interment is St. John the Baptist Church Cemetery in Belmont, Wisconsin.

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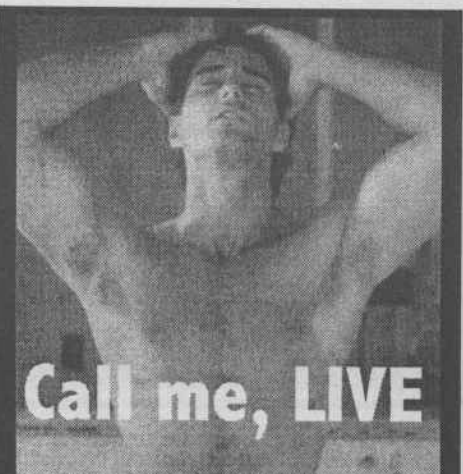
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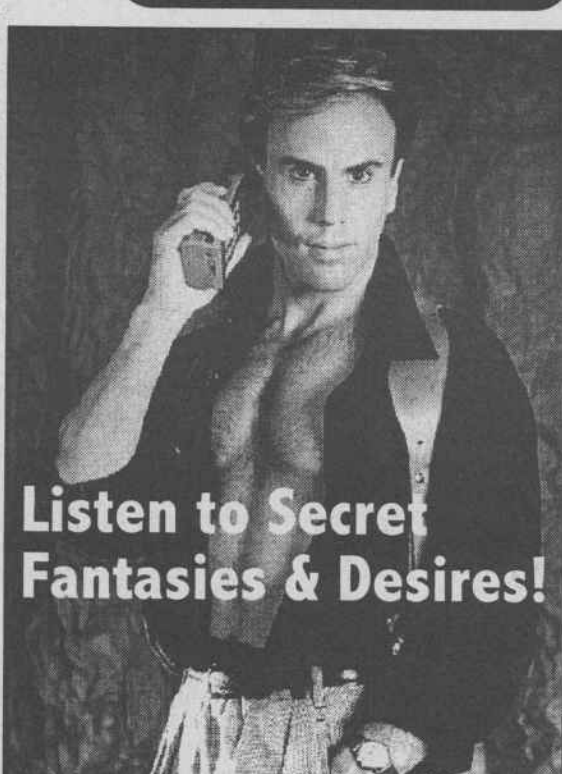
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Gay America's Economic Clout Tackles Corporate Discrimination

[New York, NY]- For months, the nation has been mesmerized by the raging battle to overturn the military's ban on Gays. However, quietly and without fanfare, Gay rights advocates have focused on another goal — compelling all U.S. corporations to adopt and implement policies barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Wall Street Project, a New York-based program of the Community Lesbian and Gay Rights Institute, has made its initial target the Fortune 1000 corporations.

"We have one objective," announced Nick Curto, Chair of The Project, "to eliminate discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation in every workplace across this country." CEO's were recently mailed questionnaires surveying their corporate policies on equal employment opportunity with regard to sexual orientation. The survey findings will be published and investors will be urged to invest according to their social principles as well as put pressure on companies not protecting the basic rights of their employees.

Money Makes Liberals

The potential economic clout of the Gay/Lesbian community is great. According to *The New York Times*, (Sept. 23, 1992), *Overlooked Opinions*, a Chicago-based research firm estimates that Lesbians and Gays earn an annual \$514 billion. Both *The Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* report that blue-chip companies are looking at this money with a longing eye.

"For a lot of people, the main concern right now is surviving in a tough economic climate," said Doug Allgood, Vice President of Special Markets at BBDO in New York. "When that happens, people get liberal in a hurry."

Big companies have also noticed the boom in businesses that sell Gay-themed products.

Cynthia Cesnalis, owner of Shocking Gray, a mail-order catalogue that targets the Gay community, reports that she cannot keep rainbow flags in stock. The demand is so great. Cesnalis says her San Antonio, Texas concern has grown to a

nearly \$1 million-a-year business in just 18 months.

Other owners of Gay-themed businesses report the same thing.

Sean Strub, President of Strubco, Inc., a marketing agency in New York targeting the Gay market said that more and more Lesbians and Gays are buying from those who support them.

Are companies afraid of complaints and boycotts from the Far Right Wing? Not so, said Michel Roux, President and CEO of Carilion Importers Ltd, in Teaneck, New Jersey. "Let me tell you something," he said, "I'm sure there are a lot of Gay Republicans out there."

"Corporate America is on notice," declared Diane Bratcher, board member of The Wall Street Project. "Not only do Lesbian and Gay Americans, and our friends, have buying power, but we also invest money. Many socially responsible investors, Gay and straight, are poised to put their money with corporations that ensure equality for all their employees."

Curto said that the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS), is "keenly interested in the results of The Wall Street Project's national survey."

NYCERS, one of the nation's largest institutional investors, has already take shareholder action to end anti-Gay discrimination by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., a company which made headlines for its firing of Gay employees.

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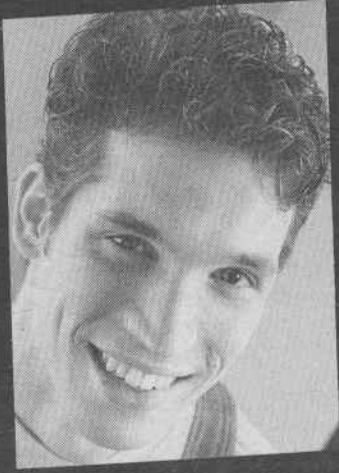

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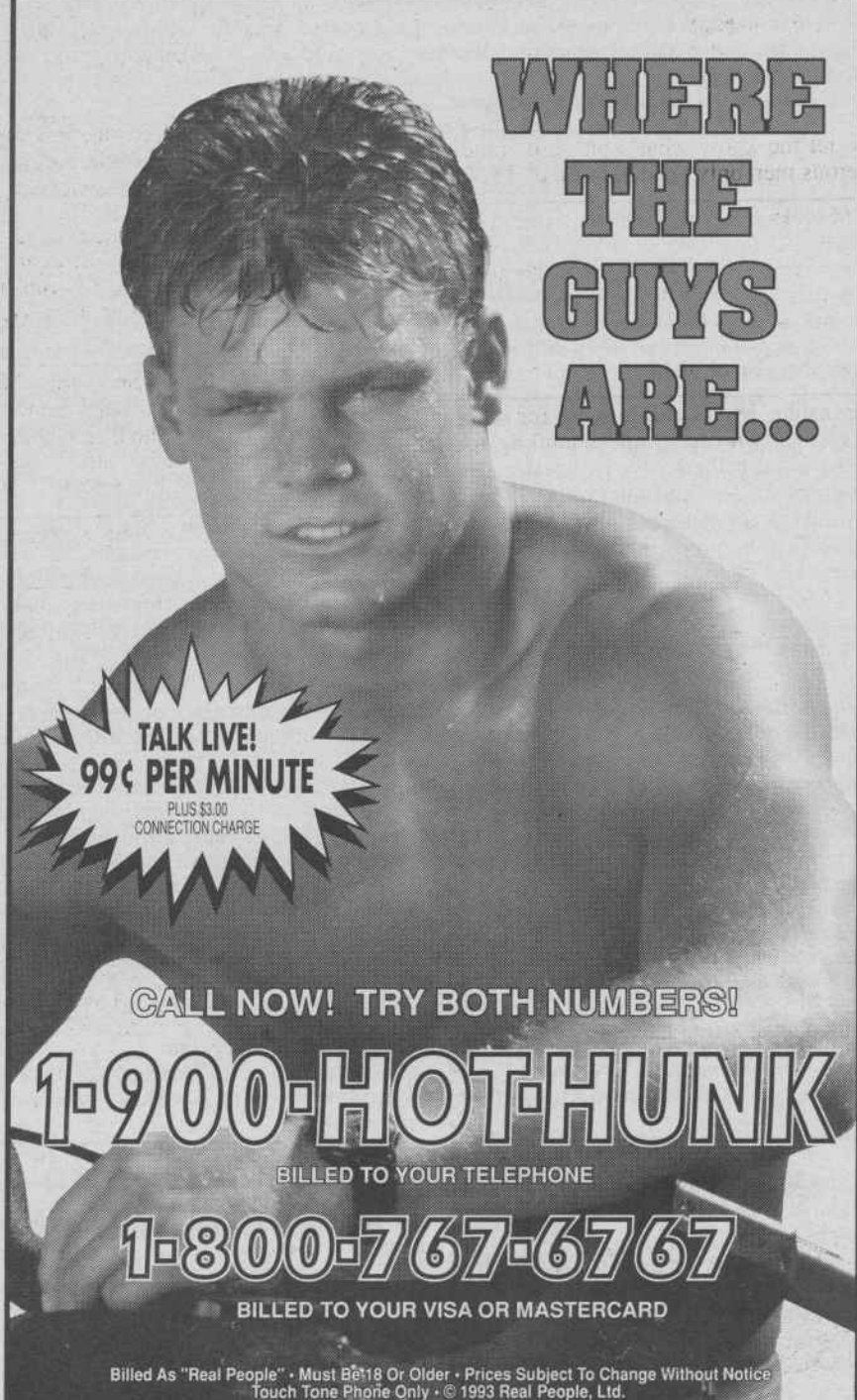
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The Text of Pentagon's New Policy Guidelines On Gays in the Military

Editor's Note: The following is the full text of the guidelines on Gays in the Military. The text was attached to a memorandum sent on July 19, 1993 by Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin, to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. These guidelines were accepted by President Clinton on July 19, 1993.

Accession Policy

Applicants for military service will no longer be asked or required to reveal if they are homosexual or bisexual, but applicants will be informed of the conduct that is proscribed for members of the armed forces, including homosexual conduct.

Discharge Policy

Sexual orientation will not be a bar to service unless manifested by homosexual conduct. The military will discharge members who engage in homosexual conduct, which is defined as a homosexual act, a statement that the member is homosexual or bisexual, or a marriage or attempted marriage to someone of the same gender.

Investigations Policy

No investigations or inquiries will be conducted solely to determine a servicemember's sexual orientation. Commanders will initiate inquiries or investigations when there is credible information that a basis for discharge or disciplinary action exists. Sexual orientation, absent credible information that a crime has been committed, will not be the subject of a criminal investigation. An allegation or statement by another that a servicemember is a homosexual, alone, is not grounds for either a criminal investigation or a commander's inquiry.

Activities

Bodily contact between servicemembers of the same sex that a reasonable person would understand to demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts (e.g., handholding or kissing in most circumstances) will be sufficient to initiate separation.

Activities such as association with known homosexuals, presence at a Gay bar, possessing or reading homosexual publications, or marching in a Gay rights rally in civilian clothes will not, in and of themselves, constitute credible information that would provide a basis for initiating an investigation or serve as the basis for an administrative discharge under this policy.

The listing by a servicemember of someone of the same gender as the person to be contacted in case of emergency, as an insurance beneficiary or in a similar context, does not provide a basis for separation or further investigation.

Speech within the context of priest-penitent, husband-wife or attorney-client communications remains privileged.

Off-Base Conduct

No distinction will be made between off-base and on-base conduct.

From the time a member joins the service until discharge, the servicemember's duty and commitment to the unit is a 24 hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week obligation. Military members are required to comply with both the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), which is federal law, and military regulations at all times and in all places. Unacceptable conduct, homosexual or heterosexual, is not excused because a servicemember is not "at work."

Investigations and Inquiries

Neither investigations nor inquiries will be conducted solely to determine an individual's sexual orientation.

Commanders can initiate investigations into alleged homosexual conduct when there is credible information of homosexual acts, prohibited statements or homosexual marriage.

Commanders will exercise sound discretion regarding when credible information exists, and will evaluate the information's source and all attendant circumstances to assess whether the information supports a reasonable belief that a servicemember has engaged in proscribed homosexual conduct. Commanders, not investigators, determine when sufficient credible information exists to justify a detail of investigative resources to look into allegations.

Credible Information

Credible information of homosexual conduct exists when the information, considered in the light of its source and all attendant circumstances, supports a reasonable belief that a servicemember has engaged in such conduct. It requires a determination based on articulable facts, not just a belief or suspicion.

Security Clearances

Questions pertaining to an individual's sexual orientation are not asked on personnel security questionnaires. An individual's sexual conduct, whether homosexual or heterosexual, is a legitimate security concern only if it could make an individual susceptible to exploitation or coercion, or indicate a lack of trustworthiness, reliability, or good judgment that is required of anyone with access to classified information.

The Threat of Extortion

As long as servicemembers continue to be separated from military service for engaging in homosexual conduct, credible information of such behavior can be a basis for extortion. Although the military cannot eliminate the potential for the victimization of homosexuals through blackmail, the policy reduces the risk to homosexuals by making certain categories of information largely immaterial to the military's initiation of investigations.

Only credible information that a servicemember engaged in homosexual conduct will form the basis for initiating an inquiry or investigation of a servicemember; suspicion of an individual's sexual orientation is not a basis, by itself, for official inquiry or action.

Extortion is a criminal offense, under both the UCMJ and the United States Code, and offenders will be prosecuted. A servicemember convicted of extortion risks dishonorable discharge and up to three years confinement. Civilians found guilty of blackmail under the U.S. Code may be subject to a \$2000 fine and one-year imprisonment. The risk of blackmail will be addressed by educating all servicemembers on the policy and by emphasizing the significant criminal sanctions facing convicted extortionists.

Outing

A mere allegation or statement by another that a servicemember is a homosexual is not grounds for official action. Commanders will not take official action against members based on rumor, suspicion or capricious allegations.

However, if a third party provides credible information that a member has committed a crime or act that warrants discharge, e.g., engages in homosexual conduct, the commander may, based on the totality of the circumstances, conduct an investigation or inquiry, and take non-judicial or administrative action or recommend judicial action, as appropriate.

Commanders are responsible for initiating an investigation when credible information exists that a crime or basis for discharge has been committed. The commander examines the information and decides whether an investigation by the Service investigative agency or a commander inquiry is warranted, or if no action should be taken.

Harassment

Commanders are responsible for maintaining good order and discipline.

All servicemembers will be treated with dignity and respect. Hostile treatment or violence against a servicemember based on a perception of his or her sexual orientation will not be tolerated.

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Madison's Silver Branch Seeking Older Women to Join Group

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Silver Branch, patterned on Milwaukee's Silver Space, will be celebrating its second Anniversary on Sunday, August 1 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a party and potluck picnic. There will be games, food (bring a dish to pass. Utensils, plates and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided) and the regular meeting.

Silver Branch invites all older Lesbians and interested older women to attend. New faces are especially welcome. For picnic information, call (608) 251-2996, (608) 276-0330, or (608) 255-8582.

Monthly Meetings

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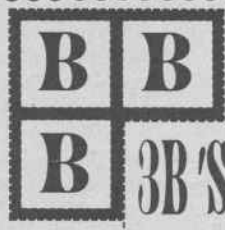
At the meetings, older Lesbians and older women can meet and share mutual interests and ideas. A \$2 donation is requested.

Silver Branch can be reached through The United at (608) 255-8582 or (608) 255-0743.

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