

# M I L E S T O N E S

## GEOFFREY FINE

Geoffrey Fine, an actor, dancer and comic performer, died on May 1 after living with AIDS for four and a half years. He was 40 years old.

Born in Hollywood and raised in Ann Arbor, Mich., Mr. Fine moved to New York in 1970, where he appeared in plays Off-Broadway and at Max's Kansas City. In 1975, he returned to Ann Arbor to study dance and choreography at the University of Michigan.

After graduating, he moved back to New York with his friend, Madonna. In the 1980s, while working as a typographer, he became a movie stand-in for Gene Wilder and performed frequently at the Improvisation. He was perhaps the first comedian to make AIDS a subject of his standup act.

From the early '80s on, Mr. Fine

also worked as a volunteer intake-clinician for GMHC. As a patient at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital, he served on the Community Resource Board for the AIDS Clinical Trial Group of New York City.

A memorial gathering is to be held at the Garden Room of Judson Memorial Church, 241 Thompson St. (at Washington Square South), on Wednesday, June 5, at 5 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hale House Center, Inc., 68 Edgecomb Ave., New York, NY 10030.

