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# The Wisconsin Light

## Homosexuality and Biology

As Scientific Research Continues Evidence Is Getting Stronger That A Person's Sexual Identity Is Genetically Based

By Chandler Burr

The issue of homosexuality has arrived at the forefront of America's political consciousness. It is timely and appropriate, therefore, that at this juncture a scientific discipline, biology, has begun to ask the fundamental

question: What is homosexuality? And it has begun to provide glimmers of answers that may in turn not only enhance our self-knowledge as human beings, but also have some influence, however indirect, on our politics.

What makes the science in this case so

problematic, quite apart from the usual technical difficulties inherent in biological research — particularly neurobiological research, which accounts for much of the present investigation — is the ineffable nature of our psychosexual selves.

It is undeniably true that neurobiological research is often pursued in a context of great ignorance. The brain remains an organ of mystery even in general, not to mention with regard to specific functions. "We don't know" may be the most frequently used words in neurobiology, and they seem to be used with special frequency when the subject of sexual orientation comes up.

Homosexuality's invitation to biology has been standing for years. Homosexuals have long maintained that sexual orientation, far from being a personal choice or lifestyle (as it is often called), is something neither chosen nor

changeable; heterosexuals who have made their peace with homosexuals have often done so by accepting that premise. The very term "sexual orientation," which in the 1980's replaced "sexual preference," asserts the deeply rooted nature of sexual desire and love. It implies biology.

### THE BACKGROUND

Biologists embarked upon research into homosexuality in response to an intellectual vacuum created by the failure of other sciences to solve the riddle of sexual orientation. "Other sciences" mostly means psychiatry.

As a distinct concept, homosexuality is relatively recent. David Halperin points out in *One Hundred Years of Homosexuality* that the term itself first appeared in German (Homosexualität) in a pamphlet published in Leipzig in 1869; it entered the English language two decades later.

That some human beings engage in sexual activity with others of the same sex has, of course, been noted since antiquity. Historically, however, the focus was on the acts themselves rather than on the actors.

The historian John Boswell, of Yale, has noted that during the Middle Ages "same-sex sex" was regarded as a sin, but those who committed that sin were not defined as constituting a type of people different from others.

Between the 16th and the 18th Centuries, same-sex sex became a crime as well as a sin, but again, those who committed such crimes were not categorized as a class of human being.

This changed in the 19th Century, when modern medicine and particularly the science of psychiatry came to view homosexuality as a form of mental illness. By the 1940's, homosexuality was discussed as an aspect of psychopathic, paranoid, and schizoid personality disorders.

### MUTILATION AND DEATH

Having defined homosexuality as a

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## Madison Rallies to Protest Clinton's 'Compromise' on Gays in the Military

By John Cain

[Madison]- About 50 people gathered "in anger and disappointment" outside Wisconsin's Capitol Building on August 6 to rally against President Clinton's "compromise" on Gays in the military. The rally was organized by The United, Madison's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual community service agency.

Assemblywoman Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin's only openly Lesbian state legislator, blasted the President for his failure of leadership. "Real leadership is stating that you stand for something and then sticking to it." Baldwin demanded that the Pentagon release the Rand Corporation study, which is believed to recognize, as have other studies before it, that there is no substantive reason for excluding non-heterosexual people from service.

Baldwin noted that "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" is not the end of the military issue. "A policy of coerced silence and invisibility is the antithesis of what (the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual movement is) all about." She strongly encouraged everyone to come out and keep the struggle for Gay civil rights on the front pages, and concluded by suggesting the object lesson we should have learned from this battle. "You don't sit down with the Ku Klux Klan to negotiate civil right for persons of color, and you don't sit down with Senator Sam Nunn and Senator Strom Thurmond to negotiate for Gay and Lesbian rights."

Rally organizers invited Wisconsin's Democratic Senators, Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl, as well as Madison Republican Congressperson Scott Klug, to attend the rally or to send a representative or statement. Klug sent a statement of support for the Clinton "compromise" and said he would vote for it as it now reads.

Senator Kohl sent no word.

Senator Feingold sent and aide, Billy Feitlinger, to make Feingold's statements clear; "The ("compromise") policy is an inadequate approach for achieving the goal of lifting the ban on service in the military for Gays and Lesbians. It fully ignores the principle 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."

Feingold is one of seven U.S. Senators who recently signed a letter calling upon Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to release the Rand Corporation study. He is also a co-sponsor of a federal Gay civil rights bill.

Maria Hanson, Madison area coordinator of the National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Veterans of America, spoke of her loss of faith in the military. Hanson has repeatedly said over the last six months that she would happily return to the military if given the opportunity. Now, she stated, she no longer wishes to serve in the military which refuses to protect the basic freedoms of the people who fight to preserve them for others.

If she were allowed to re-enlist tomorrow, she said, she would not do so until the day that "every Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual, every person of color, every person who faces sexism or any other oppression in this country is allowed the basic protections that we are supposedly defending by the use of our military. Until that day comes, I will not serve my country."

## Note to Dorothy: Kansas Newspaper Publishes Gay Marriage Notices

By George B. Pyle

When a bride-to-be brings the announcement of her coming wedding to be published in the Sunday "Lifestyles" section of the *Salina Journal*, we don't demand to see a marriage license. We don't discriminate against second marriages or interracial unions.

But late last year, when Steven Durant and Skip Bishop walked into my office to ask if we would print their wedding announcement, we had to stop and think. Steven and Skip are both men, and we had never been asked to do anything like that before.

We knew it would happen someday, though, and we quickly decided that we could not argue on the editorial page, as we had, for equal treatment for homosexuals and then deny equality on our own weddings page.

We also decided that we could not print just the announcement. No newspaper should raise so many questions without trying to answer them. What? Two guys getting married? Can they do that? Does the law recognize it? Why are they going public?

So on January 24, the same day the wedding announcement was published, we also printed a full page of articles on Skip and Steven and the legal, psychological and religious ramifications of their action, along with a photograph of the two of them gazing into each other's eyes, standing next to their wedding cake.

Within a week, at least 112 subscriptions were canceled in protest. That's a lot, though circulation remains more than 30,000 and climbing. Some of the advertisers grumbled, but none pulled out.

Skip and Steven got a lot of static around town, but they are still living and working here, still at least as happily married as most heterosexual couples you know.

The Presbyterian minister who performed the ceremony in the couple's home also took a lot of heat. He resigned from the ministry a few weeks ago, more in sorrow than in anger, and has hung out a shingle as a marriage counselor.

The *Journal* received many expressions of support, here and from around the nations. Gays, and families of Gays, wrote to thank us for treating them with simple respect. Many others just admired our guts.

The high point, or at least the loudest point of the whole affair, was when *The Maury Povich Show* flew Skip and Steven

and a *Journal* writer, Becky Fitzgerald, to New York to tell the story of how a little newspaper in Kansas did what so few other newspapers dare to do.

The most common reaction to the TV appearance, from people on both sides of the question, was that Kansas must be a terrible place.

Those opposed to homosexual marriages, or to reading about them, thought Kansas must be a bad place because of what was printed. Those who recognized the couple's right to marry, or the newspaper's duty to print the news, thought Kansas must be a bad place because of the protests here. One woman in the Povich audience told Skip and Steven to click their heels together three times and move to New York.

But they are still in Kansas. And Kansas is not a horrible place. Despite the dusty stereotypes, Kansas journalism has a long tradition of actions bolder than

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## Gay Republican Organization To Open National Office in Washington

By Bob Roehr

[Philadelphia]- The Log Cabin Federation, a Gay Republican organization of over 6,000 members in 32 grass roots chapters, announced at their Convention in Philadelphia, that they have formed a new affiliated group, Log Cabin Republicans, to open a Washington, D.C. office within the next 60 days.

Rich Tafel will head up the office. He said its purpose is to "take our case to the Congress, to the Clinton Administration, to the Republican National Committee, and to the American people." Tafel has been President of the Federation for the last three years, but resigned to take this new position.

Abner Mason of Boston was unanimously chosen to fill a two-year term as President of the Federation after a number of people expressed interest in serving.

One of the emotional high points of the Convention occurred the night before at a banquet at the stately Union League Club. Gay conservative guru Marvin Liebman, author of *Coming Out Conservative*, exercised both the political left and the religious right, which he called "piously prurient hustlers."

"Always outside the straight

Establishment, Gays and Lesbians are now captives of their own self-created Establishment which, with only rare exceptions, has become the captive apologist for the Democratic Party," Liebman said.

He saw Gay Republicans as having the capacity to positively change both the Republican Party and the Gay community. But he also challenged the audience by saying that "Gay and Lesbian Republicans must first prove to their community that they have courage and resources to take center stage."

Michelangelo Signorile, journalist and author of *Queer In America*, was another featured speaker. He made a compelling appeal for working together across the diversity of the Gay and Lesbian community. He said that our goals will not be achieved without bipartisanship and respect for divergent approaches and styles.

Another fact worthy of note was that more than two dozen elected Republican officials signed on as supporters of the Convention. They included such luminaries as California Governor Pete Wilson, Massachusetts Governor William Weld, ten members of the House and Senate and Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan.



## State Rep. Baldwin Responds to 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy

**Editor's Note:** The following is a speech given by State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) at the August 6 rally at the State Capitol in Madison protesting the "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy on Gays in the military.

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We gather here today and we are angry and we are outraged.

Because we are told once again, as we have been told so many times before, you are only welcome if you are invisible and silent.

And we know that our invisibility and our silence is our greatest enemy. Because it is only through our visibility and our words that we are able to create change, shatter myths and stereotypes and challenge bigotry. It is only through letting people know us as Gay and Lesbian Americans that we are able to demonstrate our pride, our courage and our honor.

We gather here today to tell all our so-called leaders that we know what real leadership is. Real leadership is knowing when to stand up and when to compromise. Real leadership is stating that you stand for something and then sticking to it. And real leadership is being willing to put something ahead of your desire to be re-elected. President and Members of Congress, I cannot return to the closet when the political winds change.

The Pentagon commissioned a 1.3 million dollar study by the Rand Corporation to guide them in setting sensible military policy. That study found, as many have before, "no substantive basis for maintaining the

existing ban." Now the Pentagon won't release the study. We commend Senator Feingold as well as Senators Harkin, Feinstein, Boxer, Mosely-Braun, Murray, Metzenbaum and Wellstone for demanding its release. And we recognize them as true leaders at a time when we feel that very few exist.

I saw a bumper sticker the other day on a passing automobile. It read "If you love your freedom, thank a vet." And the irony of that phrase jolted me. Because I live in the United States and my tax dollars support our military, yet I could not serve without giving up my right to free speech and my right to love. What more basic freedoms are there?

Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue is not the end of this battle. A policy of coerced silence and invisibility is the antithesis of what we are all about. The only way toward victory, freedom and equal rights is to keep coming out and keep speaking out.

Back in February, we had a rally here at the Capitol to support lifting the ban. I said then and I say now that this battle has made us recognize that we must organize far more effectively. But I also said that our struggle has come out of the closet. We are front page news everywhere in the country. And I truly believe that we have gained more allies than we have lost.

But Congress is poised to codify Don't ask, Don't tell, in September. We must continue to tell them "you don't sit down with the Klu Klux Klan to negotiate for the rights of people of color and you don't sit down with Sam Nunn and Strom Thurmond to negotiate for the rights of Gays and Lesbians."

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Hauptert Leaving for Palm Springs Job

[Chicago]- Chicago House Executive Director Marc Hauptert announced on July 29 that he has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Desert AIDS Project in Palm Springs, California. Hauptert, a long-time resident of Milwaukee, was Chair of the Board of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the parent agency of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). In addition, Hauptert was active in a wide variety of community organizations here as well as being one of the founders of Wisconsin Light.

Hauptert will be going to Palm Springs with his life partner, Kurt Swanson, administrative director of the AIDS Pastoral Care Network in Chicago. They will relocate in mid-September.

### March on Washington Made Slight Profit

[Washington, D.C.]- The Committee for the March On Washington (MOW), Inc., on August 8, 1993, released financial figures for the organizing period of January 1, 1992 through July 31, 1993. "We have virtually matched expenses with income and expect that all of our bills will be paid by the end of August," said MOW treasurer and national co-chair Billy Hileman. MOW financial statements show income of \$1,796,136.46 and expenses of \$1,779,143.57 leaving \$16,992.89 in MOW's checking account as of July 31, 1993.

### Clinton Appoints More Open Gays to Posts

[Washington, D.C.]- President Clinton has appointed four more openly Gay officials to government posts. These are: David Cruise, appointed as the Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the Department of Commerce; David Tseng, appointed Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Patrick Nolen, appointed Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Commerce for the International Trade Administration; and David Martin, appointed as Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

These appointments join eight other openly Gay men and Lesbians who have been appointed to office by the President.

### Openly Gay Wisconsin Native Confirmed

[Washington, D.C.]- In the late hours of August 6's session of the U.S. Senate, Bruce Lehman made history by being the first openly Gay Presidential appointee to be unanimously confirmed. Lehman becomes the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Lehman, a native of Wisconsin, was, most recently, a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Swidler and Berlin.

"My nomination by President Clinton and the unanimous vote of confirmation demonstrates again that being well qualified to serve our country and Gay are completely compatible," Lehman said.

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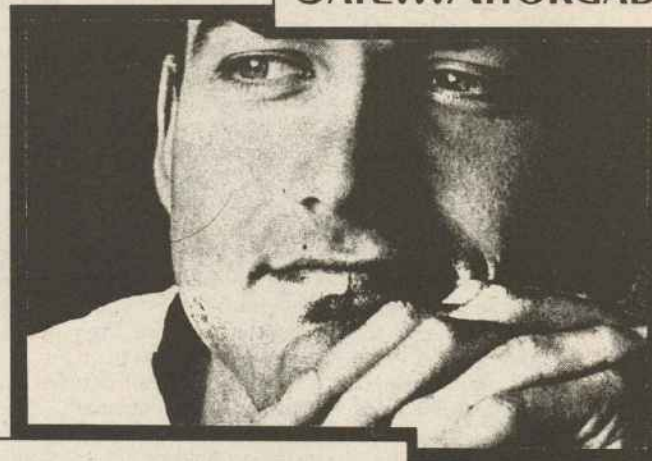
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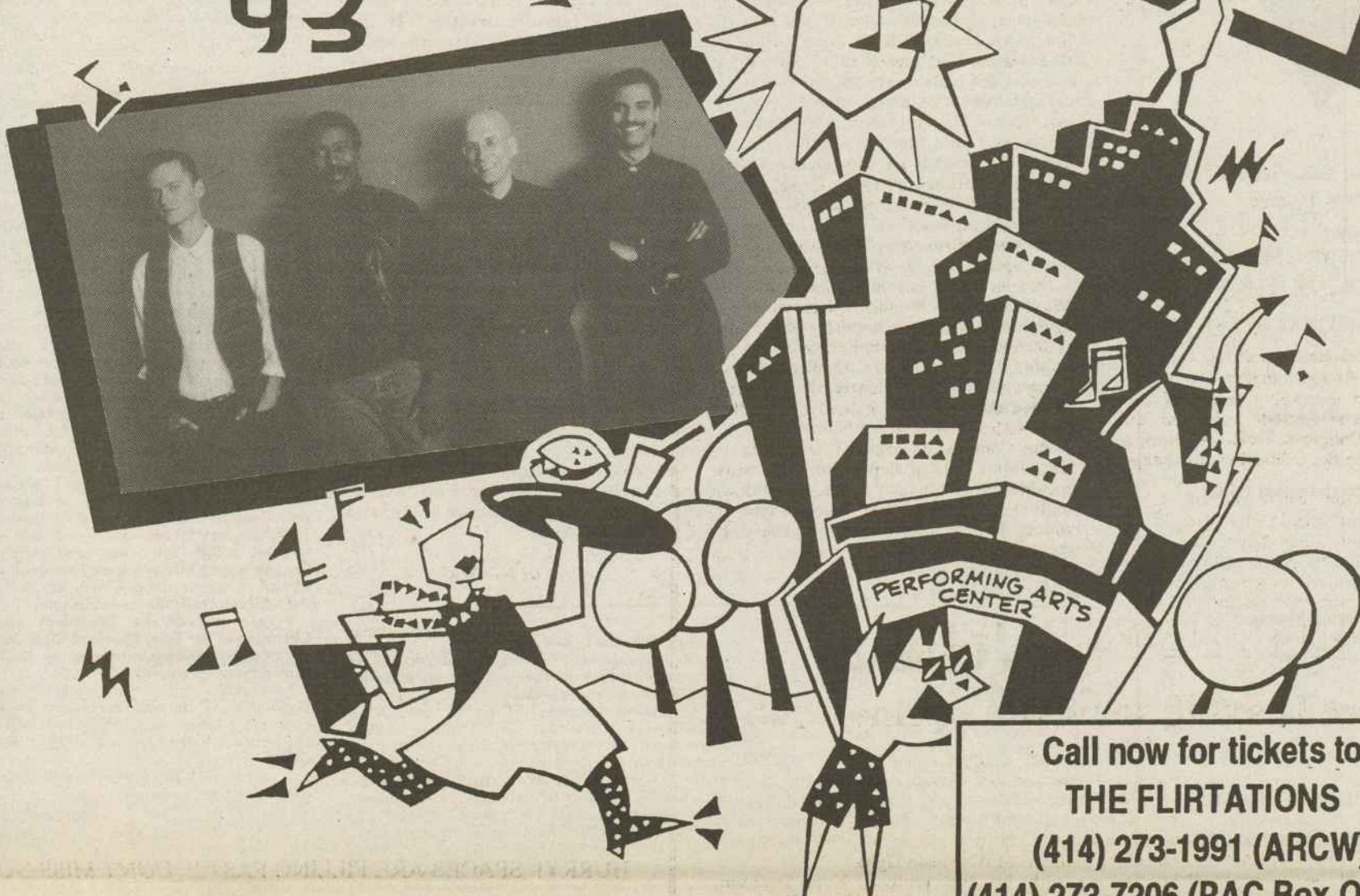


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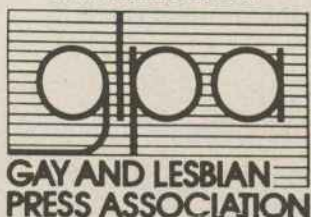
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# So When Will the Homophobes and Bigots Yield to Scientific Evidence?

By Terry Boughner

The so-called "Gay gene" has not been found. It probably never will be if by that is meant a single factor that differentiates Gays from straights. What the article in this issue on homosexuality and biology (which should be carefully read) indicates is that current research is moving toward a multifactorial causation of sexual orientation. Biology certainly plays a large and significant role, but it is not the only factor involved.

But having said that, it should be noted as well that the latest research shows that sexual orientation is deep rooted, very deeply rooted, very early in human development and that it cannot be changed. That cannot be emphasized too strongly. Choice is not involved.

Then, can we conclude that all we have to do now is sit back and wait for the homophobes and religious bigots to yield to the conclusions of science? I don't think that is a safe position to take. The people who hate us for who we are have not based their hatred on science and they won't be swayed by it. The battle for our civil rights will be won, as Chandler Burr points out, on the political battlefield, not in the laboratory.

Even now, the Roman Catholic Church says that there's no "guilt" in being homosexual, it's just that you can't act on it. So, while they admit, in effect, that our orientation is intrinsic, our love is still forbidden. This is utterly and completely unacceptable.

## LETTERS

### No to Colorado

TO THE EDITOR:

I thought the readers of *Light* might like to know where your state insurance commissioner will be spending your tax dollars next Spring. The Denver Marriott Hotel.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has scheduled their taxpayer-funded 1994 Spring meeting for Denver, Colorado. The 50 commissioners, accompanied by two to three thousand staff members, will meet next March 6-8. The convention will pump an estimated \$2-3 million into Colorado's economy.

Write or call your state insurance commissioner in Madison and tell him that you object to him busting the Colorado boycott. Tell him that you don't want tax money from the Gay Rights State to be spent in a state that sanctions discrimination against Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals.

—Duncan Osborne  
New York, NY

### Yes to Hawai'i

TO THE EDITOR:

Legalized same-sex marriage could be the shot in the arm that the Gay Community and Hawai'i's visitor industry needs. Let's face it, same-sex marriage is good for both civil rights and business. The Hawai'i islands have always been known as a premier wedding destination site and same-sex marriage will make it even more so.

The Attorney General's Office, at the urging of Governor Waihe'e, is currently trying to come up with a compelling reason to prohibit same-sex marriage. Why the state is trying to cut its own economic throat by banning same-sex marriage is beyond me. The Hawai'i Visitor's Bureau and Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism should be vigorously lobbying for legalized same-sex marriage in an effort to boost our sagging Hawai'i visitor industry.

Please urge Governor Waihe'e to call off the State Attorney General's misguided attempt to ban same-sex marriages. Call Governor Waihe'e at (808) 586-0034, the Hawai'i Visitor's Bureau at (808) 923-1811 or your Gay travel agent and book your wedding.

—Lee Mentley

Kapa'a, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

### Broken Promise

TO THE EDITOR:

We have been betrayed yet again by the Democratic Party and their leader Bill Clinton. This is the third promise that Clinton has broken to the Gay/Lesbian community. Clinton promised he would permit HIV positive Haitians into the United States and stop their interdiction at sea. Promise broken.

Clinton promised he would let HIV positive individuals visit the United States, instead he signed legislation keeping them out. Promise broken.

Next, our friend promised to lift the ban on Gays/Lesbians in the military. Promise broken. What wonderful policies our friends the Democrats gave us.

How was Bill Clinton able to betray us? The simple answer is that the leadership and a great deal of the Gay/Lesbian community are shackled to the Democratic Party. Democrats know that no matter what happens, they do not need to keep their promises because our own leadership will make excuses for the lack of

Being Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual is about sex, as I've said before, but it also transcends sex. Being a Gay person is about love, the only absolute value in the universe that I can think of that makes any sense.

It seems to me that everyone has a right to love, everyone longs for love, true, honest, committed love. The prohibition against that love, the denigration of it, is, in itself, an "intrinsic disorder" of the thinking processes and the moral code. Science can help us understand why we are, but only in the social and political arena, will be achieve the recognition of this, our sovereign and inalienable right to love openly and be unafraid.

The Pope, in his recent visit to Colorado, chastised Americans for lacking a sense of absolutes in moral matters. He is wrong in this, completely wrong.

There is one absolute that we have. That is love. There is one overwhelming power in this world and that is love. I believe that with everything I have in me that love is the only truth. What an irony it is that it is we, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men who are the ones trying to have love openly, trying to uphold its truth, fighting for it and it is we who are condemned.

Someday the Catholic Church and the others of its kind may wake up to this. After all, they say they believe in life, and what is life, but love?

progress by the Democrats

Republicans, on the other hand, know that no matter what they do, they will be condemned by the Gay/Lesbian community.

A perfect example of this is Gov. Arne Carlson of Minnesota. Gov. Carlson, risking the wrath of the Religious Right, lobbied for and signed a Gay rights law — the strongest in the nation. In return, the Gay/Lesbian leadership and their minions in Minnesota have downplayed the Governor's help and aid. What they say is, "He is great on our issues, but a Democrat would be better for us." This, after having a Democratic governor and legislature for 12 of the last 14 years who supposedly supported Gay rights.

The question begging to be asked is this: "If the Democrats are going to betray us and the Republicans ignore us, what can we do?" Well, first off, we can break our shackles to the Democratic Party. Next, we need Gays/Lesbians to join and come out in the Republican Party. Only by being active in both parties can we guarantee our rights, progress and not regress or stay stagnant. Finally, we need to support our friends and punish our enemies in both parties.

For those who wish to go into the breaches

and take our fight to our strongest opponents on the Religious Right, join the Log Cabin Federation. Here in the Midwest, people can join by writing to 2518 Blaisdell Ave. South, Apt. A, Minneapolis, MN 55404-4228 or call (612) 871-2509.

—Shawn A.P. Dorislan  
Minneapolis

## Military Metals

TO THE EDITOR:

Not surprisingly, our expectations for a fully integrated armed forces has fallen short. To have anticipated such a full realized ambition where my lover and I might have on-base housing and the non-serving member of our couple have medical and PX privileges was probably not realistic... for today.

To wish for full participation in the military as a viable member, open and respected and not feared for my differences, was not to much to expect. Frankly, I applaud President Clinton's efforts considering the amount of energy he and his administration did expend for what they perceive as a partial victory. The real world of politics, however, would not go away.

Regrettably, what was accomplished for Gay/Lesbians in the military was a need to plug the thousand chinks of light in their military closets. For the regulations have not been changed significantly, and, the militancy of the conservatives has compelled people who might not otherwise give a rat's behind to take sides... with all of the hard feelings that implies. Regardless that this may be setting the door ajar for a more open future in the military, it is woefully inadequate now.

It stands to reason that men and women who are active contributing citizens of a nation and derive the tangible and intangible benefits that accrue from that citizenship, would need and want to be able to contribute equally to that nation's defense and well-being. God knows, our taxes are good enough. Still, orientation has as much a place as a qualification for service as does skin color or religion.

With that in mind, I find myself compelled to make some action that will, at least, mean something to me. I resigned my commission in 1985, so that is out. So, I will box up my ribbons, badges, etc., and send them to my Senator urging him to tell the President and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. With them I will include the following note:

**Please inform the President and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that I am one of many veterans returning my decorations to an ungrateful nation.**

I originally planned such an action for Flag Day, 1994, if it was necessary, because I expected a longer struggle. Neither will I plan the action for November 11, 1993, Veterans' Day.

I urge all veterans, Gay/Lesbian and otherwise, to do likewise.

—Richard L. Mence  
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#### RUFUS AND THE SINGING MACHINE

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#### 3B'S SHORELINE DANCERS

3:15 and 5:15 p.m.  
Milwaukee's own Country line dancers will dazzle the audience with their synchronized steps to some of the newest Country hits.

#### DIANNA JONES BAND

4 p.m.  
The Soul of Detroit's Motown rhythms, Dianna Jones and her band bring to MAPFEST a rousing, 90s approach to classic rhythm and blues.

#### CHASTITY BELT'S REVIEW

5:30 p.m.  
Chastity returns from Texas especially for MAPFEST, bringing her unique style and exciting entourage of female impersonators.

#### EAST REVIEW

6:30 p.m.  
Some of the best Gay and Lesbian talent from Milwaukee will kick off the first of three regional entertainment reviews ranging from music, comedy and dance. Sure to be an interesting new twist to MAPFEST.

#### NORTH REVIEW

7:30 p.m.  
The best in Gay and Lesbian talent from the Green Bay area venture to Milwaukee to perform for MAPFEST crowds.

#### SOUTH REVIEW

8:30 p.m.  
Miss Club 94 Kenosha Starr E. Nite, along with some of the best Gay and Lesbian talent from Racine and Kenosha, will round out this special regional review.

#### MISS M'S CELEBRITY SHOWCASE

9:30 p.m.  
What more can one say? Miss M's glamorous MAPFEST showcase will dazzle the crowds as always and will feature a special surprise guest appearance.

#### CLOSING CEREMONIES

10:30 p.m.

### Riverfront Stage

#### RUFUS AND THE GOSPEL SINGING MACHINE

2:00 p.m.

#### DOG SHOW

3:00 p.m.  
The hilarious MAPFEST dog show stages another popular return. With multiple categories to win, place or show, this is definitely the show to see and be seen at. Find out who has the nelliest, butchest, horniest, ditziest. Check out who's most likely to date a pit bull and who looks most like their master too.

#### COMEDY SPORZ

4:15 p.m.  
Milwaukee's famous Comedy Sportz returns to MAPFEST with their unique show. Watch two teams compete for laughs and points as they perform impromptu comedy skits.

#### CELEBRITY PIE TOSS

5:00 p.m.  
The infamous HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament) Pie Toss will be a joint fundraising effort with MAP this year. Proceeds will be shared by the two groups. "Lucky" special guests and celebrities will "stick their necks out" and get bombarded with piled-high cream pies -- all to benefit HIT and MAP.

#### MICHAEL DRAKE CALYPSO BAND

7:00 p.m.  
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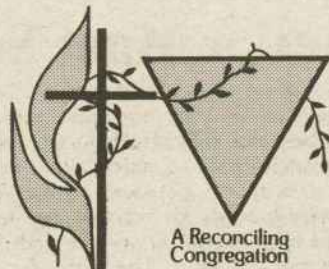
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### West Side Dykes Meeting Sept. 5

[Milwaukee]- West Side Dykes, which celebrated its First Anniversary in August by not meeting — will meet on Sunday, September 5, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For the location and information about Dykes, please call Julie (414) 778-1269, or Mimi (414) 445-4179. All Lesbians living between Lake Michigan and Madison are welcome.

West Side Dykes will do a 15 mile (approximate) bicycle ride for dykes on Sunday, September 12, 10:00 a.m., on the South Side, followed by a picnic. For the meeting location, please call (414) 778-1269. All Dykes with their Bykes are welcome. Dress is informal.



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## FILM

### Tender and Passionate at Every Turn, 'Wedding Banquet' a Must See

By Terry Boughner

While it's been billed as a comedy, **The Wedding Banquet** is not that. The only people who could say that are those who are foreign to the Gay experience.

To someone who is Gay/Lesbian, **The Wedding Banquet** is a well-done, extremely sensitive, deeply moving drama of anguished Gay love stretched to nearly the breaking point by deception, fraud and good intentions gone bad.

**The Wedding Banquet** is also the story of people, old and young, Gay and straight, who are caught in the painful and monumental struggle between traditional culture (in this case, Chinese) and the modern world. In the end, it is tradition that must give way, but before that, there's blame and torment enough for all to share.

Briefly told, the plot is this: A young Chinese Gay man lives with his lover in New York. His traditional parents are pushing him to get married and sire a child. He cannot tell them he's Gay. He's as imprisoned by tradition as are they. Instead he and his lover concoct a plot whereby he will marry a young Chinese woman. The parents come to New York for the wedding. For her part, the girl thinks all she has to do to "change" him is one night in bed.

Despite the fact that they love each other deeply, neither of the Gay lovers has any idea what strains this lie will put

on their relationship. Neither do they think that in trying to maintain tradition by dishonesty, they will, in the end, come near to destroying themselves.

Finally, the 'tangled web' must unravel. It is this that I found the most poignant part of the film as strand by strand, the tissue of lies is pulled apart.

"I was born Gay," Wei-Tung (Winston Chao) tells his mother in a brilliantly acted scene. She cannot accept this, not right then, anyway.

The father is different. "Thank you for taking care of our son," he tells Wei-Tung's lover, thereby blessing the Gay union and pulling the best out of a bad situation.

All the characters grow, but the young woman grows the most. She comes to see that she can't "change" a Gay man. She also begins to realize that for her own growth and development, she doesn't need a husband at all.

I recommend **The Wedding Banquet** highly. It's a beautiful story, tender and passionate at every turn. It's a powerful film that will find you screaming "Why doesn't somebody, just somebody, be honest around here?" In the end, someone is honest, but at a very high price.

**The Wedding Banquet** will open at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on August 27. It is the summer's sleeper, a film not to be missed.

### October Is the Month of the Woman At Milwaukee's Theatre X

[Milwaukee]- Theatre X is dedicating the entire month of October to women with its mini-series, **Theatre X Presents Theatre Women**, which it hopes to become an annual and nationally acclaimed event. The series will consist of contemporary and original plays, comedy, feminist theatre and performance art by and about women. All shows will be written, directed and performed by locally and nationally known women artists. The series includes five main stage shows and five late night shows.

#### Main Stage

Holly Hughes, the renowned feminist Lesbian playwright, will open the event on October 1. The New York-based writer and performance artist will perform two of her one-woman shows, **World Without End** and **Snatches**.

**World Without End**, music composed by Sharon Jane Smith and Vincent Girot, changes between a casual conversation with the audience and a feminist rage. The show is a celebration of sexuality, a rumination of Hughes' ambiguous childhood in Michigan and a quirky elegy of her mother and their relationship.

In the opening of **Snatches**, Hughes briefly incorporates her noteworthy experience with the National Endowment for the Arts in 1990. The show continues with humorous and poignant stories of the human condition and sexuality. Hughes will perform October 1-3.

Renaissance Theaterworks, a newly formed theatrical group from Milwaukee, will make their debut at Theatre X by performing **A Different Moon** by Ara Watson, directed by Susan Fete. The Korean War brings changes to an Arkansas family in 1951. Performances run from October 6-10.

Chicago's Paula Killen comes to Theatre X for the first time in **Music Kills A Memory**. This comedy features a Sex Addicts Anonymous meeting, scenes from a cross-country cabaret tour and endless sappy love songs. Performances run October 13-17.

The fourth main stage event is TBA.

#### Late Night

Four Big Girls from Seattle, Washington, will open the Late Night

events. The group includes Heather Clark, Carolyn King and former Milwaukeean Deborah Parks-Satterfield. They will perform **Bigger Than A Bread Box** October 7-10, a funny, satirical piece about large women.

Various Milwaukee poets will give readings of their latest work on Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Readings will continue throughout the '93-'94 season.

Louise Smith, performance artist from New York, will perform **White/Man/Fever** October 20-22. The playful, amusing and enchanting music by Neal Kirkwood adds to a humorous and bizarre atmosphere.

The multi-media show **Strange Fruit** will appear at Theatre X for the second time as a Late Night show. The eclectic piece is filled with parody, personal and political commentary. Performance runs from October 23 to 24.

Meghan Saleebey and Tina Parker will present Saleebey's performance piece **Toxic Shock**. Fragmented dialogue jumps from topic to topic concerning women's issues. The show runs October 29-31.

For ticket and other information, call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555

### 'La Rone' Auditions To Be Held Sept. 10, 11

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only storefront theatre, will hold auditions for the opening production of its eighth season on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11. The auditions for Arthur Schnitzler's sexual comedy **La Ronde**, will be held at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. both nights.

The production, opening in later October and directed by the Ensemble's Artistic Director, Mark Bucher, will feature men and women of various ages and types. Those auditioning should prepare two contrasting pieces, totaling not more than two minutes in length. Auditions are by appointment only. Please call (414) 672-6019.

### Concert and Party To Open Present Music Season

[Milwaukee]- On Friday, September 10, 1993, at 8:00 p.m., Present Music will open its 93/94 Season with a special concert and party at the Milwaukee Art Museum (750 Lincoln Memorial Drive). The featured composer for this concert will be guitarist, Steve Mackey. Select galleries of the Milwaukee Art Museum will be open for all ticket holders and there will be a post-concert party with Jim Liban and his Blues Combo.

Kevin Stalheim, Present Music's Artistic Director and conductor, has planned an assorted evening of music and fun for the group's opening concert. The Present Music ensemble will perform works by composers Steve Mackey, John

Cage, Kamran Ince and Colon Nancarrow. This season Present Music will perform works by composer John Cage in each of its concerts. **Dip in the Lake** will be the selected Cage work on September 10.

On September 11, Present Music will perform the Midwest premiere of Mackey's **Indigenous Instruments**, a work that was selected to represent the U.S. at the International Composers Rostrum in Paris in 1990. Mackey will also perform his one-person opera for guitar and storyteller, **It's Good to Be Back [velvet from the raw cocoon]**, a work that Mackey premiered at the 1991 Bang On A Can Festival in New York City.

The Milwaukee Art Museum will open its doors at 6:30 p.m. for all concert goers. Ticketholders will be able to view the Mark Tansey Exhibit in the Journal galleries.

For ticket and other information, call Present Music at (414) 271-0711.

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## Bay Shore Mall Plans Second Fall Fashion Show as a MAP Benefit

[Milwaukee]- On September 11, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) in conjunction with leading Milwaukee stores and the Bay Shore Mall Management Company will team up to produce the second annual fashion event to benefit MAP. Honorary Chairperson of the fundraiser is WISN-TV news anchor Marty Burns Wolfe.

This upscale event will premier Fall fashions from the nation's top designers. Some of the elements will be Midwest exclusives. It is a showcase fashion forum designed to raise funds and bring about a greater understanding of AIDS as it relates to everyone and to every day life.

Last year's event was a tremendous success — over 350 people attended. Many additions have been made to this year's fundraising efforts.

### Bambi's Jacket Up for Bids

One of the most exciting new elements is the Jean Jacket Auction in which 35 local artists, designers, celebrities and

organizations have "creatively modified" jean jackets which will be auctioned off for this worthy cause.

People may bid on jackets from Marty Burns Wolfe, Bo Black, The Bucks, Nancy Chandler, Kyle Allen, The Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Melissa Tanel, The Brewers and Lawrenca Bembenek among others.

Seven local college students will create jackets to compete for a \$500 scholarship provided by the Bay Shore Mall Management Company. The winner will be announced the evening of September 11.

The jackets, donated by GAP, will be on display prior to the event at the Michael Lord Galleries and throughout Bay Shore Mall. Other display locations to be announced.

Tickets for the evening event are available at participating stores for \$50. Please contact Michael Jonas for more details at (414) 332-8136.

## Magnuski Receives People's Choice Award at Milwaukee Art Gallery

[Milwaukee]- D. H. (Cass) Magnuski, at a recent opening at South Shore Gallery, was awarded "Most Popular Artist by People's Choice" for her acrylic on canvas portraits of Milwaukee musicians. Among the portraits acclaimed were those of John Schneider, Claire Morkin, David Carroll and Connie Grauer.

Fascinated by the human condition, Magnuski works mostly as a portrait artist, pulling "colors from the personalities of her subjects." Her style has been said to be in the tradition of the Fauve genre.

Les Fauves was a name derisively applied to artists Henri Matisse and Georges Roualt, among others, in the early 1900's, because of their use of strident color, violent distortions and unusual patters. Les Fauves is French for "wild beasts."

While Magnuski denies any conscious

following of the short-lived Fauve movement, she does enjoy the implications of the term, "wild beasts."

"I get excited when things are going well and I can produce raw, pure images. I've painted a lot of local musicians over the past few years because their music is a kind of magic... witchcraft, I think. The witchcraft fills me up, plays to my intensity."

After nine months with A. Houbert Gallery in 1991, Magnuski pulled her paintings in order to do a one-person show at the M&M Club in March, 1992. Since then, she's had 15 private commissions and has recently become involved with South Shore Gallery.

The public is welcome to view Magnuski's work a South Shore Gallery, 2627 S. Kinnickinnic in Milwaukee, where it will be on exhibition through the summer.

## Madison's Kissing Girls Seeking Talent For This Fall's Variety Show

[Madison]- Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) is seeking artists, poets and performers for this year's celebration of Lesbian culture and creativity, the Art Show and Lesbian Variety Show in November. Sing, dance, act, make your sisters laugh; draw, paint sculpt, scribble; write yourself into herstory with steamy prose and poetry. Creativity and originality count. Call (608) 241-5685 for an easy to fill out application or write: KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716 by September 20.

### Design A T-Shirt

Design a T-shirt for the 1993 Lesbian

## Your Gastronomic Dreams Will Come True September 1

[Madison]- Indulging your taste buds to the max, a gastronomic dream come true, calories gone wild, utter culinary decadence a la the Court of Versailles in the time of Louis XIV. Do these phrases bring to mind a luscious, three-layered chocolate cake, oozing with the sweetness of what the Aztecs called "The Food of the Gods?" Or perhaps you taste a satin smooth cheese cake dripping with tart raspberry sauce. But then would you rather munch on some delightful spicy shrimp or feast on puff pastry, so light it turns to air in your mouth.

Whatever you prefer, The United's Classic Indulgence on Wednesday, September 1 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. will definitely satisfy your desires. And if you need more, there will be also good wines, fine hearty beer and lots of non-alcoholic beverages to cleanse the tongue. All topped off with great people and incredible sounds from Dan Wood and his classical guitar.

All proceeds from this event will benefit The United and the important education, advocacy and counseling services it provides to the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community. The United is a 15 year-old organization that operates with one staff person and more than 100 volunteers.

For more information about Classic Indulgence, please contact The United at (608) 255-8582.

Variety Show and win two free tickets to Saturday's show. The specifications for the T-shirt are: It must include the phrase "8th Annual Lesbian Variety Show" and the year 1993.

The design will be printed in three colors on a brightly colored T-shirt. Please submit ink drawings only. Amateur and professional artist's designs are welcome. Submit your design to: KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716 by September 13.

I Got This Way from Kissing Girls Weekend will be November 19 to 21, 1993.

## Register Now For Annual MAP AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, September 26, 1993, honorary co-chairs, Magic Johnson and Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy, will lead more than 8,000 walkers in the 4th Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk with the goal of raising more than \$500,000 to benefit the 20 vital AIDS care and education service agencies in the state.

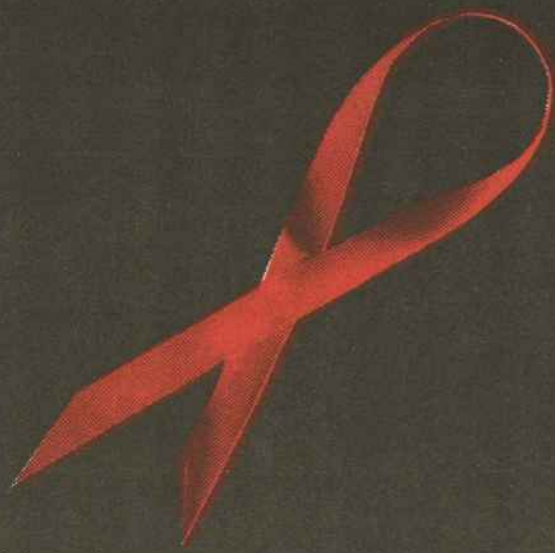
Registration brochures and pledge forms for the AIDS Walk are now available at convenient locations throughout Wisconsin, including Kohl's Food Stores. Walkers are asked to return the pre-addressed registration form attached to Walk brochures and then to solicit pledges from co-workers, family and friends.

For the first time, participants are also invited to register their dogs for the 6.2 mile walk along Milwaukee's lakefront. Prizes will be awarded to those "canine partners" that raise the highest amount of pledge money.

### Volunteers Needed

To ensure the success of this project, Walk organizers will need approximately 300 volunteers on the day of the Walk. For more information, to obtain an AIDS Walk brochure and pledge sheet, or to volunteer, in Milwaukee call (800) 359-9272; in Madison call (800) 486-6276; in Green Bay call (800) 675-9400.

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of Saturday, September 11, and you'll not only see some of the latest lines in fashion, but you'll also be joining a long line of people meeting the challenge of AIDS. It'll be a real show of support. For tickets or more information, call 332-8136. (Black tie optional.)



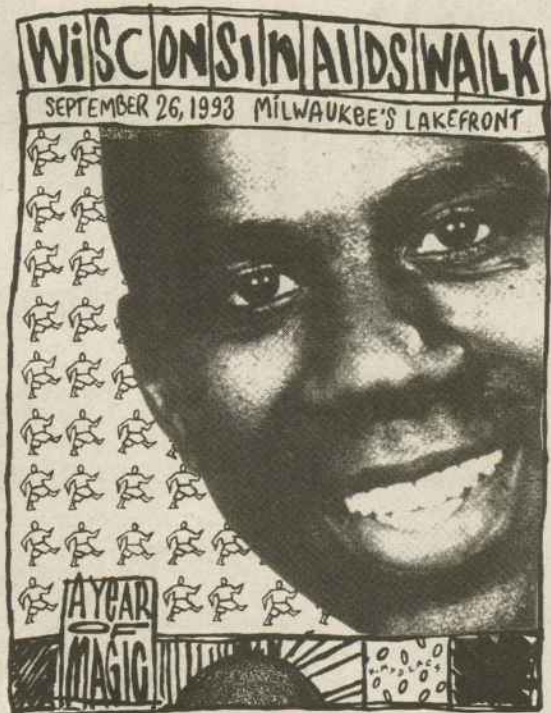
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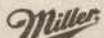
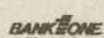
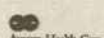
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## BestD Clinic Receives CCF Training Grant

[Milwaukee]—The Brady East STD Clinic has received a generous grant from Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) for volunteer training. Specifically, the funds are designated to cover the majority of the registration expense for 10 BestD volunteers attending the Wisconsin State AIDS/HIV Conference to be held in September in Middleton, Wisconsin. This grant has also enabled the Clinic to provide from its own funds overnight lodging for the two-day annual gathering.

Since the volunteers attending will, in many cases, be taking either vacation or unpaid time from their regular employment, this generous grant has made it more feasible for some of the HIV personnel to attend, according to Ross Walker, President of the Clinic.

Walker expressed the Clinic's gratitude to the Foundation, its President, Bill Frank, and to those who contribute to CCF for the gift.

### H.I.T. Thanked

In a related matter, Walker also acknowledged the unsolicited gift of the Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) leadership "to help BestD in its fight against all types of sexually transmitted diseases."

Director Olseske and Assistant Director McCall of HIT were cited by BestD for sharing their fundraising efforts with community-based organizations like BestD, which specifically reach out to serve Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual clients.

Walker noted that the Brady Clinic has received funds resulting from fundraisers at 3B's, the Wreck Room, Villa Terrace, the Boot Camp Saloon and the Castaways. In keeping with the historic volunteer nature of BestD staff, all donations received from individuals, groups and fundraisers, go toward direct client services and programs.

BestD Clinic is located at 1240 E. Brady Street (corner of Arlington Place) and has been serving the community for almost 20 years.

## MAP Rummage Items Needed

[Milwaukee, WI]—Following a very successful rummage sale at the June PrideFest, Wisconsin Light will be holding another rummage sale, this time at MAPFEST on Sunday, September 5.

Donated items are now being collected for this sale. Clean out your closets, basements and attics and bring your treasures to the Wisconsin Light office at 1843 N. Palmer St. in Milwaukee or call (414) 372-2773 to arrange for pick-up. Or bring your items with you and drop them off at the Light rummage booth at MAPFEST. Please note that large items that can't be hand carried will be refused.

All money collected from this event will go to MAP. And your donated items are tax-deductible.

## Seattle Cable Monitors Falwell

[Seattle, WA]—KTZZ Channel 22 in Seattle will begin monitoring Jerry Falwell's Old Time Gospel Hour before it airs it and will not air any anti-Gay shows. Rather than simply bumping Falwell — because there is a contract with the station — it will simply not show those it considers offensive.

Dawn Touchant Prince said she complained to KTZZ after watching a Falwell show on the Washington March. Although management was unresponsive at first, she and several friends paid a little personal call to the station wherein she told Wade Brewer, the station manager, "that we were in touch with several Queer groups who could make this a little more public. I think he got on the phone as soon as we left."

Brewer claims that Falwell's show airs live (as an "infomercial" — paid air time) but the station is not contractually obligated to air it that way. Brewer has already yanked one show which "referred to Gay people, along with drug addicts and heroin users, saying they should be locked up."

The general manager issued an apology to Seattle's Lesbian and Gay community. "We're embarrassed and we're sorry we put the community through this. I may not be able to guarantee that the show won't run, but I can guarantee I won't run any of the shows that attack Gays."

## Dykes To Watch Out For

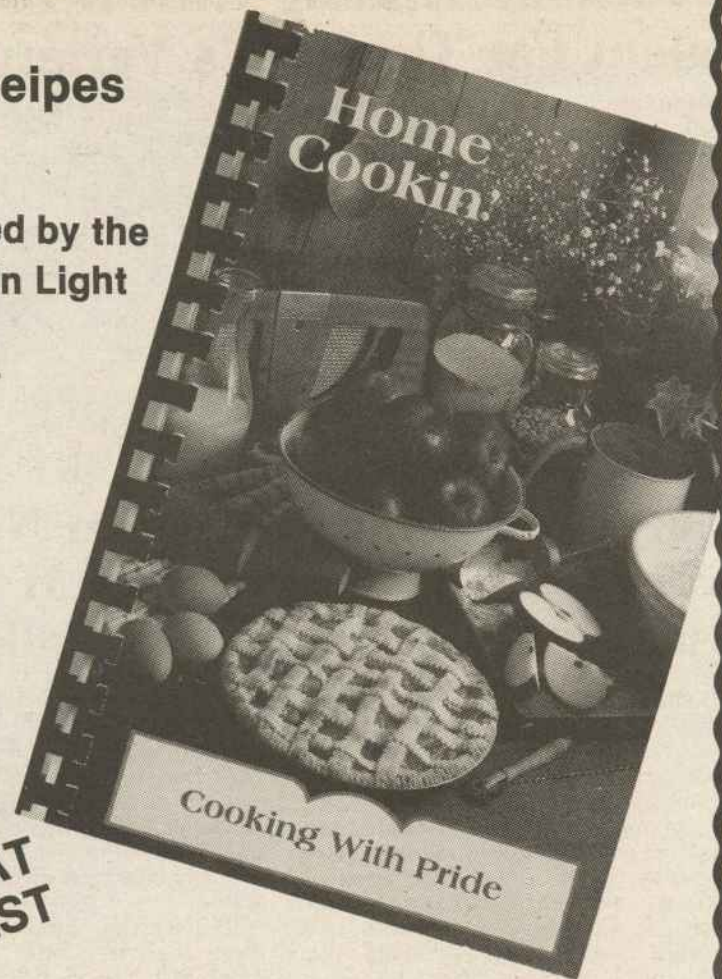


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## GENETICS

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pathology, psychiatrists and other doctors made bold to "treat" it. James Harrison, a psychologist who produced the 1992 documentary film *Changing Our Minds*, notes that the medical profession viewed homosexuality with such abhorrence that virtually any proposed treatment seemed defensible.

Lesbians were forced to submit to hysterectomies and estrogen injections, although it became clear that neither of these had any effect on their sexual orientation. Gay men were subjected to similar abuses.

*Changing Our Minds* incorporates a film clip from the late 1940's of a young Gay man undergoing a transorbital lobotomy. We see a small device like an ice pick inserted through his eye socket, above the eyeball and into the brain. The pick is moved back and forth, reducing the prefrontal lobe to a hemorrhaging pulp.

Harrison's documentary also includes a clip from a 1950's educational film produced by the U.S. Navy. A Gay man lies in a hospital bed. Doctors strap him down and attach electrodes to his head. "We're going to help you get better," says a male voice in the background. When the power is turned on, the body of the Gay man jerks violently, and he begins to scream.

Doctors also tried castration and various kinds of aversion therapy. None of these could be shown to change the sexual orientation of the people involved.

### ENTER KINSEY

Among those who looked into the matter was the sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, whose 1948 report *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* showed homosexuality to be surprisingly common across lines of family, class and educational and geographic background.

In his book *Being Homosexual*, the psychoanalyst Richard Isay writes, "Kinsey and his co-workers for many years attempted to find patients who had been converted from homosexuality to heterosexuality during therapy, and were surprised that they could not find one whose sexual orientation had been changed."

"When they interviewed persons who claimed they had been homosexuals, but were now functioning heterosexually, they found that all these men were simply suppressing homosexual behavior... and that they used homosexual fantasies to maintain potency when they attempted intercourse."

"One man claimed that, although he had once been actively homosexual, he had now 'cut out all of that and don't even think about men — except when I masturbate.'"

### NEITHER PREFERENCE NOR PATHOLOGY

Psychiatry not only consistently failed to show that homosexuality was a preference, susceptible to reversal; it also consistently failed to show that homosexuality was a pathology.

In 1956 in Chicago, a young psychologist named Evelyn Hooker, presented a study to the American Psychological Association. Hooker had during her training been routinely instructed in the theory of homosexuality as a pathology.

A group of young Gay men with whom she had become friendly seemed, however, to be quite healthy and well adjusted. One of them, a former student of hers, sat her down one day and, as she recalls in *Changing Our Minds*, said, "No, Evelyn, it is your scientific duty to study men like me." She demurred.

It was only when a fellow scientist remarked to her, "He's right — we know nothing about them," that Hooker sought and received a study grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

She chose a group of 30 Gay men as the objects of her researches and 30 straight men as controls; none of the 60 had ever sought or undergone psychiatric treatment. "It was the first time (homosexuals) had been studied outside a medical setting or prison," she says. "I was prepared, if I was so convinced, to say that these men were not as well adjusted as they seemed on the surface."

### THE RORSCHACH TEST

Hooker administered psychological tests to her 60 subjects, including the Rorschach ink-blot test, producing 60 psychological profiles. She removed all identifying marks, including those indicating sexual orientation, and, to eliminate her own biases, gave them for interpretation to three eminent psychologists.

One of these was Bruno Klopfer, who believed that he would be able to distinguish homosexuals from heterosexual by means of the Rorschach test. As it turned out, none of the three could tell the homosexuals and heterosexuals apart.

Hooker's study was the first of many showing that homosexuality could not be defined as a pathology. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its official *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*, signifying the end of homosexuality's official status as a disease.

### ANATOMY LESSONS

With homosexuality moved from the realm of psychiatric pathology into the realm of normal variants on human sexual behavior, research efforts took a new turn.

Psychiatry had succeeded in defining what homosexuality is not — not in explaining what it is. The search now centered on neurobiology.

Are homosexuals and heterosexuals biologically different? In thinking about this question, biologists have been greatly influenced by findings that involve what may be a related question: Just how, neurologically, do men differ from women?

In 1959, at the University of California at Los Angeles, the neuroendocrinologist Charles Barraclough found that if a female rat was injected shortly before or after birth with testosterone, a male sex hormone, the amount of this hormone would make the rat permanently sterile, unable to ovulate.

"Ovulation" as used here is in part, a technical term: it refers both to what a lay person would think of as ovulation — the movement of an egg from the ovary into the fallopian tube — and to the series of hormonal interactions that cause that event. Barraclough discovered that in female rats even a single prenatal exposure to testosterone will prevent this entire process from ever occurring.

In 1965, Geoffrey Harris, a neuroendocrinologist at Oxford, castrated a group of newborn male rats, depriving them of the testosterone from their testes. He found that if estrogen was injected into the bodies of these rats after they reached adulthood, it stimulated the hypothalamus, which initiated the sequence of hormone releases required for ovulation. The male rats obviously had no ovaries or wombs, but they went through the biochemical motions of ovulation. If one grafted an ovary onto a male rat, he would ovulate perfectly.

Scientists realized that without testosterone, the genetic blueprint for masculinity was essentially worthless. Indeed, they learned, for a male rat's brain to become truly organized as male, the rat must be exposed to testosterone within the first five days of life. After the fifth day the masculinizing window of opportunity is closed, and the genetic male will grow up with a "female" brain. In contrast, the brain of a female needs no estrogen for organization; left alone, it will become female.

### THE FEMININE BRAIN

Thus it came to be understood that what one might think of as the "default brain" for both sexes of the rat is feminine, and that testosterone is as necessary in the creation of the masculine brain as it is in the creation of masculine genitals. This concept, which is the basis of one approach to the neurobiological search for the origins of sexual orientation, is known as the "sexual differentiation of the brain."

Roger Gorski, a neurobiologist at UCLA who has long been involved in research on sexual differentiation looked back recently on the development in his field. "This is really a fundamental concept, that the brain is inherently female and to develop as male it must be exposed to masculinizing hormones."

### THE HUMAN BRAIN

In 1990, Dick Swaab, a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Brain Research, in Amsterdam announced a remarkable discovery. He had found, he wrote in an article in the journal *Brain Research*, that a cluster of cells in the human brain called the suprachiasmatic nucleus was dimorphic (had two distinct forms) — but dimorphic according to sexual orientation rather than sex. Swaab said that the suprachiasmatic nucleus was nearly twice as large in Gay men as it was in heterosexual men.

If true, this was something wholly new: an anatomical difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals.

### THE LEVAY STUDY

Simon LeVay is a young neurobiologist who at the time of Swaab's second discovery was conducting research at the Salk Institute, in La Jolla, California. LeVay would soon become the author of what is surely the most publicized neurobiological article on homosexuality that has appeared to date.

LeVay dissected brain tissue obtained from routine autopsies of 41 people who had died at hospitals in New York and California. There were 19 Gay men, all of whom had died of AIDS; 16 presumed heterosexual men, six of whom had been intravenous drug abusers and had died of AIDS; and six presumed heterosexual women. No brain tissue from Lesbians was available.

The results were sufficiently clear to LeVay to allow him to state, "The discovery that a nucleus differs in size between heterosexual and homosexual men illustrates that sexual orientation in humans is amenable to study at the biological level."

The study, as LeVay himself readily admits, has several problems: a small group, great variation in individual nucleus size, and possibly skewed results because all the Gay men had AIDS.

As of this writing, LeVay's findings have yet to be replicated by other researchers. Until his original findings are confirmed, the notion that homosexuals and heterosexuals are in some way anatomically distinct must hold the status of tantalizing supposition.

Even if LeVay's study stands up to scrutiny, it will not justify drawing extravagant conclusions. Establishing a distinction is not the same thing as finding a cause. Anatomy is not etiology, but it may offer a starting point for a journey backward in search of the ultimate origins of sexual orientation. That journey takes us into the realm of hormones and genetics.

### THE PUZZLES OF CHEMISTRY

Of the scientists who have concentrated on hormonal studies of homosexuality, Gunter Dorner, of Germany, is one of the best known. In the 1970's, Dorner classified homosexuality as a "central nervous pseudohermaphroditism," meaning that he considered Gay men to have the brains with the mating centers of women, but, of course, the bodies of men.

As it came to be widely accepted that adult hormone levels were not a factor in sexual orientation, scientists shifted their attention to prenatal hormone exposure. Perhaps, it was thought, different levels of prenatal hormones produce different sexual orientations.

### TRANSSEXUALS

Richard Pillard, a psychiatrist at the Boston University School of Medicine, says that it had long puzzled him why transsexuals are so different from Gay people. "You'd think they'd be on the far end of the spectrum, the 'Gayest of the Gay.'" And yet transsexuals are not in fact Gay. Whereas Gay men, quite comfortably and unalterably, see themselves as men, male transsexuals see themselves as women trapped in men's bodies.

Pillard and a colleague, James Weinrich, a psychobiologist at the University of California at San Diego, began to theorize that though Gay men do undergo masculinization in the womb, they go incompletely, if at all, through another part of the process: defeminization.

As fetuses, Pillard points out, human beings of both sexes start out with complete female and male "anlages," or precursors of the basic interior sexual equipment. How do the sexual organs develop? It happens differently in men and women.

At the moment of conception, an embryo is given its chromosomal sex, which determines whether it will develop testes or ovaries. In female humans, the female structures will simply develop, without any help from hormones.

The process of becoming male, however, is more complex. Where women need none, men need two kinds of hormones; androgens from the testes to prompt development of interior sexual organs, and a second substance, called Mullerian inhibiting hormone, to defeminize the male fetus.

Pillard speculates that the Mullerian inhibiting hormone, or a substance analogous to it, may have brain-organizing effects. Its absence or failure to kick in sufficiently may prevent the brain from defeminizing, thereby creating what Pillard calls "psychosexual androgyny."

In this view, Gay men are basically masculine males with female aspects, including perhaps certain cognitive abilities and emotional sensibilities. Lesbians could be understood as women

who have some biologically induced masculine aspects.

### TWO GAY MEN FOR EVERY LESBIAN

The Pillard-Weinrich theory also accords with what psychiatrist Richard Green of UCLA refers to as male "vulnerability" during the process of sexual differentiation. A considerably larger number of male embryos come into existence than female embryos, and yet males and females come into the world in about the same numbers. Therefore, phenomena linked to sex must reduce the number of males who survive to term.

Although good statistics do not exist, it appears that there may be two Gay men for every Lesbian, which would be consistent with the vulnerability theory.

However, the hormonal research does not answer the question of ultimate cause. If hormones help to influence sexual orientation, what is influencing the hormones?

### THE GENETIC QUEST

When biologists are interested in establishing whether genetics is involved in the appearance of certain characteristics or conditions, one obvious place to look is among people who are closely related to one another. In "A Genetic Study of Male Sexual Orientation," a study that has now achieved almost as much renown as LeVay's, the Northwestern University psychologist Michael Bailey and Boston University's Richard Pillard, compared 56 identical twins, 54 fraternal twins, and 57 genetically unrelated adopted brothers. If homosexuality is largely genetic in origin, then the more closely related that people are, the greater should be the concordance of their sexual orientation.

That is, in fact, what the study found. Bailey and Pillard reported a Gay-Gay concordance rate of 11 percent for the adoptive brothers, 22 percent for the fraternal twins and 52 percent for the identical twins.

The findings suggest that homosexuality is highly attributable to genetics — by some measures up to 70 percent attributable, according to Pillard.

If a large contribution to homosexuality comes from genes, where does the rest of it come from?

The range of environmental and biological inputs a developing child receives is both enormous and enormously complex. "Whatever the other variables are," Pillard says, "they must be present early in life. I think this is because the gender-atypical behavior that so strongly prefigures an adult homosexual orientation can be observed early in development."

Pillard and Bailey's multifactorial model suggests a shaded continuum of sexual orientations, and of origins and causes, more complex and subtle than a simple either-or model can accommodate, and closer to what may be the quirks and ambiguities of our real lives.

### THE RAMIFICATIONS OF SCIENCE

What does it all mean? As we have seen, scientists must sift for their conclusions through ambiguous results from a disparate group of studies that are excruciatingly difficult to interpret.

Yet even at this relatively early date, out of the web of complexities, it is becoming ever clearer that biological factors play a role in determining human sexual orientation.

Michael Bailey says, "I would — and have — bet my career on homosexuality's being biologically determined." The pace of neurobiological and genetic research is only increasing.

The challenge posed by homosexuality is one of inclusion, and, as Evelyn Hooker would say, the facts must be allowed to speak. Five decades of psychiatric evidence demonstrates that homosexuality is immutable and nonpathological, and a growing body of more recent evidence implicates biology in the development of sexual orientation.

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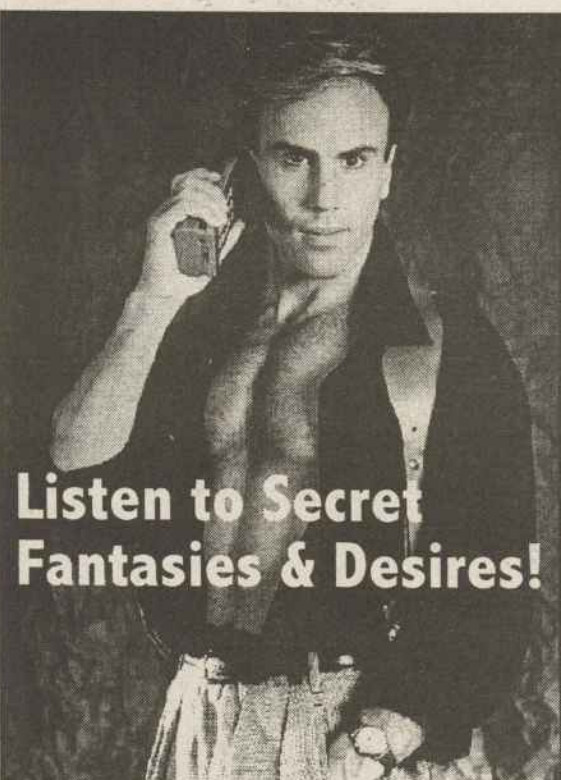
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## OBITUARIES

### Christopher Gorski

By Pat Gorski

Christopher R. Gorski [Chris]  
August 21, 1959-July 31, 1993

Chris was an involved, vital part of the community. He readily gave his time and talent to friends, groups and causes.

Chris was a 1977 graduate of Messmer High School. While there, he was part of the play, *Fiddler on the Roof*. I can still hear the refrain from "To Life!"

In January, 1992, Chris put on the first memorial benefit for his late lover, Richard Wyatt aka Ginger Spice at Club 219 in Milwaukee. It was the largest private fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

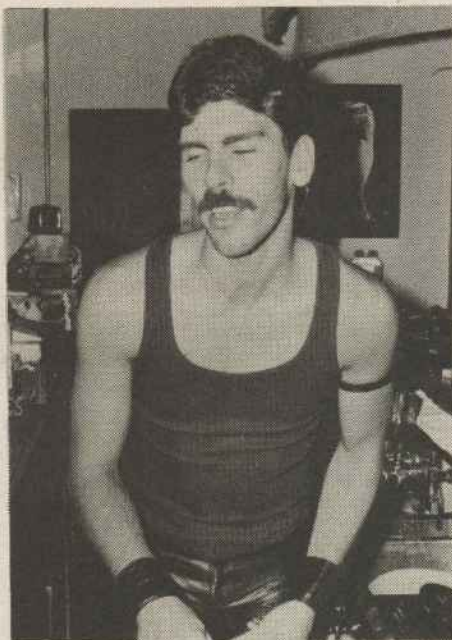
Chris took over the franchise after Ginger died and ran the Miss Continental Pageant in 1992. He was also involved with MAP.

As weak as he was, Chris still participated in the AIDS Walk in the Fall of 1992. Chris volunteered at the Senior Center, Italian Fest and made craft projects for grade schools.

Chris was known for his flair for living. He went first class all the way. A favorite outing was a limo ride to Chicago and dinner at the finest restaurants.

Chris had an artistic talent and was very fashion conscious. His clothing was the latest. He always looked like he'd stepped out of a magazine. You never knew if his hair would be straight or permed, dyed or streaked. Even at the end, Chris was giving. He did receive experimental treatments.

Chris was close with his family; living with his father, his best friend; installing



Christopher R. Gorski

carpet with his brother. His sister named her daughter Christine after Chris. In their visits, baby Chrissy gave Chris a feeling of continuity.

Per his wishes, after expiring at the Greentree Health Care Center, Chris was cremated and entombed at Wisconsin Memorial Park. The private family service was conducted by Fr. Mike Hammer.

In keeping with the spirit that Chris lived his life, on August 21st, his 34th birthday, celebrate, raise a glass, splurge, have a good time in his name. I'm sure Chris will join in "To Life."

### Douglas Tuskiewicz

By Terry Boughner

Doug Tuskiewicz, 32, died on Monday, August 16, 1993, of complications due to AIDS. Doug was a Milwaukee native, a graduate of Custer High. After two years at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), he went on to work for six years as a Customer Service Rep for Time Insurance. In June, 1988, Doug began work at *In Step* magazine as a photographer and continued there until the July 4th weekend of this year. He was widely known and admired in this community. He will be sorely missed.

I remember one time at a Pride Festival a couple of years ago. It was late in the day. It looked like rain. I'd wondered over to the *In Step* booth. Doug was there. I sat down beside him and asked him casually in the way you do, how he was.

He turned to me and with that shy, yet piercing gaze of his, said, "I'm scared. I'm very scared."

We didn't know each other well, but the mood is sometimes there to listen and to talk. So we did.

He was HIV positive. He was frightened. Who wouldn't be? Then he said, "I'm going to fight this thing. It's not gonna get me."

Then, on that warm and cloudy day, I believed what he said. I believe now that his fight was successful. The disease

never did get him, not where it matters. His wonderful shirt was too strong, far too strong, for that.

Over the years, I would see Doug at this event or that. He'd be taking pictures for *In Step*. I would be covering the story for *Light*. We never talked again as we had that Pride Day, but in the few words of greeting that we'd exchange at those times and in his deep eyes, I heard and saw that indomitable spirit of his going like a fire-arrow across the night sky. His body might weaken, I thought, but that light would never be quenched. It never was.

Doug has left so many loving friends behind and David too, his spouse of six years. We grieve. We all grieve. But the thing is, strong spirits like Doug's are triumphant and eternal. They go on forever.

From what he told me on PrideFest Day, Doug knew that life's meaning is in the struggles, in the fight. When those are won, as his was, life goes on and one and on. Doug, you won. It never did get you. Let the rest of us who miss you learn from that.

Wisconsin Light bows its head in deepest sympathy to David, to *In Step* and to all who knew and loved Doug. Thanks, Doug, for being. We'll be with you once again.

### Steven Endean

By Bob Roehr

Steve Endean, one of the most important leaders in creating the national Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement, died August 4, 1993, of complications due to AIDS. He was 45. His most enduring legacy is the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) which he created in 1982.

Endean's activism began in Minnesota, in the 1970's, where he successfully lobbied for enactment of Gay rights legislation by the Twin Cities. He initiated efforts for a similar law at the state level, legislation which came to pass only earlier this year.

Endean moved to Washington in 1978 to assume the position of Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) and become the first full-time employee of a national Gay and Lesbian organization in the nation's capital. GRNL had been formed in the mid-1970's to lobby Congress on Gay and Lesbian civil rights issues, but had languished with little funding and a largely volunteer staff. Endean breathed life into the organization.

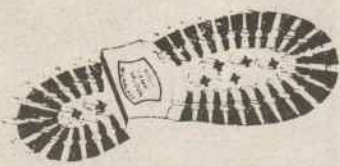
In 1980, Endean spearheaded the National Convention Project to elect openly Gay and Lesbian delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The tally passed 80.

HRCF was created in 1982 as GRNL's political action committee. The following year, under attack for both policy and administrative reasons, Endean stepped back from leadership of HRCF and GRNL.

The two groups continued as separate operations, with the parent organization foundering and being absorbed by HRCF in 1985.

Endean set up the Fairness Fund in 1986 to generate grass roots support of letters and telegrams to Congress in support of Gay and Lesbian legislative issues. HRCF adopted that operation in 1987, relabeling it their "Speak Out" program, hiring Endean to direct it and other projects.

In his passing, Steve Endean will be sorely missed. He was a visionary leader with a personal belief in the power of mainstream politics to achieve the goals of Lesbian and Gay civil rights.

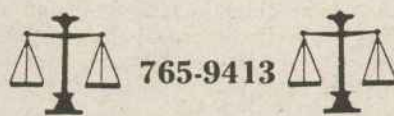


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