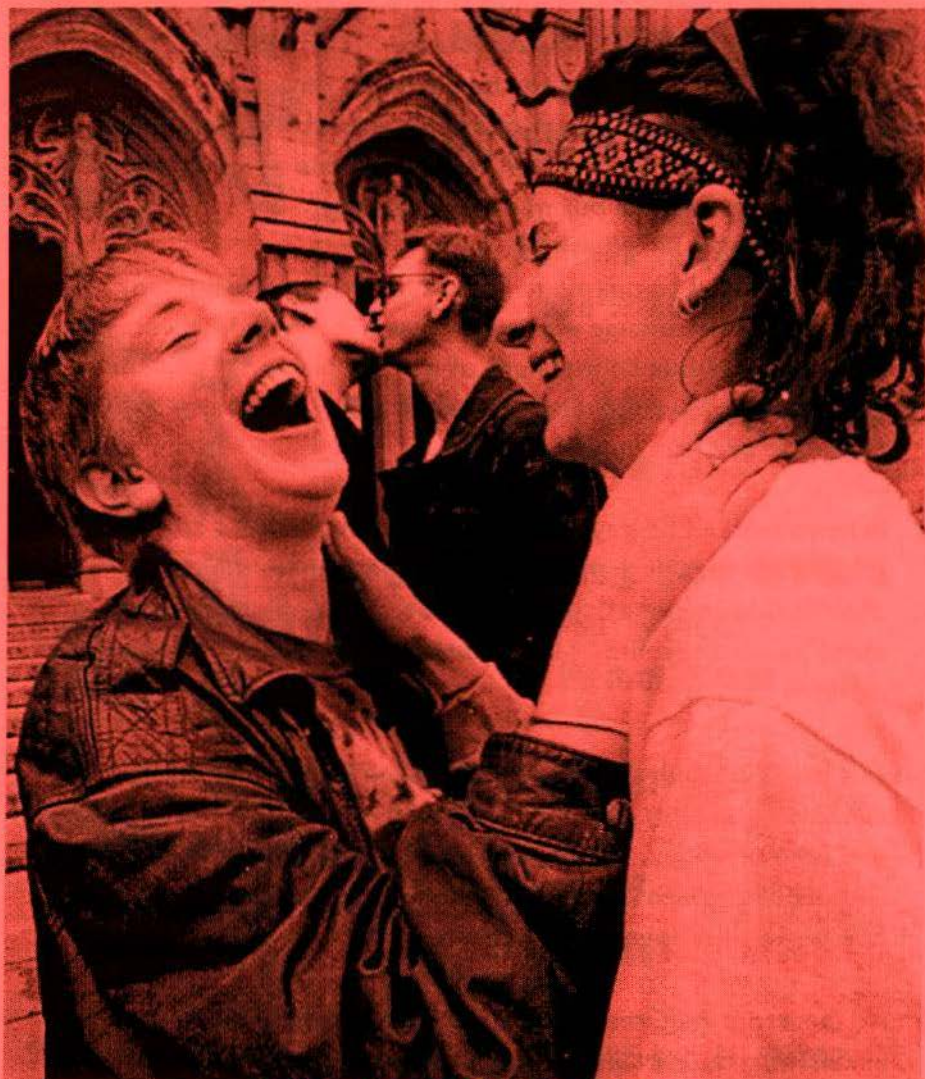


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Mad Kweer



**Life, Laughter, Love
Stop taking these
from us, America!!!**

Summer's Ending

Say goodbye to sunny warm weather. According to a very good friend of mine, there are two good things about fall. Sweaters and not needing to hide how pale you are. I on the other hand will miss the summer heat and the shirtless guys who continuously throw some sort of ball around in the local parks. Here are some other events that happened this summer that I believe are important to our queer community.

1. Congress tried to pass the Federal Marriage amendment stating that marriage will only between a man and a woman. It didn't pass due to mothers of queers excited that their children may have a chance to settle down and marry and take care of them in their old age.
2. In news related to gay marriage, most states had to have the debate on whether to pass anti-gay amendments to their individual constitutions or not. Wisconsin's amendment passed the first state congress and will be voted on again in January.
3. Our own Waukesha Hamm brothers were awesome in the olympics and they came out as being very supportive of their gay fans ::swoon:: Next year will be our chance with the Gay Games in Chicago. Get your tickets early so you can see how real athletes perform in dance competitions.
3. NJ Governor McGreevy came out as the first Gay governor in America. Unfortunately, he was having an affair behind his wife's back and had some other scandals. Oh well, the first gay governor should have been crowned the Drama Queen. of NJ. Fitting!! *(more on Back Cover)*

Where are the
queers at?

1. Queers of Color

**2. VOTE or we will lose
more in 4 years**

3. Puzzling puzzles

4. ASK FAG BOI

**5 - 6. High School Day
Dreams**

**7. We Got No Fag Books
Here!!**

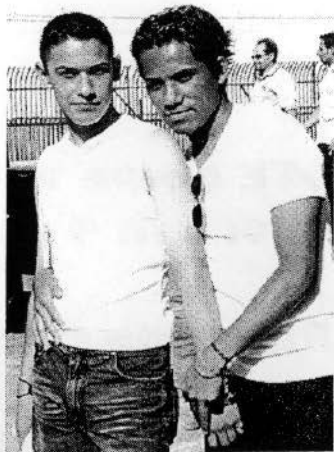
**8. Testing for STD's
Outside
Madison**

9. Queer Rage

**10. Standing Up...
Shouting Out**

**11. Why are you
Straight??**

Queers of Color



Being in Wisconsin, we know that there not much color among our friends and community. When I say community I mean both the places where we live and the queer community we have created. Latinos, African-Americans, Asians and other non-Caucasian queer folk deserve a community within the queer community. A place where they feel a part of our family.

When we look at queer literature, very rarely do we see pictures of queers of color. Actually, we rarely see any pictures other than white men. We should not accept that because we are queer affirming that we all are non-misogynists and non-racists. I think it is important to understand that living within a minority in a minority, there is a greater feeling of being not part of what our country considers "normal". Love all our brothers and sisters and try and understand that coming out is different, and possibly riskier for all of us.



VOTE: OR WE WILL LOSE MORE IN THE NEXT 4 YEARS!!

Are you tired of all of the politics? Tired of people telling you to go out and vote? Are you thinking that it doesn't matter who you vote for because the decision seems to come from some higher powers than yourself??

Then if Nothing, Read this!!

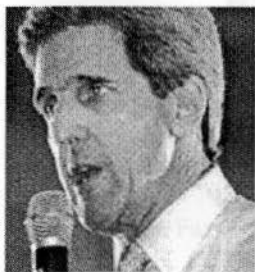
When you turn 18, you are given to every American enough to fight and also become old individuals who make lives and who dies, who in the end has the last Americans have a way towards the shit that is I'm not just talking also about friends and being sent out to fight



back. When we vote, we vote for not only ourselves but we vote on issues that effect millions of people. Thinking that not voting is also an expression of your views is an ignorant thought. Unless you make it publicly known why you do not vote, then your absence of a vote can be seen as just pure laziness. So go and vote, even if you vote for someone other than the two below.

acquire a right that is can. If you become old die for this country, you enough to choose the in-the decisions on who can love who, and who Judgment. We as Queer to express our feelings going on in our country. about Gay Marriage but family that are our age in wars never to come

If Queers Vote, then what we want will be recognized!!



Who are going to vote for? Both are against Gay Marriage. Though I think the one on the right hates us even more than the one on the left....



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Ask Fag Boi

as a gay boy i use the word "gay" in a negative context all the time. not least because the irony of it all amuses me greatly. it's just grown up as a slang word, just as the word "gay" in reference to homosexual people grew up as a slang word from it's original meaning. maybe once upon a time its use was specifically derogatory to homosexual people, but now it is used so much and so often it doesn't really mean that anymore. people shoudn't be so senstive. you don't always have to have something to complain about you know. What do u think fagarella?

andy x

The definition of Gay in the American Heritage dictionary is:

1. Having a sexual orientation to persons of the same sex
2. Showing or characterized by cheerfulness and excitement
3. Bright or lovely, especially in color
4. Given to social pleasures

Further it goes on to clarify how Gay for gay people should be used:

Gay is distinguished from *homosexual* primarily by the emphasis it places on the cultural and social aspects of homosexuality as opposed to sexual practice. Many writers reserve *gay* for males, but the word is also used to refer to both sexes; when the intended meaning is not clear in the context, the phrase *gay and lesbian* may be used. Like the other names of social groups derived from adjectives (for example, *Black*), *gay* may be regarded as offensive when used as a noun to refer to particular individuals, as in *There were two gays on the panel*; here phrasing such as *gay members* should be used instead.

None of these seem to point to the slang definition of the word. How did the word *gay* get a negative meeting? From people hating gay people I'm thinking. That's why *gay* used in a negative context will always refer back to hating people like people of the same sex. Now *Fag* on the other hand can be appropriately used in school if meaning:

1. To work to exhaustion. "School fags me out."
2. A cigarette: "I'll have another fag"
3. A boy servant to another boy in an English school That's my fag, Matt

That's all from Fag Boi

He
 Curled up with bunnies
 He
 Still has his shirt on
 I never took it off

 He
 Is sleeping
 In my bed
 I am naked
 Winter roars outside
 Wind dies to rock the trailer
 I sit warm inside
 In my room
 He is snoring
 I am naked

 I type
 Harmony with the night
 Rhythm of my neuroses
 He is sleeping
 In my bed
 I am naked

 I do not mind
 If Bunnies cuddles up with him
 Perhaps if he had bunnies
 The terrors would not come
 In the night
 Wind roars
 I am naked

Addiction

Wind screaming
 I am naked

 Out behind the wind
 Beyond the noise of mighty 101
 Long before the white man
 I am naked

 I am what you would have me be
 A lover if you have passion
 A friend if you need to laugh
 Someone to hold on to
 I am naked

 Before you I stand revealed
 No refuge in which I might hide
 No sanction
 No remorse
 Give me your hunger
 I am naked

 He is quiet now
 The wind is not so loud
 Sound of my keyboard
 I am naked

 Forces of the night
 Move toward the morning
 Dawn always arrives
 Long before the white man
 I am naked

By: Steve Rider

High School Day Dreaming

Hey. Wouldn't it be great if we, as society, didn't automatically presume people were straight. I suppose that could work for presuming gay as well, but if we meet someone who seems straight, we just presume they *are* straight.

So what? Well what if they're not, what if they're gay. You're talking to a fellow queer but neither of you realise it. You don't bring up the subject because you've already presumed this guy straight.

What if you fancy this guy, are you gonna flirt with him? You must be joking, he seems straight.

Maybe you don't agree with me. Maybe it's different in gay bars where you know the guy/girl is gay. But I'm 16, I've never been in a gay bar.

Maybe the presumption thing isn't the problem. Right, so I'm in school, sitting opposite me is James, Mr. Extremely Cute. I'm completely in love (*term used lightly*) with this boy. OK, so I've already decided he's gay, we've caught each other's eyes several times (*this sounds like a Pulp song*), what I really wanna do is kiss him. But 1st thing's first - talk to him, right? But do I? No. Why not? 'Cos I'm sh*t scared. What if he's str8? What if he doesn't fancy me? What if I'm imagining it? What if...?

So maybe confidence is the problem. Should I have just gone for it?

Probably. At least, now, I wouldn't still be wondering what his response would've been

Touch

love to see you. It really makes me feel so good. Just being near you makes me feel so alive. I look at you and I see so much that I have craved for, so very long. But what I really like, what makes me feel so wonderful that I almost cannot stand it, is touching you.

Sometimes I want to hug you so badly, and you let me, and it means so much to me, you could not possibly know. My arms go right around you, my heart is in my throat, you'll never know what you do to me. You'll never know how much I care. You'll never know what touching you means to me.

I want to lie on a couch, with some stupid TV show on, your couch or my couch, it does not matter, and I want my body to be next to yours. I want to curl up next to you, you in front or me in front, I do not care. I want the warmth of your body to press against me. I want to touch you.

Gilligan's Island would be fine. I could handle Star Trek reruns. The TV part is just a device, a way of getting next to you. I want to rub my fingertips across your shirt. I want to smell your hair. I want to touch you.

If nothing happens that's OK. If I do not turn you on in that way I can handle it. It is not important who has clothes on or who does not. We do not have to do anything. I only want to touch you. I need it so badly, my fingers caressing you, my attention all upon you, my being focused on you - right next to you, please, oh please, oh pretty please with cherries on the top.

May I touch you ?

If you want me to behave I promise I'll behave, well, unless you change your mind, but really, honest, what I need so badly is to touch you. I want to be good to you. I want to make you happy. I want you to know how I feel about you. Please, oh please, oh so desperately please...

May I touch you ?

Falling for the straight boy/girl

I've found this choice to be hugely popular; fall for someone straight. You didn't mean to, you sure as hell wish it hadn't happened, but it did, and now you're stuck following him/her around like a sick puppy, willing to do anything to get a smile. Any word, gesture or movement they make you will analyse to the point of death, trying to work out if, possibly, they could like you back. Your future at this point will via off in two directions; either you squash that love deep down within you to the pit of your soul, become even more bitter and cynical, and write articles such as this, or, in a moment of insanity, tell them. They will then either a) run screaming, b) tell you they just want to be friends. Your friendship will now be doomed forever. Or, c), leading directly to the next point, they admit that they too are madly in love, so hold them in your arms and kiss them, you fool...

...yeah right.

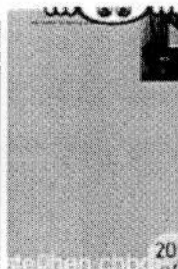
We Got No FAG BOOKS Here!!

Banned Book week begins Sept. 23. Most books that are banned deal with either homosexuality in a positive light or sexuality in general. So this would be a great week to inquire at your school library if they have any of the following books. Ask why not if they don't. If they do, then pick a few up and queerify your life!!

1. Maurice by E. M. Forester
2. Perks of Being a Walflower by. Stephen Chbosky
3. Youth in Revolt by: C.D. Payne
4. Rainbow Boys & Rainbow High by Alex Sanchez
5. Annie on my Mind by Nancy Garden
6. Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence by: Marion Dane Bauer
7. Deliver us from Evie by M.E. Kerr
8. Mom, I need to be a Girl by Evelyn D. Lindenmuth
9. Positively Gay by Betty Berzon & Barney Frank



M.E. KERR



Where can I get tested for STD's outside of Madison?

Beaver Dam

Planned Parenthood
(920) 885-3528
96 Stoddart St
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Portage

Planned Parenthood - Portage
(608) 742-1551
204 E Edgewater St Suite 202
Portage, WI 53901

Fond Du Lac

Planned Parenthood - Fond du Lac
(920) 922-9884
333 N Peters Ave Suite 6
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Sun Prairie & other cities close to Madison

MCHC
2202 S. Park St
Madison, WI
443-5480

Blue Bus Clinic
1552 University Ave
Madison, WI 53726
262.7330

Beloit

BACHC-Health Center
(608) 361-0311 74
Beloit Mall
Beloit, WI 53511

Eau Claire

Planned Parenthood - Eau Claire
(715) 833-2279
1231 Menomonie St Eau Claire,
WI 54703

Janesville

First Choice Women's Health Center
(608) 755-2438
1015 W Burbank Ave
Janesville, WI 53546

Eau Claire City/County Health Department

(715) 839-4718 7
20 2nd Ave
Eau Claire, WI 54701

LaCrosse

La Crosse County Health Department
(608) 785-9872 300
N 4th St
La Crosse, WI 54601-3299

For more locations, check out:

<http://www.irc-wisconsin.org/>

And Don't forget Us here at

AIDS Network

Sneal@madisonaidsnetwork.org

600 Williamson ST

Madison, WI

ASK FOR SHAWN

QUEER Rage: Fight against Hate



Sometimes so much pisses us off. Sometimes we are angry at people who try and make us feel guilty for who we love. We become enraged when we feel that nothing, not school or family, seem to accept how we feel. We become belligerent when members of our own community don't seem to care how they are treated and support only superficial ideas. So what is there for us to do??

The flush of fury that strikes fledgling fags and dykes when they realize that the judgments they've been writhing beneath are bullshit is a powerful force.

While gay anger might no longer have an organization devoted to its expression, gay anger still has its place. So long as people revile, persecute, and say all manner of evil against us falsely, so long as politicians attack us and entertainment moguls cast us as wacky neighbors and sexless dweebs, gay people have every right to be pissed. But the galvanizing fury of the past seems played out, and collective gay anger is atrophying. Some seem to have cast anger aside, content to bask in a post-plague/pre-Republican-takeover era of luxury. Others seem to have twisted their anger inward, kicking the difficult-to-maintain drug of anger for the much easier drug of, well, drugs, particularly crystal meth, a drug that fucks up the few parts of the body left undamaged by tanning, waxing, and steroids.

In the late 70's there was Queer Nation, who fought to bring recognition to a whole sub gay culture. ACT-UP was formed in the 80's because our government didn't want to help people dying of AIDS because they were homosexuals or drug users. What do we have now? We have "Queer eye" and "Queer as". Is our fight over? Do you feel like we have gotten everything we need? If you said no and if you believe that you can change something by just one action, then go out and do it. Don't sit back when a teacher automatically assumes someone is straight. Don't sit back when someone is called a Fag. Fight Back. Make some noise.



**How Long Will
you let it Go On
Before Standing
up for What you
Believe Is Right?**

**Your never to Young To
Shout OUT**

**Your never too
Uneducated to know
What is right and Wrong**

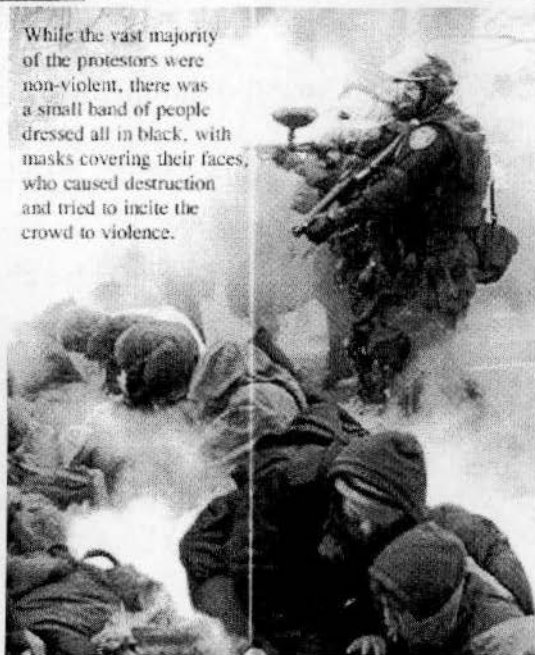
**Your never too weak
To stand in front of
Those who wish to hurt
Others**

**Your never too kind
To let your emotions
Remind you what you
Should be doing**

**Your never too
Unimportant
To stand up and talk to
Those in our Capitol or in
Your schools**

**Write! Speak!
Live!
What Do you
stand for!!!**

While the vast majority of the protestors were non-violent, there was a small band of people dressed all in black, with masks covering their faces, who caused destruction and tried to incite the crowd to violence.



Why are Straight? You

Tired of having to explain being queer to people?
Answer their questions with some of these questions!

1. What do you think caused you to be straight?
2. When and how did you decide that you were straight?
3. Is it possible that you being straight is just a phase that you will outgrow?
4. Is it possible that you could be changed by a healthy gay relationship?
5. Are you straight because of a bad relationship you had with someone of the same sex?
6. Why do so many straight people seem compelled to seduce others into the straight lifestyle?
7. Statistics show that a majority of child molesters are heterosexual. Are you concern that there are straight teachers in your school?
8. Considering the problems with overpopulation, how would the human race survive if everyone was straight?
9. A lot of straight people seem to be unhappy and unhealthy. Would you go to therapy to become a healthy homo?
10. Judging by TV and movie images, why do straight people seem so obsessed with sex?



Fall's Beginning

Fall always reminds me of walks in the woods after the leaves have changed. An auburn glow absorbed by my hoodie as I breathe a crisp air carrying scents of chopped wood and drying dying leaves. It actually was one of my favorite seasons in Pennsylvania. Too Bad here it last for maybe 2 weeks before temperatures drop to the mid 40's. Blah!! Well here are some things happening this fall, so get ready.

1. There's a call for a National Boycott of all queer people to not buy anything October 8th to show how much impact we have on the economy. I say if you do buy things, buy from Gay identified businesses and give them your support. For a listing of local gay owned businesses if you live in or around Madison, call Outreach listed on the back.
2. National Coming Out Day. October 11, 2004. The first NCOD was organized to remember the 2nd Gay rights march in Washington DC in 1987. What is your GSA or student group going to do this year for NCOD? Have a coming out event where individuals can come out as being gay, bi, queer, straight, transgendered, confused, or whatever by wearing name tags. Although boundaries suck, having at least "Queer" on will let others know that your out and proud as not conforming to one sexual preference.
3. VOTE!!! Elections will be in November. If your over 18, get out there and cast vote, even if you don't like any of the candidates. Voting is your voice and just writing that you do not endorse any candidates because of such and such is a form of activism.
4. Finally, Submit stuff to the next Mad Kweer. This zine is for us to come together at queer youth. Many times it seems we are fighting alone when really there are others all over the state doing the same things. Let them know what you stand for in here!!

None of these organizations
support or condone this zine.
So no suing them, you Fool!



NCOD Website: www.hrc.org



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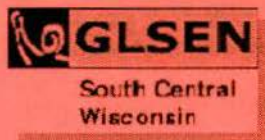
Www. Outreach.com: madison's GLBT resource Center



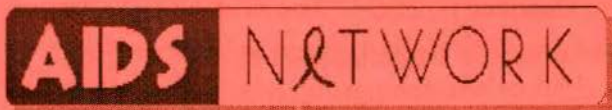
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the web. Very cool!!!
<http://www.mogenic.com/>



<http://www.acceptgayhmong.org/>
For gay hmong info.



Start a GSA or learn more about
one near you.
<http://www.glsencw.org/>



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in a ghetto looking brown box
So we can put you in here

