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State of Connecticut
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONN. 06106

REPRESENTATIVE IRVING J. STOLBERG
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

April 28, 1987

The Honorable David Clarenbach
Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Representative Clarenbach:

Thank you for your letter communicating to me Wisconsin's 1982 legislative victory prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual status in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

My colleagues will be debating this issue this week and I am sure that the opposing arguments and apprehensions cited during your legislative debate will certainly surface during ours. I am fully aware of all the arguments in support and in opposition to this measure and agree with you that by passing HB 7584 Connecticut's General Assembly will too establish an effective tool for combating discrimination on the basis of sexual status.

I appreciate your letter and encourage you to continue to share with me any legislative business which Wisconsin is conducting that may have impact upon Connecticut's General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Irving J. Stolberg".

Irving J. Stolberg
Speaker of the House

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MAY 27 REC'D

May 19, 1987

Office of Rep. David Clarenbach
Room 422 North
State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Representative Clarenbach and Staff,

Thank you very much for the time that you took to write letters to Connecticut legislators and to our governor in support of HB 7584, our state's proposed "lesbian/gay rights bill. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass this session. It passed the House (for the first time in the ten years that it has been introduced) by a vote of 79 to 68 and later passed the Senate in an amended version, 24 to 11. We finally lost it in a 73 to 73 tie vote when it returned to the House. By the time it died, however, it had been rendered unacceptable by the many amendments that had been tacked on.

Our major opposition came from the religious right, particularly from the Catholic Church. The governor, however, had made it clear (so we hear) that he did not want to see the bill on his desk. Obviously, his influence hurt our cause as well.

Your letters clearly made a difference for us in the House. The governor just happened to have been more of a lost cause than we had originally imagined!

Again, I thank you for your efforts. Jo Schlies, with whom I spoke several times, was tremendously helpful and I thank her in particular. It was a pleasure working with your office.

Sincerely,

Anne Stanback
CLGCR

Coalition for
Lesbian and Gay
Civil Rights

New Haven County
Regional Chapter

P.O. Box 2404
Branford
Connecticut

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David E. Clarenbach

S P E A K E R P R O T E M O F T H E A S S E M B L Y

March 4, 1987

COPY

Rep. Ron McCarty
Room H287 - State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Representative McCarty:

I am writing at the request of one of your constituents concerning Wisconsin's Gay Rights Law (Chapter 112). It is my understanding that the State of Oregon is considering passing similar legislation (HB 2325) and I hope the enclosed packet of information will be of help to you.

The law, which has been in effect for five years, protects one's right to privacy and restricts government involvement in people's private and personal lives. It bans discrimination against gays in employment, housing and public accommodations.

If I can be of further help to you, or if you should have any questions on the enclosed materials, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

David Clarenbach
State Representative

enc.

422 North, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702
608-266-8570

3/2/87

*send info (as per
request of a constituent)*

David --

Dick Wagner called with this message:

David McCartney (508-224-7701) received invite to 3/7 event. He's sending money. Has tried to reach you.

Oregon (state) is trying to pass gay rights law. He would like you to write a letter to:
Rep. Ron McCarty (Democrat)
Room H287 - State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

stating that the gay rights law has been in effect in Wisconsin for 5 years etc. Thought it might help. Their bill is HB #2325.

McCartney lived in Janesville and knows Wayne Wood. He's also writing Wayne to ask him to back-off on the Rawhide issue.

Jo

DAVID E. CLARENBACH
REPRESENTATIVE
78th District
(East and Central Madison)

Capitol Address:
422 North-State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702
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WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER
MADISON
53702

MEMBER:
Committee on Consumer Affairs
Committee on Elections
Committee on Administrative Rules
Committee on Judiciary

February 9, 1979

Dear Bob,

I want you to know of my support for the gay rights legislation currently being circulated for co-sponsorship by Congressman Waxman.

During the last state legislative session, I introduced similar bills to extend civil rights protection against discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations to individuals regardless of sexual orientation.

We were able to get another bill, the Sexual Privacy Act, to the floor for debate and it received preliminary approval early last session. While we had to delay final action (for a variety of reasons) until this session, it does show there is support for the concept even outside Madison. And of those 54 votes that helped to advance that bill, I'm unaware of any that had troubles because of it last fall.

While there may be a certain level of political liability in authoring legislation in the gay rights area, I felt that there was overriding importance in taking the lead in this case.

I'm sure it's a tough decision and I'm truly not trying to "twist your arm." I know your position and how you've voted in the past, and I very much appreciate that.

I just want to register my feelings on this with you. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David

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MEMBER:
Committee on Consumer Affairs
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Committee on Judiciary

November 3, 1978

Madison City Council
City-County Building
Madison, WI 53709

Dear City Council Members:

Reverend Pritchard's crusade to deny employment rights to gay people in Madison is cruel and repressive and must be defeated. The people of Madison have long championed minority rights and have always fought discrimination in every form. We are proud of our Equal Opportunities Ordinance which prevents people like Reverend Pritchard from denying basic human rights to minority groups he doesn't like or understand.

The issue of gay rights is charged with controversy. But like the struggle by blacks for civil rights in the 1960's and the struggle by women for equal rights in the 1970's, the struggle to protect gay people from discrimination today involves an affirmation of basic human rights.

I urge the members of the Council to reaffirm its support for Madison's Equal Opportunities Ordinance and to oppose every attempt to amend it. I strongly urge that Reverend Pritchard's petition for a referendum on the Ordinance be denied. Minority rights were never meant to be approved by popular vote. They are a fundamental tenet of a free and democratic society.

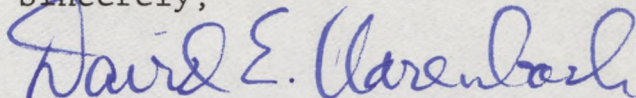
Because Madison's Equal Opportunities Ordinance is so important to minority groups within our community, I intend to use it as a model to develop and introduce legislation in the next session of the Legislature that will protect minority rights on a state-wide basis.

Specifically, I intend to introduce legislation that will:

1. Expand protection from discrimination in housing, employment, and the use of public accommodations to include prohibitions against discrimination based on marital status, handicap, economic status, educational status, and sexual preference. This will make Wisconsin's anti-discrimination statutes similar in scope to Madison's ordinance.
2. Establish a sexual privacy law that eliminates all existing penalties for sexual acts between consenting adults in private. The government and the law have no business interfering in the personal, private, sexual lives of Wisconsin citizens.

Reverend Pritchard's ugly crusade to divide this community and destroy what is a growing harmony among its diverse residents must not succeed. I plead with the City Council and the people of Madison to reaffirm support for the Equal Opportunities Ordinance so that all minority rights can be protected. Let us all work together to build a community that is tolerant of different people and different lifestyles so that every person is free to lead a meaningful and productive life with dignity and respect.

Sincerely,



DAVID E. CLARENBACH
State Representative

cc: Mayor Soglin

Gay Rights National Lobby

1606 17th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20009

(202) 462-4255

March 15, 1979

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The Honorable David E. Clàrenbach
The Wisconsin Legislature
422 North-State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear David,

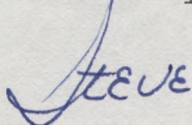
Thank you for the copy of your letter to Representative Kastenmeier. Your continued pressure and support is most helpful. Keeping the Representative informed of legislative actions in Wisconsin helps him to realize that this issue is moving not only here in Washington, but in Madison as well. Although he has indicated that he will support the Weiss-Waxman bill, the Representative has decided not to co-sponsor the bill.

I enjoyed speaking to you on the phone, and I hope that GRNL will be able to coordinate with Wisconsin legislative efforts by building a constituent network. Please feel free to call me for any support or assistance which you may need.

I hope to be able to visit with you in Madison sometime this Spring, if I can find a way to get there. Hopefully, I will be able to stop there on my way home to Minneapolis.

Thanks again for your help and hope we can continue to strategize.

Sincerely,



Steve Endean
Executive Director

IN THE

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

SITTING AT PITTSBURGH

MARCH TERM, 1979

Nos. 105, 106, 107, 108

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Appellant,

vs.

MICHAEL BONADIO, PATRICK GAGLIANO,
SHANNE WIMBEL, and DAWN DELIGHT
a/k/a MILDRED I. KANNITZ,

Appellees.

APPEAL FROM THE ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CRIMINAL DIVISION,
AT Nos. CC7901508A, CC7901507A, CC7901486A
AND CC7901489A, DATED JULY 6, 1979

**BRIEF FOR AMICUS CURIAE,
EROMIN CENTER, INC.**

DONALD J. MARTIN,
*Attorney for Amicus Curiae,
Eromin Center, Inc.,*

Suite 609,
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Swede and Airy Streets,
Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401
(215) 277-6772

Gay Rights
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May 14, 1976

Connie and Steve Dana
2657 Milwaukee Street
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dana,

Some time ago, you contacted me in opposition to legislative proposals dealing with marijuana, sexual activities between consenting adults, and reducing the age of consent.

Since this session of the Wisconsin State Legislature has now ended, I thought I should report back to you that they were, as I had predicted, not passed.

I appreciate your concern, and hope you will keep in touch with me in the future.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. CLARENBACH
State Representative

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March 16, 1976

Connie and Steve Dana
2657 Milwaukee Street
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dana,

I want to thank you very much for your letter which I received earlier this week concerning several proposals pending in the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Let me say first, that the first three proposals which you mentioned those relating to marijuana, sexual activities between consenting adults, and reducing the age of consent are definitely not going to be passed or even seriously considered in this session of the legislature. As you point out, they are exceedingly controversial and have absolutely no chance for passage.

However, on view number 4 I have to be very honest and that we have a disagreement on that point. The change in our contraceptive law has already been passed by the State Legislature by overwhelming votes in both houses, and I was with the majority in this case. Wisconsin was the last state in the United States to prohibit sale of ~~contraceptives to unmarried individuals~~, and I thought that it was good public policy to allow this change.

In any case, I really do appreciate your taking the time and effort to contact me in this direct fashion, and I trust that you will feel free to keep me informed in the future of your positions on other important issues.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. CLARENBACH
State Representative

DEC:js

2657 Milwaukee Street
Madison, Wis. 53704
March 10, 1975

Assemblyman David Clarenbach
112 North
State Capital Building
Madison, Wis. 53702

Dear Assemblyman Clarenbach:

Our friends, my husband, and I feel quite strongly about several of the issues that we hear discussed on television, radio, and in the newspapers. Instead of our just complaining amongst ourselves, my husband and I have decided to write you, in hope that you might be able to affect the desired changes we would like to see. We realize that some of the bills regarding these views or issues may already have been decided, but are mentioning them in case they have not yet been irrevocably decided in a manner contrary to our views.

My husband and I are Madison home owners and employees who vote at all the elections. We would certainly vote for you if you could get any bill (s) concerning the below issues, passed in a way favorable to our views. We would then urge our friends and relatives to vote for you, too. We realize our views may appear quite conservative for people in our mid-twenties, but none-the-less hope you will seriously consider them.

View #1: Please do not legalize marijuana or in any way cut down on the penalties for users or pushers of it!

View #2: We heard on the news Monday night that legislation was going to be passed making it legal for consenting adults to have sexual intercourse. This, I believe it mentioned, would repeal a previous law on the state statutes. We do not want this change to take place if at all possible! Please do not allow this talked about legal change to take place.

View #3: We also heard that legislators were considering changing the consenting adult age, in regard to view # 2, to fourteen years of age. We are very much against this! Please do not

vote for lowering the consenting age to fourteen. As it is, parents have very little ground to stand on in trying to affect good morals on their own children. If the age were lowered to fourteen, the parents' position would be even further undercut. Please don't let the consent age be lowered at all!

View #4: It may be too late already, but if it isn't, would you please vote against unmarried persons being able to purchase contraceptives in this state? Also please vote against contraceptives being able to be advertised on television or radio.

We are unsure as to whether or not you will even take the time to read this letter. However, we sincerely hope you will and that you will vote in ways favoring our views.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Gonnie and Steve Dana
(Concerned citizens and voters)

November 22, 1976

Mr. Roger Durand
Associate Editor
GPU News
P.O. Box 92203
Milwaukee, WI. 53202

Dear Rog:

Thank you for sending my the list of incumbent legislators who will support the Gay Rights legislation in the next session.

This will be most useful in getting sponsors and having our votes when it reaches the floor later next year.

I'll keep in touch on our activities.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. CLARENBACH
State Representative

DEC:js

GPU NEWS

P.O. Box 92203 • Milwaukee, Wis. • 53202 • Phone: 414-271-5273

September 17, 1976

David Clarenbach
26 N Franklin
Madison, WI 53703

Dear David,

Thank you for your recent note in your response to our questionnaire and congratulations on your primary victory.

I thought you might be interested in those candidates who answered our survey favorably and survived the primary.

In the Senate we only received two responses. Keppler sent a letter saying he would have to poll his people before he could make such a stand, and Douglas Farmer (GOP) from the 32nd District favors us right down the line.

In the Assembly we have:

Democratic

8th John Norquist
13th Michael Kirby
14th Robert Behnke
18th Marcia Coggs
25th Jim Moody (we worked hard for him)
37th Peter Bear
77th Marjorie M Miller
yourself
87th Robert Christopherson
33 others (both parties) did not win

Republican

7th Peter Neupert
25th Mark Wieklinski
26th Robert Seminara
27th Leo Wettstein
68th Gerald Ritsch
82nd Homer L Hanson
97th Bernard Lewison

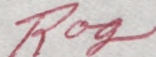
We are going to have a follow-up on this for the final election. Steve Leopold (26th) did not answer our survey, but called after the election to say he would support such legislation.

Surprisingly we only received two hate letters. One from Darlene Wink (GOP 21st) and an American Party candidate from Green Bay.

If there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know.

I sent you a copy of the Feb issue under separate cover.

Yours in liberation,



ROGER DURAND, Associate Editor

Gay Peoples Union, Inc.—
GPU Examination Center for VD—

GPU News—
GPU Hotline—

GPU Library—
GPU Speakers Bureau—

c/o The Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202

September 30, 1976

Ms. Ronee G. Messina
P.O. Box 3219
Madison, WI. 53704

Dear Ronee;

I just wanted to drop you a note to thank you for setting up the forum earlier this month on WORT.

While it was clear that Ed was really obnoxious, I think that that was the message that the audience received as well. I think we handled the situation as well as we could.

This sort of exposure for candidates is good not only for us but for the general public and I would hope that perhaps another forum could be set up for the general election candidates. What do you think?

In any case, thanks once again.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. CLARENBACH
State Representative.

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WORT

BACK PORCH RADIO 89.7 FM

P.O. BOX 3219
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53704

(608) 249-0111

August 30, 1976

David Clarenbach
517 E. Johnson Street
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear David:

This letter is to confirm the date of September 8, 1976 at 8:30 p.m. set for your show on WORT at 2049 Winnebago St.

We suggest that you arrive at the station 15 minutes early so that we can show you the studio and answer any questions you might have.

We have also enclosed a copy of our September program guide for you to look at.

If you have any questions before the date of your show please call me at 233-5103.

We look forward to having you on Back Porch Radio and thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Ronee G. Messina

Ronee G. Messina

January 17, 1977

Roger Durand, Associate Editor
GPU News
P.O. Box 92203
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Rog:

I thank you for your letter which I received yesterday concerning the status of the Gay Rights bills in the Legislature this session.

To respond to your specific questions:

- (1) I will be introducing the "consenting adult" bill which would decriminalize sex acts in private. Additionally, I will be introducing the civil rights acts to prohibit discrimination in the fields of housing, employment, and public accomodation. Also, please find enclosed a copy of Assembly Bill 69 which has already been introduced.
- (2&3) The proposals will probably be referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee which is being chaired by Representative James Rutkowski; however, this decision is in the hands of the Speaker of the Assembly.
- (4) I am waiting to introduce the decriminalization bill until a legislative council committee has a chance to review it. There is a chance that they may introduce the bill which would make it much more likely of being adopted this session. If they fail to introduce the bill themselves, I will be introducing it at that point. The committee hearings will certainly be held at some point in the next several months, and the proposals will then hopefully be referred out of committee for consideration on the Assembly floor.

I hope this is the information that you need- if not, get back to me immediately. I am hopeful that you people organizing in Milwaukee will keep in close contact with the activists here in Madison. It is absolutely essential that

Roger Durand
January 17, 1977
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our "Campaign" be well-coordinated this session, and it will take this sort of week by week communication to achieve our goal.

In any case, thanks for your letter, and let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,

DAVID E. CLARENBACH
State Representative

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GPU NEWS

P.O. Box 92203 • Milwaukee, Wis. • 53202 • Phone: 414-271-5273

10 January 1977

David E. Clarenbach
Assembly Chamber
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear David,

Now that you fellows are back in the swing of things, I'm wondering if you can tell at this stage:

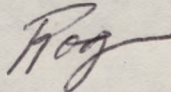
- (1) Who will be introducing the "consenting adult" bill
- (2) Which committee it will go before
- (3) The chairman (I hate the person business) of the committee
- (4) WHEN the bill will be put out?

If we are to be any help at all, we will have to know these things.

Thanks again for all your help and best wishes for a successful term.

By the way, if you want to receive the paper on a regular basis, just let me know and I'll put you on our list.

Warm regards,



ROGER DURAND, Associate Editor

NO PROPOSITION 6

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11/25

November 22, 1978

Mr. David E. Clarenbach
State Representative
123 W. Gilman Street
Madison, WI 53703

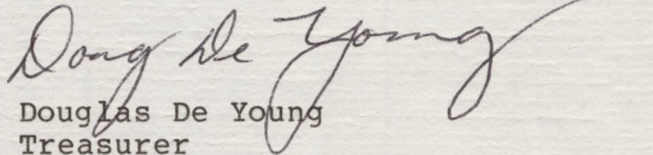
Dear Mr. Clarenbach:

With 58 percent of California voters saying NO, the Briggs Initiative was resoundingly defeated at the polls on November 7th -- a landmark victory for human rights and a mandate against discrimination.

Your contribution of \$5.00 was instrumental in the success of the NO ON 6 campaign.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Douglas De Young
Treasurer

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gay rights*

TO: The Board of Regents

DATE: March 23, 1979

Dear Regents:

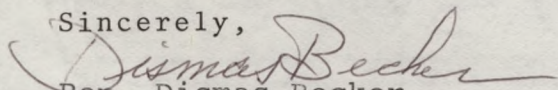
It has been brought to our attention that there has been a major effort by the UW-Milwaukee Gay Community and the United Council, to place an equal opportunity clause that would ban discrimination on the basis of "sexual preference" on your agenda.

It has also been brought to our attention that four UW system Universities have taken up this issue and have found it necessary to amend their Equal Opportunity statement to include "sexual preference" and request that the Board of Regents do likewise.

It is a well known fact that there is discrimination on that basis in almost every walk of life.

It is our sincere wish that you take this matter up and give it the immediate attention and consideration that it deserves.

Sincerely,


Rep. Dismas Becker

f: gay rights

3121 S Brust Ave
Milwaukee Wis 53207
July 9, 1980

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Dear Rep. David Clarenbach,

I wrote you several times in the past regarding gay rights, etc. (Have misplaced your address)

You are probably aware that Milwaukee passed a gay Rights Ordinance yesterday.

The Baptists here are mounting a petition drive for repeal. News Clips are enclosed.

I previously had asked if you could inform the State Tax people of this type of action since it appears to be a violation of the Separation of Church & State. It's a pretty sad mess if a group of Bible thumpers can succeed in such activities.

If the Tax Department refuses to act, then I think a new State law is needed to stop such activity by Church groups by revoking their tax exempt status.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to any success in this endeavor. Sincerely, Dave Kane

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City Council passes gay rights ordinance

The Milwaukee Common Council Tuesday adopted a controversial ordinance prohibiting job discrimination based on sexual preference — the so-called gay rights ordinance.

But the council did not do so without making clear that its approval in no way endorsed the practice of homosexuality.

Aldermen amended the ordinance to include the following: The "extension of these provisions does not in any way condone the practice of persons whose affectional or sexual preference is toward persons of the same gender. . . ."

The amendment was approved on a 9-7 vote.

The ordinance itself was adopted by an 10-6 vote. Voting no were: Aldermen Clifford Draeger, Wayne Frank, Gregory G. Gorak, Richard Spaulding, Daniel Ziolkowski and Common Council President Robert Anderson.

The dramatic and frequently rhetorical debate

on the ordinance took nearly an hour and was often interrupted by shouts from the more than 100 supporters and opponents of the measure gathered in the galleries.

Ald. Kevin O'Connor, one of the staunchest proponents of the ordinance, stressed that the measure "states that the City of Milwaukee is interested in work performance and the qualifications to that work."

O'Connor said he found it "unfortunate that so many people have turned to the Bible to find hate" in order to oppose the measure. O'Connor quoted the New Testament Book of John, in which Christ admonishes his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you." The alderman said he had turned to his Bible to find love.

Spaulding, however, took issue with arguments that the ordinance merely prohibited job discrimination.

"If I say to a person, you can be a homosexual but don't practice it, I am a hypocrite," Spaulding said.

His remarks were greeted by loud shouts of "Amen!" and "That's right!" from religious fundamentalists in the audience.

Frank said his opposition to the ordinance centered on the possibility that child care centers that receive some of Milwaukee's Community Development Block Grant money would be forced to hire homosexuals.

Frank argued that researchers had not yet determined whether homosexuality was genetic or learned behavior, and said that allowing homosexuals to influence young children therefore should be avoided.

The new ordinance prohibits job discrimination against homosexuals by the City of Milwaukee and firms that contract for city business.

Proposed gay rights law backed ^①

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL

Local News

Tuesday

July 8, 1980

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By AVI LANK

A majority of Milwaukee aldermen indicated Monday they would vote for an ordinance that would prevent the city or firms doing business with the city from discriminating against job applicants on the basis of the applicants' sexual preferences.

Some of those aldermen, however, indicated they might be persuaded to change their minds.

The proposed ordinance is expected to come before the council Tuesday.

Of 15 aldermen contacted Monday, nine said they would vote for the

ordinance, four said they would vote against it and two indicated they were undecided. Common Council President Robert A. Anderson, the 16th alderman, could not be reached but has said in the past that he does not favor the proposed ordinance.

The aldermen who said they would vote for the ordinance include Steven Cullen, Roy Nabors, Betty Voss, Kevin O'Connor, James Kondziella, Sandra Hoeh, John Soucie, Marlene Johnson and Robert Weber.

Those who said they would vote against it were Gregory Gorak, Wayne Frank, Richard Spaulding and Clifford Draeger.

Aldermen Daniel Ziolkowski and John Kalwitz said they were undecided.

"Right now, I'm inclined to vote for it, but I could be swayed by the arguments tomorrow," Kondziella said.

Mrs. Soucie said, "It's a very close decision . . . I think I can go along with it (the ordinance)."

Nabors, a Baptist minister, said he might be persuaded by arguments against the ordinance.

Leon Rouse, an executive of the Committee for Fundamental Judeo-Christian Human Rights, which re-

quested the ordinance, was at City Hall lobbying aldermen Monday.

He refused to predict a victory.

"Everybody changes his mind," Rouse said. "Their vote depends on what they had for breakfast. We'll feed them well tomorrow."

Before the ordinance can come to the council floor, a special meeting of the Judiciary and Legislative Committee will be held at 8:45 a.m.

O'Connor said he expected the committee to recommend to the full council that the ordinance be approved. The council will meet at 9 a.m.

In a related development, the city clerk's office reported that it had received phone calls from several persons who wanted to know how they could organize a referendum to repeal the ordinance should it be approved.

Such an action would require the signatures of about 29,000 city voters.

Once the signatures were gathered, the council would have to vote to repeal the ordinance or to retain it.

If the council voted to retain the ordinance, the matter would then be placed on the ballot, probably in the November general election.

Results of the referendum would be binding.

Drive starts to repeal homosexual provision

Within hours after the Common Council approved an ordinance banning discrimination against homosexuals in city employment Tuesday, opponents of the measure began a petition drive to repeal it.

The petition drive could result in a fall referendum.

"The reason we are going to put it to a referendum is because the voice of the people has not been heard," said the Rev. C. Frazer Lawton of the Milwaukee Baptist Church, 8817 W. Lynz Ave.

Lawton said an ad hoc coalition of pastors would organize the petition drive.

The ordinance, approved 10-6 after emotional debate, would ban the city or firms doing business with the city from discriminating against homosexuals in employment.

The council added a disclaimer to the ordinance saying it "does not condone" homosexuality.

Voting for the ordinance were Aldermen Steven Cullen, Sandra Hoeh, Marlene Johnson, John Kalwitz, James Kondziella, Roy Nabors, Kevin O'Connor, Joan Soucie, Betty Voss and Robert Weber.

Voting against it were Aldermen

Clifford Draeger, Wayne Frank, Gregory Gorak, Richard Spaulding, Daniel Ziolkowski and Robert Anderson.

The ordinance was sent to Mayor Maier's office after the meeting. He has until July 17 to sign it, veto it or return it to the council unsigned, in which case it would become law.

Robert Welch, Maier's press secretary, had no comment on the ordinance. If the ordinance becomes law, opponents would have to gather approximately 29,000 signatures of city voters to force further action on it.

The council would then be required to vote on the ordinance again. If the ordinance were retained, the matter would be placed on the ballot for a binding referendum.

The council meets only once before the September primary election, so if there were a referendum, it would probably be at the November general election.

Several aldermen, including Gorak, Ziolkowski and Spaulding, said they would support the petition.

Gorak said he was in favor of repeal because passages of the law "condone a way of living. ... Nations literally have fallen into the dust because of a homosexual problem."

Ordinance

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Petition seeks ordinance repeal

Ordinance

From Page 1

Gorak's speech was interrupted with shouts of "amen" and "praise the Lord" from Lawton and his supporters, who filled the gallery.

Many of them carried signs reading, "Your vote reflects morality," "Protect our children" and "You vote now, we vote later."

A smaller group of supporters of the ordinance, with one wearing a shirt reading "Closets are for clothing," applauded Nabors when he said he supported the resolution because, "I believe in justice; I believe in fairness; I believe in equality."

Nabors, a Baptist minister, was greeted with shouts of "sin" when he referred to opponents of the measure as "socially prejudiced and bigoted persons."

Nabors said he had received 67 phone calls from constituents on the issue, all urging him to vote against it, but he believed it should be passed anyway.

Lawton pointed to Nabors' vote as an example of disregarding the will of the people.

Lawton also said petition organizers would consult with leaders of a drive held in St. Paul, Minn., which resulted in the repeal of a homosexual rights ordinance.



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

Room 147 North, State Capitol, Madison 53702
Telephone (608) 266-1304

DATE: July 30, 1980

TO: REPRESENTATIVE DAVID CLARENBACH

FROM: Bill Ford, Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: Revoking the Tax Exempt Status of Religious Organizations Which Engage in Activities Designed to Influence Public Policy Would be Unconstitutional

This memorandum is in response to your request for information with which to respond to a letter you received from Mr. David Kane. In his letter, Mr. Kane suggests that the state revoke the tax exempt status of the Baptist Church because it is engaging in activities designed to secure the repeal of a Milwaukee city ordinance banning discrimination against homosexuals in city employment. Mr. Kane feels that such activities on the part of the Baptist Church violate the principle of "separation of church and state" and, therefore, their tax exempt status should be revoked. As will be explained further below, it is my opinion that: 1) the principle of the separation of church and state, which is embodied in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, does not prohibit a church or religious association from engaging in the type of activities which Mr. Kane complains of; and 2) revoking the tax exempt status of a religious organization because it engages in activities designed to influence public policy would violate the guarantee of freedom of speech which is contained in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

First, the principle of the separation of church and state, which is contained in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, does not forbid religious organizations from attempting to influence public policy through lawful means. The First Amendment forbids Congress to make any law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. This constitutional language both forestalls compulsion by law of the acceptance of any creed or the practice of any form of worship and safeguards the free exercise of the chosen form of religion [16 Am. Jur. 2d s. 464].

Second, the First Amendment contains express prohibitions against the enactment of laws which would abridge the freedom of speech or of the press. Moreover, associations of individuals are entitled to enjoy these constitutional rights as well as individuals, "since the inherent worth of speech in terms of its capacity for informing the public does not depend upon the identity of the source, whether corporation, association, union or individual [16A Am. Jur. 2d s. 501]." It should also be noted that the freedom of speech is constitutionally

protected not only against direct interference but also from being stifled by more subtle means of governmental interference [Gibson v. Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, 372 U.S. 539, 9 L. Ed. 2d 929, 83 S. Ct. 889 (1972)].

Therefore, it appears that a state law which would revoke the tax exempt status of a religious institution for engaging in activities designed to influence public policy would be unconstitutional.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you in this matter.

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State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin
53702

608-266-8570

David E. Clarenbach, State Representative

October 29, 1981

Rev. J. Thomas Finucan, Chairperson
Wisconsin Arts Board
123 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Father Finucan:

I know that the Arts Board is currently considering a grant to help bring the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus to Madison. I support this application wholeheartedly.

As I'm sure you're aware, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus attracted national attention and critical acclaim on their national tour this past summer:

"Choral groups of this caliber, regardless of their religious beliefs, ethnic background or sexual preference, are a rarity."
-R. M. Campbell, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER

"Washington has not heard finer choral singing than that produced last night in the Kennedy Center by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. Would that there were others like them."
-Paul Hume, WASHINGTON POST

"Many more famous musical organizations could learn a thing or two from this chorus."
-Richard Dyer, BOSTON GLOBE

I'm impressed with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and would like to see them be able to perform in Madison. Most of all, I'm impressed with the number of my constituents who have contacted me and asked for my support in this application - with their enthusiasm, their resolve and their organization. I'm confident this event would be an enormous success.

Your assistance would account for about 1/5th of the total budget being raised to bring the Chorus to Madison. Please support this worthwhile request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Clarenbach
State Representative

Chairperson:
Committee on Government
Operations

Member:
Committee on Agriculture
and Nutrition
Committee on Labor
Legislative Council

F: Gay Rights

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June 14, 1982

Honorable David E. Clarenbach,
State Representative
422 North
State Capitol
Madison WI 53702

Dear David:

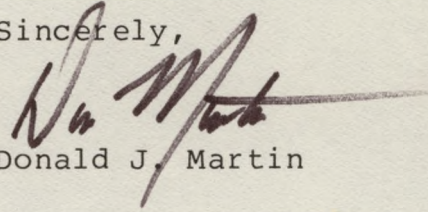
It was a pleasure meeting you at the American Association for Personal Privacy Conference in Philadelphia.

For whatever value it may have, I enclose a copy of the brief which I filed with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the case which held our sodomy law unconstitutional. Some of the arguments which I make with regard to the State's power to regulate morality may be of use to you.

The Opinion in the case is reported as Commonwealth v. Bonadio, 490 Pa. 91, 415 A.2d 47 (1980).

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Donald J. Martin

DJM/awp
Encl.:



David E. Clarenbach

SPEAKER PRO TEM OF THE ASSEMBLY

April 15, 1983

Dear Henry,

Thanks for passing along the letter from Dr. Lause at Wichita State University.

Since then, Dr. Lause has contacted the office. I didn't have any immediate ideas but have passed his letter on to Dick Wagner & Kathleen Nichols with the hope that someone on their council will have an idea.

For your information, the consenting adults bill will be up for a vote on Tuesday. Keep your fingers crossed.

Best,

422 North, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702
608-266-8570

Dave; Just got this in the mail. Do you know anyone who might do this?



WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Harry X

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/SOCIAL WORK

682-0197

APR 13 1983

March 15, 1983

As indicated in the enclosed "Call for Papers" the Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare is preparing a special issue on state and regional politics. I obtained your address through NGTF and am writing with the hope that you or someone involved in advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin's Gay Rights Bill (1981) will consider submission of a paper on the state's experience. As yet the review committee has not received any manuscript related to state human rights politics in relation to gays/lesbians and such an omission would be regrettable.

Inquiries from gay service providers/activists are welcome. My home phone is 316-682-0197. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to have a preliminary discussion of ideas for a paper. (Standards on length are flexible, especially for case studies. Ten to 20 pages, however, is typical.)

X 257-3346

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Lause, PhD
JSSW Guest Editor/Social Work Program

Timothy W. Lause
3340 Oakland
Wichita, KS 67218

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Special Issue of

REVISED: MAY 1, 1983

Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare

STATE AND REGIONAL POLITICS

This special issue will examine state and regional dynamics in the politics of social welfare. The processes of policy formation, program innovation, social movements, and social change at these levels will affect social services and human rights far beyond the current reanimation of traditional views of federalism. Therefore, social scientists, social workers, and activists are invited to submit case analyses, comparative and other empirical studies, major integrative reviews of the literature, and theoretical papers in one or more of the following areas. Preliminary inquiries are welcome.

Explanatory Factors in State Policy and Program Innovation

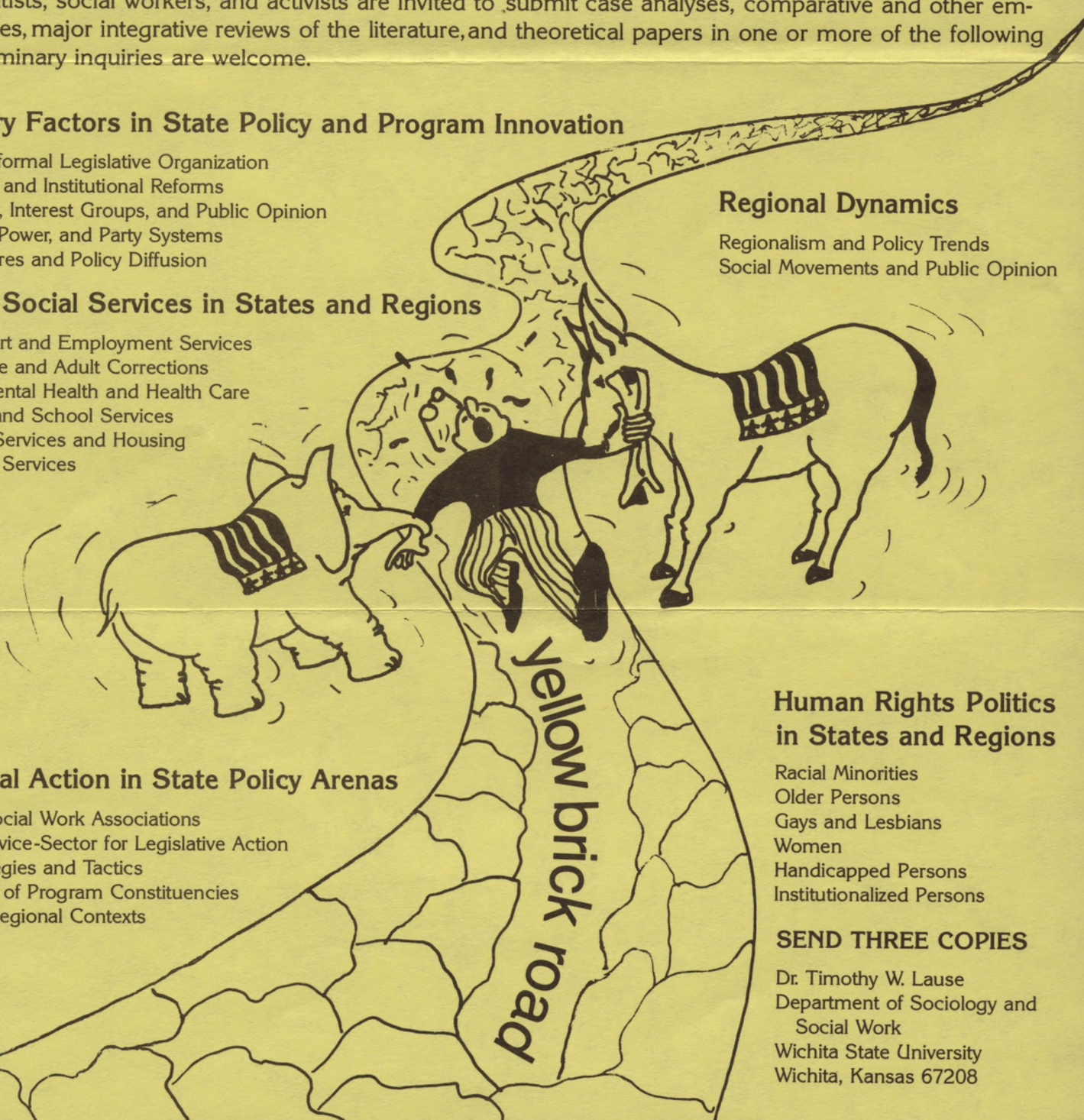
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- Child Welfare and School Services
- Rehabilitation Services and Housing
- Gerontological Services



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- Women
- Handicapped Persons
- Institutionalized Persons

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- Organizing Service-Sector for Legislative Action
- Coalition Strategies and Tactics
- Empowerment of Program Constituencies
- Priorities and Regional Contexts

SEND THREE COPIES

Dr. Timothy W. Lause
Department of Sociology and
Social Work
Wichita State University
Wichita, Kansas 67208

(Please Post)

THE TRAGEDY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOUR CITY

By Robert Peters and Jesse Lee

THE BACKGROUND STORY...

Early this past December I had the privilege of meeting informally with several friends and associates to discuss what really happens to a major city if homosexual activists virtually take it over after being granted vast rights and privileges.

For five years or more, many bits and pieces of extremely distressing news had been reaching our eyes and ears from San Francisco, a city currently estimated to have 150,000 adult homosexuals in a total population of 675,000 (down from 740,000 in 1960). But what did this information mean for our own city of New York and for other great cities across the land?

We soon realized we didn't have a complete enough picture to answer this question, even to our own satisfaction. So we decided to raise funds among ourselves and from other friends nearby and send two college-trained men to San Francisco as researchers.

After several days of telephoning to establish contacts with key people in many walks of life, Mr. Robert Peters and Mr. Jesse Lee were on their way and soon had chalked up a total of more than 100 hours of research and interviewing. Their work took them to many places--from the police department to the health department, from the churches to the homosexual and sadomasochistic neighborhoods. I kept in touch with the two men more than once a day while they were there.

The subject matter of this project was and is some of the most unpleasant we've ever dealt with in our lives. Yet when there is a necessary task to be done.....



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Eunice Edgar
Executive Director

July 23, 1982

Rep. David Clarenbach
State Capitol
Madison, Wis. 53702

Dear Rep. Clarenbach:

At a recent meeting of the WCLU's Freedom of Lifestyle Task Force, there was a discussion of the disadvantages that same-gender couples who are living in a marriage-like union have with respect to the law that heterosexual married couples do not have. Two gay men who live together told a story of how one was held legally liable to damage that he accidentally caused to the other's home, despite the fact that no such liability would have existed if they had been living together as husband and wife.

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Other differences were discussed in terms of: (1) insurance coverage; (2) gift and inheritance taxes; (3) inheritance rights; (4) rights of child custody, guardianship and adoption; (5) privileges of hospital visitation and funeral arrangements; and (6) rights to obtain credit.

It was agreed that there is a need for an in-depth study of all of the advantages and disadvantages that the law confers on heterosexual marriages versus gay unions, along with a consideration of how legislation and/or administrative rule-making might lessen the disadvantages to gay unions. Would you be willing to have the Legislative Reference Bureau make such a study?

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS K. ZANDER
Chairperson,
Freedom of Lifestyle Task Force

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CREAM CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
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7 January 1983

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David E. Clarenbach,
Representative--78th. Assembly District
Room 422 North
State Capitol
Madison, Wi. 53702

Dear David:

It is indeed unfortunate that you, a guiding force in the strategy of A.B. 70, have not been able to join with us at any C.C.B.A. event here in Milwaukee, as we have previously discussed on the phone. It seems odd to us that you have appeared all over the U.S. and have yet to appear before a major gay/lesbian group in Milwaukee. Obviously your schedule conflicts have been many.

We certainly hope that your schedule will free up in the near future.

However, since we have not been able to meet in person in months, It is certainly important that we been in active communication for all of our good. Unfortunately, of late, we have been hearing many rumors about certain statements that you have been making regarding the following: a) gay/lesbian liasions; and b) consenting adults bill.

The stories that we have been hearing from no less than 6 different people, totally unrelated with eachother are: a) you don't feel that there should be a paid lesbian/gay liasion; b) you don't feel that there should be any lesbian/gay liasion, but rather a board or panel of closeted people from Madison to handle such affairs; and c) that you are taking your time at introducing the "Consenting Adults" bill and refuse to let anyone else try to introduce it---along this line we have also heard that you are not being cooperative with the introduction and guidance of the bill.

To say that we are very concerned about these stories is certainly an understatement. And that you seem to not take the wishes and concerns of the Milwaukee gay/lesbian community into your decision making procedures is onerous, at best.

We look forward to active and "fruitful" communication with you on this and other matters so that we, the entire state of Wisconsin will benefit!

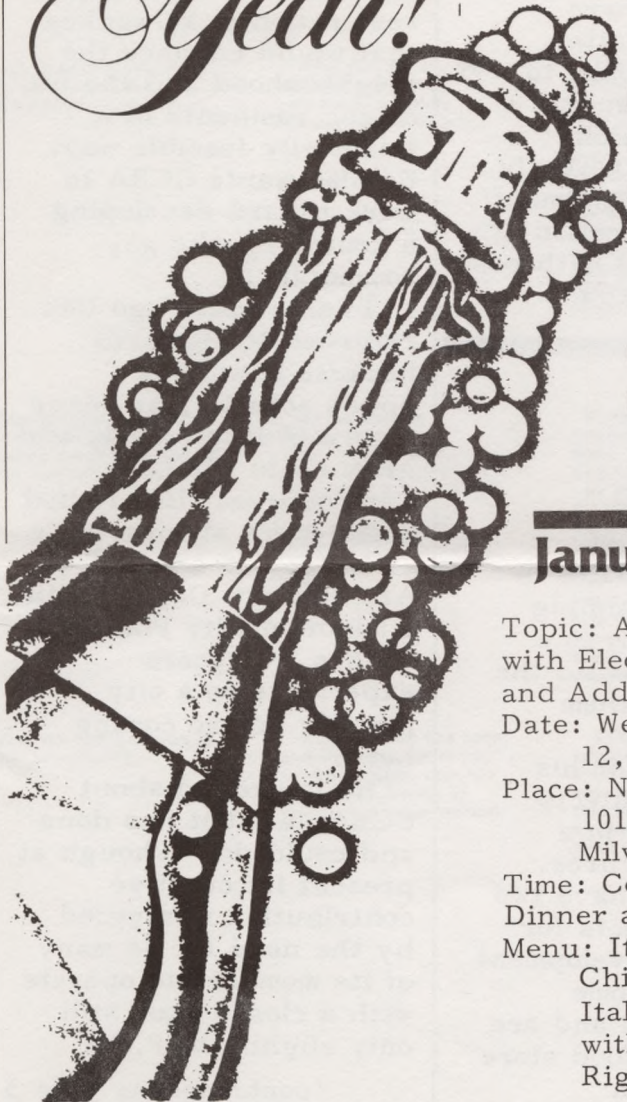
Sincerely,

Ralph F. Navarro,
President



CCBA Newsletter is published monthly by the Cream City Business Association, Box 92396, Milwaukee, WI 53202
Your comments and submitted materials are encouraged.

*Happy
New
Year!*



Upcoming Events

- January 4 CCBA Board Meeting
January 12 CCBA Annual Meeting
January 16 Housing and Restoration Committee
Tour of Grand Milwaukee Homes
Call 933-7998
January 20 Membership Committee Meeting
Meeting will be held at 6:00pm
Phone 277-1459 for location
February 2 CCBA Board Meeting
February 13 CCBA Valentine's Brunch
February 22 Membership Committee Meeting
Meeting will be held at 6:00pm
Phone 277-1459 for location
February 27 CCBA Board Meeting
March 14 CCBA March Meeting
March 23 Membership Committee Meeting
Meeting will be held at 6:00pm
Phone 277-1459 for location.

January Meeting

Topic: Annual Meeting
with Election of Officers
and Address by President
Date: Wednesday, January
12, 1983

Place: Noodles Restaurant
1010 E. Brady
Milwaukee

Time: Cocktails at 6:00pm
Dinner at 7pm

Menu: Italian Buffet
Chicken Parmagiana
Italian Sausage
with Green Peppers
Rigatoni Carbonara

Green Beans
Almondine
Tossed Salad
Relish Tray
Italian Bread and
Butter
Spumoni
Coffee/Tea/Milk

Cost: \$9.75 for members
Reservations: Phone
277-1459 or 964-9993
before 6:00pm on Sunday,
January 9.

The Second Annual
Meeting of the Cream City

Business Association is being held this year with an Italian feast to whet your appetite. At this important meeting, CCBA President Ralph Navarro will give his annual address, which he titles this year, "Potties, Pedestals, and Peanut Butter." Also scheduled is the election of three new At-Large Board Members. Brief statements from each candidate are included in this Newsletter.

The Editor Speaks

At the last CCBA membership meeting, the topic of labels came up. In particular, the subject was the usage of the terms 'Lesbian' versus 'gay female' or 'gay people' when speaking of both gay male and female groups. The strong consensus of the women at the meeting was a preference for the term 'gay' over 'lesbian'. Because of our desire to use the terminology preferred by the group being referred to, the terms 'gay female' and 'gay people' will be used in this publication in the future. Reader reaction is always welcomed.

Treasurer's Report

December, 1982

Old Balance	\$1,437.93
Receipts	645.59
Disbursements	768.07
Outstanding	
Debts	312.12
New Balance	\$1,319.96

WCLU Against Wisconsin ERA

In a recent letter to CCBA President Ralph Navarro, Eunice Edgar, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union announced that her organization would not support the proposed Wisconsin state ERA. This decision is based on several clauses contained in the proposed law which make it unacceptable to the WCLU. These clauses are anti-abortion, anti-gay, and a ridiculous section which recognized the right to privacy in bathroom facilities. The latter appears in response to ERA opponents at the national level which argued that the recently defeated ERA amendment would mean separation of women and men's bathrooms and would be illegal.

Focus on: Thompson Associates

Dan Thompson of Thompson Associates in architecture, planning and construction, is a man with dreams and the energy to make them happen. Dan's dream for his firm of five architects is breadth-work in a variety of structures. Right now they have two renovation projects for research and development companies and some restoration work and are building a new food store and remodeling a

restaurant. He would like to work on home restoration as the market permits. His firm can take the customer from an idea, through a plan, to the contracting stage, and then the finished building.

As a former city planner and neighborhood developer who lived and worked previously in Key West and San Francisco, he knows the significant role gays have played in urban restoration and would like the Restoration Committee he heads and perhaps the Foundation, as well as realtors in CCBA, to work together on neighborhood restoration in Milwaukee that would enhance the neighborhood and the life of gay residents in a financially feasible way. He also wants CCBA to work toward developing a center for the gay community.

Twelve years ago Dan returned to this area, because it was his home; actually, he comes from a Chicago family and grew up in the Lake Geneva area. He studied architecture at Iowa State and received a Master of Architecture Degree with a minor in City Planning. He has five years experience as a city planner before coming here.

He is excited about CCBA, what it has done and could do. Though at present its creative contribution is stymied by the need for so many of its members to operate with a closed door still only slightly ajar, he

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CREAM CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS - AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION January 12, 1983

Editor's note: The following five questions were asked of each candidate. Each answer reflects the words of the candidate. Three positions are available. Your vote is very important. Voting will take place at the January 12th Annual Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Questions:	Tom Rollo	Tim McCoy	Warren Ostrus	James Kutcheid
Why have you decided to run for the Board of Directors of CCBA?	I have decided to run for CCBA Board of Directors because the position will provide an opportunity for me to contribute my talents toward the development of CCBA. If elected, this position will be a learning experience, bettering myself for future positions in this and other organizations.	I would like to offer my assistance to a stable gay organization which has a vested interest in the gay community as well as this local community.	...help is needed and I have the energy and desire to do so. My attitude is prompted by a gut level feeling of needing to do more in aiding and developing the emerging gay consciousness of Milwaukee. All too long has this community sat in its self-depreciating shell of conservatism. I like being able to look at today knowing that I did what was necessary yesterday.	I wish to participate more directly in CCBA activities and offer my unique experiences and abilities to the organization.
What groups or activities have you been part of?	Central Electric Railfans Association Antique Telephone Collectors Assn. Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee Washington Island Taxpayers Alliance Minnesota Transportation Museum	GPU Board of Directors Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism, board member Milwaukee Council on Drug Abuse, board member	Member GAMMA/Milwaukee Affiliate member American Society of Interior Designers Member Artist Equity/New York (a national artists' union) Executive director of the "Fifth Annual Capitol Hill People's Fair" Denver, CO, 1976	Management Resources Association Job Service Employer Advisory Committee CCBA membership committer
What is your vision for the gay community of Milwaukee?	My vision for the gay community is total compatibility within Milwaukee area society.	The creation of an environment where our contributions can be fully utilized. I would like also to see an environment where the uniqueness of the gay contribution can be coordinated with the efforts of the larger community in order to guarantee the mutual respect and dignity of all participants.	...better communication between gay women and men. Better cooperation between the existing gay organizations and associations of the city. Appointment or election of open and qualified gays to public office and commissions of the city/county/state.	I would like to see a unified community of professionals seeking to make an impact on the general community. This must be accomplished; not be radical, haphazard, noise-making, but through a professional, conservative, united program. One which the local communities would respect. I would see eventually a community center in Milwaukee to house offices for gay groups.
What programs or ideas would you like to see accomplished by CCBA in the next two years?	a) Increase in membership. b) Create a better understanding of CCBA's purpose in Milwaukee gay community. c) Develop further relationship with similar organizations in other cities.	a) Broader social and professional recognition within the local community. b) Greater outreach to the gay community via the variety of services and businesses which make up the CCBA membership. c) The use of our organizational skills to help create greater gay identity in this community, especially in the political sector.	(see answer to #3)...plus create an organization so dynamic and exciting that the gay professionals in this city that have personally told me, "I don't need to get involved"; "it doesn't affect me"; "Your group is not sophisticated enough for me"; "I don't believe in joining groups." will have to change their attitude and join us.	First priority should still be to increase and keep membership; to reach out to gay persons still unaware of CCBA or too closeted to come forward. There is strength in numbers. Secondly, to increase benefits of membership. We must show members a reason to belong to CCBA. Third, to continue to establish ties with the straight community.
What does CCBA mean to you personally?	CCBA for me has been, and will continue to be, an organization that has given me a feeling of purpose as a gay person.	CCBA is a multi-talented yet solid social institution with which I can identify in a manner that positively endorses my self-worth as a gay professional.	...an opportunity to make a viable and visible statement to my peers in the gay and straight communities that there is more to life than dinner parties and decorating the walls of a bar. It means I have an opportunity to express my dignity and worth as a human in the total community of people and effect the changes necessary to allow all gay people to come out of their closets. It means a chance to give significant value to my existence as a person.	I have been made to feel welcome in a network of professional persons like myself. It has given me a bit more dignity at being gay, and a professional. I now hope that I can in some way return this help by actively working to promote the CCBA purpose as described.

Thanks -
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May 14, 1983

Mr. David Clarenbach
Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly
422 North, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear David;

I applaud you, your staff, and the concerned citizens in the state who helped with the passage of the consenting adults bill, Assembly bill 250.

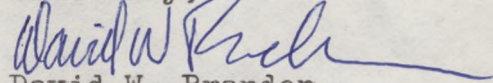
As a field representative of the Gay Rights National Lobby my efforts have been recently directed to additional federal funds appropriated (\$10 million) to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for AIDS activities and research.

I am presently asking William Proxmire and Clement Zablocki to co-sponsor and/or support the passage of the following federal bills concerning the above matter; HR 1697, HR 2171, the Waxman Amendment to HR 2350, S 898, S 971 and S 972. Based on their past voting records this may be a tough task, but now that Wisconsin has passed this important bill it may be easier to sway them to support these bills.

At this time the GRNL wants me to organize a statewide telephone tree as an effective vehicle for getting information out immediately and quickly mobilizing supporters of gay and lesbian civil rights issues by contacting their representatives in Congress. My only problem in establishing such a network is contacting key people in each congressional district throughout the state. If you may have contacts in the state whom you feel would be willing to work on such a project I would need their names, addresses and phone numbers so as they can be contacted as soon as possible.

I am hoping to hear from you in the near future and working with you in this effort to bring Wisconsin together.

Sincerely,



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Racine, Wisc. 53403

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February 28, 1985

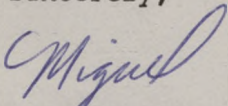
Dear Friend:

Nancy is looking forward to visiting Wisconsin to discuss the programs and the goals of the Gay Rights National Lobby. Nancy will be the keynote speaker at the Ten Percent Society event, "Strengthening Our Ties" the weekend of March 9th. Also, she will be hold two workshops on "Coalition building with non-lesbian/gay organizations" at the conference.

Enclosed is information about the Gay Rights National Lobby and Nancy Roth.

Thank you support.

Sincerely,



Miguel Gomez
Legislative Aide

*Dave -
I'm sorry that you'll
be out of town. Remember if
YRNL can ever be of help
please call!
I'm sorry to miss Nancy
glad we talked (love
him)*



Dear Mrs. Whitcomb:

Thank you for your letter and enclosed pamphlet "The Tragedy of San Francisco" However, I don't agree with your perception that this publication is factual; ~~but~~ I do agree that its intent is to alarm.

You may not be aware that over three years ago the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation that made it illegal to discriminate against gay people in public or private sector employment, public accommodations or housing. I was the author of this law and it received widespread support from the mainstream religious community of ~~this~~ ^{our} state (including the Catholic archdiocese of Milwaukee, and bishops and leaders of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Methodist, Baptist Churches and other denominations).

None of the dire prophesies predicted by the opponents of this law have come to pass since enactment ~~of this law~~ ^{vs} (nor, in Madison or Milwaukee where there have been such ordinances for many years). I'm proud that Wisconsin has led the forefront in prohibiting discrimination for all people regardless of their race, religion, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or physical condition.

Sincerely,

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gay rights

March 1, 1985

Assemblyman David Clarenbach
Capitol Building
Room 422-N
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

MAR 8 REC'D

Dear Mr. Clarenbach:

Though I am not a constituent of yours, I have every reason to believe that we share a mutual interest in and concern for the entire state of Wisconsin. Consequently, I am enclosing a pamphlet that I believe will be helpful to you in assessing the results of any bills concerning homosexual rights that might come before the legislature.

Though this pamphlet is published by a Christian organization, you will find that it is a factual reporting job. The statements quoted are drawn not just from ministers but from people of all walks of life - policemen, newspaper and TV reporters, doctors and health department officials, educators, and just ordinary citizens as well as gay activists. It carries an alarming message well documented and substantiated.

I would be grateful if you would take the time to read this pamphlet and give its contents serious and thoughtful consideration. The tragedy that has been unleashed on the city of San Francisco could happen across a whole state as well - our state. May God grant us all the wisdom and foresight not to allow that to happen.

Sincerely,

Sheila C Whitcomb

Sheila C. Whitcomb (Mrs. Richard A.)
14305 Watertown Plank Road
Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122

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December 1, 1986

Dear Ralph,

It was sad to hear that Tony lost his re-election bid for Governor. He is a beautiful person and truly a friend to the gay community.

Given my tenure as a lobbyist I have had an opportunity to work with or not work with Tommy Thompson. Tommy always voted against both the Consenting Adults Bill and AB 70. I am positive that as Governor Tommy will sign any repeal bill that crosses his desk.

After hearing the results of the Senate vote on the Rawhide Amendment (21-12) and the narrow rejection of it by the Assembly (52-47), I started to make some phone calls. I spoke to Rep. Carpenter. I agreed with him that we must have our strategies down before the legislature starts its 1987-88 session. Committee assignments should be made public on Dec. 19, 1986. We must look over all of the committee assignments in both houses and decide which committee we would like to ask the Speaker to send these repeal bills to. Last session it was naive for the Senate Speaker to send Leean's bill to the Labor, Business, Veteran's Affairs and Insurance committee. We have never had a majority of supporters in that committee so the 6-0 vote against us did not surprise me.

This session, depending on the make up of the committees we should ask the Senate Speaker to send Leean's bill to Judiciary and Consumer Affairs or to the Health and Human Services committee. Both of these committees for years have had a majority of members that support our rights.

Steering a bill into a specific committee to kill it is fairly easy. The major problem facing us is the amendments from the floor. These amendments can be offered to any bill that is even semi related to non-profit organizations. Thus, our opponents can side step the entire committee process and force a vote on the floor of the legislature. I have talked to Rep. Loftus's office and Senator Risser (they are the Speakers of both houses), and their opinions were that "all amendments to the budget are germane". Both of these legislators support our rights but they were not willing to use their power to rule the amendments not-germane to the issue or budget.

I am positive that there will be an attempt from the floor to amend the budget to include the Rawhide exemption. We must be ready for it.

Since the Senate vote there have been a few changes. Senator Otte (not a friend) was defeated in the democratic primary by William Te Winkle, (all reading show him to be a friend). Also Senator Theno (not a friend) was replaced by Rep. Jauch (a friend). Thus a potential vote of 19-14, against us.

To continue, Senator McCallum and Hanaway, both voted against us, their seats will be vacant until April. Until that time the potential vote is 17-14. I have looked over the voting records of the Assembly persons who will be running to fill these Senate vacancies. (All are republicans). Only one of these people, Rep. Katherine Zeuske voted to table the amendment. I called Warren O'Connor and asked if he would be willing to host a fund raiser for her at his place and he agreed. I then called Rep. Zeuski and explained who I was and asked if we could continue to count on her support. She said yes. I then spoke with her about the possible fund raiser and she was very willing to follow up on it. I also mentioned to her that I and hopefully others, would be willing to gather volunteers to help on her campaign. The understanding was and is that we will assemble volunteers at a specific time, in Milwaukee, and that she will send down a campaign worker with a car load of campaign material. We will fold, stuff, seal, stamp, bundle, count or do whatever we have to to help her win her election. (a side note- she is also pro-choice on abortion rights). If we assume that she will be elected the vote will be 18-15, assuming that the other vacancy will be filled by an opponent of ours.

Also Democratic Senators Andrea, Moen and Plewa voted in favor of the Rawhide amendment. Both Plewa and Andrea voted for AB 70. Plewa consistently, Andrea half-heartedly. Moen had not yet been elected. (I noticed that both Plewa and Andrea co-authored the Rawhide amendment.) Plewa and Andrea are both Catholic. Plewa represents Milwaukee, South Milwaukee, Cudahy and St. Francis. Andrea represents Kenosha County.

During my time in New York I have kept in close contact with Archbishop Weakland. I have made him aware of this issue and he has requested written information from me about it. I am confident that he and I can work out some arrangement where the Catholic Archdiocese will come out opposed to the Rawhide amendment. In what form I can not be sure of at the present time.

Shortly after AB 70 passed in 1982, I asked David Newby, President of the Dane County Federation of Labor if they would introduce a resolution opposing any repeal effort of the gay rights law, before the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Annual Convention. He and the Federation membership agreed and the resolution was passed on October 13, 1986. (Enclosed you will find a copy).

Since then David Newby has become the lobbyist for the State AFL-CIO and I am, without a doubt, positive that he will lobby Plewa and Andrea for us, if he is asked to.

With Newby's and Weakland's help, plus constituency pressure that we must build I feel we have a good chance of picking back up Plewa and Andrea. If this happens our potential vote becomes 16-17. In our favor.

Two further possibilities, Senator Moen was a freshman running for re-election in a marginal district. I have spoken with Senator Czarnezki and it is his feeling that now that Moen was re-elected to another four year term and received 53% of the vote, that he will support us if he is approached right.

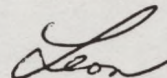
Finally, Senators Lorman and Engeleiter both voted to pass AB 70 and also voted for the Rawhide amendment. Lorman was smeared by her opponent and barely won her primary. She will not support us again. Engeleiter was just re-elected by a 41,000 vote margin. Warren O'Connor has helped her a lot and he is willing to ask for her help on this issue. I can not say if this will help get her support back because she is the republican leader in the Senate and if she votes with us, she and Zeuske will be the only two republicans on our side.

In regards to the Assembly I will not go into detail but enclosed you will find a list of changes within the Assembly because of the elections. Legislators that are still there but have changed their position on this issue and legislators that were not backing us that should have. Of the "Work ons" and "Switches" votes, I have followed their names with persons names that I feel may have influence on these legislators.

I have been working with Earl Bricker very closely and we have been able to find out how much money the Rawhide Boys Ranch receives in state money. For 1984 they received over 425,000 dollars in tax payers money. So they may be tax exempt but they are not privately funded to any significant degree.

In closing, there is no doubt in my mind that if we as a community do not pull together our rights will be stripped from us. I have notified my current boss that I am resigning my position in New York and am coming home to help protect our rights. I look forward to working together as a united front so that we can all continue to enjoy our freedom under the law.

Warmest Regards,



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