FROM THE EDITOR

So much space. So little to say. Stop. Reverse that. First, my thanks to Roland Hansen. His presence and leadership in the GLTF have been inspiring. Thank you, again and always. Second, I have accepted an appointment as Catalog Librarian for Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine and so I will have a new address as of July 1. Please write me with your address changes and clippings and letters, etc. at that address after June 15. Until then use the Nebraska address. Karl Fattig, Catalog Librarian, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME 04011. (e-mail kfattig@polar.bowdoin.edu). Finally, I will see you at Miami Beach. I'll be the one with the DRA canvas bag; I am staying at the Winterhaven Hotel. Also, drop in on my poster session on LOB subject access Monday PM. (Before the program). See you there. Make sure you read Ruth Parlin's article (p.9) before you go!

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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Roland Hansen, Male Co-Chair:

"If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

— Sir Francis Bacon, 1561-1626

While this may be the end of something, it is also a beginning of other things. As this is my final "From the Co-Chair," I thought I would start with this little quote from Sir Francis, who is included in Dr. Dyne’s Encyclopedia of Homosexuality. I did have many doubts when I began in Atlanta, having been "elected" at a meeting which I was not able to attend. At any rate, there are still plenty of doubts, but maybe more certainties. I’m certain we have made a place at the table within ALA. Of course, without the attacks from religious zealots this might not have been possible. Interesting how feelings and expressions of hatred always backfire. I feel it is very important to keep our place, and I am certain that GLTF will be able to do that and more. I’m looking forward to the 25th anniversary in Chicago, and am anxious to be a part of the planning. (I’ve already spoken to Gerber-Hart board members about a reception, etc.) It’s been wonderful working with so many great people and colleagues. There are so many I could single out, but I’m afraid of leaving someone out; you know who you are. It’s the good relationships that make it easier to be a co-chair—they make it all worthwhile. Thanks to all of you GLTF members.

The ballot is ready to go. There were nominations for all three positions, although there could have been a couple more, but let’s not be afraid. There will be an SRRT list at the Membership meeting for voter registration. Only the ballots cast at the Membership meeting will be counted. Also included will be the proposed by-law changes.

Steering Committee Nominees

Female Co-Chair: Wendy Thomas
Male Co-Chair: Terry Allison
Leon Bey
Nicholas Rosselli
Secretary: Michael Nitz

Vote for one in each category. There will be a place for write-in candidates. There may also be an opportunity of an e-mail or postal ballot, but as of today, that has not been resolved. Watch GAY-LIBN for further information.

Wendy is compiling agenda items, but you may also send them to me. I will be staying at the Winterhaven Hotel for the Conference, arriving June 23rd, leaving the 28th. (Winterhaven Hotel, 1400 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139. 305.531.5571, 305.538.3337, FAX, 800.395.2322.) See you in Miami Beach!

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Wendy Thomas, Female Co-Chair:

The 1994 Annual Conference is going to be an exciting one for the GLTF. In addition to our regular committee meetings, we have a timely program, the Book Awards, the Read-Aloud, and Social Hour. See the schedule for times and locations, and check the final conference program for any changes.

Monday, June 27, will be the busiest day for us in Miami. First, our morning Membership Meeting will feature the elections for new steering committee offices and the vote for the name change. Then, on Monday afternoon, we’ll have the combined GLTF program and Book Awards. The program, "Beyond Daddy’s Roommate: The Evolving Market in Children’s Books," promises to be groundbreaking. Several prominent speakers will focus on the future of gay and lesbian-themed books for children and young adults. Please plan to attend, and urge your public and school library colleagues to come. See the sidebar in this issue for more information.

Immediately following the program is the Book Awards. This year’s winners are Leslie Feinberg (Stone Butch Blues) and Phyllis Burke (Family Values: Two Moms and Their Son); both authors should be in attendance to accept their awards!

The GLTF Social Hour will be the last "official" GLTF event on Monday. Scheduled from 6-8pm at the Winterhaven Hotel (see
GLTF Social Heads to South Miami Beach!

By Monday evening admit it, you'll need a break from all the Conference Commitments. Come relax at the GLTF Social Hour! Meet friends and folks you haven't seen in a while. This year we'll be gathering together in South Miami Beach at the Winterhaven Hotel. The Winterhaven is a mid-1930s Art Deco building is at 14th and Ocean Drive, in Miami Beach's Deco District. The hotel is less than a ten minute walk from the Miami Beach Convention Center (17th & Washington). We'll meet in the Hotel's Bar near the lobby. Bring a friend. There is no membership requirement, so spread the word!

WHAT: GLTF Social
WHEN: Monday, June 27, from 6-8pm
WHERE: The Winterhaven Hotel, 1400 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach 305/531-5571
WHY: Because we'll all be there!

New GLTF Rainbow Ribbon to Debut at ALA Conference in Miami Beach

Due to the numerous requests from GLTF members and friends, we're pleased to announce the debut of the first-time-ever ALA/GLTF1SRRT "Rainbow Ribbon" to be affixed to the conference badge. The ribbons are one dollar each and will be available at all GLTF Meetings and activities at the Miami Conference. Mail order is available for those GLTF members and friends not traveling to Miami. Send $1.00 for each ribbon (make checks payable to ALA/ SRRT/GLTF), enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of the ribbon(s), mail to P.O. Box 1203, Dayton, OH 45401-1203. All profits from the sale of the "Rainbow Ribbons" will benefit the GLTF. For further information, contact Leon Bey, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, (513) 227-9500.

Clearinghouse Update

Dan Hodge and Gail Defendorf, GLTF's newest Clearinghouse coordinators are seeking volunteers. We are interested in updating several Clearinghouse publications, but also welcome any ideas or new submissions. The ClearinghousePublications Order Form, along with the list of items and prices of items offered, has made it's electronic debut on Gay-libn. Plans are underway to offer it via FTP (as soon as Gail figures it out!). Contact either:

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GLTF Book Awards Recipients In Miami

Ellen Greenblatt (Book Awards Committee Chair) reports that both authors will be present to accept their awards in Miami. Presentation of the awards will take place during a combined Awards Presentation and Program. See p.4 for details on the program.

The 1994 Gay and Lesbian Book Award for Literature will be presented to Leslie Feinberg for Stone Butch Blues (Firebrand Books), a poignant exploration of transgendered identity in the years surrounding the Stonewall Uprising.

The 1994 Nonfiction award winner, Family Values: Two Moms and Their Son by Phyllis Burke (Random House) chronicles the author's transformation from the closet to activism though the catalyst of lesbian parenthood.
Program on Children's and YA Publishing

"Beyond Daddy's Roommate: The Evolving Market in Children's Books" is the title of the GLTF program scheduled for Monday from 2:43-30 PM. Howard Reeves, editor at Hyperion Books for Children will preside over a panel discussion of the evolving market in children's and young adult publishing related to lesbian and gay themes and characters. An author, publisher and book reviewer will join two librarians. While much resistance persists, the market for children's literature continues to grow as it begins to represent many groups, gays and lesbians prominent among them, previously underrepresented in children's and young adult literature. Panelists include Linda Perkins of Berkeley Public Library; Therese G. Bigelow of the Missouri State Library; Roger Sutton, Executive Editor of the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, University of Illinois; Ken Geist, Director of Marketing, Farrar, Strauss & Giroux; Jacqueline Woodson, author of Maizón, Last Summer with Maizón, and Maizón at Blue Hill. The program is co-sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians and the Association of Library Service to Children. For more information, contact Terry Allison, Library Services, California State University San Marcos, San Marcos, CA 92096-0001, (619) 752-4358.

Terry Allison, Program Planning Chair

NEWS IN BRIEF

▼ From May 23 to July 7, 1994, the Enoch Pratt Free Library (Baltimore, MD) is presenting a major exhibition entitled "Stonewall and After, 1969-1994: 25 Years of Gay and Lesbian Books" at its historic Central Library. Organized by two SRRT/GLTF members and Pratt librarians, Joseph Egan and Richard Oelzisa, the exhibit explores the diversity of books written by and about lesbians and gay men since Stonewall. An annotated checklist of fifty recent titles selected from the Pratt collections has been printed to complement the exhibit. If you wish to receive the checklist, please send a mailing label and $1.00 per copy request to Publications, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201-4484.

▼ Sanford Berman has donated many of his papers to the ALA Archives located at the University of Illinois. In February an exhibit featuring seven cases of Bermaniana was featured at the Archives. Representing a glimpse at a lifetime of reports, rants, reviews and correspondence—enough to fill more than 14 boxes—the exhibit focused in part on Berman’s African experiences, his efforts to promote useful and unbiased cataloging, alternative press activism, and his work at Hennepin County Library. For more information about the Berman files, contact: Elizabeth Cardman, ALA Archives Graduate Assistant, University Archives, 19 Main Library, 1408 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana, IL 61801. (217) 333-0798.

▼ A representative of the Community Arts Center in Los Angeles writes GLTF to request help from libraries and librarians as how best to involve us in the "Hidden History Project"—an educational component of the Center, the purpose of which is to "address discrimination by furthering knowledge of and understanding about the important roles gay men and lesbians have played in society." For more information, or to get suggestions to the Center, contact Paul Chirumbolo, Director, The Community Arts Center, P.O. Box 39A53, Los Angeles, CA 90039. (213) 666-9733.

▼ According to the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, 72 percent of Minnesota school librarians say they feel pressure to self-censor book selections.

▼ Many places are involved in controversies resulting from challenged materials. GLTF Newsletter spotlights these places and the questioned titles every issue. For specific details refer to local newspapers and the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom.

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What's Happening to My Body: A Book for Boys Love & Sex & Growing Up books dealing with sex topics


The Blade

▼ On December 12, 1993, the U.S. Holocaust Museum sponsored a program on homosexual victims of the Holocaust. The program featured a newly translated German documentary film on the subject. It was the Museum's most well-attended event since it's opening. For more information, contact Dr. Klaus Mueller who is conducting research on gay and lesbian issues for the Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, S.W. Washington, DC, 20024-2150.

▼ The Pat Parker/Vito Russo Center Library has moved into its new, permanent headquarters at the Center. The library offers expanded hours, more space and will eventually feature computer checkout. Prospective volunteers should contact Trish Kerlé at the Center. 212/620-7310. Those interested in donating books or videos should contact Library co-chair Kevin Jenkins at 212/505-6246.


▼ Pre Release
Jim Sorrells announces the publication of a new directory of interest to lesbians. The Directory of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community Publications in the U.S. and Canada will feature a wide array of information concerning 181 such publications. The entries include: frequency, circulation, subscription cost and contact information. Updates are planned. To order the Directory, send $17.95 (includes P&H) by check or MO to Jim Sorrells, P.O. Box 1946, Guerneville, CA 95446.

- Press Release

Carol Vance analyzes the debate between feminists who desire to "censor" pornography and freedom of expression advocates. The article focuses on the incident at the University of Michigan Law School involving the Carol Jacobson exhibit "Porn_image: Picturing Prostitutes." Vance notes: "The query, 'What do women want?' remains a provocative question – in regard to art, imagery and sexual culture. And it is not a question that can be easily answered in a sexist society."


LN Lesbian News features an article on the Lesbian Herstory Archive’s new home in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. LHEF founder Jean Nestle states: "And that’s what we wanted – to be able to have a place where women from all over could come and be in a place that is just about our history as lesbians. Not a revisionist version, but the history of lesbians as they experienced it, wrote it, lived it." To donate materials to the Archives write to the Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 1258, New York, NY 10116. Or visit them at 484 14th St. Brooklyn NY.

- LN Lesbian News, March 1994, p.73

In Kansas City the GLAAD/KC and Project 21 are sponsoring donations of books that positively portray gays and lesbians to more than forty area high schools for placement in school libraries. Anti-gay religious opponents claim that the books "promote" homosexuality. The books have been accepted by 14 schools so far and have been rejected by 15 schools. The KC project was patterned after a similar program in the SF Bay Area.


Supporters of the June L. Mazer Lesbian Collection in West Hollywood want a permanent home for their collection. The collection currently enjoys rent-free space in the City of West Hollywood-owned Worley Building at 626 N. Robertson Blvd. No address for donations was given.

- LN Lesbian News, March 1994, p.73

In "The Prime of Miss Catharine MacKinnon" Susie Bright challenges the arguments of Catharine MacKinnon: "Like Muriel Spark’s famous character, Miss Jean Brodie, who urged students to join Mussolini’s cause while sweeping their hormones into her magnificent wake, MacKinnon’s best recruits are virgins and naifs. Unfortunately, when it comes to pornography, few Americans, especially women, know a damn thing about it except that it’s "bad," and so MacKinnon can get away with making statements that are right out of War of the Worlds.” A robust beginning.

- In These Times, March 7, 1994, p. 40-39 [sic]

More than 60 issues of the Advocate have been taken from the shelves of the Hatfield Library at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Because of when the materials were stolen, school officials believe that they "were most likely removed by a non-student" opposed to gay rights.

- San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times 3/10/1994, p. 32

A special report on libraries is featured in the debut issue of a bulletin published by The National Coalition Against Censorship. Contents include: "Libraries Under Siege"; "How to Stop the Censors Dead in Their Tracks"; " Coalition in the Spotlight"; and "Community Voices." The issue also features a copy of the Library Bill of Rights. For more information, contact: NCAC, 275 Seventh Ave. New York, NY 10001 (212) 807-6222, (212) 807-6245 (FAX).

- Censorship Matters, No. 1 1994

"Censorship in Schools and Libraries," a display created by the Long Island Coalition against Censorship, highlights frequently censored books and describes court decisions dealing with censorship. The exhibition presents 28 illustrations, each 11” x 14”, with accompanying text. $35, including P&H. For information, contact the LI Coalition at PO Box 296. Port Washington, NY 11050.

- Censorship Matters, No. 1, p. 7.

The Gulf Coast Coalition Against Censorship has been instrumental in the fight in Collier County Florida. They have rallied media and organized debates on the objects of censors. The organizers are full of ideas for building coalitions against attacks. Contact GCAC 4341 22nd Place SW, Naples, FL 33999. Call LaDonna Byers (813)455-1472 or Bernie Megie (813)434-0919.

- Censorship Matters, No. 1, p. 6

GLAAD/LA Archives (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Los Angeles) seeks volunteers to enter dates on the computers for their video archives. Please contact the GLAAD/LA office at (213) 658-6775 and leave a message for Sylvia.


Fairfax County Library system has ordered more than one hundred books that discuss how to “cure” homosexuality. The orders are in response to requests by anti-gay activists. The Fairfax Lesbian and Gay Citizen’s Alliance does not intend to challenge the materials. Books being purchased include: Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality by Dr. Joseph Nicolosi, Alfie’s Home by Richard Cohen, about a "boy who struggles with homosexuality and then naturally transitions into heterosexuality", Homosexuality in American Psychiatry by Dr. Ronald Bayer. The new additions represent approximately 10% of the library’s collection in the area of homosexuality.

- Washington Blade 2/11/94, p. 8

International Gay and Lesbian Archives curator, Jim Kepner and others are available for Gay and Lesbian history lectures on a wide variety of topics. Also available for travel are several of their prepared exhibits. If interested, call (310) 854-0271.

The Lane County (Ore.) Head Start Program will remove books about gay families after complaints from parents at the Cottage Grove Branch. The parents voted 18-5 to scrap books that positively portray gays and lesbians, most notably *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate*. Officials say they will maintain the program's anti-bias curriculum without the books.

---San Francisco Sentinel, 3/9/94, p.13

Michael Thomas Ford analyzes the state of the industry regarding children's publishers and gay issues. In "Gay Books for Young Readers: When Caution Calls the Shots" Ford notes that children do not have the power to make themselves heard and that they are reliant on adults to offer them opportunities to see "that there are different ways of being." Ford, who is the Editor of New Discovery Books, treats such topics as the children's book closet, homophobia, new gay series, and the role of the specialty press.


The Montgomery County Gay and Lesbian Interests Consortium Library Task Force plans to visit the Gaithersburg Branch of the County PL to survey the collection of anti-gay books on the shelves. Members intend to place a card with phone numbers for the Sexual Minority Assistance League inside each anti-Gay book.


Bruce Voeller died on February 13, 1994. Voeller co-founded the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation whose rich collections in the areas of the history of sexual politics were donated to the Cornell University Library in 1988. The collection launched the Human Sexuality Collection at Cornell.

---Letter, Marston, 3/21/94

The Art Librarians Society of North America has cancelled its scheduled convention in Cincinnati to protest a recent decision by voters to exclude gays from the city's human rights ordinance. Estimates of lost income now top $12 million. Recent reports have shown that as much as 80% of funding for the initiative may have come from Colorado for Family Values.

---Frontiers (Los Angeles) 4/8/94


---GLPCI Network, Spring 1994, p.3

Sanford Berman reports the following additions to HCL Subjects: Anti-homophobia workshops, Gay bodybuilders, Gay workers, Homophobia in law firms, Lesbian dramatists, Lesbian theater, Lesbian vampires in films. Lesbian workers. LC Subject Headings weekly lists report the following HCL heading accepted as LC: Lesbians and sports. To receive regular, complete updates of HCL subject analysis, subscribe to the Cataloguing Bulletin. $12/subscription, $65/individuals. ASD/Accounting, Hennepin County Library, 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305-1909.

---HCL Cataloguing Report, April 1994

The first of three new Bay Area exhibits will be displayed in the Brown Gallery of the Doc Library on the UC Berkeley campus. "O Pioneers! 100 Years Before Stonewall." will run from May 3 to July 31. Included will be materials documenting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history; ca. 1869-1969. This exhibit will run concurrently with two other exhibits in the Bay Area: "Before Stonewall: Lesbians and Gays on the Edge of Revolt," to be held at the Eureka Valley Branch of the San Francisco Public Library, sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California (June 1-Aug. 31, reception on June 3, 6:30 PM); and "Tales of the City : Lesbians & Gay Men Since Stonewall," at the main San Francisco Public Library at Civic Center, 2nd floor rotunda (June 14-Aug. 31).

---Press Release, GAY-LIBN posting

The International Gay and Lesbian Archives will be present at the events in New York this summer. They will undertake the task of videotaping as many of the activities as possible. They are currently seeking volunteers to participate in shooting crews of camera, light and sound people, coordinators and interviewers. They are also hoping to have people who can handle Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese and other languages. For information, call (310) 954-0271.


MIT's Barker Media has produced a video entitled "Homophobia in the Media and Society: One Life to Live and Beyond." The 90 minute panel discussion features Warren Blumenfeld, Art Cohen (Growing Up Gay) and others. It examines the burden of homophobia on society. VHS Format $29.95 Contact Barker Media, Room 10-500, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307, ATTN: Mark Belson (617) 253-5694.

---Letter and Flyer

The (NV) Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center (The Center) will participate in a pilot project linking lesbian and gay liberation organizations electronically into computer online services. The program was conceived by Tom Rielly of Digital Queers and Tom Gill, CEO of QuarkXPress. The project donates PC's software and training to selected system users, thus providing them access to America Online and the Internet.

---Center Voice, v.10, no.2 p.3


---Press Release

For a very thorough reading of the Butler decision (Canadian Supreme Court, 1992, 452), read "A Ruling Inspired by U.S. Anti-pornography Activists is Used to Restrict Lesbian and Gay Publications in Canada."

---Human Rights Watch Free Expression Project, Feb 1994, v.6, no.1


---Playboy, June 1994, p.58-59
Cornell epidemic. The collection also includes videos. RLIN record: fin id

- Press Release

- Norman G. Kester has had an article accepted for publication by Feliciter, Canada's library journal. "Out & Proud: Affirming the Lesbian and Gay Experience in the Public Library" will treat gay communities, selection, gay youth, intellectual freedom, the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of the Toronto Public Library. The article should be out in time for the CLA meeting in Vancouver.

- Letter, Kester, 5/94

- The International Gay and Lesbian Archives and Natalie Barney-Edward Carpenter Library house one of the largest collections of its kind. The library, not yet completely cataloged, contains over 22,000 books. The Archives has hundreds of thousands of items—from clippings and memorabilia to art and tapes. The Archives appreciates any donations possible. For information telephone (310) 854-0271.


- Announcing the first of an irregularly published newsletter of a new LG&B Group. Second Generation is an official bulletin of Second Generation: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals Who Have Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Parents. For information write Dan Cherubin at 57-59 Third Ave., Sacramento, CA, 95818 or call (916) 448-4120.

- As the sponsor of the Lambda Literary Awards, which this May 27th will be held in Los Angeles, I was chiefly responsible for selecting a site for the event. We considered a number of Los Angeles' finer hotels, including the Los Angeles Hilton. But after reading about Dieter Huckestein, the vice-president for Hilton Hotels in Hawaii, California, and Arizona, who was leading the campaign against same-sex marriages in Hawaii, we eliminated the Los Angeles Hilton from consideration. The Lammys will be held instead at the historic Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel.

- Gay LJBN posting, 3/10/94, Deacon MacCubbin

- AIDS Book Review Journal (ISSN 1068-4174) is an electronic journal reviewing books, videos, journal titles, and other materials covering AIDS, safer sex, and sexually transmitted diseases, published irregularly by the University of Illinois at Chicago Library. Editorial offices PO Box 8198 M/C 234, Chicago, IL 60680. AIDS Book Review Journal is free of charge and is available only in electronic form. Editor Robert Malinowski writes "Information specialists need to be alerted to those materials that can educate everyone, from the school child who needs a picture book about AIDS to the layperson who needs general information on the disease or a novel with an AIDS theme to the researcher looking for a synopsis of research to those who are HIV+ needing comfort and support through the writings of those who have AIDS or are HIV+." To subscribe, send a "SUBSCRIBE AIDSBKRV Your Name" message to LISTSERV@UIUCVM.


- The PLA conference in Atlanta included a program entitled "The Information Needs of Gays and Lesbians," which was presented by Ellen Greenblatt and Cal Gough. The program attracted an audience of more than 100 persons. Cal and Ellen debunked the myths and explored the facts about library services and library materials for gay and lesbian customers in public libraries. The panel included two other public librarians, Leslie West and Helen Hudson. The next day, Stephen Klein, LA County Public Library hosted a table talk on AIDS information in public libraries.

- Gay LJBN posting, 4/4/94

- The Publishing Triangle, an association of lesbians and gay men in the publishing industry, is pleased to announce that June 1994 will be the third annual National Lesbian & Gay Book Month, where all segments of the book publishing industry join together to celebrate lesbian and gay books. The Publishing Triangle will once again distribute bookseller promotion kits that include advice on how to sell lesbian and gay titles, listings of publishers with gay and lesbian offerings, and other information on how to plan for the month. To receive a press kit send your contact information to: Michele Karlsberg, 585 North Railroad Ave., Penthouse, Staten Island, New York 10304. Explain what your library plans to do for the month and give your phone number.

- Gay LJBN posting, 4/4/94

- "Women's Wire" is an online service established to serve the information, communication and networking needs of women. For details, contact Women's Wire, 435 Grand Ave., Ste. D, South San Francisco, CA 94080, tel. 415-615-8989, fax 415-615-8990.

- GLAAD-SFBA Media Watch
The John Hay Library (Brown University) is building its Katzoff Collection of gay, lesbian and bisexual literature. The bulk of the Katzoff Collection, which focuses on AIDS, was donated to the Hay in 1991 by Richard Katzoff and his family. The Katzoff Collection consists of novels, short stories, autobiographical and biographical materials. The Katzoff family has established an endowment that enables the library to buy related works. Because the majority of works in the collection are by gay men, the library plans to make a concerted effort to collect works by lesbian and bisexual authors for balance.

-GAY-LIBN posting, 4/6/94, and George St Journal

Jim Woods of CUNY is currently recruiting white-collar (defined very loosely) lesbians for a study of their careers. It is intended as a follow-up to the study The Corporate Closet, which focused on gay men. There are no age restrictions, and he would like to speak to women of ALL degrees of closeted-ness and seniority with companies/schools/workplaces. Requirements: Must meet in person and must meet in New York City. Contact Jim at home 212-254-5558 and leave contact information. Under ALL circumstances, confidentiality will be carefully guarded.

-GAY-LIBN posting, 4/9/94

The March-April issue of the magazine Video Librarian contains a review of Gay Rights, Special Rights, a collection of hate and lies produced by the homophobes of the Traditional Values Coalition. According to the reviewer: "It would be easy to dismiss Gay Rights, Special Rights as another vapid right-wing piece of propaganda, except for the serious and valid argument at its core. Should gays and lesbians be accorded minority status and thereby gain civil rights protections." However, the reviewer means, "it’s hard to focus on the intellectual aspects of the argument when you’re looking at a pair of idiotic exhibitionists in drag French kissing along the boulevard."

The reviewer also states: "I can sympathize with parents who are concerned about information being included in the grade school curriculum." In response to that review, Pitman has received several complaints that he has since dismissed as "knee-jerk responses." One critical reader reminded Pitman that Gay Rights, Special Rights resembles the misinformation campaign waged by "Hitler's propaganda ministry." Missing the point entirely, Pitman replied that the analogy is "more than a little insulting to the 6 million Jews who died (if 6 million gays have likewise suffered in America, I’m unfamiliar with it)." Send feedback to Randy Pitman, Publisher/Editor, Video Librarian, P.O. Box 2725, Bremerton, WA 98310. (206) 377-2231, fax (206) 692-7268.

-GLAAD-SFBA Media Watch, 4/1/94, 4/15/94

Organizers of the proposed "Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Health Sciences Librarians Special Interest Group" within the MLA (Medical Library Association) scheduled a variety of events during the annual meeting in San Antonio to highlight their initiative and celebrate their PRIDE as LesBiGay health information professionals. Events included a preliminary organizational meeting, a group dinner, and a Pride party. For information, contact Jerry Perry, Co-Convenor of the LGBHS-L SIG Library of Rush University Chicago, IL (perry@lib.rpsmc.edu)

-GAY-LIBN posting, 5/11/94

The Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section has published "Sexual orientation and the law: a selective bibliography on homosexuality and the law, 1969-1993." The bibliography appears in v. 86, no. 1, pages 1-103, of Law Library Journal, Winter 1994. The Standing Committee is making available, gratis, a limited number of reprints. Contact Ruth Parlin University of Miami Law School Library P.O. Box 248087 Coral Gables, FL 33124-8087 305/284-3585 parlin@umiami.miami.edu

-GAY-LIBN posting, 4/6/94

Garland Publishing of New York announces the beginning of work on a new edition of the Encyclopedia of Homosexuality (1990). In addition to addressing ongoing developments in research, theory, and politics, the new edition will offer greatly expanded coverage of women’s issues and of contemporary themes and figures. Scheduled to begin appearing in 1998, the new work will be directed toward both the lay public desiring an overview of the subject matter, and scholars interested in expanding their knowledge of this complex field. The new work will appear in two volumes: Encyclopedia of Homosexuality: Male Homosexuality, edited by Professor Wayne R. Dykes, and Encyclopedia of Homosexuality: Lesbianism, edited by Professor Bonnie Zimmerman. Written inquiries should be addressed to: Wayne R. Dykes, Dept. of Art, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021 or Bonnie Zimmerman Dept. of Women's Studies, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

-GAY-LIBN posting, 5/1/94

Leslie Feinberg (a winner of this year’s GLTF Book Award) is working on a new book which will include 150 photos, drawings, graphics, etchings and painting of transgendered individuals from many nationalities and time periods. The book is tentatively titled Transgender: A History of Change. It is in draft form and ready to go to a publisher. To help defray the costs of obtaining photo and other graphic releases, please make a tax-deductible donation to this educational project. Checks should be payable to the Column Foundation, c/o William Sachs, Esq., 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 830, NY, NY 10001. Please note that this contribution is for the Transgender Pride Project. Leslie says, "I hope to make this book the one so many of us needed when we were growing up — still need now, it will be a powerful defense of the rights of all transgendered people to live and work in dignity and respect. Thank you for your help."

-Forwarded from Ellen Greenblatt

On Friday night, May 20, HQ763, the organization of LesBiGay librarians and library staff sponsored a reading at the Club Cabaret in Boston, as a benefit for the Boston Living Center and HQ. The reading featured Amy Hoffman, Randi Schalet and Stephen McCauley. The evening was quite a success. Over 60 people came; The Boston Living Center has indicated that they are interested in co-sponsoring a series of similar events with HQ, so if you know of any Boston-area writers, or writers who are going to be in the area, who would be interested in participating, please contact Michael Wofsey, Walpole Public Library, Common St., Walpole, MA 02081 508-660-7340, 508-660-2714 (fax)
MIAMI ADVICE

Now that I've lived in Miami for all of 20 months, I'm happy to share my experiences of Miami with those of you who are attending ALA. Bear in mind that these are the experiences of someone who has no social life of any description, and read on!

The Miami Beach Convention Center (which is quite stupendous) is three blocks north of Lincoln Road. My favorite part of the Beach. Lincoln Road is a pedestrian mall about seven blocks long that runs parallel to 17th (or perpendicular to the ocean). The mall is lined with art galleries, boutiques, cafes, nightclubs, theaters, and, most importantly, a Woolworth's.

The only branch of the best bookstore in Miami, Books and Books, is at 933 Lincoln Road; the remains are to the left of the front door and in the back near the pretty good, not great) newsstand. Directly across the mall, on the corner, is Westend (942 Lincoln), a very comfortable neighborhood bar for boys and girls, with a pool table and a very complete assortment of graffiti free newspapers. Next door to Books and Books is the Alliance, an art-movie institution, and not just for the folding chairs (927 Lincoln). If you want to drop a whole lot of money on a fabulous meal it's hard to beat Pacific Time, 915 Lincoln.

Gertrude's (yes, that Gertrude) is at 826 Lincoln. Gertrude's is a women-owned coffee house with indoor and outdoor tables, a limited menu of sandwiches and salads, and an enormous menu of coffees and pastries. Great place, lousy service. For health food, Granny Feelgoods is at 647 Lincoln, with indoor and outdoor tables. Good food, nice spot, reasonable prices. Lincoln Road has many other cafes that I haven't patronized, and lots of nice stores, although some of them are intensely yuppified.

If you're interested in nightclubbing, you might want to hit the enormous, and enormously popular, guy bars on the Beach - Paragon, Kremlin, Jody McDonald's Sunday t-dance. Smart drinks and techno, but don't arrive before midnight.

The only girl things on the Beach are Thursday nights at Snap (821 Lincoln Road) and the occasional special events. If you're interested, I recommend you go to Westend when you arrive, and pick up copies of TWN (the weekly gay paper) and Lips (the semi-monthly lesbian paper), and anything else on the free rack right inside the door. Also, check out Tara Solomon's column in the Weekend section of the Friday Miami Herald, and the following club listings.

The only full-time (or mostly full-time) lesbian bars in Miami are not on the Beach. Andrea's (27th Avenue in Coconut Grove, just east of U.S. 1) is supposed to be hopping on Saturday nights. Red Cherry (2490 S.W. 17th Avenue, Coconut Grove) is reputed to be something of a dive (of course, I wouldn't know). I have been to Cheers (5922 S. Dixie Highway (U.S. 1), South Miami), which has disco inside, and a nice patio where the music and dancing is salsa - pretty nice place.

In the past two years a steady stream of lesbian and gay comedians, musicians, and movies have flowed through Miami - Lea Delaria is here in May, and I think Margie Adams is coming in June - so again I recommend checking the gay papers, the Herald, and the many entertainment listings in the free weekly paper, New Times.

Miami Beach is a lot of fun. The Art Deco is neat, the beach itself is wonderful, there's tons of fun shops and good restaurants. I never go there - except for Lincoln Road - mostly because I live on Key Biscayne and work in coral Gables. So when I go out, I mostly go to the Gables or to Coconut Grove. The Beach may be the most lesbian-friendly part of Miami, but I've never had a problem anywhere in Miami, and I'm kind of, well, you know, easy to spot.

The Gables has three of my favorite restaurants, and two of them are within a couple of blocks of the main branch of the best bookstore in Miami, Books and Books (296 Aragon Avenue, near LeJeune). Giralda Avenue has one block of excellent restaurants, including Yuca (177 Giralda), a very upscale Cuban bistro, and my personal favorite in Miami, Las Puertas (148 Giralda), a haute cuisine Mexican restaurant. Both those places and the Restaurant St. Michel (2135 Ponce de Leon), my other favorite, are very expensive.

Much less expensive, and with wonderful food, is Tutti's (4612 LeJeune, near Ponce and U.S. 1), one the many outstanding Italian restaurants in Miami. It may not be open on weekends, but the outdoor cafe at the Biltmore is a great place for Sunday brunch. The Biltmore and Tutti's both are pretty close to the Venetian Pool, one of the most unusual tourist attractions you'll ever see.

Coconut Grove is dominated by the CocoWalk, a bizarre shopping center that's totally out of place in the Grove, which once was a funky community, but it sure ain't any more. The CocoWalk has the redeeming feature of housing Cafe Tu Tu Tang, a simply wonderful tapas restaurant with outdoor tables up above the street. Scotty's is a cheap sandwich place right on the water in the marina - turn off Bayshore at the sign for the Chart House. Janjo's is an expensive but terrific restaurant at 3131 Commodore Plaza. Once you leave the CocoWalk there's good shopping.

Vizcaya, formerly a residence and now a museum, with extensive grounds and gardens, is in Coconut Grove and is worth a visit. South of the Grove is Fairchild Tropical Gardens, which I highly recommend - take the tram ride - to see truly exotic tropical flora at its best.

I don't want to wreck any of your anticipation, or sound like your mother, but please remember that Miami has a very high crime rate, and that tourists are targets. It's easy to forget that bad things happen in such a beautiful, tropical place, but they do, all the time. So be smart, and be careful while you're enjoying the fun stuff.

That's all for now. If you have any particular questions please feel free to e-mail, write, or call any time. I'm looking forward to meeting you in June.

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Combining the deconstruction theory of philosopher Michel Foucault with the civil disobedience tactics of ACT-UP, theological scholar Robert Goss has devised a plan of action for gay Christians dissatisfied with the passive, "reformist" methods of such current gay religious organizations as Integrity, Dignity, etc. Goss implores gay Christians to school themselves first in the methods of social and theological discourse. He seeks the formation of "queer Christian base communities" to serve as the initial operational basis confronting organized religion and forcing it to accept gays and lesbians fully as whole members. While much of the book is thick with the academic language of theological and literary interpretation, the first two chapters do serve as a concise and well-written introduction to the history and socialization of homophobia and the resultant gay rights movement. The ideas presented here are certain to raise controversy (one seldom sees the words "queer" and "Jesus" juxtaposed), but the author's obvious erudition and training lend credence to his arguments. A necessary purchase for theological and gay studies collections; optional for public and school libraries due to its academic tone.

Peter Fekety, S. Brunswick Pub. Library, Monmouth Junction, NJ


Gay and Lesbian Plays Today is the most professional collection of this sort that I’ve read. It has a polish that is missing from many other gay collections. Another difference is that most of the plays are full-length productions, rather than the usual one acts. There also weren’t any that I didn’t like.

Because there is a wide diversity of genre and style, it is difficult to pick a favorite. The funniest is One Tilt, a Dyke, & Gir about a woman with only one breast who has been forgotten in a doctor's office after everyone else has gone home. The theme is about learning to get along despite differences.

The most poignant play is Annunciation about a gay angel visiting a pregnant woman to tell her that her son will be gay. Intimacies/More


Gay Roots Volume 1 won the Lambda Book Award for best book published by a gay press in 1991. With its delightful mixture of gay life in Revolutionary America, poetry and novels, and sex in the Mexican Baths, Volume 2 has that same potential to be an award winner. This anthology has something for everyone. Whether the person's interests are in the historical, sociological, political or physical, Winston Leyland's collage of experiences and facts offers a unique perspective on many aspects of gay life - at the same time titillating and educating the reader.

The intrigue begins with the life and experiences of George Washington and his not so straight and narrow officers. By the end of the exposé, author Charles Shiveley has us all wanting to sign up as part of that Revolutionary War gang. From there, the reader is given an overview of the historical roots of homophobia by Rictor Norton. The section of gay and lesbian politics offers revealing adventures of sex in the Mexican Baths by Clark Taylor and an intimate view into the life of one of Walt Whitman's lovers, Peter Doyle. For the more literally inclined, there is a wonderful essay on Michaelangelo by Rictor Norton and a short novella by Dutch author Frits Bernard.

The anthology ends with some prose and poetry which includes emotional revealing poetry about gay life in general by Edward Lacey, Jim Eggeling and Jim Everhard.

All in all, this second volume of Gay Roots presents a wonderful overview of the struggles, trials, joys and tribulations of gays throughout history. A much needed volume for gay history collections.

Charles Whitlow, AT&T Bell Telephone Labs, Morristown, NJ


As both of these books point out, 1993 was a watershed year in the movement towards inclusion of gays in the military, but not the

Holobaugh's story is not very different from those of numerous gay and lesbian soldiers dismissed from military service. While attending the University of Missouri, Rolla and Washington University (St. Louis) on ROTC Scholarship he was the personification of a soldier's soldier. Holobaugh, young and handsome, appeared in a national ad campaign for the ROTC. But the cadet's world came crashing down in 1989 when he admitted to his superior officers that he was gay. One year later he was formally disenrolled from the ROTC program at Washington University and required to pay back $35,000 in scholarship funds. With the assistance of the ACLU and Marc Wolinsky, attorney for Midshipman Joseph Steffan, Jim Holobaugh fought back to stop the homophobic practices of the ROTC.

**Torn Allegiances** provides valuable insight into one person's valiant struggle to confront the discriminatory practices of the United States military. Holobaugh's autobiography powerfully lays bare the human and monetary waste of the military's anti-gay policy. Through the efforts of Jim Holobaugh's legal challenge, the discriminatory practices of the ROTC were brought into question at many colleges and universities across the country. In some cases ROTC programs were banned from campus, while others were placed on notice to halt gay exclusionary practices or lose academic status. The United States military exclusion of gay and lesbian soldiers has become openly questioned. Ironically, a lot of weight was pinned on the hopes of newly elected President Clinton's pledge to end the ban on gays in the military in the book. Holobaugh's legal battles met with some success on May 17, 1990, when it was declared that he was not obligated to repay his ROTC scholarship, but would not become a commissioned officer.

While **Honor Bound: A Gay American Fight for the Right to Serve His Country** (Villard, 1992) is the autobiographical story of gay naval Midshipman Joseph Steffan, **Gays in the Military: Joseph Steffan Versus the United States** is an innovative work drawn from the litigation and court papers in the case of Joseph C. Steffan v. Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense, et al. This case challenged the legal framework of the military's anti-gay policy.

Editors Wolinsky and Sherrill have compiled the legal briefs filed on Joseph Steffan's behalf; affidavits documenting the history of homosexuality and attitudes toward it in the United States; counter-arguments given by the federal government; and opinions by ruling Judge Oliver Gasch. Prominent gay studies academics John Boswell, Kate Dyer, Richard Green and Kenneth Sherrill address in affidavits topics concerning the derogatory epithet "homo," homosexual orientation as a biological phenomenon, political powerlessness of gay and lesbian people, and foreign national policies towards gays in military service. Most importantly, Wolinsky and Sherrill argue that gays have been unduly deprived of their constitutional right to equal protection under the law.

**Gays in the Military** is an excellent compilation of writings concerning discrimination based on sexual orientation. The book, which also contains a list of relevant court cases and annotated notes is a recommended selection along with Holobaugh's **Torn Allegiances**. Royalties from the sale of **Gays in the Military** are being given to the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

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In exhaustive, almost stupefying detail, Howes documents his contention that intentional and unintentional depictions of or allusions to homosexuality have "run amok...for the past 70 years" in British radio and television dramas, comedies, and documentaries, and in films (many of them American-made) presented on British TV.

Howes compiled his massive, 960-page tome by personally looking at or listening to over 3,000 broadcast programs, checking over 700 scripts, taking notes during many years worth of interviews and conversations with showbiz people, and consulting seventeen other reference sources and untold issues of some half-dozen media periodicals.

Mingled with instances of the expected type of entries (Program or song title, the names of directors, actors, authors, composers, singers, etc.) are a whole slew of unexpected ones, including over four dozen specific euphemisms and epithets; clichés ("But he 's/she's married," for example); coded behavior and code-words (lipsing, wearing suede shoes [?], characters named after certain flowers); catch-phrases ("Dad, I think we should have a talk," "God, was I drunk last night," etc.); and stereotypes (gays as interior decorators, child molesters, etc.) Also folded in are mini-essays (also heavily documented and cross-referenced) on the media's handling of such themes or activities as abortion, kissing, loneliness, masturbation, nudity, even "happy endings."

Most entries are thickly stuffed with names, dates and credits, a host of abbreviations, and cross-references. Trying to read more than a few entries in sequence can give you a can't-see-the-forest-for-the-trees feeling, but you can't argue with the guy: he's certainly done his homework. Howe's decision to use an alphabetical scheme for arranging his entries makes it easier to consult, but it buries some really wonderful stuff under mountains of less wonderful stuff. In any case, **Broadcasting It**, like the **Guinness Book of World Records**, will serve as a "best-seller" for years to come.

Although written from a British perspective, the influence of American-made movies and television programs on British TV is so great that all English-speaking readers regardless of nationality will find **Broadcasting It** invaluable for checking particular facts. Recommended for larger reference collections.

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