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The Wisconsin Light

Milwaukee Police Take Brochures; Threaten Activists With Arrest

[Milwaukee]- Four members of ACT UP Milwaukee were detained by Milwaukee Police officers for over an hour Saturday, October 2, after they attempted to distribute AIDS brochures and condoms to Milwaukee Tech High School students entering their Homecoming dance.

The four AIDS activists — Jennifer Krueger, Heather Sjolund, Brian Komar and Patrick Flaherty — were kept at the scene, checked for identification and prohibited from distributing educational materials or making phone calls. Police threatened the activists with arrest unless they turned over the brochures which were sent to the District Attorney for review.

The police came in three squad cars and, according to Flaherty, seemed upset by the brochure which depicted cartoons, including a condom with a smiley face and mouse ears. The words "suck" and "fuck" were also used.

The brochure is nationally used as an educational tool.

When asked why they had come, Detective Krause of the Sexual Assault Task Force was reported to have replied that she was investigating a possible felony. When asked what charge, she is reported to have answered, "passing damaging materials to minors."

Activists were informed that the mere possession of such materials would be considered a misdemeanor.

On Monday morning, October 4, AIDS activists returned to Tech High to distribute AIDS education materials before school, showing their intent to continue their "three year campaign to improve AIDS education for Milwaukee Public Schools."

Less than a week later, six ACT UP members continued their AIDS education efforts at Hamilton High School. Four police appeared, checked identifications, detaining the activists for a half hour, Flaherty said.

ACT UP will be at Pulaski High School and at Bayview High School on the evening of October 16 to hand out AIDS materials.

In the meantime, ACT UP members are working with students at Nicolet High School, advising an AIDS prevention club that has been formed there. The club does not have official recognition yet. The students will be handing out condoms and educational materials at their Homecoming on October 16, Flaherty said.

Flaherty said that ACT UP is exploring ways to "force police to comply with the law and First Amendment Rights."

10,000 People to Carry Mile Long Rainbow Flag in Stonewall March

[Pittsburgh, PA]- In May of 1978, San Francisco resident, designer and Gay activist Gilbert Baker was asked to create an exciting new symbol of the Gay and Lesbian freedom movement for the city's upcoming Freedom Day Parade. The community wanted to adopt and embrace its own symbol, to embody the positive message of Gay and Lesbian human rights.

To Baker, the rainbow was the perfect symbol of the diversity of the Gay and Lesbian community, and the ideal metaphor for a group of individuals which he considered a magical and beautiful part of nature. Community members agreed.

During the weeks before the parade, more than 20 volunteers joined Baker at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Cleve Jones, eventual founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt, was there, as were many others.

The original flag was made of organic cotton, hand-dyed in garbage cans at the Center, rinsed by fire hydrants on the roof of the building, and ironed by hand on tables in the Center. Baker himself

Rep. Baldwin Speaks of Love; Catholic Protesters Picket Church



M. BUTTERFLY— The true story of Song Liling (John Lone, above) and Rene Gallimard (Jeremy Irons) is shown in the film 'M. Butterfly.' A drama of love, deception and betrayal, the film is now playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre. (See review on page 6).

Judge Lifts Anti-Gay Military Ban; Supreme Court to Hear Case

By Bob Roehr

[Washington, D.C.]— The ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military has been lifted, though few people realize it yet. U.S. District Court Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr., reminded us of that fact on September 30 when he granted the motion filed by Keith Meinhold and denied that of the government.

Meinhold, a sonar officer at Moffett Field Naval Air Station near San

Francisco, was discharged in August, 1992, after revealing on national TV that he is Gay.

Hatter had ruled on January 28, 1993, that the ban was unconstitutional. He went further by permanently enjoining the Department of Defense (DOD) from enforcing the ban while the ruling was on appeal. That action gave his order national scope.

The DOD appeared to be obeying the injunction during the "truce" period when the ban was being examined by Congress, the Pentagon, and the White House. However, once President Clinton announced his "compromise" on July 19, the military again began to move against Gay and Lesbian service members.

This prompted Meinhold's attorney, John McGuire, to return to the Court, petitioning it to uphold its January ruling. What Hatter chose to do on September 30 was to amend his initial order and judgment against the military, making it even stronger. He also said that violations would be punished by fines of at least \$10,000 a day.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the scope of the clarification," said McGuire. "What he (Hatter) has done is that in ordering the end of that policy, he also is ordering the end of any adverse treatment that any Gay or Lesbian service member might meet. It is more powerful than what I had hoped for."

Hatter's order was unusually detailed in the specific actions it prohibited the DOD from taking against service members for reasons of sexual orientation. He included recruitment, promotion, assignments, or other matters of status. He also prohibited the creating or keeping of any records of sexual

[Madison]- "Our movement is about love and our right to love who we love, and with that as our agenda, we cannot lose," said State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). Baldwin was speaking on October 10 at an interfaith celebration at University United Methodist Church held as the kick-off event for Coming Out Day in Madison.

Baldwin spoke before some 130 people gathered to hear her speak about being a Lesbian in public life.

"Lesbianism is chic today," Baldwin said. "It's chic to be one, to know one and to dress like one." However, she added, "It's a paradox to be at the focus of pop culture and to still be oppressed. Also, Lesbian chic does not convey the reality of Lesbian life."

Baldwin went on to note sadly that Lesbian couples still earn less than their male counterparts at work. She also spoke of the tragedy of Lesbians who die in greater numbers from breast cancer.

Baldwin spoke of the need to change society's attitudes by "learning to speak for ourselves." "Our silence and invisibility can be our worst enemy," Baldwin added, speaking to the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual community and its friends.

Conservative Christians Protest

While Baldwin spoke of love inside the church, eight protesters picketed the celebration carrying signs reading: "Sodomy is a sin" and "Truly come out of a self-destructive lifestyle."

The protesters identified themselves as Catholics, there because St. Paul's Catholic Church was one of the co-sponsors of the celebration.

Becki Thompson, one of them, said, "Christ said in his Gospel that homosexuality is a sin."

In this, Thompson is wrong. As authorities point out, Jesus said not one word about homosexuality.

Baldwin at UW-La Crosse

At the invitation of J. Jay Scott, the Chair of the UW-La Crosse Task Force on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns Task Force, Baldwin went as featured speaker to UW-La Crosse on Coming Out Day, October 11. Baldwin's visit was to celebrate the release of the Task Force's report on that day on making the University more congenial to Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual students, faculty and staff.

Baldwin told her audience that advances for Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals will only come through education and organization. This, she said, is the way laws get passed and advances are made.

Baldwin decried discrimination, saying that Gay people have been forced to set up a separate community. However, she said, "We don't want to live in a separate community, but a safer, more nurturing community."

As she looked over the young people listening to her and everyone else as well, she spoke of the effects of hatred and discrimination on young Gay people.

"We must be outraged and vocally outraged," she said, "that a Gay teen is three times as likely to commit suicide as a straight teen."

As in Madison, so in La Crosse, Baldwin spoke of the need for love and respect in the lives of Gay and Bisexual people. "We want our families to love us, our neighbors to like us and our fellow students and teachers to respect us."

Baldwin will be at UW-Superior sometime during the week of November 8-12 for Multi-Cultural Awareness Week. The exact date has not been finalized.

Other News

In other news, Baldwin along with Rep. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) will be meeting on October 20 with John Benson, Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This is a first time-ever

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TransSisters Seeks Submissions

[Kansas City, MO]- **TransSisters**, a journal of transsexual feminism, is seeking submissions by transsexual women who have experienced discrimination and/or harassment within the Lesbian/feminist community. The submissions are to be used for an anthology of personal accounts of such experiences. Manuscripts should be sent to: Davina Anne Gabriel, 4004 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO 64110

Gay Themed 'Lonely Planet' to Open

[Milwaukee]- Collision Theatre Ensemble, Milwaukee's newest professional theatre company announces the performance of **Lonely Planet**, a new play by Steven Dietz, on November 11-28 at the Studio Theatre in the Third Ward's new Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

Lonely Planet is about two Gay men and how their day-to-day lives have been changed by AIDS. For ticket and other information, call (414) 481-8431.

Danceworks Plans Workshops

[Milwaukee]- Tom Thoreson will lead a contact improvisation at Danceworks on October 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Dancers and non-dancers are welcome. Admission is \$5.

David Figueroa, New York-based dancer and mime artist, will conduct a workshop in mime and movement for actors and dancers at Danceworks, October 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Reservations are encouraged.

Danceworks is located at 727 N. Milwaukee Street. For reservations and information, call (414) 276-3191.

Ben-Shalom to Speak to PFLAG

[Milwaukee]- Miriam Ben-Shalom will be the featured speaker at the October 17 meeting of the Milwaukee chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). The meeting will be at the King Lutheran Church, 1225 E. Olive Street in Shorewood from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Chicago Gay Film Fest Set

[Chicago]- Chicago Filmmakers proudly announces the 13th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival, opening Friday, November 5th, for ten days of the best Lesbian and Gay films and videos from around the world. Screenings will take place at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport, and at Chicago Filmmakers' new Wicker Park location, 1543 W. Division. For additional information, call (312) 384-5533.

New Writers Association to Meet

[Milwaukee]- The first meeting of the Riverwest Writers Association will meet on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Fuel Cafe, 808 E. Center Street. All writers and critics are welcome. For further information, call (414) 264-6302.

Fred Small to Present Concert

[Milwaukee]- Fred Small, hailed by Pete Seeger as "one of America's best songwriters," returns to Milwaukee on Friday, November 5. Small, a long-time champion of Lesbian/Gay rights, performs songs of biting anti-homophobia that go beyond mere support to empathy. Small will perform at the Schlitz Audubon Center Auditorium, 1111 E. Brown Deer Road. Bring a mug for hot refreshments. Call (414) 352-2880 for further information.

Cream City Chorus Plans Concert

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus has resumed rehearsals for the holiday season concert, December 12. Rehearsals take place every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at 1342 N. Astor Street. Call (414) 344-WCCC for further information.

Margaret George to Sign Books

[Milwaukee]- Margaret George, the bestselling author of *Mary Queen of Scotland and the Isles*, will be doing a reading and signing at the Harry Schwartz Bookshop, Brookfield store, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. on Thursday, October 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you like historical novels, this is one good read.

MASN Receives Scheel House Grant

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) has announced that it has received a \$5,000 grant from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation. The grant was awarded to help provide for coordination of services in the development of the Rodney Scheel House. The Scheel House is a 23 unit independent living housing development for persons with AIDS and HIV infection and their family members.

Oberons Raise Money for Kids

[Milwaukee]- At the October 9th fundraiser at the Wreck Room, the Oberons raised \$301 for their annual Christmas Club for Children with AIDS. The proceeds are used to buy Christmas gifts for the kids. The Oberons would like to thank Bill Kindt and his generous customers for their support.

The next fundraiser is on November 20 at the Wreck Room. Cash donations may be sent in care of the Oberons, P.O. Box 07423, Milwaukee, WI 53207, or dropped off at the Wreck Room. There will also be donor jars at various bars.



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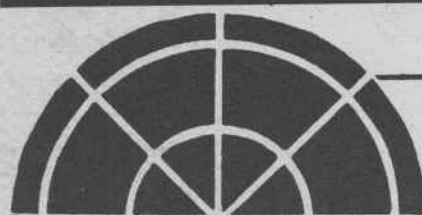
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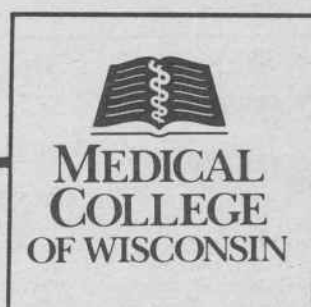
- The Gay community has taken a leading role in AIDS prevention efforts. Yet, even men who know a lot about AIDS often need support to keep up their change efforts, and want to learn even better ways to stay safe and help others stay healthy. That's why the Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin created **MEN AT WORK**.
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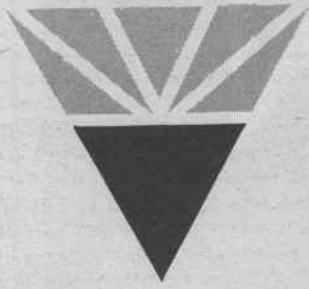
If you're a gay or bisexual man over 18, call us weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00 at 287-4680 for more information and your invitation to participate. Ask for **MEN AT WORK**.



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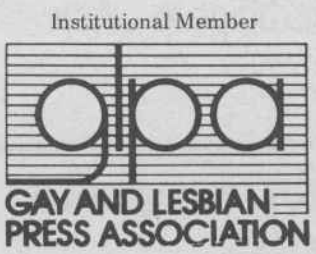
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EDITORIAL

The Pope and the Milwaukee Police Still Just Don't Get It

Every day, tens of thousands of people die of hunger in the world. Disease runs rampant. There are wars. Crime takes its toll. The explosion of human population is wrecking havoc. And, there's a lot else that causes and/or contributes to human misery. In the face of all that and more, the Pope issues his encyclical. They say he labored on it for six years. It's supposed to be the highpoint of his papacy. And what does it concern? Sex. Homosexuality and a some other things are "intrinsically evil" and everyone should think that way. Not so, not at all true, but all that time wasted over thinking about that. Sad.

As a syndicated columnist wrote in the *Milwaukee Journal* recently, the John Paul II has worked all that time to come up with a theology of the bedroom. In our opinion, it boggles the mind.

So what does that have to do with Wisconsin particularly? Just this. Here in Milwaukee there is crime, lots of it. But apparently, like the pope, the cops think there's nothing more important than sex (said in a hushed whisper), or information about sex.

Cars are stolen, but forget that. Stop those people, grab those leaflets with "dirty" words like "fuck" and "suck." Keep 'em ignorant. Let 'em get HIV. It's only the children, after all.

We praise ACT UP Milwaukee for having the courage to hand out those leaflets telling high school kids, in the language most of them use, the way not to get sick, not to die. We praise ACT UP Milwaukee and applaud them for doing what needs to be done, supply information, hard-hitting information, that can save lives.

Sexual abstinence is a fine ideal and some adhere to it. But like all ideals, it plain and simply is not universal and will not be. For those who choose to be sexually active, we must get the word out as to how they can achieve at least a modicum of safety. ACT UP is doing that because lives are at stake.

But there are those, some Milwaukee cops apparently, who think if you keep 'em ignorant, you keep 'em innocent. Or, if they have the information, they're sure to act on it. None of this is true. It has never been true and it is not true now.

The attitude seems to be that if you have sex outside a committed relationship, then take the consequences. Die. As with the pope and his encyclical, that boggles the mind too.

We applaud ACT UP Milwaukee, and ACT UP Chapters everywhere for doing the right thing. Some may not like their methods, their anger, their rage, but we think they are doing what should be done.

Our public officials, who are supposedly so concerned about disease, should be out there with ACT UP. Where are they?

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

There Is Still No Place In Our Movement For 'Outing'

By Terry Boughner

There is a great deal being said about "outing" lately, as probably most of you know. There are few days when something about it doesn't arrive in the mail.

More than once, I have stated my position regarding outing in the pages of this paper and elsewhere. I have been against it for what I thought were good and valid reasons. Now, in the light of the recent flurry, it seemed appropriate to rethink the matter.

I have talked with many people, both closeted and not, some in high places, others not. I still come to the same conclusion: I cannot agree with outing.

For one thing, I cannot use a quality, an orientation that I was born with as an accusation, a smear, if you will, against anyone else. If I do that, I keep asking myself, what makes me any different from the Christians, the fascist Fundamentalist Right?

They and other of the ignorance, use "Lesbian" and "Gay" (if they use those words at all), as terms of opprobrium, designed to do nothing but cause injury and pain. I do not think that we, as proud Gay people, should adopt their methods — not in this regard, anyway. I do not think that I can use a word to describe someone adversely, that I use in a positive way to describe myself.

If an actor or politician or someone else in a high profile position is Lesbian or Gay, I will do everything I can to urge them to come out. It's healthy. It shows self-acceptance, an appreciation of one's own self-worth. But if they don't; if they are so fearful, so ambitious, so much the poltroon, then they have my sympathy and, in some cases, my utter contempt, but I won't out them. I don't think that I should.

If an actor or a politician is so full of self-hatred, so filled up with self-degradation, that they work against us who are like themselves, then I will disagree with them as heartily as I can. I think that the reasons for gaining our freedom are so good, so solid, so much at

LETTERS

Milwaukee County Jail Severely Criticized for Blatant Bigotry

TO THE EDITOR:
I was in Milwaukee on Saturday, October 2, 1993. I decided to come and visit Club 219. When I was done partying, I was on my way home on I-43 North to Sheboygan. I was then

pulled over by the River Hills Police Department at 2:37 a.m. Officer J. Haller informed me that I was making illegal lane deviations. I was then asked to do some tests. Then officer Haller took

me to one police station and then to another. By the time I received the breath test, it was 3:18 a.m. After sitting this long, my tests were going to be higher. After the testing, I asked to make a phone call. Officer Haller refused at this time to grant my request.

I was then chained to a table for about a half hour. Then, I was taken to the Milwaukee County Jail. When I arrived, it was around 5:00 a.m. The officer then put a band on my wrist and said this was to identify me if I was found dead.

They took and put me in a holding cell with about twenty other people. There was about five phones in the holding cell, but not one was working. It took the police officers until 9:30 a.m. to start booking.

When I was finally booked, fingerprinted and my picture taken, it was about 9:50 a.m. The officer that booked me kept asking me questions about my lifestyle. I was then informed that I was going to be released about 2:00 p.m. by the booking officer.

Then the officer took me into the hall with another officer and asked me if I was a homosexual. I answered him "yes." I am a very proud homosexual so why should I lie?

Then, the officer wrote on my filing card that I was a homosexual. Then the officer took me to a room where there was chains on the floor. The officer then chained me to the floor by my ankle. The officer informed me the reason he was doing this was because I was a homosexual so I could be kept away from attacking the other prisoners.

During the next six hours from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I was given my first and only meal. I even asked to use the bathroom, but the officers were too busy. I was then refused a telephone call again.

The chain between my ankles and the floor was only a few inches long. I only had a small chair to sit on. The County Jail was so dirty too. It's like nobody cares about other people. I am told that even the Sheboygan County Jail isn't dirty.

I became so depressed at around 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. that I cried. I felt betrayed by a system I trusted, but because I was a homosexual, things are different.

After the treatment given me between 2:30 a.m. Saturday to 4:00 p.m. Saturday night, I thought my time was coming to an end. Then, three officers came and took me to the new jail. When I asked why, I was informed that I belonged in jail for being a homosexual. I informed the officers that I was to be released at 5:00 p.m., but they said they would see about that.

Finally, when we got to the new jail, they looked at my file card and realized that I was to be released at 5:00 p.m. So then they made a phone call and took me up to the de-booking room. I ended up sitting in there until 6:00 p.m.

What made me even more mad was the way they treated me in the de-booking room. The officers kept referring to me as "Brian with the alternative lifestyle" because my card said that I was a homosexual written on it. I feel that my lifestyle was no different than theirs.

Then the officers couldn't decide what they wanted to eat so it took them an hour, so this was the reason why I wasn't released at 5:00 p.m. It took them until 6:00 p.m. to decide to have chicken sandwiches.

I work at a restaurant in Sheboygan. I almost lost my job because of this. I wasn't allowed a phone call home so how were they to know where I was?

My friends at Sherlock Holmes in Sheboygan have helped me with this problem. I do thank them for being there for me.

I also want to thank Club 219 for a fun evening. I just hope nobody else has to go through what I am going through because of our homosexual lifestyle.

Right now, besides this letter to *Wisconsin Light*, I have filed a complaint with the Milwaukee Internal Affairs Board on this matter. I would like anybody else who has been treated unfairly in the Milwaukee County Jail to call me at home at 1-414-894-2627. I would like to tell the Milwaukee Police that they can't treat us this way because of our lifestyle.

— Brian M. Schreiber
Sheboygan

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Wisconsin Forming Gay Games Team for June 18-25 Competitions

[Madison]- In June, 18-25, 1994, New York City will play host to Gay Games IV. For the first time in the history of the Games, Wisconsin is organizing a team.

In 1990, at Gay Games III, an enthusiastic few represented Wisconsin. The state fielded a billiards team, a bowler, a physique participant and a soccer team at the Vancouver games.

Our state athletes came together for the first time under the Wisconsin flag just before the opening ceremonies began. By the closing ceremonies, "team spirit" was shared as we had supported one another's achievements. Yet, as wonderful as that was, we were impressed to see how other states and countries had organized, appearing in great number with festive uniforms and a sense of togetherness. This time we in Wisconsin want to do the same thing.

Team Wisconsin has a mission: To

encourage Wisconsin Lesbians and Gay men to come together for what many have said is the greatest experience of their lives in participating in the Gay Games.

Our state theme is "Strength Within." Plans are underway to organize, solicit funds, plan a pre-Games send-off celebration in Madison, and outfit our athletes with state ceremonial uniforms.

You are invited and encouraged to join Team Wisconsin and the 15,000 other athletes from 40 countries that are expected to attend and compete in Gay Games IV.

To be part of Team Wisconsin or for further information, write to: Chris Boyd/Stacy Seibert, Team Wisconsin, c/o The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701, or call The United at (608) 255-8582.

LAMM and UJIMA Receive Grants From Wisconsin Community Fund

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) and Ujima were two of twenty Wisconsin organizations selected recently to receive grants from the Wisconsin Community Fund (WCF). These were the first Gay and Lesbian grants awarded in the Milwaukee area. WCF has awarded many grants to Gay/Lesbian organizations in Madison and around the state.

LAMM received an award of \$1,750 to continue and expand the work of the Police Relations Task Group. This includes participation on the Police Chief's Community Oriented Advisory Committee; development of interactive police training materials; continuation of recruit training on Lesbian and Gay issues; continuation of the Citizen Complaint Intake Center; and work with the Police Foundation to develop new cultural diversity components.

Ujima received a \$2,000 grant from WCF. Ujima is a support and social group

dedicated to addressing the educational, social and political needs of African American Gay men and Lesbian.

Ujima's activities for the next year will be to enhance the quality of life for African American Gay men and Lesbians in Metropolitan Milwaukee. They will accomplish this goal through the sponsorship of monthly meetings that include educational workshops, discussions and social outings. These activities will help them achieve solidarity and stability for the African American Gay/Lesbian community.

The Wisconsin Community Fund is a public foundation providing financial and technical support to grassroots organizations which promote progressive social change. Grant decisions are made by a Grant Allocation Committee of fifteen community activists from around the state. To contact the fund about grants or donations, call Steve Starkey at (608) 251-6834.

UW Milwaukee Names Liaison to Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Students

[Milwaukee]- Thomas Dake, student services program manager in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Office of Student Life, has been given a new and additional assignment as liaison to Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual students.

In that position, Dake will serve as a point of contact for communications between those students and various segments of the university, and serve as a consultant to campus administrators to help them interpret and resolve matters related to sexual orientation. In general, his role is to help make sure that the campus is welcoming to all students, regardless of sexual orientation.

A graduate of Alma College in Alma Michigan, Dake has a Master's degree in higher education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He has been at UWM since October, 1990.

Sherman Park Gays Plan Oct. 19 Meeting

[Milwaukee]- The Sherman Park Rainbow Association will hold its next meeting Tuesday, October 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Catherine's on 51st and Center (use the 51st Street entrance). The focus of this meeting will be to organize committees based on areas of interest.

The organization's purpose is to allow Lesbians and Gays in the Sherman Park area to network, provide information on how we can become involved in efforts to improve our neighborhood, protect our civil rights and to promote Sherman Park as a Gay-friendly neighborhood.

Our picnic in September was well attended and interest in the group seems to be growing. We would like the organization to reflect the makeup of the neighborhood and would especially like to encourage women and people of color to join us.

For more information, write to The Sherman Park Rainbow Association, P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216.

LaCrosse Men Plan to Contest State Law Barring Gay Marriage

[La Crosse, WI]- Darren Foster and his spouse, Bill Steffenhagen, have announced that the plan to challenge Wisconsin's marriage laws — the first to do so.

Foster, 26, was a columnist for *Wisconsin Light* and now is a pre-law student at Viterbo College. He is editor of the school's newspaper. Steffenhagen, 49, currently writes for the paper and works for a La Crosse accounting firm.

Foster and Steffenhagen made the announcement on Monday, October 4, during a presentation to a family law class at Western Wisconsin Technical College. Their hope is to be legally married sometime next year.

Their plans are predicated on a court battle now being fought in Hawai'i. There, the state Supreme Court has ruled that Hawai'i's marriage laws (which apply to heterosexual couples only — as is the case in the other 49 states) may be unconstitutional because they discriminate against Gays and Lesbians. The issue is in appeal and will probably be decided sometime next year.

Foster, drawing on his legal background, said that, in his opinion, "The State of Hawai'i is facing a tremendous burden of proof" because the state's law depends on the "common law definition of husband and wife."

Foster added, that if the State's argument is based on religious grounds, "that is a violation of First Amendment rights."

Foster says that while the Hawai'i decision would affect only that state, other states would have to recognize it.

That reasoning is based on the "full faith and credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution by which states are required to recognize the consequences of each other's laws.

Steffenhagen said that if Hawai'i legalizes same-sex marriage, the "flood gates" will open for the rest of the

country. Foster and Steffenhagen consider themselves to be a married couple. "As far as we are concerned," Foster said, "in the sight of God, we are married. We have dedicated our lives to Jesus Christ."

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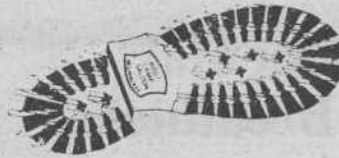
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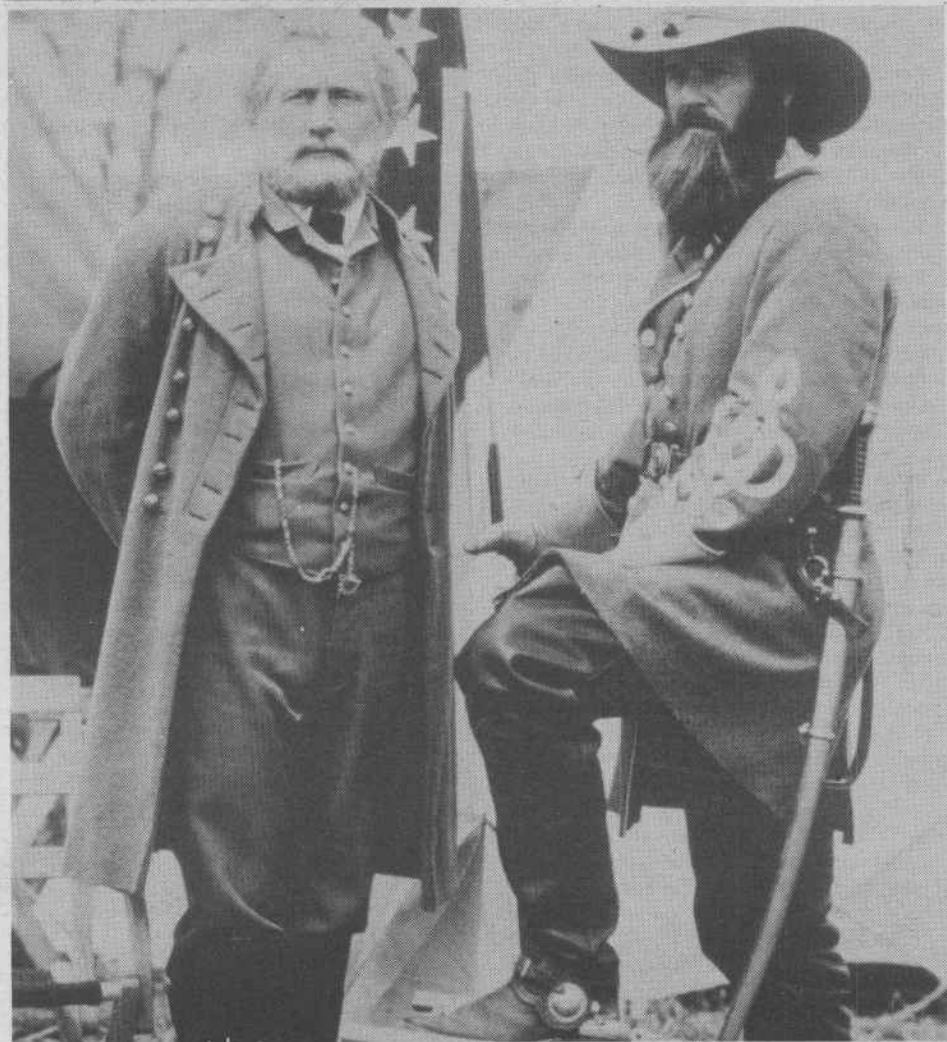
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CIVIL WAR EPIC— Lieutenant General James Longstreet (Tom Berenger, right) and General Robert E. Lee (Martin Sheen, left) discuss battle plans in the Civil War film, 'Gettysburg.'

'Gettysburg' Is a Monumental Film That Leaves You Breathless

By Terry Boughner

It is being billed as the extravaganza of the decade, a harking back to the era of epic films like *Ben Hur* and *The Ten Commandments*. It is all of that and more. For one thing, *Gettysburg* is a monumental film that leaves you absolutely breathless whether you know the story or not.

In June of 1863 two of the mightiest armies ever seen on the North American Continent, groped their way north. The Army of Northern Virginia under command of General Robert E. Lee was seeking to take pressure off besieged Vicksburg and, hopefully, to panic Lincoln and Secretary of War Stanton into making peace.

The Army of the Potomac under General George Meade was moving on a parallel course, positioning itself between the Confederates, and Washington and the eastern cities.

Each army had probes out because, separated by South Mountain, neither knew exactly where the other one was. It was thus, on July 1, that a Union advance force under Brigadier General John Bedford ran into a Confederate force just to the west of a little Pennsylvania town called Gettysburg, along the Chambersburg Pike (now Rt. 30).

The main armies concentrated as quickly as might be for a battle that neither of them expected, but one that would prove to be one of the bloodiest and most fiercely fought in American history.

The film pays relatively little attention to the burning questions for which they fought and died. Instead, it concentrates on the human tragedy of men flinging themselves across sunlit fields into a seething cauldron of miniballs, shrapnel and bayonets in what, regardless of the cause for which they fought, is high, sweeping drama that is guaranteed to hold you to your seat.

Lee, one of the film's centerpieces is most often seen as a god-like figure, a military genius with a divine spark. In *Gettysburg*, where he is played by Martin Sheen, he takes on the character of Hamlet, burdened with guilt, at times self serving, and prone to searching introspection. I find the interpretation fascinating.

It is General James Longstreet played

by Tom Berenger, who has the "spark," if spark there be that we look for in great leaders. It is he who is the "Prime Minister" to Lee's constitutional king.

Gettysburg was filmed on location and is as historically accurate as it can be. Perhaps for that reason or maybe something else, it makes you feel like you're actually there as films, for me, anyway, seldom do. It's so real that I found myself actually looking for my great grandfathers and had to remind myself that I wouldn't see them. This was, after all, "only a film."

The Battle of Gettysburg did not end the war. Arguably it wasn't even the turning point, not by itself, anyway. But when the Confederates lost Gettysburg on July 3 and Vicksburg the following day, there was a glimmer of hope in the North. Enough hope so that in November, Lincoln would come to Gettysburg to announce in his speech there that he was returning the Union to constitutional government.

Regardless of the actual historical significance of Gettysburg, this is one hell of a good film, one where the superlatives actually fit. Go see it. You'll enjoy it.

'La Ronde' to Open Boulevard Season Oct. 29

[Milwaukee]— The Boulevard Ensemble opens its eighth season by staging Arthur Schnitzler's demi-comedy of desire *La Ronde* October 29 through November 21 at the recently expanded Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic. Performances are Thursday through Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

In keeping with its on-going commitment to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and other local organizations, the Ensemble will donate 10% of all ticket sales for the entire run of the play to MAP. Last year, the Ensemble raised over \$500 for MAP from the presentation of *The World is Lit by Lightning* by Tennessee Williams. Similar fundraisers by the Ensemble have raised money for Hope House Shelter and the Waukesha Women's Center.

For ticket and other information, call (414) 672-6019.

'M. Butterfly' Carries Intensity of Passion, Fantasy, Deception to Film

By Geno

The multiple meanings of *M. Butterfly*, the Tony Award winning play by David Henry Hwang, grow even more complex with the transfer of his play to the screen. This powerful film directed by David Cronenberg, tests even further the shifting boundaries between reality and illusion.

M. Butterfly was inspired by a true story that created a sensation when it became public in 1982. It concerned a minor functionary at the French Embassy in China who fell in love with a beautiful singer and dancer from the Beijing Opera. When they became lovers, she taught him the art of Chinese love making and presented him with a son.

For over 20 years the Frenchman remained obsessed with his love despite transfers to Paris and Outer Mongolia, and the two lovers managed to meet even when the singer was sent during the Cultural Revolution to work in the mines together with other artists and intellectuals.

Reunited in Paris in the 1980's, the Frenchman, at the behest of his lover, began to spy for the Chinese, and both were eventually brought to trial. At this point it was revealed that the female singer/dancer really was a male. The Frenchman professed to be as surprised as everyone at this shocking revelation.

David Hwang, not concerned with the obvious questions (Was this guy a boob? A homo? Didn't he know that men played women's roles in Chinese theatre?) fashioned this bizarre story into a romantic depiction of the many faces of love.

Now, Playwright Hwang and director Cronenberg have magnificently overcome the problems of shifting to the cinematic medium and have maintained the intensity of passion, fantasy and deception.

The play told its tale against a swirling abstract stage setting using Oriental screens and the conventions of Chinese theatre to convey changes in scene and time. The movie, conversely, can actually show the Red Guards in action, the student rebellions in Paris and the lovers picnicking on the Great Wall of China — telling contrasts with the erotic, sensual interior scenes.

Jeremy Irons as the obsessed Frenchman (Rene Gallimard) conveys the character as a man searching for the ineffable, observant, and sympathetic of a

culture different from his own. His face grows even more expressive as he ages.

John Lone spent his early years training in the strict disciplines of the Peking Opera and he brings a genuine authority to his characterization of an opera diva, but he is most affecting as the quiet, retiring Chinese lover who enslaves her master.

It is fascinating to watch these two consummate actors playing the ever-changing roles that lovers assume. The scene in which Song Lilong, naked before his lover confesses, "Yes, I invented myself, but it was me always," is poignant and touching.

You'll leave the theatre humming *Un Bel Di* from *Madama Butterfly*, Puccini's music which comments ironically and beautifully on the story.

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Other dimensions were added to the story of *M. Butterfly* when Barbara Walters recently interviewed Bernard Boursicot and Shi Pei Pu, the original lovers of the story. (The names were changed for the play and movie).

M. Boursicot comes across as an affable, almost comic, fellow who still maintains that he truly believed that his lover was a woman, a perfect woman. He seems to be saying, "I still can't believe it myself."

He gives various reasons for his deception — Chinese women are very modest; they prefer making love in darkness or in soft lighting. He bears no grudge, he says, and the impression is that he still loves Pei Pu.

Boursicot maintains that he is not Gay, but Barbara, as is her wont, reveals that he now lives in Paris with a male lover (a handsome, blonde Nordic type shown briefly on camera).

Pei Pu refused to talk about the affair. "It is all in the past." But he performed numbers in Chinese operatic costume, his face lined despite heavy makeup. The "son," it was later revealed, is a strapping young man who now works in Paris as a pastry chef and who lives with and supports Pei Pu. He was purchased as an infant by Pei Pu to pass as her child.

Curiouser and curiouser, as Alice said.

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'Throwing Roses' Is State Native Elizabeth Ridley's First Novel

By Geno

Elizabeth Ridley, a Wisconsin native, has announced the publication of her first novel, **Throwing Roses**, by the Permanent Press (great name for a publisher!).

Ridley has set the opening scenes of her novel in a Milwaukee blue collar neighborhood. With a sharp eye for telling details, she realistically depicts Branda Raggan's slow convalescence from injuries received in an auto accident. Her mother, "all brassy red hair, gold earrings and lipstick," takes Branda to live with her above the Bloody Mary saloon which she owns.

Ridley captures the despair and depression that Branda feels under the smothering attentions of her mother, and when the latter has Cash, her young lover, move in, the situation grows unbearable.

Mother produces a surprise, a happy solution she thinks — a trip to England, a Special Assistance Holiday "for people who need a little extra help."

Branda despises being treated as a cripple because of her leg brace and when the sad group arrives in London, her luggage does a disappearing act and so does Branda.

She wanders the streets, eventually landing in the Tate Gallery where she meets Lady Sabrina, an aging six-foot-five-inch tall male transvestite who takes Branda under his/her wing.

In the life these two fashion for themselves, it is fascinating to see Lady

U.S. Senators Introduce Hate Crimes Legislation

[Washington, D.C.]— On October 7, Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-CO), Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), Daniel Inouye (D-HA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) introduced legislation that would dramatically increase the penalties for Gay bashing and other bias related crimes.

The bill, the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act, was passed by the House of Representatives on September 21, 1993.

Similar legislation died in the closing days of the last Congress when Senator Jesse Helms (D-NC) voiced opposition to the bill. Helms is expected to object to the inclusion of "sexual orientation" in the bill.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has begun a "full court press" to get this bill passed. "We are going to do our very best to create an effective coalition that will defeat Helms on this bill, just as we did when he opposed the nomination of Roberta Achtenberg," said HRCF's Tim McFeeley.

The 80,000 member HRCF leads the fight for Lesbian and Gay equality on the federal level. People interested in joining HRCF should call (202) 628-4160 for more information.

Right Wingers Win 7 Victories at Polls in Oregon

[Portland, OR]— The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a far Right Christian group, is celebrating a clean sweep at the ballot box in September. Six cities and one county approved anti-Gay rights measures during September 21 special elections. Despite the fact that a state law prohibits enforcement of such measures, OCA backers say they're thrilled by the results, which included a 77-23 percent victory in the timber town of Sweet Home.

Activists in Oregon say the results are not surprising. Each of the cities and the county approved last year's Measure 9, an OCA-sponsored state-wide initiative that sought to declare homosexuality "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse."

Oregonians rejected Measure 9 by a 56-44 percent vote. Nevertheless, OCA is sponsoring a watered down version of Measure 9 for the 1994 November ballot.

The proposed statewide measure bans local governments from granting "minority status" to Lesbians and Gay men, and forbids localities from spending public funds to "promote or express approval of homosexual behavior."

Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Oregon has filed suit challenging the OCA's local initiatives.

Sabrina take on the role of Branda's mother. Non-judgmental, worldly wise and not afraid to be different, the Lady becomes the kind of mother Branda needs at this time. Their conversations and shared activities constitute a major section of the novel.

The novel takes an unexpected turn when Branda meets Sam, a young woman who sells roses at the Club Babaloo where Lady Sabrina performs as a dancer. To Branda's surprise, she and Sam begin a Lesbian relationship and an emotional triangle develops. At novel's end, Branda is leaving London... "...Frozen in time between these two lives." This equivocal, "Lady or the Tiger?" ending has long been considered an author's copout, and it is disappointing to see it used here.

The final section of **Throwing Roses** seems sketchy requiring the reader to exercise a liberal amount of willing suspension of disbelief. The opening section of the book, in contrast, is the strongest with its realistic presentation of Branda's state of mind.

Equally convincing is the portrayal of the growing mother-daughter relationship between Branda and Lady Sabrina. It would have been worth knowing what happened next — Sam or Sabrina?

Editor's Note: Ms Ridley will be reading from and signing copies of **Throwing Roses** at AfterWords Bookstore, 2710 N. Murray in Milwaukee, on October 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Rib Lake School District Wins Arts Censors Award

[New York]— The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in late September, named the 1993 Arts Censors of the Year, a dubious award bestowed upon those who have shown exceptional disregard for the First Amendment. The awards were announced in observance of Banned Books Week.

Among the recipients of the awards, which included Jesse Helms, was the Rib Lake School District of Rib Lake, Wisconsin.

According to the award, "an irate principal confiscated a student's copy of Judy Blume's novel, **Forever**, a tale of teen love, then proceeded to hold closed school board meetings to discuss the removal of the book from the school."

'In the Life' T.V. Series Returns With All-New Season October 28

[Milwaukee]— "In the Life," television's only continuing series devoted to Lesbian and Gay life, returns this fall with an all-new season of entertaining and lively half hour programs spotlighting comedy, music, politics, the arts and a full range of Gay and Lesbian issues.

The season opener, premiering October 28 on Channel 10 in the Milwaukee area, celebrates Gay Pride-Great Performances with a line-up of some of the best musical and comedy performances from Gay pride celebrations held across the country last summer.

Musical guests on the fast-paced show, which was taped everywhere from Seattle to San Francisco, New York to Northampton, include singer-songwriter Janis Ian, who performs her hit "At Seventeen"; playwright Harvey Fierstein and jazz great Diane Shurr, performing

'Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Vampire Stories' Is Published

[Pittsburgh, PA]— Sexual and seductive, violently jealous, the Lesbian vampire enralls every Lesbian she meets — and anyone else who happens to catch a glimpse of folklore's quintessential bad girl. In fact, the Lesbian vampire is so terrifyingly and deliciously wicked, so powerfully ancient and alluring, that even vampire buffs have tried to keep her under wraps.

So argues Pam Keesey in the introduction to **Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Vampire Stories**. For nearly a decade, Keesey has tracked down the Lesbian vampire, uncovering her often disguised presence in folkloric traditions, the bible, Hollywood cinema, and even in Bram Stoker's masculinization of a 16th Century Hungarian countess — whom Keesey reveals as the real basis for the modern Dracula story.

According to Keesey, Lesbian vampire stories are read "not only for their wealth and breadth and for the unique and original ways in which Lesbians are using vampire lore to recast myth, but also because of the historical role the Lesbian vampire has played in the development of vampire lore as such."

Vampirologist Keesey's search for her quarry turned up hundreds of Lesbian vampire stories. **Daughters of Darkness** presents the best of these, representing the work of the most popular authors of Lesbian erotic fiction writing today.

For example, Jewelle Gomez finds Lesbian vampires in the anti-bellum South in "Louisiana 1850. Renowned mystery writer Katherine V. Forrest imagines the Lesbian vampire cruising the galaxies in her charming reinvention of the Flying Dutchman ("Oh Captain, My Captain").

Daughters of Darkness also includes the controversial Pat Califia ("The

'Talley's Folly' Auditions Set at Boulevard

The Boulevard Ensemble will hold public auditions for its December production of Lanford Wilson's tender comedy **Talley's Folly** on Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31, and on Monday, November 1 at the Boulevard Theatre 2252 S. Kinnickinnic. Auditions for Saturday and Sunday are from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Monday audition is from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Auditions are by appointment only. Call (414) 672-6019.

Vampire") and the Lesbian erotica favorite Robbi Sommers ("Lilith")

Keesey, a Minneapolis native, will be reading and signing her book at AfterWords Bookstore in Milwaukee on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 P.M.; Madison's Room of One's Own on October 28 and will be at Borders in Minneapolis on October 29 (all just in time for Hallowe'en).

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The Women's Clinic receives clients on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Beginning January 1, 1994, the Women's Clinic will change its schedule and move to Thursdays with hours from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. each week.

The Women's Clinic is operated by women practitioners and support staff. It offers well-women exams, screening for cervical cancer (PAP smears), diagnosis and treatment of urinary infections as well as common vaginal infections and sexually transmitted disease testing, diagnosis and treatment.

While this clinic serves all women, Lesbians are especially encouraged to use its services. Volunteers are also very urgently needed to staff the expanded schedule. Volunteer opportunities include desk work, intake, computer data entry and chart completion. People with health

care skills, such as physicians, nurses and nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, lab technicians and phlebotomists are also welcome to volunteer.

If you are interested in helping to provide this important service, please call BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144 Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to get further information and leave your name for the Women's Clinic manager to contact you.

In addition to the Women's Clinic, BESTD also offers a range of health care services to the Lesbian community, including anonymous HIV antibody testing, STD diagnosis, testing and treatment and support groups. While BESTD throughout its history has had special expertise and sensitivity to serve Lesbians, Bi and Transsexuals and Gay men, it welcomes without reservation volunteers and clients without discrimination of any kind.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Shame on the Gay Rights State; Too Many Voted for Discrimination

By Bill Meunier

The battle for non-discrimination in the military has now moved out of the White House and Capitol and into the Court-house.

Some say that the vote of our elected representatives on this issue should be permanently used as litmus test of whether or not we will support them in the future. I agree.

What has actually happened is that a group of mostly white men have decided that we are second class citizens. The measure they passed didn't even go the pitifully small distance that Clinton did. They flat out said that we couldn't be trusted to defend our country.

Keep in mind that members of Congress had ample information from independent Pentagon commissioned studies showing that lifting of the ban on Gays and Lesbians would do no harm. In fact there was not one shred of hard evidence that supported keeping the ban in place.

I don't know about you, but I am not inclined to vote for anyone who when faced with choice of continuing bigotry and discrimination and ending it, chose to continue it.

There are some (mostly members of the Log Cabin club) who say that the Democrats have let us down. To some extent they are correct. But they forget to tell you that nearly half the Democrats in the House voted to end discrimination, but only 12 Republicans joined them.

One of those Republicans was Wisconsin's Steve Gunderson. Gunderson gave a speech that constituted an impassioned appeal for equality. He talked about his career was nearly ruined by someone who had "outed" him. He wondered how many other good Gays and Lesbians in the military, serving the public, and doing good jobs are facing the same prospect.

Unfortunately, the only Wisconsin representatives to join Gunderson were Congressman Tom Barrett and Senator Russ Feingold.

It seems incredible that only three of

the Gay Rights state's eleven federal legislators voted to uphold equality. It is particularly disturbing because none of these men would have been in political trouble had they chosen to end bigotry.

Congressmen Kleczka, and Obey are generally considered to be liberals. Both are so entrenched that they have nothing to fear from any potential opponent, yet they voted for bigotry. Congressman Scott Klug, represents liberal Dane County. A vote against the bigots would not have cost him politically. Like Kleczka and Obey, Congressman Toby Roth and Sennsenbrenner are also well entrenched.

The point is that none of these men had to worry about political consequences for doing the right thing. In fact no candidate who voted for Gay rights in the State Assembly or the State Senate has ever lost because of their votes on our issues. These men voted their consciences and their consciences told them to be bigots.

Special note has to be made of Peter Barca's vote. Barca won a special election just a few months ago. His victory margin was a few hundred votes.

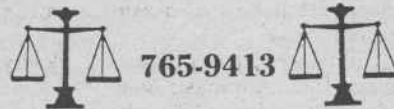
During his campaign, Barca promised that he would support an end to discrimination against us in the military. One of his campaign staff members contacted me to ask for help. This staff member repeatedly referred to official statements from then candidate Barca to vote against continuing the policy of discrimination in the military contrasting them with the homophobic statements made by his opponent.

Barca was heavily supported by Gays and Lesbians from throughout his district. Yet on his first vote of importance to Gays and Lesbians he went back on his word and betrayed them.

Should Barca again be involved in a close contest in November of 94, he and his people should look elsewhere for help. A choice between an openly homophobic candidate and a closeted one is no real choice. Gays and Lesbians in his district would be well advised to look for a liberal Republican or a third party candidate.

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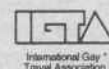
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That leaves Senator Herb Kohl. Kohl claims his vote was consistent with the President's position. Really? Then why did he vote against an amendment to the Defense Bill which would have left the issue in the President's hands? Someone ought to tell Kohl that President REAGAN is no longer in office.

Barca and Kohl would do well to realize that we are no longer in a situation where only a few candidates for office are supportive of Gay and Lesbian rights. We can choose which race to get involved in.

The days when our choices are to give time and money to candidates who are lukewarm to us or sit on the electoral sidelines are over. Peter Barca and Herb Kohl may learn that painful lesson come November, 1994.

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orientation.
"Sexual status alone is not sufficient to establish sexual conduct," wrote Hatter. McGuire believe that the amended order effectively closes all loopholes the military could use to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians.

The government promptly made an emergency appeal of the decision on October 1 to the entire 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, asking for an emergency stay of Hatter's injunction. On Friday, October 8, the Court denied DOD's request to either suspend or overrule the September 30 Hatter decision.

DOD General Counsel Jamie Gorelick said that the Pentagon would carry the case all the way to the Supreme Court. "We can't stay in this limbo," she said.

The President's "Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue" policy was scheduled to go into effect on October 1. On that day, the Pentagon ordered a delay in the implementation of this policy to await congressional action on the issue and deal with court challenges.

According to the Pentagon memorandum issued by Assistant Secretary of Defense Edwin Dorn, the military was ordered to end all discharges or other adverse actions against any service members or recruit "based solely on his or her homosexual orientation or statements of homosexuality. The result is that the Pentagon practice is almost exactly what Clinton pledged, as a

candidate, he would make it. If the government fails to get Hatter's injunction lifted, the ban will be lifted until the matter is decided by the Supreme Court.

McGuire is optimistic, saying that a Supreme Court challenge could take "a long, long time." To put it simple, he said, the military cannot implement any Gay ban while the Hatter's order is in place.

"I think that they (the government) will have a lot harder time defending the Gay ban in court if they are able to get by without one being implemented," McGuire said.

Gay Reaction

In New York, Kevin M. Cathcart, Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said Hatter's ruling "goes a long way in providing protection" for Gay service people, but he urged caution rather than celebration.

Cathcart also expressed perplexity over why the Administration is appealing Hatter's order. "The President should declare victory," he said, "because the court is saying he was right in January."

A spokesman for the White House, E. Roy Wilkins, the lawyer handling the appeal, said that the President was only defending the compromise worked out with Congress. "When the President announced the new policy in July, he stated that this was the right and best way," Wilkins said.

McGuire expressed caution about the lifting of the ban. "If you come out right

now, you are protected," he said. He added that if the injunction is overturned, "the old policy goes into effect."

The Latest

As we go to press, it has been reported that the Pentagon will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to delay enforcement of Hatter's order.

"We will seek extraordinary relief from the Supreme Court," said Pentagon spokeswoman Kathleen deLaski. DeLaski did not indicate when the Administration's appeal would be filed.

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Baker has been commissioned by the Foundation to personally supervise the production of the flag. He will oversee the joining of more than 17,000 square yards of fabric.

Those who wish to support "Raise the Rainbow" and help carry the flag in New York are asked to register with a tax deductible contribution of \$50 or more to the Stadlanders Foundation. The first 10,000 people to register for the event will receive a commemorative strip of the flag following the march.

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Jamakaya, Baldwin To Speak at State AFL-CIO Confab

Manitowoc — Wisconsin Light columnist Jamakaya will be a featured speaker at the 13th State AFL-CIO Women's Conference, which will be held at the Holiday Inn-Manitowoc (I-43 and U.S. 151) on October 22 and 23.

A noted feminist historian, Jamakaya will present a slideshow called "Norma Rae's Sisters: Women in Labor History" on Friday night at 8 p.m. On Saturday morning at 9:00, she will present the findings of the Women of Wisconsin Labor Oral History Project, a study in which she interviewed 26 women active in their unions from the 1930's to the present.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin will also be on hand for a workshop called "Understanding Gay and Lesbian Rights as Worker's Rights." Workshops on sexual harassment, non-traditional jobs for women and the right wing's threat to the labor movement are also scheduled.

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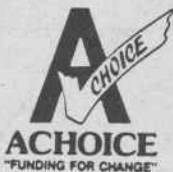
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I'm looking to meet some people to hang out (or whatever) with. I've got dark features, a moustache, and blue eyes. Be good and leave me a message so I can get back to you. **Box# 7313**

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27 yrs old, 5'11", 165 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes. I'm new at this, but very curious and willing to learn. If you're interested, I hope you'll call. **Box# 9779**

Looking for a bi or GWM, 25-35, who is in very good shape, good-looking, and likes to have fun. Why don't you give me a call. **Box# 9886**

Dave, 5'10, 180, solid muscle, 28, blonde hair, blue eyes, ex-marine, construction worker, surfer, I will be in town for only a short while, if you are interested leave a message of what you are into. **Box# 3570**

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[Milwaukee]- The AIDS Action Council's Board of Directors has selected Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), to serve as chair of the Council's Public Policy Committee for the next year. Nelson was elected to the post at the September Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C.

This past year, Nelson, the only member of the Committee's Board from the Midwest, served as Co-Chair of the Committee with the Executive Chair of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City.

The Washington-based AIDS Action Council is the nation's most powerful AIDS lobby dedicated to influencing federal AIDS policy. The Public Policy Committee formulates the policy initiatives and prioritizes the policies that the AIDS Action Council implements.

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meeting between Representatives and the Superintendent on issues of importance to the community.

In addition, Baldwin will be attending a meeting with Madison Police Chief Richard Williams on October 27. The meeting has been organized by The United and will be attended by other members of the Lesbian/Gay community. There will be a report next issue.

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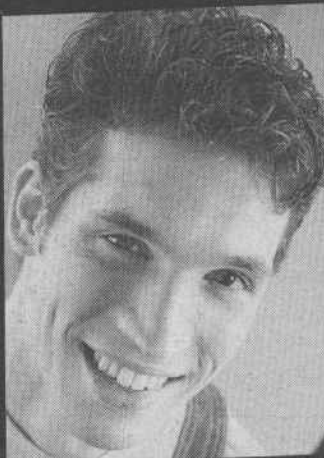
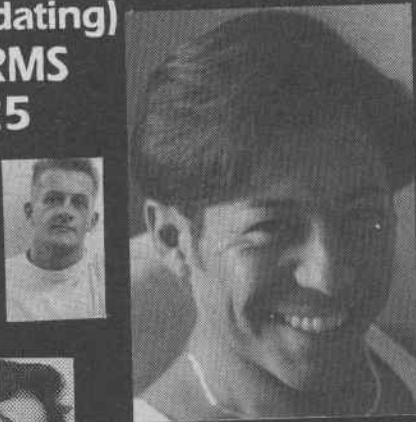
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The History of Our Movement Began Long Before Stonewall

By Jim Kepner

A police raid at the Stonewall Inn in June, 1969 in New York City set off an unprecedented riot in Greenwich Village, seen now as the start of the Lesbian/Gay movement for equality and freedom. Yet this is not so. By the time of Stonewall, the movement was already some 19 years-old.

By June, 1969 when Stonewall took place, the Mattachine Society, **One, Incorporated**, and the Daughters of Bilitis, all California-based were 19, 17 and 14 years-old respectively. Dr. Kameny in D.C. and Barbara Gittings in Philadelphia had been fighting military and civil service discrimination for 12 years. Four national conferences of homophile organizations, starting in Kansas City in February, 1966, had involved some 40 groups.

San Francisco's **SIR** had helped elect Dianne Feinstein and Willie Brown. **The Advocate** was two years-old. The Metropolitan Community Church was eight months old and its pastor, Troy Perry, had led two public marches. Dignity had started and there were Young Turks who, before Stonewall, were already calling the old groups stodgy and irrelevant.

Stonewall: Not the Cornerstone, but the Cap

Stonewall topped four years of rising militance. Coming during the Peace-Hip-New Left-Civil Rights-Anti-War-Counter Culture uprisings, it broke sharply with our earlier middle class style. That's why many often call our post-'69 movement "Gay Lib," and the earlier movement "Homophile."

But why did we wait so long? Most Gays who I talked with in the 1940's, really seemed to believe that we were sick, sinners or both. Organizing seemed irrelevant; we'd all be arrested anyway, so what was the use?

Organized or not, we've always been around. There have always been clusters of Gays, queens, bars that welcomed us, hustlers and johns — and places where men had clandestine sex.

For example, cruising around Milwaukee's riverfront dated back to the 1880's. The first "Gay" bar in Milwaukee of which I can find evidence was down on Water Street, near the river. You can find similar examples in other cities.

But despite all that, there was no sense of community, no desire to organize — except for very private parties of "particular people."

The one exception to the "hidden Gays" is the queens. They were out, often very out, but the problem was that "fastidious" Gays wouldn't or couldn't identify with them.

Bohemians and Rebels

Prior to 1950, Lesbians and Gays were like scattered icebergs in a warming sea; shifting clusters of half open writers and artists, circles of women testing the limits of freedom and intimacy, cliques of sailors, loggers, ranch hands and cowboys and other refugees from the settled life.

These and others like them wore other labels: bohemians, reformers, aesthetes, rebels. Women were in "Boston marriages." Men were "confirmed bachelors." But out of all that, a community would gestate.

I entered Gay life, such as it was, in 1943. I have letters from those times, letters from such as Henry Gerber, Monwell Boyfrank and Frank McCourt, all talking about our problems then.

Gerber, who had worked in the older German homophile movement, started Chicago's Society for Human Rights in 1924 and published its newsletter, **Friendship and Freedom**. He ran a pen-pals club in the 1930's; worked on a small half-Gay magazine in 1934; worked later with **One** and the Mattachine Society.

He saw our cause as part of the war against religious superstition and wrote the first article I ever read defending homosexuality. A friend of his planted young Harry Hay's resolve to organize.

McCourt shared a large house with many companions, inspiring them with his enthusiasm for Gay literature and history. He used a New York Rocket experimenters group for Gay contacts and prayed with Gay soldiers about to be shipped overseas in World War II.

Boyfrank, a jolly frontier type, felt that all men wanted to play around with other men. He found sex contacts everywhere, but yearned for federated families, as he called them; families of free-thinking men clustered in contractual support

communities. He'd been circulating his manuscript advocating the buddy system in the Army and Coast Guard since 1925.

Their bombastic letters to anti-Gay papers often got printed. None questioned his own premises or realized how basic their disagreements were. In this, they were no different from our "leaders" now.

A 1943 pen pal from Rhinelander, Wisconsin, told me of something called the Sons of Hamidy, a group supposedly led by highly influential men who planned to win our rights quickly by back-room influence.

I was then living in San Francisco and held a meeting of interested friends to discuss the matter. That got me investigated by Naval Intelligence.

My Rhinelander friend later admitted that the Sons of Hamidy was just a dream. But I held to that dream and began collecting books, papers, anything I could get about Lesbians and Gays. The collection grew into the International Gay and Lesbian Archives.

Bar Raids and Fear

I moved to Los Angeles in 1943 and learned to fear the cops. I could be and often was stopped on the street by a cop who asked me if I was "queer." The consequences of saying "yes" could be brutal. Thus, like many Gays and Lesbians, I dug into my closet and, like them, stayed there.

Now and again you could shed your mask at a bar or private party — but even in those places, we feared raids, when dozens would be led off to jail. Many were beaten savagely.

I remember seeing a bar raid at the Black Cat, a venerable bohemian Gay bar in San Francisco. I remember hiding shame-faced in the doorway, watching cops lead out a dozen handsome huskies (such as would later be called San Francisco clones) and a dozen drag queens.

The clones went off in a hang-dog way, but the queens set up a furious fuss. I can still hear one scream at the cops, "Don't shove, bastard, or I'll bite you're fuckin' balls off!" I remember too how proud I felt.

Those not arrested might briefly show anger, but more often did not. The attitude seemed to be that the victims had "asked for it." If they were so "flagrant, the cops wouldn't bother us," they seemed to say. Futility, we wished things could be like ancient Greece.

3,000 Arrests A Year

Few Gays or Lesbians dared discuss the subject of being-Gay too openly. There were some hard-to-find books, but you could be arrested just for having them. Whitman, Carpenter, Emma Goldman and Radclyffe Hall inspired a few of us, but we didn't know of the 1896-1933 German movement.

Danger was ever present. The Los Angeles Police Department alone made 3,000 arrests of suspected Gays in one year. Gays I know reported being beaten and raped by the officers and guards.

But there were glimmers of hope. During the 1948 Presidential campaign, Harry Hay suggested founding a group called Bachelors for (Henry) Wallace. Those who seemed interested that night turned off after Hay read a long prospectus, proposing that "the hitherto suborned and silent androgynous minority" join the alliance of minorities and progressives.

But Hay's idea was not forgotten. In 1950, Hay was joined by Rudi Gernreich, Dale Jennings and others to launch the Mattachine Society in April of that year.

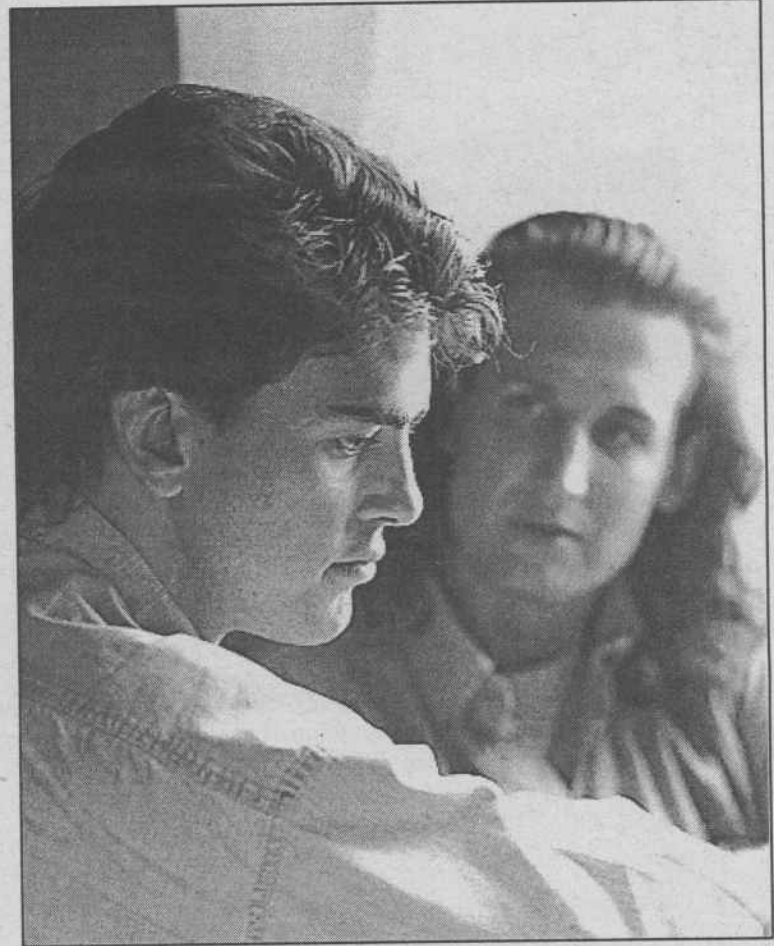
Many of the founders had a Marxist background and that scared some. But that philosophy gave them the tools of analysis that, in my opinion, were badly needed.

But Mattachine went far beyond that in its philosophy. Central to it was the idea that a minority community, any minority community, must learn to respect itself, build from its own resources its own institutions. That was the only way to win freedom. The Irish and the Blacks had already found that out and we, who were Gay and Lesbian, were about to discover that as well.

TO BE CONTINUED

Editor's Note: The writer is a resident of Los Angeles and has long been an activist in the Lesbian/Gay movement. The manuscript, from which the above is taken, is long and will be serialized with the author's permission, in **Wisconsin Light** as part of our build up to Stonewall '25 and our desire to acquaint Lesbian/Gay people with their own history.

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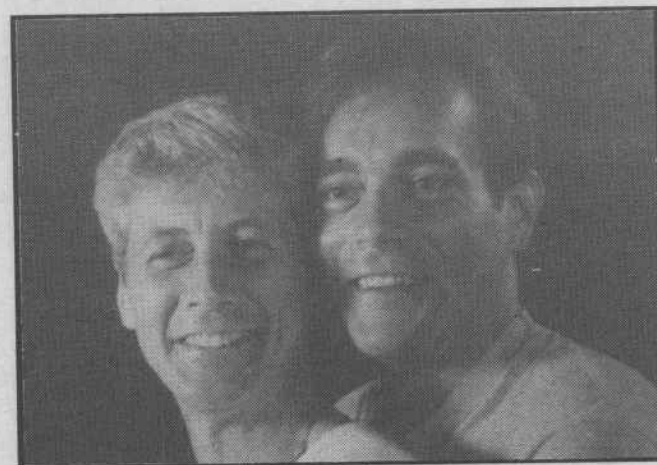
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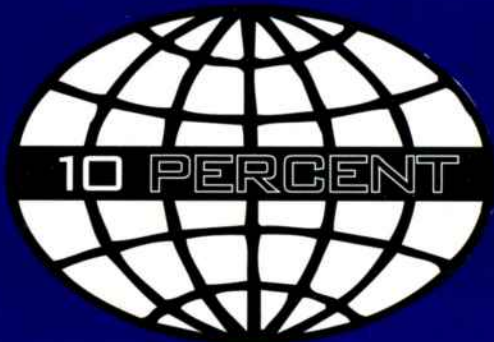
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