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Gay literature opens eyes to others' lives

The study of English lan-guage and literature is essential to our understanding of our culture and our relationships to it. This understanding is crucial to all of us, no matter what our interests or future profession. Through literature one can experience the lives of a different gender, class, race, culture and yes, even sexual orientation.

Gay and Lesbian Literature is not a celebration of homosexuality. Nor does it "take the spotlight off the authors' work and shine it on his (her) personal life." Most importantly, our professor never attempted to "further homosexual interests in class.

Gay and Lesbian Literature is the only class I have taken where sexuality is discussed openly. Homosexuality may be just a "behavior" in the eyes of some, but it is a "behavior" that affects a person's life immensely.

Some may question why A&M would want a class that focuses on authors with this one trait, but if you were to examine the reading list for this class you would find authors from classical antiquity, present-day America, Victorian England, men, women, aristocrats, poor-white trash, etc. And while these authors all lived vastly different lives, this "one trait" colored all their ex-periences. Perhaps if being gay were considered as normal as having swimming as a hobby,

these authors would not have had to record for all time their ostracism and subsequent loneliness and pain.

It is important that homosexuals' contributions to literature be recognized. Far from being a subversive group of child-molesting perverts who are out to undermine society, gays are just people. People who live and love and feel pain just like everyone else. The only difference is that gays have been forced to do all this out of the view of mainstream society. Their literature enlightens the average Jane to their lives.

> Kristin DeLuca Class of '96

Course contributes to intellectual thought

The opinions expressed by David Recht in his column on the gay and lesbian literature course that I teach are based on a lack of information and therefore grossly distort both the nature and purpose of this course. If you are interested in understanding what this course is really about, and how it is an integral part of the study of literature, please begin by consulting the description of this course on the web, reached by its link on the English Department home page. A list of readings is included.

The course explores the varieties of human experience as they are conveyed by literature.

The works studied are shaped by the lives, and by the sexual ties, of their authors, as is true of most literature. It is simply wrong to assume that the course focuses on the lives of these authors and not on how these lives are reflected in the literature. The approach and subject matter of this course a supported by many scholarly literary studies. Their main agenda is intellectual, not political: to further our understanding o how literature, like the other arts, works to express the rich complexities of human experience. I might add that this course is not required.

It is dangerous when downright prejudice masquerades as inaccurate information. "Gay and Lesbian Literature" has al ready been taught four times, and the Faculty Senate and President Bowen have now approved a carefully reviewed pro posal for its addition to the Uni versity catalog. Given the welcoming response of so many peo ple across campus, I can only hope that Recht's prejudice will not be uncritically accepted by thoughtful members of this university community. If Recht, or any other student, would like to know how the course is really taught, he or she should take it.

> Harriette Andreadis English Department

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Reform Party to convene on T

DALLAS (AP) - Ross Perot doesn't expect people to trek cross country to attend the Reform Party's two-part nominating convention in August: Folks can settle into their recliners and take it in on TV.

Substituting satellite technology for human contact, organizers are casting the convention as a giant high-tech town meeting in the tradition of New England town-hall gatherings.

"The communications systems are there to include more people in the Democratic process," said Russ Verney, the Reform Party's national coordinator. "A lot of people will be able to sit in their living room. Our national convention is not expected to draw people

from across the country to attend in person.' Even without cramming thousands of flag-waving, screaming delegates into a bunting-and-balloon-filled hall, Verney expects the Reform Party convention to generate excitement and rally the troops.

But Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, fears something will be lost in the

high-tech translation. "You sacrifice the human aspects of coming together at the polls and conventions," he said. "The question of politics through elec-tronics rather than through people is not a good development for

The Reform Party already had wandered from the traditional party path by splitting its convention into two pieces. On Aug. 11, the party

will hold one day of nominating speeches in Long Beach, Calif. Then on Aug. 18, the party will announce its presidential candidate at Valley Forge, Pa.

C-SPAN, the public affairs cable network, has committed to showing both segments, said Perot spokeswoman Sharon Holman. In the week-long intermission between the two sessions, Reform Party members will vote on their presidential choice. They'll be able to do so through computer linkups, the telephone or by mail

"People who signed our petitions will ultimately get an identifica-tion number to validate their voting," Verney said. The Reform Party will send out a mailing in the next seven to 10

days that will explain the voting procedures for members. The personal identification numbers, or PINs, will follow soon after.

Verney said a company that has not been publicly identified is handling the assignment of PINs to the approximate 1.3 million Reference.

form Party members. Anyone who has signed a petition should expect to get a PIN if they provided a valid mailing address.

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around small forward available The Los Angeles Clippers made the first pick of a center with the seventh choice, selecting 6-foot-11 Lorenzen Wright of Memphis. The New Jersey Nets delighted their home fans by choosing Villanova shooting guard Kerry Kittles with the eighth pick.

The Dallas Mavericks chose Louisville forward Samaki Walker with pick No. 9, and the Indiana Pacers took Mississippi State center Erick Dampier with the 10th pick.

After Stern announced the Marbury-Allen trade, the Golden State Warriors took North Carolina State center Todd Fuller, Cleveland picked Wright State forward Vitaly Potapenko, Charlotte selected Bryant, Sacramento took 18-year-old Predrag Stojakovic of Greece, Phoenix chose Santa Clara point guard Steve Nash, Charlotte grabbed Kentucky shooting guard Tony Delk and Portland picked the second high-schooler of the night, 7-foot-er Jermaine O'Neal of Eau Claire H.S. in Columbia, S.C.

Knicks fans who outnumbered

Nets fans at the Meadowlands chanted, "We Want Wallace." When Stern said, "The New York Knicks select John Wallace of Syracuse," the biggest roar of the night was heard.

Class of '96 As the NBA attracts more underclassmen,

No. 1 draft picks are often younger, too. Hakeem OLAJUWON
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