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Phil Donahue Hails 9/11 Victim Judge As “Patron Saint” To Repressed Catholic Gays And Gala Co-Founder Honored

By Tom O'Neil '77

Father Mychal Judge, a victim of September 11, is “a patron saint of gays struggling for equal rights,” according to TV host **Phil Donahue '57**, who honored the late New York City firefighters' chaplain with the Thomas A. Dooley Award from the Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GALA-ND/SMC).

Judge died while administering last rites to firefighters in the World Trade Center tragedy. During his lifetime, the openly gay priest ministered to AIDS patients and other citizens of New York in the same crusading spirit displayed by Tom Dooley, the gay Notre Dame grad who achieved world fame in the 1950s as a doctor who set up charitable hospitals to assist the needy of Vietnam and Laos.

“Father Judge and Tom Dooley both knew what ministering was all about,” Donahue said. “They were two generous and selfless men who happened to be gay.”

Phil Donahue, a 1957 graduate of Notre Dame, noted that religious intolerance continues today at his alma mater and he enlisted recruits in the struggle against the school's gay policy. Donahue addressed New York City government and national gay leaders, including Patricia Gatling, chair of the NYC Commission on Human Rights; Tom Ryan, president of Fireflag, a gay firefighters' organization; Francis Coppola, head of the police department's Gay Officers' Action League; plus leaders of New Ways Ministry, Dignity, Integrity, SAGE (Senior Action in Gay Environment), PFLAG, the Stonewall Community Foundation, the New York City Department of Health and three local Catholic churches - St. Francis, St. Joseph and St. Paul.



Phil Donahue presenting the Dooley Award to Mychal Judge's close friend Brendan Fey



From the Chair

Greetings to all members and thank you for your support in electing our officers for 2002-2004.

The new officers are Robert Caines '81 - Treasurer, Kevin Heffernan '93 - Secretary, David Pais '72 - Vice Chair and Gus Hinojosa '82 - Chair. We are grateful for and humbled by your trust. The responsibility is great, but I believe we are all up to the task - officers and members alike. We all look forward to building on the strong foundation established by past officers, the advisory board and all members.

Before embarking on our agenda for 2003, I would like to thank last year's officers: John Doyle '94, Jennifer Hughes '88, Carol Rafferty SMC '63 and Kevin Heffernan '93. Their time and efforts spent on this organization are deeply appreciated. Their many accomplishments include:

- Holding the first annual Universal GALA Weekend.
- Supporting the student summer service program.
- Continuing the newsletter – a tradition since GALA-ND/SMC's founding.
- Increasing membership.
- Conferring the Tom Dooley Award posthumously on Fr. Mychal Judge.
- Publishing the third edition of the GALA-ND/SMC Membership Directory.

This coming year we intend to support past accomplishments while welcoming new challenges. We will move forward with a new sense of connection among members and a revived commitment to the organization and the people we support. Our ideas for 2003 include:

- Reaching out to membership through local, regional and national committees.
- Actively recruiting new members.
- Supporting ND/SMC student groups that actively advocate for pro-gay/lesbian/transgender policies.
- Communicating constructively and effectively

with university and college officials in support of pro-gay/lesbian/transgender policies.

- Participating in local, regional and national charitable organizations.
- Promoting GALA-ND/SMC as America's largest and most vital gay Catholic alumni organization.

We are all excited about our new involvement and thank all members for this opportunity. This year promises to be great. Please contact us with any ideas and offers to volunteer. With your participation and support there are no limits to our growth and development as THE premier gay alumni organization. Get involved, commit!

Gus N. Hinojosa '82

Letter from the Vice Chair

I know **you** are out there!!!! You have to be. As the university and college increase the total number of graduates each year, there is a corresponding growth in our target membership. One of the goals that I want to set for the next six months is to increase our registered membership to 1,000. We are close and we are already the largest GLBT of any Catholic college or university in the country. We are also the most active and geographically widespread. We are a force to contend with and will only become more so as our numbers expand.

This is where each and every one of us is important. If you are reading this, then you are probably on our mailing list, but do you know if all of your friends who have called South Bend home are aware of us?

Have you asked them?

Have you told them about us?

Have you invited them to join or contact us?

A case in point - last fall while having coffee with a friend I mentioned the activities surrounding the fall weekend in New York and the Mychal Judge celebration. This friend told me about a dear friend that he had known for twenty years, who went to ND, who was gay, and who probably had no idea that GALA-ND/SMC existed. I asked him to contact his friend and have his friend get in touch with me. He was right, the alumnus had never heard about us until it was brought up.

Another case in point – at a tea dance in Provincetown a couple of years ago, I saw someone with an ND T-shirt on. When I asked him about a connection to the university, he told me that he had spent four years at our alma mater in the mid 70's and yet knew nothing about GALA-ND/SMC. I gave him my number and we netted three or four names through him because he had a cluster of friends from those days with whom he was still in contact.

Next time you go out to the gay chorus in your city, participate in an AIDS ride/walk, or go to a GLBT pot luck dinner, don that fabulous Gay Irish T Shirt and see what conversations you can start. If you encounter someone who has an ND/SMC connection and who wants to learn more or to join, tell them they can personally contact me at paisdavid@hotmail.com. I promise that **I will respond** with an e-mail or phone call.

Let's get busy and let's break that 1,000-member mark. We can do it with your help, and we all know that there are more of us out there.

David Pais '72

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“Please march in our army,” Donahue implored them all as he inveighed against Notre Dame's refusal to add sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination policy. “We're not even asking Notre Dame for an act of courage. Fordham, Georgetown and other Catholic universities already have adopted the policy. Save our school from second-class status! Notre Dame is supposed to be a LEADER among Catholic universities and a champion of human rights.”

In addition to being chaplain of the New York City firefighters, Judge ran an AIDS program at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New York and was actively involved in counseling fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous. After his death in 9/11, President Bush invoked his name by signing the Mychal Judge Act, which grants death benefits to the beneficiaries of public safety officers — including the same-sex partners of police, fire, and ambulance workers — killed during the line of duty.

Past recipients of its Dooley Award include Brian McNaught, a champion of workplace diversity training and corporate domestic-partner benefits; and Virginia M. Apuzzo, who is the highest-ranking openly lesbian official ever to serve in the White House; and Phil Donahue.

Following the Dooley Award presentation, former GALA Vice-Chair **Fran Feeley '90** presented GALA's **Lawrence Condren Award for Exceptional Service** to our organization's co-founder **Thomas Zahn '67**. The recognition was given “In gratitude for his inspired leadership and outstanding service to the Gay & Lesbian Community of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.” After co-founding GALA-ND/SMC in 1993, Zahn served as Chair from 1994 to 1998, serves on the Advisory Committee, and continues to serve as the design editor of the GALA newsletter. Feeley noted that “Tom has made vital contributions to practically every initiative in our nearly nine years of existence - in meetings with University officials, in the creation of our student grant program, in our website design, and in our periodic confrontations with the Notre Dame Administration with respect to the lack of recognition of the GLBT student group, the right of GALA-ND/SMC to advertise in the independent student newspaper The Observer, and the lack of sexual orientation in the university's own non-discrimination policies.”

Zahn, who lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, heads an architecture and planning firm that provides design and historic resource management services in the Upper Midwest region. In 2000, Tom began sculpting in bronze at a local Twin Cities art center and foundry. This past summer his second sculpture was selected by the National Sculpture Society to appear in their “Sport Sculpture” exhibition in midtown Manhattan.

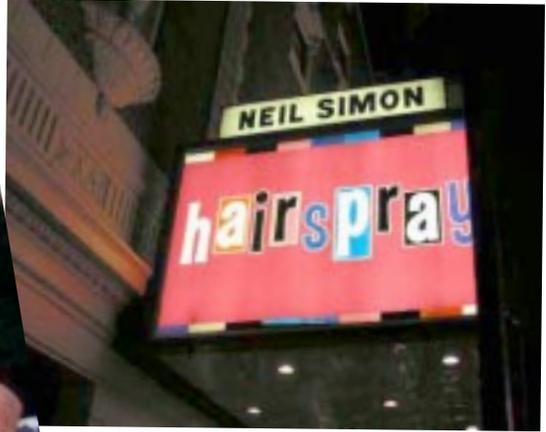
The first recipient of GALA-ND/SMC's Award for Exceptional Service was **John Blandford '83, '99 PhD**, a former Co-chair of GLND/SMC (the student group now known as OUTreachND and was Chair of GALA-ND/SMC from 1999 to 2000). Other past recipients include **William Storey '58 Phd**, **Carol Rafferty SMC '63** (our present Secretary) and **Lisa Karle '85**, who have all worked extensively for our organization in South Bend.

GALA Gathers for Reunion Weekend in New York Snapshots



New York Event organizers Tom O'Neil '77, Gustavo Hinojosa '82, Bob Caines '81, and David Pais '72





Letter from the Mayor of New York City



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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September 28, 2002

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings to the Gay Alumni of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College and all those gathered to honor Father Mychal Judge. I am so pleased to join with Phil Donohue, Brendan Fay and everyone here to celebrate the life of one of New York City's most treasured citizens.

Father Judge exemplified the spirit and strength of our City, but on September 11th he was taken from us by a senseless act of violence. With the support of organizations like the Gay Alumni of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College his memory will endure for generations to come.

On behalf of the City of New York, I am pleased to recognize those associated with the GALA-ND/SMC for hosting this event and for honoring Father Judge with the Thomas A. Dooley Award. I am certain he would have been very proud to receive this award recognizing his tremendous commitment to assisting the members of our community who were most in need.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable event and a meaningful evening of remembrance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

More on the Dooley Award

By Chuck Colbert '78

Editor's note: a version of this article originally appeared in both the Boston Newsweekly and the National Catholic Reporter.

As dozens of gay Notre Dame alumni gathered here for a reunion weekend, the Republican mayor of New York City recognized them, a gesture that school officials as yet are unable able to do.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg not only welcomed members of the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College, or GALA-ND/SMC, (www.galandsmc.org), but also sent "greetings" and "best wishes," in a proclamation read by Patricia Gatling, an African-American chairwoman of the city's human rights commission.

Gatling joined more than a hundred people, including nearly fifty lesbian and gay alumni of the two schools, who gathered in Porter's Restaurant in Manhattan. There on September 28 GALA-ND/SMC presented its Thomas A. Dooley Award, posthumously, to Mychal Judge, a Franciscan priest, who died administering last rights to firefighters at the World Trade Center on September 11.

The Dooley Award is named for a gay graduate of the university who achieved fame in the 1950s as a medical doctor, establishing charitable hospitals to assist the needy of Vietnam and Laos.

GALA-ND/SMC awards the Dooley to persons "who, through their faith-based backgrounds centered in Gospel values, have demonstrated personal courage, compassion, and commitment to advance the human rights and civil rights of lesbian and gay Americans." The award also bestows a \$1,000 gift from the gay alumni group. This year's donation went the Ali Forney House, a homeless shelter for gay youth.

During his lifetime Tom Dooley ranked among the most widely respected people in the country. Dooley's three books, *Deliver Us from Evil*, *The Edge of Tomorrow*, and *The Night They Burned the Mountain* all became best sellers.

Dooley died of cancer at the age of 34 in 1961. Since then Notre Dame has made an extraordinary effort to keep his memory alive, by dedicating memorials to him on campus, including a tribute room in the student center and a statue of Dooley at the school's famed grotto.

Randy Shilts' 1993 book *Conduct Unbecoming*, however, revealed new information about Dooley: his ousting from the U. S. Navy for being gay.

Notre Dame alumnus and MSNBC-TV host Phil Donahue presented the Dooley Award to Brendan Fay of the Lavender and Green Alliance. Fay was a close friend of Father Judge, who served as chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. Judge was also known for his ministry of compassion with the city's gay community.

His wife, the actress Marlo Thomas, joined, Donahue to celebrate the Franciscan priest's life and to mourn his death.

"It's clear that by any brief review of his life," Donahue said, "Father Judge exemplified the very best of a male religious. He was a worker priest, who like Tom Dooley, had to die before we could celebrate the totality of his humanness."

In his acceptance, Fay said, "Mychal Judge chose to follow a path of honesty and openness in life, both as a Catholic priest and a gay man." He explained, "His ministry of compassion and his quest for peace and reconciliation will be an inspiration for generations to come."

Accepting the award, Fay also recalled Judge's courageous decision to participate in an all-inclusive St. Patrick's Day celebration. "He joined us in Franciscan habit, prayed with us, blessed many along the way, including some who came to jeer," Fay said. In the face of such hostility, Fay recalled Judges simply smiling back and whispering, "It's the height of madness." Still, he often counseled against holding resentment, Fay said.

After his death on 9/11, Judge became a gay-rights hero. President Bush invoked his name in signing the Mychal Judge Act, which grants death benefits to the beneficiaries of public safety workers — including the same-sex partners of police, fire and ambulance workers — killed in the line of duty.

In his remarks, Donahue encouraged gay alumni to persevere with their own gay-rights struggle. "The more I think about GALA, the more apparent it becomes that you are situated to save our university from second class status," he said. "The most romantic name in Catholic higher education, if it doesn't now — please soon — sign a commitment not to discriminate against gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people," Donahue explained.

Several years ago, Notre Dame officials declined to add the category of “sexual orientation” to the school’s non-discrimination policy. Instead, the university issued a chastity-based “spirit of inclusion” statement strongly condemning anti-gay harassment but falling short of banning discriminatory practices. Still, the university does not recognize GALA as an official alumni group, nor does the school permit a self-governing gay student organization.

Nonetheless, “I am proud to march in your army,” Donahue said. “Someday our alma mater will appreciate what you did for it, leading the fight for a Notre Dame that is free and open, with equal status, rights, and benefits for all, regardless of sexual orientation.”

That’s a worthy goal for any truly Catholic university.

Chuck Colbert is a 1978 alumnus of the University of Notre Dame and a founder of the gay alumni group. He also served as GALA-ND/SMC’s Co-Chair and newsletter editor.



GALA-ND/SMC Leadership Ushers in New Era for GALA

By Kevin Heffernan '93

The ballots are in and GALA-ND/SMC has enjoyed another peaceful transition of authority to four talented, qualified and passionate officers. Please welcome Chair Gus Hinojosa '83, Vice Chair David Pais '72, Treasurer Bob Caines '81, and Secretary Kevin Heffernan '93. Particularly exciting this year is the fact that three of our four new officers – Gus, Bob, and David – have not previously held elected office in our organization. Also momentous is that their election signifies a shift in geography: while GALA leadership was heretofore primarily based in Chicago, these three newcomers all hail from New York City. All were involved in last September’s New York gathering, and all have exciting plans for GALA-ND/SMC in the years to come. Congratulations and best of luck to all the new officers! And, as always, many thanks to all GALA-ND/SMC members who participated in this election.

Introducing the New GALA-ND/SMC Executive Committee:

Gus Hinojosa, Chair University of Notre Dame, 1982

A native Texan, Gus graduated from Notre Dame in 1982 with a Bachelor’s degree in Architecture. After graduation, he lived in San Antonio, where he worked for four years in historic restoration and was a member of a local modern dance troupe. Gus moved to New York in 1986 and worked with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill for six years. He is currently a Design Partner at Gensler Design, Architecture, and Planning, where he has worked for over 10 years.

Gus’ civic and volunteer activities include:

- Founding Leal-Hinojosa Scholarship Fund, Inc. in 1989 to benefit graduating seniors at a small south Texas High School.
- Volunteering as Services Coordinator with Coalition for the Homeless for ND New York Alumni Club.
- Acting vice-chair for GALA-ND/SMC Alumni Club.
- Hosting Universal Night in NYC for GALA-ND/SMC Alumni - March 2002
- Co-hosting Tom Dooley Award ceremony in New York City in September 2002.
- Participating member of the National Arts Club.

Gus lives in New York with his life partner, Steve Lafredo, two English Bulldogs, Maggie and Theo, and a cat, Whiskey.

David Pais, Vice Chair University of Notre Dame, 1972

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1972 with a BA in International Relations, David went to New York as a lay volunteer with the Marist Brothers and taught at Molloy High School. In 1974, he started graduate school at Columbia University working on a Master’s in International Affairs, but decided that he preferred working and began a career in financial development and public relations.

With his knowledge of fundraising, David started doing volunteer work for several gay and lesbian groups and helped put on the first Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner in New York City at the Waldorf Astoria in the early 1980s. He also became very involved with Gay Men’s Health Crisis at the very start of the epidemic in

1982, helping to put on special event fundraisers and community education symposia to disseminate information about the epidemic and warn the community about the health crisis. David served as the first Assistant Director of AIDS Education and Outreach from 1982 to 1984.

In 1991, David moved to Seattle. In four years he did political fundraising for progressive causes, co-chaired the Human Rights Campaign Dinner in 1993, served on the board of directors of the state gay and lesbian political action committee, and was a founding member of "Hands-Off Washington," an educational campaign to prevent the abridgment of civil rights for gays and lesbians. He also helped start GALA-ND/SMC by hosting the first two events held in Seattle and working with the other founders in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Chicago, and Boston to launch the national organization. After returning to New York in 1995, he helped found the first GALA-ND/SMC chapter in the city by starting its annual Holiday Party Event. Since then, it has been his honor to have been one of the major planners of the two GALA-ND/SMC weekends in New York, hosting alumni/ae from all over the country and providing the occasion to present the Thomas Dooley Award twice in New York.

In 1999, David moved to Chicago for two years to earn a Master's degree in pastoral counseling at Loyola University. While there he was active in the Chicago chapter of GALA-ND/SMC and helped create the Christmas concert event in conjunction with Dignity Chicago.

In the spring of 2002, David returned to New York City to pursue his career as a development director, special events planner, and newly minted pastoral counselor. David is openly gay and actively involved at a Catholic parish in Chelsea where over half of the registered parishioners are GLBT. He helped found an ecumenical program for people who use their spiritual resources to cope with life-threatening illnesses. David was instrumental in bringing Voice of the Faithful to New York City. This lay Catholic reform organization, started by a Notre Dame graduate and Nobel Peace prize recipient in Boston, has grown from 20 people to over 25,000 people in 21 countries in ten months.

Although he has been very involved with GALA-ND/SMC in three different locations, this is the first time David has held elected office, much preferring to be behind the scenes. However with the potential of such phenomenal growth ahead, he is eager to take a more active role in the conduct of GALA-ND/SMC and asks for your support as he serves as Vice Chair at this very exciting time in our history.

Bob Caines, Treasurer University of Notre Dame, 1981

Bob Caines graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in Architecture in 1981. He also holds an MBA in International Business from The American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird). Bob is an entrepreneur and a mergers and acquisition executive. He is currently Vice President of Paley Dixon, a buy-side mergers and acquisitions intermediary. Bob and his business partners founded Cable Channels, the cable television electronic program guide software firm. He has also held senior-level sales positions at Hummingbird, BrightStar, Esavio, and ADP. Bob has served on the Advisory Board of the Peccadillo Theatre Company for the past five years, helping the company to build a strong Board of Directors and to formalize its fundraising efforts. Peccadillo is dedicated to the rediscovery of classic American comedy and drama; Encore Magazine calls it "one of Off-off Broadway's most creative theatrical outfits." Bob also sits on the board of Audubon Beckwith Properties, a real estate development firm in Manhattan..

Bob's primary goal for the organization is to build a GALA-ND/SMC Endowment. This can be achieved by formalizing the fundraising process. Annual contributions from prominent public sector and private sector organizations need to be solicited and closed. Dues and contributions from GALA-ND/SMC members established this organization, and helped it grow into the largest Catholic-affiliated gay and lesbian alumni group in the country. Now, it's time to capitalize on this growth, and move GALA-ND/SMC to the next financial level.

Kevin Heffernan, Secretary University of Notre Dame, 1993

Kevin graduated from Notre Dame with degrees in English and Theology. He spent over four years in the Congregation of Holy Cross, first as an undergraduate seminarian, then as a candidate and a novice. Upon leaving Holy Cross in 1994, he settled in Chicago and has worked in the field of continuing medical education, developing educational programming for physicians, pharmacists, and nurses. He is currently Senior Program Manager with the Institute for Continuing Healthcare Education, serving as the organization's liaison with the American Medical Association, Food and Drug Administration, and other regulatory agencies to ensure compliance with their standards.

Kevin has been a member of GALA-ND/SMC since 1994, and he has served as Editor of the GALA-ND/SMC Newsletter since 1999. From 2000 – 2002, he served as GALA-ND/SMC’s Chair. He is interested in continuing his involvement with GALA-ND/SMC in a leadership role to build on the good work the group has done in the past and to help move it forward into the future.

In his free time, Kevin sings with the Chicago Gay Men’s Chorus and volunteers with a number of Chicago-area GLBT and HIV/AIDS service

Dues, Donations and the Directory

By Fran Feeley '90



As a reminder, GALA-ND/SMC has two annual financial appeals - the annual dues drive in the spring that funds general operating expenses, and the annual fund drive in the fall that funds the annual student grants and special projects. All dues and donations are tax-deductible. Dues and donation acknowledgment letters are sent out annually in January to all members who made financial contributions in the previous calendar year.

The GALA-ND/SMC Membership Directory is now in its third edition. The directory lists only those members who have given the organization explicit permission to be included in this publication. Once permission is received, members will be listed in future editions unless they request otherwise. As a matter of policy, we request that the directory be used only for personal use by GALA-ND/SMC members and that it not be reproduced or circulated. Any commercial or political use of the directory is strictly prohibited.

The latest GALA-ND/SMC Membership Directory (2002-2004) was printed in July 2002 and distributed in August 2002 to all members who contributed dues or donations in the previous two years. Members who did not receive a directory in the initial mailing are receiving them upon receipt of any new dues or donations. Please

notify us immediately if you believe you are entitled to a directory but have not received a copy.

Every effort is made to keep our membership records up-to-date. However, many recent information changes are not reflected in the current directory. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please notify us of any errors in your own listing so that the information can be updated in our records (full name, full address, home phone, work phone, grad year, preferred e-mail address, occupation, other degrees and schools, partner’s name). Please send any information updates to galandsmc@aol.com.

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

By David Pais '72

Think your GLBT friends from Notre Dame know about us? Don’t be too sure! You may be surprised to learn that some of those folks haven’t heard about us yet and are not on our mailing list! Please do us all a favor and TELL THEM ABOUT US or simply submit their contact information to galandsmc@aol.com. We will get in touch with them and offer them the chance to become members. Our strength is in our numbers. Please help get the word out. Wear those GAY IRISH t-shirts, too. They have caught the eye of quite a few current members who learned about us that way.

Speaking of GAY IRISH t-shirts, there are t-shirts available in most sizes in the original colors (gold lettering on navy blue shirt) and the new colors (blue lettering on heather). Both shirts send a clear message that can be read clear across Knute Rockne Stadium! The shirts are \$14.00. Send requests to galandsmc@aol.com or our P.O. Box for further information.

Any interesting GALA-ND/SMC recruitment stories? Submit them to galandsmc@aol.com for inclusion in the newsletter. We ARE everywhere; so let’s start banging those bushes!

Universal GALA Night Scheduled

GALA’s 2nd Annual Universal Night will be held during the weekend of May 14-16th. Please join us in an expression of GALA unity. We have 11 participating cities so far. If you would like to host or participate in an event please contact the GALA officers.

OUT & ABOUT

New Yorkers celebrated Christmas with theater and a party. They caught GALA friend Marlo Thomas in "The Guys," an Off-Broadway play about Sept. 11, then headed to the posh Chelsea apartment of GALA Vice-Chair Gus Hinojosa. Gus made the Yuletide gay by setting out a feast of gourmet goodies and fine wines. Attendees included: **Bruce Bartley ('68), Bill Burns, Bob Caines ('81), Mike Duffy ('71), Charles Ignacio, Lou LaGrange ('92), Tom O'Neil ('77), David Pais ('72), Bill Ryder and Paul Salvatoriello ('91). Greg Johnson ('85)** and his partner Peter came in from Vermont.



Back row, from left: Bill Ryder, Gus Hinojosa, Lou LaGrange, Paul Salvatoriello, Bob Caines. From row, from left: Tom O'Neil, Bill Burns, Charles Ignacio and Davis Pais.

Jim Gatteau '89 performs in "Beyond The Yellow Brick Road" Have you ever heard Elton John's greatest hits sung in 8 parts? Well, for the first three months of the year, the 150 members of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus worked hard to present a concert their audience would never forget!

The concert was presented mid-April and included the talent of our own West Coast GALA poster boy, Jim Gatteau.

We anticipate that Jim will give us a sampling at our next national or West Coast gathering.



Tom Zahn '67 was given the Designers' Choice Award of Excellence by the MnASID (Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers) for his sculpture *Free Fall* that was part of the Society of Minnesota Sculptors spring sculpture show in Minneapolis.



To view Tom's other sculptures and art photography visit: mnavis.org and do a search for ZAHN.

Bits & Pieces

New Websites GALA-ND/SMC has recently revamped its website. Check it out at www.galandsmc.org. Outreach ND, the campus LGBT support group, has also renovated its website, www.outreachnd.org.

So What's New With You? Whether it's the temples of Macchu Picchu, the beaches of Sitges, the Great Wall of China, or a gathering at your own town square, we want to see what our members are doing! Please submit photos and brief written summaries of outings, vacations, commitment ceremonies, swearings-in, legislation signings, sit-ins, tailgaters, tree-trimming parties, parades, chorus concerts, retirement parties, bungee jumps, births, baptisms, barn raisings, protests, opening nights, marathons, street fairs, roller skating parties, or clambakes for inclusion in our newsletter! Please write to us.

Reminder

Let's not forget that any one of us can author letters to the Viewpoint section of the Observer. They frequently print letters from alumni. As great as it is to support current students and faculty, we can raise our voices directly too.

With the miracle of modern technology, we can compose our thoughts on line and submit them electronically to:

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