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MIDWINTER

THE COLORADO QUESTION

GLTF Midwinter Conference Schedule

DENVER, COLORADO
January 22 - 26, 1993

Friday, January 22
Steering Committee Meeting
8 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, January 23
Business/ All Committees
2 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24
Book Awards Committee
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Gay Lives, Gay Literature
Read-Aloud
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25
Program Planning (New Orleans)
9:30 - 11 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26
Steering Committee
2 - 4 p.m.
Program Planning (New Orleans)
2 - 4 p.m.

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(Excerpts from 11/10/92 status report and *SRRT Newsletter* of 12/92 by Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr., Chair of ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table)

As I am sure you are all aware, Colorado voters passed an amendment to the state's constitution specifically prohibiting laws which would provide equal rights to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Within a short time, the electronic networks were filled with messages from angry librarians and others calling for boycotts and other actions. A number of librarians are considering cancelling their reservations for Midwinter in Denver.

There is a question as to whether absenting oneself from Midwinter, thereby having a direct impact on the Colorado economy, or attending and taking part in protest activities there would be a more effective means of making oneself heard on this issue.

Among the ideas that we are working on are:

- 1) Stickers (design: pink triangle on white with the words "Foster Equality" or something similar) to be handed out at registration and to be worn by as many attendees as possible. ALA will arrange space for us in the registration area to do this.
- 2) Triangle stamp and pink stamp pads to stamp money carried and spent by attendees. Highlight our economic strength to merchants.
- 3) Signs in each exhibit booth saying something like - "This vendor supports ALA's policy of non-discrimination." ALA has volunteered to reproduce and mail a request that they put up such a sign to all exhibitors.

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4) ALA-released statements against the measure.

5) Enforcement of Midwinter 1990 Council Document 44 which prohibits employers from recruiting through ALA organs (either the journals or conference placement centers) who will not sign the ALA policy of non-discrimination. (Note: Policy 54.3) The measure would prohibit the state universities and public libraries from signing such a statement .

6) The 1998 Midwinter Conference is scheduled for Denver. There will be a motion at the 1st ALA Council Meeting to move 1988 Conference out of the state. GLTF members can attend to make their opinions known on the issue. If you can't be in Denver to let your voice be heard, please write to ALA Headquarters and let them know that you support canceling the 1998 plans for Denver.

7) There will be a sheet at the literature distribution table announcing the various finalized plans.

It is important that a number of things happen so that every attendee has a chance to join us in at least one activity. The SRRT and GLTF Chairs and Co-Chairs have been in contact with one another and with ALA Headquarters to coordinate their activities and to work together to take full advantage of all of the energy that is bound to be released over the Colorado voters' decision. Anyone with ideas should contact one of the chairs.

For those people who do choose to cancel plans to attend Midwinter, do not do so silently. Please write to your hotels telling them specifically why you are cancelling. And while you're at it, send copies to the Colorado Office of Tourism, 1625 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, CO 80202, and to the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, 1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80203. Send copies to ALA headquarters, which will need to have ammunition to confront the minority that has been vocal in the journal. The more letters and faxes from us the better.

See you, most reluctantly, in Denver — Stephen J. Stillwell Jr., Chair, SRRT

Additional Comments From Karen Whittlesey-First, GLTF Co-Chair:

There have been several excellent suggestions made recently, including some kind of press conference or

media event. We will take those suggestions very seriously, so please keep them coming. Also, will the person who said he (I think it was he) could provide a list of friendly accommodations be willing to send it out?

One of my concerns is that we do not punish businesses and organizations that are supportive. There have been several listings of Colorado businesses. If you know of supportive ones, don't keep it a secret. Those of us who are going to Denver will want to know where to eat, etc.

Thanks for all the activity.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

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AGENDA FOR STEERING COMMITTEE

Discussions:

- ▼ by-laws revision — where do we stand and is this a priority?
- ▼ fundraising in New Orleans — do we want one and who will do it?
- ▼ exceptional achievement award — do we want to have one and how should we go about it?

Reports:

- ▼ budget — including a discussion about whether we want to request additional funding from SRRT's one-time overabundance
- ▼ planning committee 1993 (New Orleans)
- ▼ planning committee 1994 (Los Angeles and Miami)
- ▼ steering committee vacancies — first call for nominations/volunteers
- ▼ new business

If you have more items for the agenda, please send to:

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NOTE: Anyone who is interested in working on programming for the annual conference in Miami in 1994 should show up at any steering committee or planning committee meeting. If you can't make any meetings, but know that you'll be around for 1994 and would like to help, contact either of the co-chairs. If we begin planning now, we might be able to do a pre-conference!

FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Karen Whittlesey-First, Female Co-Chair:

By the time you read this, it will be only a few weeks before Midwinter. I can hardly believe how quickly the time has gone since San Francisco when I met so many of you for the first time. Whew! I know that "behind the scenes" work has been going on as we prepare for events in Denver and New Orleans and I want to thank those folks who are making sure both Midwinter and Annual are worthwhile and valuable. And there are ample opportunities for others to become involved in the Task Force as well. Anyone interested in planning the 1994 program in Miami is more than welcome to show up at any planning or steering committee meeting in Denver. (See page 1 for meeting schedule.)

Included in my thanks this month are Kathy Anderson and her newsletter people, both contributors and staff. In a time of phenomenal budget cuts and axing of travel-conference funding (if you ever had any!), the newsletter is especially important in keeping Task Force members aware of what happened at earlier conferences and what is planned for the next ones. The newsletter also serves as a focus for pulling us all together whatever our library status or affiliation and giving us a place to catch up on books and news events of interest.

Another means of connecting us as lesbian and gay people is through electronic discussion groups. I think it would be useful for those who have access to the Internet or Bitnet to know about the various discussion groups out there. Over the course of the next several weeks, I would like to see compiled an annotated list (with addresses and subscription information) of appropriate discussion groups.

If you are on any and would be willing to monitor and send annotations to me, I would be glad to compile them for publication in the newsletter. I am looking for discussion groups which may or may not be *specifically* geared toward library staff.

Because of the sometimes transient nature of electronic discussion groups, and the continual emerging of new ones, any annotated list is bound to be somewhat out of date if it sits for any length of time, so I am setting a target date of February 1 to have all submissions in hand. If this is a successful undertaking, maybe we could repeat it in the fall when additional groups may emerge.

To submit discussion groups, send to:

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And speaking of connecting, a new regional group is forming in New England. In the birthing process as I write this, but with effort and luck actually born when you read it, is a regional group of gay and lesbian library workers (professional and support, or, as I read in a discussion group recently, "MLS-encumbered" and "MLS-free"). As envisioned now, members of this group will take an active role in doing "library things" like volunteer cataloging of lesbian and gay archival material for an organization, newspaper, etc., which might wish it, or suggesting book displays and reading lists for libraries. And, it will, of course, hold social events. For further information about this as-yet-unnamed New England group, you may contact me by phone or mail (see above contact numbers.)

Connections and relationships. That's what it's all about. I hope to renew both with many of you in Denver. For those who can't make it, I'll be thinking about you too.

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Highlights From GLTF Meetings at the 1992 Annual Conference

One general membership meeting and two Steering Committee meetings were held in San Francisco. Complete minutes of these meetings will be available at the Midwinter Meeting in Denver.

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Highlights of the 1992 Annual Conference meetings include:

Program

According to Terry Allison, the 1993 Program Committee Chair, the New Orleans program will focus on writing, publishing and distributing books by and about lesbians and gay men. Membership also discussed ongoing issues regarding GLTF programs: audio-taping, co-sponsorship, avoiding conflicts with related programs, and a separate book awards ceremony.

Budget

The lack of regular GLTF financial reports from ALA/OLOS continues to frustrate the Steering Committee. Newsletter advertising and fundraising were discussed, but postponed until financial accountability improved.

Newsletter

Membership discussed the future direction and the possibility of ALA printing of the newsletter. Editor Kathy Anderson reported that ALA/OLOS control of the subscription and mailing list is working well.

Book Awards

The Book Award Committee strongly favors instituting a permanent Exceptional Achievement Award. However, membership tabled the idea because of inadequate funding for our two current book awards.

Clearinghouse

Membership discussed copyright issues and electronic publishing and access in regard to Clearinghouse publications.

Oregon Ballot Initiative

Membership voted by acclamation to support Adam Schiff's draft of a resolution opposing censorship in Springfield, Oregon and the anti-gay state ballot initiative in Oregon.

GLTF Steering Committee Vacancies

In July 1993, the following GLTF Steering Committee positions will be vacant: Male Co-Chair, Newsletter Editor, Book Award Committee Chair, Publicity Committee Chair, Finance Committee Chair. If you would like to receive a written description of position responsibilities, contact one of the GLTF Co-Chairs.

American Libraries GLTF Cover

The following is an excerpt of a letter sent to *American Libraries* by Stephen J. Stillwell, Jr. Coordinator, ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table:

AL is to be commended, not condemned, for its courage. Unfortunately, running a cover photo of a group of celebrating lesbian and gay librarians still warrants congratulations and is still a courageous thing to do. And unfortunately, those who side with the white, heterosexual, male hegemony still fear for the country, the society, and themselves when they see that lesbian and gay people can be celebrating. Your cover shows a gathering of librarians happy in their identity as homosexual people and as librarians.

In AL's 11/92 issue, GLTF member Cal Gough, Atlanta-Fulton (Ga.) Public Library, wrote:

Gays and lesbians are not going to disappear from professional associations, or disappear from libraries, or disappear from families and communities everywhere — no matter how many magazines we're kept off the cover of or how many other ways some people try to deny, trivialize, or erase our existence.

In the wake of continuing hostile letters from librarians about the cover photo, showing GLTF members and other gay and lesbian librarians with the GLTF banner at the San Francisco Pride Parade during the convention, perhaps *GLTF Newsletter* readers would like to know that a similar reaction occurred when *California Lawyer* magazine recently featured "Gays at Law: Life in a Straight-Laced Profession."

Mailing List Problem Reported

A GLTF member reports receiving a Christian religious pamphlet in the same envelope as a flyer from Integrity Indexing. She determined, from the way that her name was listed, that her mailing information was taken from the *Directory of Gay and Lesbian Library Workers* put out by GLTF. Have you had a similar experience? Please notify *GLTF Newsletter* if so.

Please note: the *GLTF Newsletter* mailing list is never released or sold. The problem reported above did not occur with unauthorized access to our mailing list, but from the *Directory of Gay and Lesbian Library Workers*.

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GAY LIVES, GAY LITERATURE READ-ALOUD

Many of us found ourselves by reading gay and lesbian literature. This year, meeting in Colorado, we will surely need to celebrate finding ourselves in literature and to rededicate ourselves to keeping gay lives and authors in libraries for others to discover. GLTF is sponsoring the Gay and Lesbian Read-Aloud at the Midwinter Conference in Denver. Here is your chance to share a 5 - 7 minute selection from the book or literary magazine of your choice. A protest, an affirmation, a celebration, a renewal of the spirit — the Read-Aloud is a special experience to be part of, and this year it will be even more so.

Please fill out the advance registration form below and return it to: Bonita Corliss, Business and Technology Dept., Seattle Public Library, 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

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GAY LIVES, GAY LITERATURE READ-ALOUD ENTRY

January 24, 1993, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Location: check program.

Name _____

Library _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Phone _____

NEWS IN BRIEF

▼ An action by the Lesbian Avengers targeted New York's School District 24 for their rejection of a new K-8 multicultural curriculum that included lesbians and gay men. Lesbian activists handed out flyers and balloons with "Ask About Lesbian Lives" accompanied by a brass band. For a copy of the bibliography, "Lesbian and Gay Books for Children and Young Teens" or for more information, contact the Lesbian Avengers, Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 208 W. 13th St., Manhattan, New York, NY (718) 499-3802.

from Lesbian Avenger flyer

▼ Two years in preparation, the first volume of the *Gay/Lesbian Periodicals Index* is now available for distribution. Containing almost 33,000 entries based on the contents of 29 leading gay and lesbian publications, the *Index* is available in microfiche format at a cost of \$40.00 plus shipping. Contact Integrity Indexing, P.O. Box 33094, Charlotte, NC 28233-3094.

▼ A 1991 reading list about substance abuse for gay men and lesbians is available free from L. Sipos, P.O. Box 490, Rocky Hill, NJ 08553.

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▼ At its 1992 conference in Chicago, the Art Libraries Society presented a session, "Sexual Perversity in Chicago: Researching the Impact of Artist's Sexuality on their Work." Jim Van Buskirk of San Francisco Public Library initiated the program, which generated considerable excitement and positive reaction, as a result of his own difficulties in finding information about artists' sexuality, particularly if that sexuality was not heterosexual. After the conference, a new Round Table on gay and lesbian issues was formed, and a follow-up program has been scheduled for the 1993 conference in San Francisco: "Art Scholarship in the Closet: A Little Queer, Isn't It?"

For more information, contact Edith L. Crowe, Chair-Elect of the Northern CA. Chapter of the Art Libraries Society, San Jose State University Library, (408) 924-2700 or on E-mail via BITNET at ecrowe@SJSUVM1.

▼ Jim Van Buskirk, a librarian at the San Francisco Public Library, has been named to the newly created position of Director of the Gay and Lesbian Center there. Slated to open in late 1995, the Center will be the first research-oriented archive devoted to gay men and lesbians in the country to be established by a public library.

from press release, San Francisco Public Library

▼ William and Mary Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Inc. has announced a campaign to raise \$25,000 to establish an endowment fund to buy gay and lesbian materials for the College of William and Mary's Earl Gregg Swem Library in Williamsburg, VA. For more information or to make a contribution, write William and Mary GALA, Inc., P.O. Box 15141, Washington, DC 20003

from *Our Own Community Press*, 9/92, p. 2.

▼ The Santa Monica (Ca.) Public Library has begun a project to increase the visibility, access and promotion of lesbian literature. Book donations are sought. For more information, contact Lillie at (310) 458-2295.

from *LN (Lesbian News)*, 10/92, p. 16.

▼ San Francisco (Ca.) Library Commissioners voted on October 6th to continue to fly the rainbow flag at the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch of the San Francisco Public Library. The flag had been challenged by fundamentalist religious groups, which had launched a national letter writing campaign to San Francisco's Mayor, demanding its removal.

from press release, San Francisco Public Library

▼ "With Equal Pride: Lesbian and Gay Studies at UCLA" is the title of an exhibit to be mounted in UCLA's Research Library Lobby and the Department of Special Collections, January through March 1993. The title is from a poem by the gay American writer Hart Crane: "And let us march through time with equal pride."

from *Lambda Alumni Newsletter of UCLA*, 10/11/92, p. 3.

▼ Publisher Sasha Alyson recently provided free copies of two gay and lesbian positive children's books, *Daddy's Roommate* and *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans*, to the first 500 libraries requesting them. Libraries requesting copies ranged from a small library with a \$10,000 annual book budget to an urban library that just experienced a \$100,000 book budget cut. Many libraries reported that their copies of the often-attacked books have been "lost."

A local right to life group in Fayetteville, NC, attacked the Cumberland County Public Library's \$11.4 million bond referendum intended for the construction of five new branch libraries in protest over two Alyson titles, *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather Has Two Mommies*. The referendum won a narrow victory on November 4.

In Wayne County (N.C.), Director Therese Bigelow resigned her position following a tumultuous controversy over her board-backed decision not to remove *Daddy's Roommate* from the library's collection.

from *American Libraries*, 11/92, p. 830-831,
Library Journal Hotline, 10/26/92, p. 5 and 11/9/92 p. 1.

▼ A pathfinder, developed by Steven D. Harsin, on "Developing a Male Gay Identity" was published in *Collection Building*, Vol. 11 No. 4. The sources chosen are "...mainstream enough to be available in large public libraries, through interlibrary loan, or, if necessary, ordered through a local bookstore."

▼ "Adolescent Sexuality, Addressing the Needs of Lesbian and Gay Youth", an information exchange meeting, was offered at the Middle County Library, Centereach, NY, on November 17, by the Suffolk Coalition for Parents and Children, a coalition of mental health and social service professionals, librarians, educators, agencies, parents and youth workers. Demonstrations were threatened by two individuals.

from *Library Journal Hotline*, 11/16/92, p. 4.

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▼ *Homosexual Characters in YA Novels: A Literary Analysis, 1969 - 1982* by Allan Cuseo investigates 69 novels for the degree of realism and/or negativity employed in portraying homosexual characters. Available from Scarecrow Press, POB 4167, Metuchen, NJ 08840 (08108-2537-6) for \$49.50.

from *American Libraries*, 9/92, p. 680.

▼ A privately held Minneapolis company has launched a national gay and lesbian mail-order book club, Pages — The Gay and Lesbian Book Club. The club will produce 5 catalogs a year, and people may join for a membership fee of \$10.

from *Publishers Weekly*, 7/18/92.

▼ Among new subject headings created by Hennepin County (MN) Library's Head Cataloger Sanford Berman are: "F.B.I. — Anti-Gay Activist Operations", "Gay Diplomats", "HIV-Positive Persons" and "Homophobia in Sports."

▼ The Gay and Lesbian Center of the new San Francisco Public Library received its second major donation, \$100,000 from an anonymous benefactor. The donation has raised the total amount of gifts to the Center to \$800,000 out of \$1.6 million needed as start-up budget for the Center.

from *Bay Area Reporter*, 8/6/92, p. 3.

▼ KNX Newsradio 1070 in Los Angeles recently produced a roundtable discussion, "Gay and Lesbian Rights: Civil Liberties or Special Privileges?" in connection with the *Los Angeles Times* and the Los Angeles Public Library.

from *Frontiers*, 9/11/92, p. 32.

▼ The Publishing Triangle Association of Lesbians and Gay Men in Publishing produced a three-day Writers Weekend in October in New York City. The weekend featured panels, readings, workshops on writing and publishing in New York. For information on future activities, contact Eric Brandt, (212) 316-7126.

from Publishing Triangle press release.

▼ Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is spearheading a campaign in California, called Project 21, to have fair and accurate information about gay and lesbian lives included in instructional materials, particularly public school textbooks. African American lesbian activist Pat Norman was nominated to the State

Curriculum Commission, which will have final say. GLAAD's position is that "the health curriculum must recognize that gay, lesbian and bisexual orientations are mentally healthy."

from *Mom's Apple Pie: Newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund*, Fall/1992, p. 1.

▼ A panel from the speakers bureau of the Long Island chapter of P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) spoke before the Youth Librarian Association of Suffolk County about the importance of the library as a source of information to gay and lesbian youth as well as parents and others.

from *The PFLAGpole*, Fall 1992, p. 8.

▼ Gordon and Breach Publishers announce the release of *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. The first issue is slated for June 1993. The journal will provide a forum for new work in the rapidly expanding interdisciplinary field of lesbian and gay studies. Manuscripts are welcome. For a free sample copy or contributor's guidelines, contact Philip Rappaport, Gordon and Breach Publishers, P.O. Box 786 Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276.

▼ Librarians might want to pass this contact information to the person in charge of their library's grants/foundation collection: National Fund for Lesbian and Gay Artists, c/o Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404, (310) 453-1755.

▼ Nancy Hellner and Ken Furatado are working on the *Gay and Lesbian Bibliography of Plays*. For further information, write to Nancy Hellner, 4907 E. Amelia, Phoenix, AZ 85018, (602) 952-9358 or Ken Furatado, 250 W. Pasadena, Phoenix, 85012, (602) 222-9796.

from *On the Purple Circuit*, Spring 92, p. 4.

▼ *Alabama Forum*, the state's largest gay and lesbian publication, requests help in the organization of an archival resource center. If any individual or organization can offer help in the organization of a system for cataloguing news releases, copy and publications that the newspaper acquires each month, contact Frank Snapp III, Alabama Forum, P.O. Box 55894, Birmingham, AL 35255-5894, (205) 328-9228.

▼ *Art and Understanding: The Journal of Literature and Art about AIDS* features artworks, photography, fiction and poetry about the epidemic. Contact: Editor David Waggoner, Suite 177, 900 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

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▼ The Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the College Art Association has formed a bibliography committee to publish a bibliography on gay and lesbian art/art history, past or present. To submit any references you know of to articles, books, ephemera, previously published research, etc., contact committee chair Jim Saslow, 340 W. 19th St., New York, NY 10014, (212) 633-2673.

*from Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the College Art Association Newsletter,
Spring 1992, p. 2.*

▼ The Lesbian and Gay Library/ Archives of Philadelphia has reopened in its new home. The archives contains over 2,000 books and hundreds of periodicals and newspapers. Contributions (monetary and material) may be sent to Penguin Place, P.O. Box 12814, Philadelphia, PA 19108-0814.

*from Society of American Archivists, Lesbians and Gay Archives
Roundtable Newsletter, August 1992, p. 2.*

▼ Excerpt from a letter to Sally Zeckhauser, Vice President of Administration, Harvard University from Karen Whittlesey-First, GLTF Co-Chair:

For the last 11 years I have worked at Harvard and have been happy here. ..Through all my years of employment, however, I have been continually burdened, saddened, and now angry that Harvard cannot or does not provide domestic partner health benefits. My partner of 12 years is the beneficiary of my pension and life insurance. Why is she not permitted to share my health insurance benefits? Ours is a committed, long-term relationship which cannot have the blessing of a state- or clergy-sanctioned union, yet we are in all ways sharing our lives together and intend to do so for the rest of our lives. Were we able to be married, we would be...

It is perhaps too much to expect the University to provide, all at once, health benefits to all domestic partner families, but it seems to me that a good way to begin is by extending this benefit to those couples who have no possibility of marriage which would entitle them to shared medical benefits. Gay and lesbian couples should be the first recipients of an expanded health benefit program...

I urge the Administration to open its eyes and heart to those of us who claim to be, and live our lives as examples, of "family."

NOW AVAILABLE: NEW EDITION OF "FAMOUS GAYS AND LESBIANS" LIST

The 8th edition of the GLTF publication, "Famous or Distinguished Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals: A List of Names", is now available from the GLTF's Library Information Clearinghouse.

This checklist has consistently been one of the most frequently-requested GLTF publications since it was first compiled in 1987. The newest edition includes 1,176 names of both living and historical men and women from all walks of life and from many different countries. Each name is accompanied by birth and/or death dates, nationality, and field of accomplishment. Over four dozen reference sources were used to compile the names.

The checklist can be used by librarians and library users for a variety of purposes. For example, the list can serve a starting point for casual readers interested in locating biographies of gays and lesbians; it can be used by students interested in identifying gay and lesbian figures for historical research; it can help librarians develop more inclusive biography collections. Because the list provides numerous examples of gays and lesbians in virtually every field, it can be used by students, journalists, and others publishing research papers, news articles, or editorials and feature stories in newspapers and magazines — and by readers responding to misinformation appearing in various media.

The 29-page publication costs \$5. Like other GLTF checklists, bibliographies, guidelines, and directories, it can be ordered from the Clearinghouse c/o ALA's Office of Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

—Cal Gough

THANKS

to all our contributors who clip stories in their local or special interest media and send them to us. If you see news we should be aware of, send anytime to Kathy Anderson, GLTF Newsletter Editor, Atlantic County Library System, 40 Farragut Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 or fax to (609) 625-8143.

BOOK REVIEWS

NONFICTION

Acting Gay: Male Homosexuality in Modern Drama. By John M. Clum. Columbia University Press, 1992. Between Men-Between Women Series. Cloth. \$29.95 (ISBN 0-231-07510-3)

English and American playwrights and their works are examined in three major sections. The first part, "Bodies and Taboos," focuses on the physical aspects of homosexuality; it also examines plays about AIDS and their idiosyncracies.

A second section, "Codes and Closets," examines drama written between 1930 and 1968 as a vehicle for opening up a space for gay male characters while maintaining a foot in the closet.

The final section, "Staging a Culture That Isn't Just Sexual," discusses drama over the past three decades in light of the Oscar Wilde trials, the Nazi persecution of homosexuals, and the Stonewall riots.

Complete with notes, an annotated listing of gay plays and an index, this makes a solid contribution to overall history of gay characters in drama.

Ed SantaVicca,
Hayden Library
Arizona State University

Not in Front of the Audience: Homosexuality on Stage. By Nicholas De Jongh. Routledge, 1992. Paper. \$15.95. (ISBN 0-415-03363-2)

Covering much of the same territory as Clum's *Acting Gay*, De Jongh's work is based more solidly in the theatre than in society. The two works serve as an excellent complement to each other.

De Jongh divides his work into six major sections, each with its telling title: "From the Playhouse to the Old Bailey," "The Deviant, The Damned and the Dandified: 1925-1939," "The Enemy Within: 1949-1958," "Out of Bondage Towards Being: 1958-1969," "Simply the Thing I Am Shall Make Me Live: 1969-1981," and "The Return of the Outcast: 1981-1985."

Notes, bibliography, index. Literate and entertaining, a worthwhile purchase for anyone interested in this topic.

Ed SantaVicca,
Hayden Library
Arizona State University

Stolen Glances: Lesbians Take Photographs. Edited by Tessa Boffin and Jean Fraser. Pandora Press/Harper Collins, 1991. Paper. \$23.00 (ISBN 0-04-440707)

Fedoras off to the Arts Council of Great Britain for financially supporting this book and its accompanying touring photography exhibition. Our National Endowments for the Arts wouldn't allow over its threshold a project that included titles such as: "Dirty Girl's Guide to London," "Butch/Fem Picnic," or "James Dean: The Almost Perfect Lesbian Hermaphrodite." In outright rebellion against Britain's repressive law against promoting homosexuality, this book does just that, in ways both imaginative and scholarly.

The subject is lesbian photography, but not the documentary, lets-show-how-lesbians-live-type exemplified in JEB's *Eye to Eye*. These manipulated, staged photos attempt to subvert mainstream, heterosexual imagery and, once changed, make it ours. The photos are accompanied by 29 critical essays appealing to those readers intrigued by the latest feminist art theory. They relate lesbian photography to issues of race, male homosexuality, lesbian identity, families, AIDS, and lesbian desire. All assume some familiarity with current lesbian debate on pornography, sexuality, and cultural representation.

The contributors are evenly divided between American and British lesbians, the most familiar on this side of the pond being Tee Corinne. My personal favorites were Deborah Bright's photos in which the photographer pasted her dykey figure into famous movie stills, creating such lesbian fantasies as looking into Kate Hepburn's eyes, or laughing with Vanessa Redgrave in bed, or gazing at Glenda Jackson while George Segal gets left out.

This sturdy, paperbound, attractively laid-out book has footnotes, a good one-page bibliography, biographical notes and a useful index. I heartily recommend this book to any library able to encompass photos of nude lesbians in their collection.

Kathy Ruffle
College of New Caledonia Library
Prince George, B.C.

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AIDS and Ethics. Edited by Frederic G. Reamer. Columbia University Press, 1991. \$29.50. (ISBN 0-231-07358-5)

As editor, Reamer has compiled an impressive list of contributors, who have in turn produced a collection of essays that are informative, factual and very readable. What's fair, what's just, what's legal, what are the choices and how are they made? These topics and others of a similar nature make up the collection. My wish would be to deal with each essay as an entity but that would overextend my privilege as a reviewer; however, I must go for some discussion of a few of the essays and the questions they raise.

"Waging a War on AIDS." Who is the enemy, the virus or the person infected? In such a war, can we expect human subject research (Kamikaze Pilots), the use of experimental drugs and vaccine trials? See what I mean about questions?

"Ethics and the Person." Is it ethical to have one insurance policy at one cost that covers AIDS and one at another that excludes AIDS coverage? What's ethical and what's feasible, how far can National Health Insurance be stretched and not jeopardize other social action programs?

Two chapters deal with physicians, other health care professionals and the patient. These chapters frightened me, angered me, and made me realize all over again that ethics and morality are speeches and may be listened to but not heard. They may be written about but may not become law. In 1987, of 4,000 dentists polled in Chicago, only three said they would accept new AIDS referrals. Statistics like these point out strongly the need for books like this to awaken us to our moral and ethical responsibilities.

There is a chapter on privacy and AIDS which brings up a whole range of issues, most of which could begin with the word "responsibility." The last chapter is "AIDS and the LAW" and highlights areas of the law where AIDS has been the significant factor.

I have no hesitancy in recommending this book for professional, academic, or public libraries. For the medical or legal professionals, this book may, on the surface, appear to be an oversimplification. In reality, these essays exhibit a depth of knowledge of the subject and of the persons most directly affected.

Battling With Beasts: Sex in the Life and Letters of St. Paul; The Issues of Homosexuality, Heterosexuality, and Bisexuality. By Arthur Frederick Ide. Tanglewood Press, 1991. Paper. \$12.00. (ISBN 0-934667-09-8)

This is Dr. Ide's response to evangelical fundamentalism. Tying onto the coattail of Bishop Spong's *Rescuing the Bible From Fundamentalism*, Ide goes further than Spong in his examination of Paul's sexual objections by presenting an argument that Paul did not condemn homosexuality, but sexuality in general.

Ide believes that Paul was so uncomfortable with his own sexual identity and propensity that he demanded others cover theirs and adopt his own paranoia. Paul's cry was thus, not a cry for people to deny themselves a homosexual life style or proclivity, but it was more a passionate — pathetic — plea for heterosexuals and homosexuals to give up lust, to deny themselves sexual stimulation, gratification, reproduction and physical intimacy.

Dr. Ide's work is an interesting and scholarly re-examination of the human side of St. Paul. It allows the reader an inside view into the weaknesses of Paul, and how important it is to remember the humanness of all the Apostles.

The text is filled with numerous footnotes and lengthy passages in Greek. As a limited reader of Greek, this reviewer found them at best interesting and at times, a challenge to one's ability to concentrate on the thesis of the argument presented in English. Because of this factor, the common reader may perhaps ignore entire sections of the work, or even worse, lose interest in the text altogether. From a scholar's or researcher's point of view, the Greek references do serve as good documentation for the skeptic who would question the validity of Ide's thesis or scholarship.

Because of the level of scholarship of this work, it is not recommended for the lay person. It is more directed to the advanced theological student, seminarian, or theological scholar.

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Holy Family. By John L. Myers. Alyson, 1992. Paper. \$8.95. (ISBN 1-55583-200-8)

David Harriman pushes his way through a January blizzard to reach the Lodge, one of Washington, DC's popular late night gay bars. He is picked up by Michael Hudson, an intensely handsome stud, and they repair to David's apartment. The following day, David discovers that the man of his dreams had been murdered after they separated and that he is the prime suspect. Michael's nude body had been found hanging in a haunted boarded-up section of the St. Aloysius Franciscan Seminary where there had been a suicide 55 years earlier.

Father Alexander Tucker has been summoned to exorcise the spirits from the boarded-up section of the Seminary. Father Alexander, troubled by his past, tries to confront it with a visit to the Lodge where he meets David Harriman.

One night Harriman is cruising the streets and comes up with 14-year-old "Snake" whose nickname is appropriately chosen. Throughout the novel, Harriman is sorely tempted by the presence of streetwise Snake.

Gay Detective Rod Daniels, who is recently out of a relationship, is assigned to investigate the murder. Will a new involvement develop?

The two parallel stories and four themes are intricately interwoven in this suspensefully written mystery that the reader will reluctantly interrupt to attend to bothersome tasks. The relationship to Snake is tastefully handled although it is a bit pat and legally suspect; Father Alexander confronts his demons; David is proven innocent; and Rod Daniels? Hopefully this is a character that could be developed into a series. Recommended for all mystery collections.

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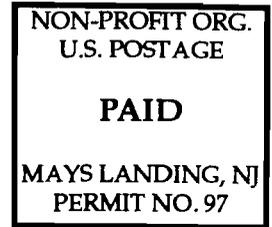
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