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Putting 20 Years into Perspective

by Adam Keim

I have many freedoms handed to me by people who have worked quite a bit harder than me to get them. I am just about to turn 32, and even though I have achieved quite a lot for my age, I have never really had to face any adversities because of my sexual orientation. I came out when I was 18. I was on active duty in the U.S. Marines, stationed and living in Albany, Georgia—one of the most redneck, racist, segregated, and backwards right-wing religious places in this country. And I never had one problem. I owe that to the pioneers in the GLBT community who paved the way for me to be out.

A few years ago I stumbled into a part-time job writing for *Lavender Magazine*. I heard from the editor that Quatrefoil Library was looking for a writer to document its history. I had never visited the library, but I had attended several parties hosted by Jeremy Wardein and Dale Johnson and so was vaguely familiar with the organization. I met with Matt Stark, who was editing and publishing the book and who, coincidentally, was the person who found the library its first home in 1985 on West Broadway in North Minneapolis. I was a full-time college student with a full-time job, but I loved to write and I believed in the Quatrefoil so I said yes.

Working on this project has opened my eyes to the courageous efforts by gay and lesbian people before me that have made my life easier. I never knew I had it so easy, and this awareness has given me a new respect for my GLBT elders who achieved and accomplished so much. Some of these pioneers were the people who started the Quatrefoil Library.

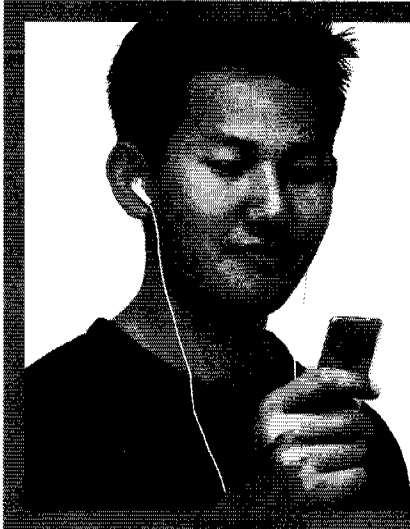
Dick Hewetson was never a huge reader, but he was a busy activist for the GLBT community back when activism was sometimes a scary and courageous thing. David Irwin was quite the opposite. He was a big fan of books and had been all his life. But he lived a more quiet life as a special education teacher in the St. Paul schools. They met at a meeting of Integrity, a gay group in the Episcopal Church, and started their life together over coffee at a nearby Embers restaurant. The beginning of their love for books and for community activism joined soon after.

The Quatrefoil Library was officially incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in September 1983. It was named after a book by James Barr published in 1950. David

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believed *Quatrefoil* was the first book that didn't portray homosexuals in a negative way. Unfortunately, a breakup between Dick and David and some personal struggles that accompanied it temporarily interfered with the library opening. With the help of Matt Stark at the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union (MCLU), the library quietly opened its doors in February 1986. At the time of the opening Quatrefoil had *continued on page 3...*

Quatrefoil Library exists to collect, preserve, and share materials and information relevant to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other sexual minority communities.



Reading on the Go

Quatrefoil's large collection of sound recordings includes cassettes and CDs of books, some read by their authors, others by actors. Audio books are a great way to pass the time on long drives or short commutes—or whenever you would rather listen to a book than read it.

This collection is located on the top shelf of the sound recordings, and each tape/CD is marked with white tape on the spine. They may be checked out just like print books for four weeks.

Take the bus to Quatrefoil

by Hank Herrmann

Would you like to use Quatrefoil Library more often but don't have a car or easy transportation to go whenever the urge hits you? Here's the good news: the library is only one block from four MTC bus routes.

If you're coming from the east or west, there are the routes 21 and 53 limited/express bus lines running on Lake Street/Marshall Avenue all the way to downtown St. Paul. From north or south, Route 84 runs from the 46th Street LRT station up Snelling Avenue to the Rosedale Shopping Center.

Route 144 goes from downtown Minneapolis through the University of Minnesota to Snelling Avenue and down to Highland Park.

If you're a senior citizen, you can do it all for 50 cents round trip during non-rush hours. So come and visit. Don't deny yourself the pleasure of the library any longer.

These routes can be displayed and accessed by route number from: www.metrotransit.org/service-Info/findRoutes.asp, or you can call 612-373-3333.

Thank You Movie Patrons and Sponsors

Thank you to the nearly 200 Quatrefoil Library fans who attended the Eighth Annual Movie Matinee at the historic Heights Theater in March.

A special thank you to Tom Letness for allowing us the use of the theater and obtaining the 1999 hit comedy "But I'm a Cheerleader." Thanks to Harvey Gustafson, who played the historical WCCO Wurlitzer theatre organ, and to Brian Mangin of Start Spark Communications for graphic design work.

And, of course, a big thanks to our sponsors: Lavender Magazine, KFAI Radio, Suzanne Born, Cathy Croghan and Kathy Robbins, Keith Grennier, Dan Hanson, Liz Pierce, Michael Peller, Marcus and Patricia Sampson, Amazon Bookstore Cooperative, Query Booksellers, and Wilde Roast Café.

Big Anniversary Event 20 Years of Quatrefoil

Saturday, May 20, will be a stellar day for the Q Library: books, magazines, videos, and DVDs will be movin' and shakin' in honor of 20 years of the doors being open.

Champagne and chocolate will be featured, along with music by Shannon. Quatrefoil founders David Irwin and Dick Hewetson will be honored guests. The Dale Johnson Development Award will be presented, and memorabilia from the past 20 years will be on display. This is history in the making!

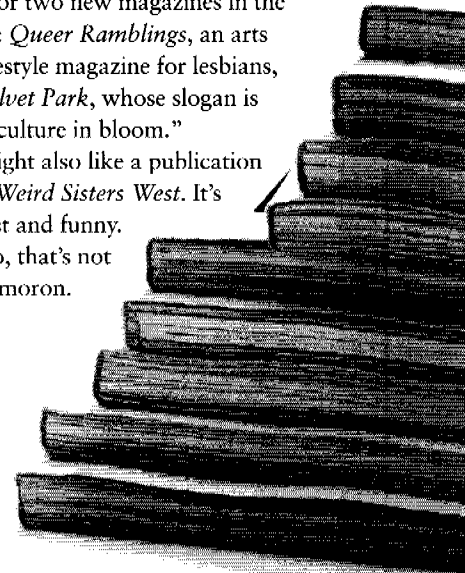
We are especially pleased that the celebration will take place during the first International GLBT Archives, Libraries, Museums and Special Collections (ALMS) Conference, which is being co-sponsored by the Quatrefoil and the University of Minnesota libraries and the Tretter Collection. Visitors from throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand will be checking out the library. It will be our chance to show the world what our hardy band of volunteers has created at the Twin Cities' Quatrefoil Library.

See you on Saturday, May 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the library on Dayton Avenue. Great people having a good time!

New Lesbian MAGAZINES

Look for two new magazines in the library: *Queer Ramblings*, an arts and lifestyle magazine for lesbians, and *Velvet Park*, whose slogan is "dyke culture in bloom."

You might also like a publication called *Weird Sisters West*. It's feminist and funny. And no, that's not an oxymoron.



SAVE THE DATE

May 18-21: GLBT ALMS Conference—an international conference for professionals from GLBT archives, libraries, museums and special collections. For more information, visit www.lib.umn.edu/events/glbталms.

May 20: Quatrefoil Twentieth Anniversary Reception at the library from 6 to 9 p.m.

June 24-25: Used book sale at the GLBT Pride Festival at Loring Park in Minneapolis

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16 members, 1300 books, and six periodical subscriptions in two small rooms in the MCLU building. Three months later the library was expanding, and support was coming from all over the country. The Quatrefoil held its grand opening celebration on May 4, 1986, with special guest Quentin Crisp in attendance.

A lot has happened in the library over the past 20 years, some good, some not, but mostly great. The Quatrefoil Library history book should be completed towards the end of 2006. In the meantime, attendees of the library's twentieth anniversary reception, on May 20 at the library, will be able to see a display of major events and items that have shaped the library over the past two decades. When the book is finished, I hope all members, volunteers, board members, past members, community members, and curious people around the world will get a chance to fully experience the immense and impressive past of the Quatrefoil Library. For some people, it will be a new and exciting adventure. For those who are already familiar with this great organization run by amazing people it will be a chance to delve deeper into something they already adore—something that I have come to admire and appreciate.

Thanks Dick and David—for everything.

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New at the Library

DVDs

Brokeback Mountain.

On order

Capote. On order

Transgeneration.

Sundance Channel
Production.

Fingersmith. Sally Head

Productions, BBC: 2006.

The Gay Marriage

Thing, directed by

Stephanie Higgins.

Cinema Guild, Inc.: 2005.

Lilies, directed by John

Greyson, Alliance
Video/Wolfe Video: 1996.

Women in Revolt,

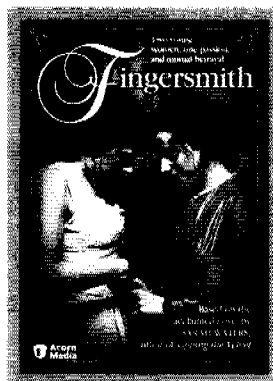
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Morrissey, Score Movies,
Ltd.: 1971.

Johnny Greyeyes,

directed by Jorge
Manzano, Wolfe Video:
2001.

On Line, directed by Jed Weintrob,

Wolf Video: 2004.



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Daring to Find our Names:

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Westport: Greenwood Press, 1998.

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Running Dry: A novel with a

fresh bite. Christian, M. Los Angeles:

Alyson, 2006. C555.R943 2006

From the Inside Out: Radical

gender transformation, FTM and

beyond. Diamond, Morty, ed. San

Francisco: Manic D Press, 2004.

PS508.T73 F76 2004

To Believe in Women: What

lesbians have done for

America—a history. Faderman,

Lillian. Boston: Houghton Mifflin,

1999. HQ75.6.U5 F35 1999

Setting the Lawn on

Fire: a novel.

Friedman, Mack.

Madison: Terrace Books,

University of Wisconsin,

2005. F911.S495 2005

Hit by a Farm: How

I learned to stop

worrying and love

the barn. Friend,

Catherine. New York:

Marlowe & Company,

2006. S521.5.M6 F75

Diary of a Drag Queen.

Harris, Daniel. New York:

Carroll & Graf, 2005.

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Gayslayer! The story of

how Dan White killed

Harvey Milk &

George Moscone got

away with murder.

Hinckle, Warren.

VirginiaCity: Silver Dollar

Books, 1979. HV6534.S3 H56 1979

The Homosexuality of Men

and Women. Hirschfeld, Magnus.

Amherst: Prometheus Books, 2000.

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Omnigender: A trans-religious

approach. Mollenkott, Virginia R.

Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2001.

BR115 .T76 M65 2001

Brokeback Mountain. Proulx,

Annie. New York: Scribner, 2005.

P9684.B867 2005

Hitting Hard. Signorile, Michelangelo.

New York: Carroll & Graf, 2005.

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That's Revolting! Queer strategies

for resisting assimilation.

Sycamore, Matt Bernstein, ed.

Brooklyn: Soft Skull Press, 2004.

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I Do/I Don't: Queers on marriage.

Wharton, Greg and Ian Philips, eds. San

Francisco: Suspect Thoughts Press,

2004. HQ1034 U5 I16 2004

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