

Dear Eldon,

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Well, here is the highlight of my career. See page 22 of the Sentinel. I had no idea they were going to do an article on my work; they just copped the info from the Historical Society newsletter. It's almost better than having my Garland book published because of it's readership and vast distribution. By the way, the straight literary agents read the first 30 pages of my manuscript and said it's an "intriguing story" but they can see no market for it. May have to go to the gay press (Alyson) after all.

I'm feeling happy, too, that a Women's Studies major from U.C. Berkeley is perusing my female-to-male library (in my home, of course) to research her paper on passing women. I just bought an 1861 book "Cecil Dreeme" about a man who falls in love with another man, to later discover he is a passing woman. I will leave my papers/collection and my IBM computer to the Gay Historical Society when I kick off.

Am also sending a HEALING AIDS newsletter (which Tom printed) that has some good info. I'm on my 6th week of AZT and so far so good. Docs say everything's fine, but this past week I've been feeling a tightness and pain in my chest. They say I'm not congested, tho. I also went to a Chinese herbal medicine woman who gave me some sticks and stones to boil into a tea. I'm beginning to think the pain I'm feeling is a broken heart, as it's finally sinking in to me that Tom & I are through. After being together 5+ yrs, I feel pretty bad. I keep going to Page St. to typeset and having to see him there hurts, too. He just acts like everything's wonderful with him, which pisses me off even more. I had a very revealing dream the other night where I kept punching him in the face, but my fist just went through him, and he felt nothing. I just need someone new in my life so I can forget him, but feel like no one's going to want to have anything to do with me, now that I've got the Big A. I've got a Emotional Support Volunteer coming to see me from the Shanti AIDS Project, not telling them anything about my TS past, but just that I'm a gay man with AIDS. He's pretty neat and I could easily fall in love with him.

Any new developments with the planning of the Murray Foundation? Yes, there are others I could think of to be my ancestor to a Foundation position, but I think they'd all have their "pet projects" which they would tend to vote to benefit. Hard for me to think of someone "impartial," especially if you want the \$\$\$ to stay in Milw. Over the years I've lost most of my contacts there.

Am being nice to myself, buying expensive flowers, a \$200 rug for my room, etc. I'll give myself a while longer to heal up from my latest surgery and then I'm going to have to get a little action in my sex life. I ain't room temperature yet.