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# The Wisconsin Light

## Demonstration Planned By ACT UP At Racine Jail December 1

[Milwaukee]- ACT UP Milwaukee will demonstrate at the Racine County Jail on Tuesday, December 1, World AIDS Day. The AIDS activist group says that it is targeting the jail because of the mistreatment that Dennis Hill, a person with AIDS, received there last year.

Hill, pulled over by the Wisconsin State Patrol for a routine traffic offense, was taken to the Racine County Jail on November 16, 1991. While being held, Hill, as was reported to the workers from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), was left to lie in his own feces and vomit by his jailers. The Racine County Sheriff's report stated that Hill was initially refused medication.

Despite Hill's worsening condition, no attempt was made to transfer him to an outside facility. Hill's condition became so grave that when MAP workers won his release two days later, Hill had to be taken directly to the hospital where he shortly died.

ACT UP Milwaukee says that it reached its decision to hold a demonstration after nearly a year of frustration. An in-house investigation by Racine County Sheriffs refused to indict fellow officers. Racine County has failed to follow through with its stated goal of establishing AIDS education for county employees and has yet to significantly reform Jail policy.

As a result, ACT UP Milwaukee is making the December 1 action a regional project and is inviting near-by ACT UP chapters from Chicago and around the Midwest to participate.

## Rep. Frank Calls V.P. Quayle On Non-Discrimination Policy

[Washington, D.C.]- Given Vice President Dan Quayle's "obsessive effort" to impugn Governor Bill Clinton's honesty, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass) thinks that it is particularly ironic that Quayle is now conceding that he "lied" when he announced that he and George Bush had promulgated a policy preventing discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the federal government.

Frank said, "I was surprised to read that public statement by Mr. Quayle, but happy to see it nevertheless. Unfortunately, it conflicted with evidence I have received from people about anti-Gay and Lesbian discrimination in this administration. I therefore wrote to Vice President Quayle four weeks ago (September 18) asking for a copy of the policy so that I could advise people who wanted to invoke it."

In his letter to Quayle, Frank wrote, "Since you referred to a policy that you had implemented, I assume that it is either written down somewhere or can easily be summarized and sent along to me."

Frank said the letter was ignored. "I then called his Chief of Staff, William Kristol, and asked him about it," Frank said. "Mr. Kristol said he was unaware of my letter and he seemed equally unaware of the policy. I asked him to respond and he said he would."

Frank said that the phone call too was ignored.

"The continued refusal of Vice President Quayle and his staff to answer even the most basic question about this policy... confirm what many of us believed," Frank said. "That there is no such policy, and the Vice President simply fabricated it on the spot for the sake of political expediency."

"Vice Presidents who make things up should be more careful about accusing other people of lying," Frank said.

## UW-Eau Claire Attempting To Defuse Anti-Gay Harassment



Jerry Johnson

Presidential Hopeful— Governor Bill Clinton visited Milwaukee this month and gave a rousing twenty five minute speech before 10,000 people at the arena.

## Top Milwaukee United Way Brass To Meet With Boy Scouts' Councils

[Milwaukee]- On November 19, 1992, top officials of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee will meet with representatives of the three local Boy Scout Councils that receive money from the local United Way.

At that meeting, the Boy Scouts will be asked to formally present their policy regarding the banning of open Gays from membership or leadership positions within the Scouts.

It has been learned that the following United Way officials will attend the meeting: Dean Treptow, Chairman of the United Way Board; Steve Lundeen, Chair of the Planning and Allocations Division; Henry Monaco, President of United Way; Joe Schlangen, Director of the Planning and Allocations Division and Candy Walton, Public Relations Director.

### Neutral Stance

As reported in *Light*, Bill Lawrence, Director of United Way's Private Industry Council in a September 10 meeting of the Executive Council with Queer Scout members said that discrimination vs. non-discrimination as may be practiced by a funded agency was "not a decision that this Board is empowered to make." That was an issue for the courts and ultimately the Supreme Court.

However, as reported in the *Milwaukee Journal and Light*, at the October 13th meeting of the full Board, United Way, in the view of Queer Scouts, backed away from the neutral stance announced by the Executive Board. It was announced then that while United Way would continue to provide a total of \$800,000 to Milwaukee area Boy Scout Councils, the agency would also investigate restrictions against Gays. United Way disagrees that this is a backdown from a neutral stance.

Queer Scout members have said that United Way's Schlangen has told them that the November 19 meeting will be an "information gathering meeting." The Boy Scouts policy will be examined in the light of existing state and United Way non-discrimination policies.

A report of the findings will be made to United Way's full Board during their December 12th meeting. Allocation decisions for FY '93 will be made on December 15 by the Planning and Allocations Division.

### Queer Scouts' Reaction

Queer Scouts have reacted sharply to the latest news about United Way. "The Boy Scouts' policy of abuse towards and discrimination against Gays is well known and well documented," a Queer Scouts member said. "Clearly, there is enough evidence of discrimination for United Way

of Greater Milwaukee to justify defunding the Scouts." The Queer Scouts member accused United Way of "foot-dragging" which is "only designed to give the appearance of action."

Queer Scouts will continue to closely monitor the process. They have said that they welcome involvement from across the state.

## AIDS Names Quilt Panels To Be Shown In Oshkosh

[Oshkosh, WI]- The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is scheduled to visit Oshkosh in the Spring of 1993. The 800 panel section of the Quilt will mark the first display of the AIDS Memorial in the Fox Cities area, and is considered a major public education event by local AIDS organizations.

Sponsored by the East Central HIV/AIDS Organization (ECHO), the UW-Oshkosh Women's Center, and the Drug Abuse Correctional Center, the Quilt will be on display April 29-30 and May 1-2, 1993, at Kolf Sports Center on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

The Quilt began in 1987 as the brain child of a small group of San Franciscans seeking a way to express their loss and work through their grief. The idea quickly spread throughout the community and by the Fall of that year, 920 panels were displayed for the first time in Washington, D.C.

Today, well over 15,000 panels have been added and the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is continuously displayed around the world.

The "Patches of Life" theme chosen for the local display emphasizes the universal impact of HIV disease on families and individuals from all walks of life and allows a non-threatening, non-political education experience for all who participate.

All funds raised during the event go to direct client services, providing education, testing, counseling, hospice and health care services.

Community support is vital. Individuals interested in helping out may contact Volunteer Coordinator Denise DuBey at (414) 426-0577 or (414) 424-7254. Donations may be sent to: AIDS Memorial Quilt Project, c/o D.A.C.C., P.O. Box 36, Winnebago, WI 54985. Checks should be made payable to: East Central Wellness Project.

[Eau Claire]- In late August, 1992, just before the beginning to the school year at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, three young people, two women and a man, stopped one evening at a McDonald's. None of the three were Gay.

As they were going in, they were accosted by 15 teen-age boys who began calling the three 'fags.' There was further name-calling and a fight broke out.

Sharon Knopp, a human relations professor at the university who serves as faculty advisor to the Gay rights group GLOBE — Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals for Equality, told *Light* that when school took up the next month, September, a demonstration was held to protest the slurs and violence.

She told *Light* that over 150 people showed up, people from the university and from Eau Claire as well. "It was more than the organizers ever expected," she said enthusiastically.

Knopp went on to say that while things are quiet now, "nothing much has changed." The anti-Gay anger is still there. She keeps a pink triangle on her office door. It is torn down regularly and she has to keep a number of them on hand to replace the ones that are lost to the vandalism.

Still, she said, the majority of the community, both town and gown, are solidly against the violence.

"These are the people," she said, "who don't like to see two people of the same-sex walking across campus holding hands, but who are against violence against anyone."

She said that "this is the level of awareness" in the community. She felt that that was a small step in the on-going education process.

Knopp said that the university administration had been "very supportive" of the Lesbian/Gay students at GLOBE in their efforts at education, but "the angry people are still there." She described them as "a handful."

The Associated Press (AP) reported that outward intimidation of Gays on campus was "common." Knopp conceded this, saying that it was "mostly verbal."

### It's About Survival

The AP reports that many Gay students have become fearful of the intolerance they receive from their peers and residents of Eau Claire, a town of 57,000.

"It's not about politics anymore; it's about survival," a 21-year-old student from Minneapolis said who refused to give her name. "...My gut feeling is that someone is going to get hurt badly, or eventually someone here is going to get killed."

Some observers report that the reason for the violence and threats is because of higher Lesbian/Gay visibility.

"Homosexuality and bias have always been here," Knopp said. "I just think for Eau Claire it's a new issue to be dealt with publicly, and I think we're getting some backlash from that," she said.

Campus police say they have "opened their doors" to the Gay community, promising to respond immediately if they feel unsafe and offering escort services.

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