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The Wisconsin Light

Medical College Promotes Healthy Relationships

[Milwaukee]- The Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has launched a new program, "The Gay '90's: Having Healthy Relationships," which will focus on sex, dating, and relationship issues facing Gay men in the 1990's. Gay men who are sexually active and between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to participate in the special program.

Because most Gay men are already knowledgeable about the basic facts concerning AIDS, The Gay '90's is not just another AIDS education program. Instead, the program will focus on such issues as how to communicate health and safer sex interests to partners, dating and intimacy, development of safe relationships, handling risk pressures, and feeling more confident and proud practicing safer sex. In this way, The Gay '90's will address health issues from the perspective of relationship development, community and personal health, pride, and other themes of positive interest to most Gay men.

\$20 In Cash

Participants will be invited to attend either a 7-session group program or one half-day workshop program. Both programs are planned to be fun and interesting, allowing people to meet others in a friendly, casual atmosphere. The Gay '90's is a study intended to evaluate the best new approaches for HIV prevention in the 1990's. For that reason, men will be asked to participate in confidential interviews both before and several times following the program to assist in its evaluation. All men in The Gay '90's will be paid \$20 in cash each time they attend a group session or complete an interview.

The program, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and offered by MCW, employs numerous confidentiality safeguards including use of code numbers rather than names on interview questionnaires. Only MCW professional staff and other participants are present for meetings which will be arranged at convenient times and locations.

For more information, interested persons should call the MCW Community Health Behavior Program at (414) 287-4680 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and ask to talk with a Gay '90's staff member.

The Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin is one of the country's largest AIDS/HIV behavioral research programs and is located in Milwaukee. Studies conducted by the MCW program are intended to identify and evaluate new approaches for AIDS/HIV prevention, and other social health issues. Research of the Community Health Behavior Program is supported by nearly \$10 million in grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

National Democratic Convention Will Have Large Lesbian/Gay Presence

[Washington, D.C.]-As in 1989, so this year, there will be a large Lesbian/Gay presence at the Democratic Convention. The convention is being held at Madison Square Garden in New York City beginning on the 13th of this month.

According to Gay & Lesbian Voice '92, a coalition of Lesbian/Gay organizations, there will be an Action Center to facilitate the press and to coordinate the planned activities. Voice '92 is a coalition of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Included among the activities will be press conferences, daily caucuses of Lesbian/Gay delegates as well as receptions honoring Reps. Barbara Boxer, Barney Frank and Eleanor Holmes Norton among others. There will also be on-going protests and leafletting sponsored by ACT UP/NY against delegates from states with "irresponsible" HIV/AIDS policies.

Senator Kohl Joins AIDS Activists In Seeking Justice for Racine Death



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ALL THE WAY, MAE!—Madonna, playing outfielder "All the Way" Mae Mordabito of the Rockford Peaches, cheers on her team mates in Penny Marshall's hit movie A League of Their Own. See review on page 6.

Milwaukee Social Services Lagging; Central Agency Needed In Madison

[Milwaukee]- Few resources within the Gay and Lesbian community are available to the 120,000 Lesbian/Gay persons who live in the Milwaukee Metropolitan statistical area. Lesbians and Gay men are in need of help in terms of the social complications of their sexual orientation.

This, according to a new study just released by the New Era Institute, a Gay/Lesbian research body located in Milwaukee. The report, written by Robert Melig, Senior Institute Research Fellow, resulted from a study of all Gay/Lesbian groups in Wisconsin. The study is on-going.

The report finds that Gays and Lesbians using "straight" community resources have difficulty in the following areas:

They must be extremely knowledgeable in finding the resources; they will find it difficult to receive "sensitive" assistance; they may be subjected to a "merry-go-round;" and may become frustrated after such treatment.

Open Gay to Address Convention

Of special interest is the fact that on Tuesday, July 14, Bob Hattoy, an openly Gay man living with AIDS will address the convention. Hattoy will be the first openly Gay man to address either political convention. The address will take place Tuesday evening.

Among the large marches and demonstrations will be the "Take Back Our Lives March." This will be held on Monday evening, July 13 to protest the violence against women. For further info, call (212) 727-1902.

On Tuesday, July 14, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a massive march and rally sponsored by United for AIDS Action, a coalition of more than 140 organizations. The march will begin at Columbus Circle in downtown Manhattan and march to Times Square where the rally will be held. For more info, call (212) 337-1227.

However, the report says that when one is affected by a sexually transmitted disease, knowledgeable, competent and effective help is readily available and information on helping agencies is widely advertised. The information on these services is supported by 800 numbers for AIDS and outreach clinics by the Brady East STD Clinic.

Milwaukee Behind in Services

According to the report, Milwaukee lags behind cities of similar size in its development of Gay/Lesbian social services. However, the report does note that social services are the last to be developed by any community.

However, the study is up-beat regarding such services as Milwaukee does have. The report points to a few empires, inter-agency squabbles and other such things of the kind being experienced in Milwaukee.

The study points to the presence of a long-organized Community Foundation and other strengths as very positive factors for providing seed money and support for such services as they are developed.

Madison Is Ahead

Pointing to Madison's long-organized United, the study details various minimum structures that could be put into place without difficulty in Madison.

The report makes a strong recommendation for a central agency in Madison that could serve as a focal point for those in need. Such an agency would maintain referral capabilities for both current Gay/Lesbian groups and the straight helping community. It would maintain contact with "Lesbian/Gay sensitive" professionals of the straight community and would provide assistance to new comers to the area. The study strongly embraces the need for a trained and credentialed professional to head the agency.

Copies of the 19-page report can be obtained by writing: The New Era Institute, 3282 N. 46th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

[Milwaukee]- According to an ACT UP Milwaukee statement to the press, Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl has joined the AIDS activist organization in its campaign to win justice for Dennis Hill.

Hill is the Wisconsin man with AIDS who died after being held in the Racine County jail last November.

Hill was pulled over for a routine traffic offense on November 17, 1991 and subsequently held in the County jail for two nights. When case workers from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) arrived to care for Hill, they found that he had been severely neglected. He was lying in his own feces and vomit and partially clothed.

MAP workers took Hill immediately to the hospital, where he died several days later.

The FBI investigated the matter, believing that Hill's civil rights might have been violated. That investigation has been under review by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice for several months. The Division must decide whether to bring criminal charges against the Racine County officials responsible.

The Department of Justice first assigned the Hill case to Attorney Francesca Freccero with a docket number of 1-44-85-458. However, subsequent follow-up by ACT UP Milwaukee revealed that no action had been taken on the case. As a result, ACT UP Milwaukee contacted Kohl.

On May 16, Kohl wrote the U.S. Department of Justice expressing his interest in the Hill case.

In a letter dated June 12, 1992, Linda K. Davis, Chief of the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section responded to Kohl. Davis told Kohl that the Hill matter was still under review. She went on to write that "MAP and the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power can be assured that if evidence shows that there was a violation of federal criminal civil rights statutes, appropriate action will be taken."

On June 20, 1992, Kohl wrote to ACT UP Milwaukee telling them of the results of his earlier inquiry. "You can be assured of my continued interest in this matter," Kohl wrote. "I will contact you as soon as I receive further information."

In a statement to the press, ACT UP Milwaukee said that it hoped that Kohl's letter to Davis would "re-ignite proceedings and bring prompt action from the Department of Justice."

ACT UP Milwaukee To Go To Republican Convention

In another matter, ACT UP Milwaukee will be traveling to the mid-August Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas. There, members will join a national AIDS demonstration. The Milwaukee AIDS activist group has raised funds for two hotel rooms and transportation, and is inviting area activists to join them in protesting 12 years of Republican neglect.

ACT UP Milwaukee says it hopes its presence at Houston will help to firmly tie the Bush-Quayle ticket to the mishandling of the AIDS crisis in the eyes of the public.

Republican Mean Spiritedness

The group cites Bush's decision to attend a fundraiser for Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) instead of addressing the International AIDS Conference in 1990 as a "clear example" of Republican "mean spiritedness" in the face of AIDS. Traditionally, heads of state address the yearly gatherings.

ACT UP Milwaukee also condemns the Bush Administration for refusing to implement the recommendations of its own National commission on AIDS, continuing to dismiss AIDS as a "behavioral problem." According to ACT UP, the Administration continues to make "divisive distinctions" between