

Names Project Director at December HTG Meeting

by Denny Carroll

Cleve Jones, Executive Director of The Names Project, received a standing ovation after addressing over 150 High Tech Gays members at the December meeting. A total of \$411 was collected at the meeting which will go to 18 different AIDS services throughout the Bay Area. HTG made a \$100 group donation and the additional \$311 was donated following the presentation.

In his address, Jones expressed how the idea evolved for the project. It began on November 27, 1985 during a candlelight march for Harvey Milk and George Moscone. About 1000 people had died of AIDS in San Francisco at that time and he thought that a good way to remember those people would be to carry a sign with a name of someone who had died. The march converged at the Federal Building where, in a need to express their feelings, all of the marchers covered the walls with their signs. Later on, Cleve says he got the idea of a quilt.

Several dramatic things happened soon after the march that angered him and gave him the momentum to push ahead with the project: including: his best friend died; and, after CBS aired *Life and Death in San Francisco*, he received death threats, and he was involved in a gay bashing incident in Sacramento..

To Jones The Names Project shows how gay people love each other and offers them a way to share that love with the rest of the world. In June of 1987 there were 40 panels to the quilt. By October of 1987, there were more than 2300 panels on display at the National March on Washington. To show the enormity of the epidemic, the

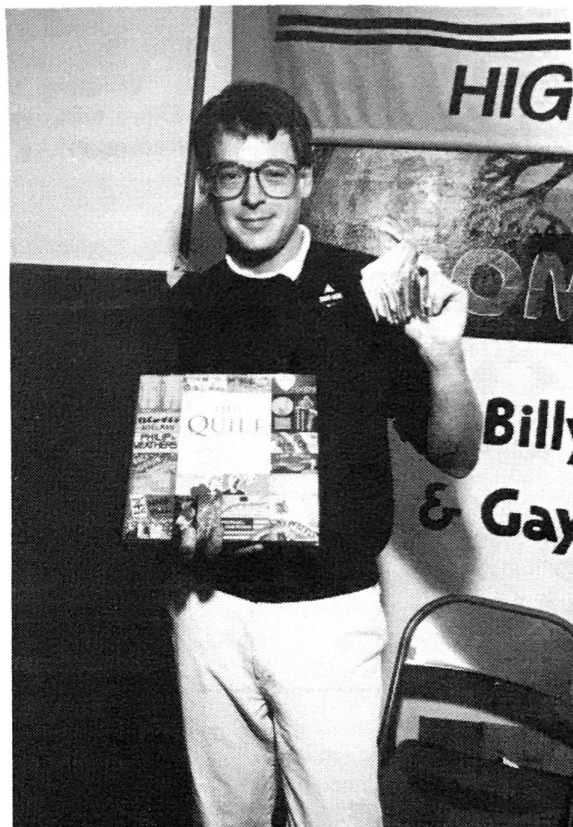


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quilt now has over 10,000 panels. The recent showing in December 1988 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco was the largest single showing to date with more than 7,000 panels on display.

HTG vs DISCO Update

by Rick Rudy

On Friday, December 16, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals finally heard oral arguments in the US Government's appeals of "High Tech Gays vs DISCO (Defense Investigative Security Clearance Office)". This case, which seeks equal treatment for gays and lesbians in the obtaining of Security Clearances to work on government contracts, had previously been ruled on in favor of HTG by SF District Court Judge Thelton Henderson.

A three judge panel, made up of two Circuit Court judges and one District Court judge, heard arguments from the government's lawyer (who came all the way from Washington), and from our attorney Dick Gayer who initiated the suit four years ago. The arguments were limited to one hour and consisted mostly of the

lawyers responding to questions from the judges who had previously studied the arguments submitted in writing.

According to Dick Gayer, there are four possible outcomes: One, they can uphold Judge Henderson's ruling, and we win. Two, they can reverse Henderson, and we lose. Three, they can determine that Henderson's "summary judgement" ruling was too hasty, and remand the case back to Henderson for further hearings and a full trial. And four, they can choose to simply wait until other gay cases being reviewed by the Ninth Circuit (like Perry Watkins vs the CIA) are settled and see what new precedents may be set which could affect HTG vs DISCO.

Gayer added one more wrinkle by bringing in excerpts from a brand new Rand Corporation study which criticizes the government for making any important personnel decisions based to pre-hiring interviews. The

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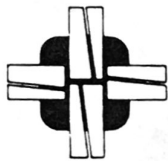
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HTG BBS Gets Software Upgrade

by Allan Hurst

The HTG computer bulletin board system was recently upgraded from TBBS 2.0 to 2.1. Some of the new features that TBBS ("The Bread Board System") 2.1 offers are:

XModem, YModem, YModem Batch, SEALink, Kermit, and SuperKermit file transfer protocols.

Faster message access and an improved method for reading multiple messages boards with a single read command.

"Carbon copying" of messages and "message read receipts", along with the capability to upload message text using a file transfer protocol.

a greatly improved and reorganized file download area with multiple file download areas and automatic scanning of all download areas for any files added since your last logon.

support for ANSI Color Graphics and IBM Graphics characters.

Many other improvements too numerous to list here. Since its inception in June, the HTG BBS has fielded over 4000 calls and 2500 messages. Currently, the system has about 600 different callers and 1360 active messages. Information about HTG, including monthly activity calendars, club membership information, and security clearance information, is available online. Multiple message areas, file downloading/uploading areas, and national lesbian/gay resource listings are available to all callers.

The system, located in San Mateo, runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and supports 2400, 1200, and 300 bps access. The number is (415) 572-9594. No validation, subscription, or registration is required; pseudonyms are welcome, and you don't even have to be an HTG member to call. (In fact, we've recruited several new members who have who found out about HTG through the BBS.)

If you use Telenet's PC PURSUIT service, keep in mind that the HTG BBS is PC-Pursuitable through either the San Francisco (CASFA) or Palo Alto (CAPAL) Telenet PC PURSUIT nodes.

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HTG Activities Calendar

HTG New Year Eve Party Saturday December 31

Join Hosts Spencer and Steve an HTG New Years Party on the 18th floor of the new Fairmont Hotel in Downtown San Jose.

Party from 8:00 PM to 2:00 AM. \$15 in advance, \$25 after Dec. 29th. Make check payable to Spencer Nutting, 34 S. 15th St. San Jose, CA 95112. Include self addressed, stamped envelope for return mail tickets. Questions? call (408) 995-0888.

Activities Committee Tuesday, January 3

We'll meet at Al's in Willow Glen. Try to be there by 7:00 PM. If you would like to join and need directions, call Voicemail and leave a message.

HTG Montly Meeting Sunday, January 8

Our first meeting of the new year will be held beginning at 6:30 PM at the Billy DeFrank Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose. (Map on Back Page.) Please bring a dish to share for the Potluck supper. Please remember not to bring alcoholic beverages to the Center. At this time we do not have a guest speaker scheduled, however that may change, listen to the message on VoiceMail for any last minute changes.

North Tahoe Skiing @ January 13 - 15

The December meeting was the deadline for signups, but we may have a few spaces to fill up a house or to replace dropouts, so call Voicemail if you are interested. The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for guests.

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom Thursday January 19

Ticket sales closed at the December meeting. Everyone who ordered tickets will meet Gene outside the theater at about 7:40 to pick up tickets. The performance is at the Burgess Theater in Menlo Park at 8:00 pm.

Games Night Saturday February 4

Pete and Don open up their new home for the latest reincarnation of HTG's now nearly famous Games Nights. Bring you favorite board game, a little libation or snack, and we'll see what we can get organized.

An Evening with P. D. Q. Bach Friday February 10

We knew this one would go fast. All 20 tickets were snatched up at the December meeting. The performance is at 8:30 PM at the San Jose Civic Auditorium, on San Carlos Street in the back of the same building that houses the Montgomery Theater. Donna will be out front with your tickets at about ??????.

BENT at City Lights 2nd Week in February?

City Lights will present the first local performances of this Broadway drama about the experiences of gay men in a Nazi concentration camp during WW II. We will have more details at the January meeting.

South Tahoe Skiing II nee Kirkwood Skiing February 24 - 26

"The best laid plans..." and all that. The first South Tahoe trip ended up with only 6 skiers, in a house in North Tahoe! The organizer didn't even make that one. (Honest, guys, I was sick.) Meanwhile, Chuck was endeavoring to make arrangements for condos at Kirkwood, where we had a very successful trip last year. Turned out that you have to start in August to get reservations for the condos. All that were available were some two-person studios. Anyway, good ol' Chuck, who must be a glutton for punishment, is going to try again.

My One and Only Sunday March 19

This will be a matinee performance at the Montgomery Theater in downtown San Jose. We're going to plan a brunch to precede the performance, but we don't know where, yet. Stay tuned.

HTG vs DISCO

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Rand study insists that no one is intending to be a spy or traitor when they are first interviewed and brought on board, and so screening out people at the pre-hiring level is nonsense.

The Court has no time limit for making its decision, so we just need to sit back and be patient for a month, six months, a year, or more.

New Member Contact Volunteer

Ron Marshall has volunteered to accept the position of High Tech Gays new member contact. His duties include, making those who attend a meeting for the first time to feel welcome and comfortable. Not always easy when entering a room full of strangers. We are still looking for a woman to assist as a new member contact for women, so if you are interested in helping out, give us a call! (Any of the phone numbers on page 2.)

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