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The Wisconsin Light

MILWAUKEE HOSTS H.I.T.

Jeff Clark, Banquet Chair and member of the Board of the Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) talked excitedly with LIGHT about the up-coming bowling tournament.

"We are," he said, "the oldest Gay bowling tournament in the country. We call ourselves the Granddaddy of them all." Though other such tournaments are held across the country, "We started it all," he said.

That's quite an accomplishment and this will be the ninth such tournament for HIT. Clark said that some 50 teams, 250 bowlers, are expected in Milwaukee over the Thanksgiving weekend (November 25-29). They'll be coming to the Cream City from such places as New York City, Cincinnati, Dallas, the West Coast and points in between.

While the competition is intensely serious, there will be plenty of fun beginning with a Welcome Party on the 25th

at Jet's Place bar. On Thursday there'll be another welcome party at "Dance, Dance, Dance."

But the "big bash" will come Saturday night at the Crystal Ballroom of the Marc Plaza Hotel, which is serving as the host hotel for the tournament. This is the Awards Dinner and will begin with cocktails at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the ceremony and entertainment at 8:00 p.m.

This year's entertainment will include HIT Company '87, a lip-synch group, the Cream City Chorus, and Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin, Scott and Miss M. Awards will include trophies for first, second and third places, Doubles and Singles events, Team Events and All Events.

The winners will receive \$1000.00 for first place, \$500.00 for first place Doubles, \$300.00 for first place Singles and \$200.00 for first place in All Events. ♡

KASTENMEIER ADMITS ERROR IN VOTING

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Bob Kastenmeier (D-Madison) stated in a press release issued November 13, 1987 that he had erred in his vote approving the anti-Gay language of Senator Jesse Helms.

According to the statement issued by Kastenmeier, "When the House asked for a conference with the Senate on the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, it agreed to a motion offered by Congressman Dannemeyer of California to instruct the House conferees to agree to language offered by Senator Helms and accepted by the Senate to prohibit the use of Federal funds appropriated to the Centers for Disease Control to provide information or prevention materials and activities that promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual sexual activities.

"As a member of the House, I have cast thousands of votes and I feel able to justify these votes. However, the sheer volume of votes and time constraints may cast doubt upon how wisely, how well thought out, each vote is made. In this instance, I, along with the rest of the Wisconsin delegation, voted for the motion to instruct the House conferees. I did so because of privacy concerns and I do not believe that the Federal government should promote any form of a life style.

"Since casting this vote on October 20, I have given this matter further thought. The homosexual community has been the subject of considerable discrimination and "gay bashing." It causes me concern that the Helms language will be viewed by the gay community and others as a further effort to discriminate against the homosexual community by preventing information from being distributed in the campaign to try to reduce the incidence of AIDS. Mention was made during the brief House debate on this vote that very graphic information is being distributed

in New York in order to instruct people on how they could avoid getting AIDS. While some are offended by this information, it is arguably necessary in order to bring home the harsh facts of AIDS.

"Upon reflection, considering all, I do not feel that supporting the Dannemeyer motion can be justified. My vote, therefore, was the wrong one." ♡

KENNEDY NAMED TO HIGH COURT

WASHINGTON, D.C. (WBS) - Anthony Kennedy, judge of the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, was nominated by President Reagan on November 11, 1987 to the Supreme Court. He is Reagan's third nominee to fill the vacancy on the high court.

According to *Legal Times* reporters Aaron Freiwald and Terence Moran, Kennedy was on the verge of being nominated to the court on October 27 when he was passed over in favor of Douglas Ginsburg. The report states that Kennedy failed to get the nod when key conservative senators read Kennedy's opinion in a case upholding a Navy policy banning Gays. In the case, *Beller v. Middendorf*, Kennedy wrote that "the Navy's blanket rule requiring discharge of all who have engaged in homosexual conduct is perhaps broader than necessary to accomplish some of its goals ..."

"Upholding the challenged [Navy] regulations is constitutional," concluded Kennedy, writing for the three-judge panel, "is distinct from a statement that they are wise."

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Madison may become the third city in the country to pass an alternative families ordinance, which would extend traditional family benefits to gay and lesbian couples, unmarried heterosexuals and people with disabilities and their attendants.

Chief sponsor of the bill, District 8 Alderman Jim McFarland, publicly announced that he is gay in a November 4 interview with *The Capital Times*. McFarland becomes the fourth openly elected official in Dane County to announce his or her homosexuality.

McFarland believes that the alternative family ordinance has a "good chance" of passing. It currently has six other sponsors besides McFarland and needs only five more votes to achieve a majority on the 22-member City Council.

A public hearing will be held on the issue on January 5, before the matter comes up for a council vote. In the case of a tie, Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner would cast the deciding vote. So far, Sensenbrenner has not given his opinion on the proposed piece of legislation.

If the bill were to become law, alternative families would be able to rent housing in areas which have only single-family zoning, receive sick and bereavement leaves granted to traditional families, get health insurance coverage if one member is a city employee and obtain family memberships in public organizations.

Berkeley and West Hollywood, California are the only two cities in the country which have currently passed such legislation.

McFarland joins a group of approximately twenty public elected officials in the country who have openly declared their homosexuality and is one of only two Republicans in the group. Madison and Dane County currently have more openly gay/lesbian publicly elected offi-

cials than any other city or county in the country. The Dane County list also includes District 6 County Supervisor Dick Wagner, District 2 Supervisor Kathleen Nichols and District 8 Supervisor Tammy Baldwin.



McFarland is a senior at UW-Madison majoring in International Relations and hails from Wauwatosa. His lover, who accompanied him at a press conference the morning following the publication of his *Capital Times* interview, is Rick Villaseñor, also a UW-Madison senior, who has been active in the Task Force for ROTC Reform and has been President of the Ten Percent Society, the UW-Madison lesbian/gay student organization. ♡

TESTING POSITIVE MAY BREAK UP A RELATIONSHIP

Researchers at the University of California in San Francisco reported in the October 9 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that Gay men in San Francisco who test positive for AIDS antibody were "more likely to have their primary relationship break up."

The research project, supported in part by the National Institute of Mental Health, studied 502 Gay and bisexual men in San Francisco between November 1984 and November 1986. By November 1986, 40.8 percent of the men had taken the antibody test and more than half of those tested positive. According to the researchers, "significantly higher rates" of unsafe sex were reported by this group - and those who tested negative or who did not take the test - in November 1984 before the antibody test was available.

"The results of this study indicate that antibody testing may have useful public health outcomes," said the researchers. However, noted the researchers, those who tested positive suffered "potentially adverse mental health" problems, including "significant increases in stress and depression."

-Lisa M. Keen ♡



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