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## FROM THE COORDINATOR

I saw a list of SRRT members the other day, was intrigued by our foreign membership, and thought it would be fun to include a short report on it in this

*VLA Newsletter* (Virginia). The point is not really whether the Boy Scouts endorse or oppose homosexuality. The point *is* that ALA has established for itself

My general idea for people to consider running for the other morning that inadvertently make volumes

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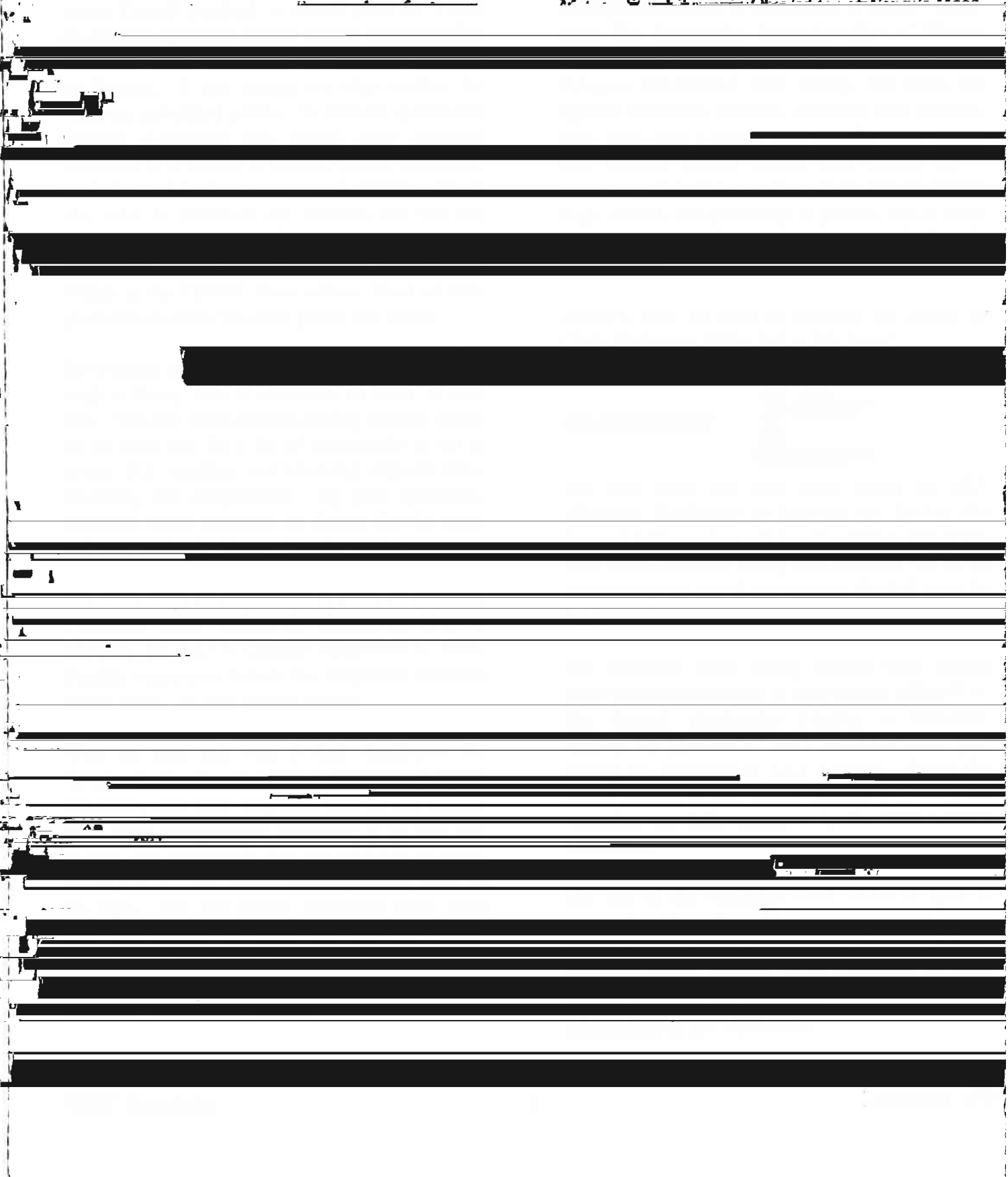
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There will be a special AIP meeting at Midwinter on Saturday, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. (just before the first SRRT

A panel of experts—including such individuals as Nancy Bonnell-Kangas (serials librarian at Columbus



**FEMINIST**



Feminist Task Force Midwinter meetings are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4, 2-4 pm, and Monday, Feb. 6, 9:30-11 am.

**GAY, LESBIAN, AND BISEXUAL**

This is a tentative schedule for GLBTF meetings at Midwinter. Consult the final Midwinter program for changes and room locations.

Friday, 2/3/95:

GLBTF Program Planning Committee, 2-4 pm

GLBTF Business Meeting, 2-4 pm

Everyone is welcome to our meetings, especially newcomers! We'll be celebrating our 25th anniversary

Committee for Military Counseling, and Charlotte Anderson of Education for Global Involvement are

lishing their work. What about zines, then: self-published magazines which may only last for an

by Mike and company in *Factsheet Five*. Most librarians know that zines are "the little magazines of the '60s."

hundreds of dedicated Cuban librarians from all types of libraries throughout the island. As a group, we feel compelled to

Bloomington), Mohamed Zehery (Ohio State University, Lima Campus)



## OPEN HEARING ON ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

On Monday, February 6, 1995, from 2:00 to 4:00, during the 1995 Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, the Intellectual Freedom Committee will conduct an

ship and the provision of library services in our nation." The reaction of ILA's Social Responsibilities Forum is outlined in the article that follows from the *ILA Reporter*.

Social responsibility was at issue at the ILA Annual Membership Meeting. The ILA Officers sponsored a



zations confront these issues just as we do. By definition, a democratic organization provides a forum for debate. Members must be free to bring up any issues

not. We are strongly opposed to resolutions that seek to close off debate. We should always remember our core value of promoting access to information, for ourselves as well as for the public.

(The Forum's next annual program will be on the theme of the role of socially responsible activity within a state library association, and the related issue of promoting democratic participation within ILA.)

**Steven R. Harris**  
Book Review Editor

...the book is a fairly straightforward narrative of one

come across such a powerfully written book, the first of its kind to offer a scholarly view of ethnic gay and lesbian writing in the United States, and one which defies ethnic and mainstream homophobia as well as

woman's involvement with the revolutionary underground in a fictional Latin American country (better known as Nicaragua). The heroine, Lavinia, is appalled by the values of her upper-class background in

heterosexual and gay/lesbian racism. Dr. Nelson has made very excellent choices in his selection of diverse

the face of the widespread economic hardship and political oppression she sees, but first she must deal

FROM THE EDITOR'S INBOX

I received two interesting video brochures that seem to complement each other, if perhaps a bit ironically, and go to prove that oppression and liberation reside less in social phenomena per se and more in terms of relativity, dichotomy, unequal power relations, and double standards. In one case, Candida Royalle is proud to present: "Erotic films for the woman who knows what

*Men & Masculinity: Changing Roles, Changing Lives* addresses topics like anti-pornography activism; challenging homophobia; combating violence against women; domestic violence; men's studies; women in the men's movement; and the National Organization for Men Against Sexism. (Not to be confused with the National Center for Men, period, which goes around blaming women for men's theoretically low social status and unequal rights!) Like the Royalle videos, these are being used for educational purposes, in schools, libraries, and therapy groups. "Oppressed," repressed, or merely depressed, if men want to come out of their stuffy old closets, I say let them. It kind of puts me in

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