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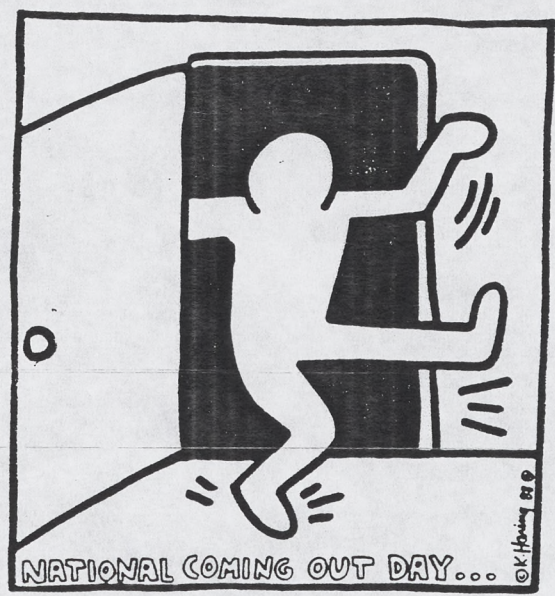
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Friday's rally was emceed by *Gay & Lesbian Times* Editor Corri Planck and International Daddy Bear '96 Sean Minogue, and featured music from Dixie Freedom & The Boys.

The program featured the coming out stories of key members of the gay community, including Tana Goodwin, Kevin Collin, Hilary Cook, Pedro Arista, Toné Puente, Jeff Palmer, Mark Knapp and David, Deena and Andy Birnbaum.

Following the program, Minogue, along

The evening got off to a shaky start with hecklers shouting insults from the next door parking lot at The Center's Executive Director Karen Marshall who welcomed the crowd, but fortunately the hecklers seemed to grow bored when it became obvious that their cat-calls were not going to succeed in causing a complete disruption.

"We have some company tonight," Marshall had said when she heard the hecklers, "which we always do." Then she proceeded with the program and the hecklers

straight, I wouldn't want him to," she told the rally. "He's a joy and he's Andy." For this, she received a loud and appreciative applause from the audience. David Birnbaum also garnered a loud crowd approval with his testimony. "The United States is a very big country," he said. "But Deena and I and the parents at PFLAG are able to make a difference because we're going to make parents who love their children for who they are the rule, not the exception."

expect respect from people, just like everyone who is anyone deserves it here this evening. It is good to know that knowledge and acceptance are replacing ignorance day by day."

In closing, Arista said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I urge you to make it a goal within yourself to come out now that [the world] is more supporting and more safe. A friend of mine once told me that a goal is just a dream with a deadline. Let's meet that deadline together and let's start now."

## UCSD Opens Doors For Those Willing To Come Out

by TRACY SAUNDERS

LA JOLLA — "Hi. My name is John and I am gay," announced third year Warren College student John Maze Thurs., Oct. 10. Standing before a yellow prop door representative of "the closet," on a raised platform, Maze celebrated National Coming Out Day by proclaiming his homosexuality to a crowd of approximately 200 peers gathered at the Price Center Plaza at the University of California-San Diego (UCSD).

Maze's point, along with the many others who came out, is simple.

"I want to tell you that it's not easy to get up here in front of all of you and tell you that I'm gay," he said, "but it's also not easy to watch this event year after year from the crowd instead of being here where I belong. It has taken me three years to get to this point. And now that I'm here, if there's one thing that I can tell you today, it would be to encourage you to try harder to embrace diversity."

Maze is one of four principle members of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association (LGBA), a campus student organization.

Commemorating its 20 year anniversary in January, the LGBA offers activities, information and friendship to homosexual and bisexual students at UCSD.

"National Coming Out Day is not only a day of announcing one's homosexuality," explained fourth year student Robert Nguyen, also a principle member of the LGBA. "But it is a day of showing support for homosexual and bisexual rights, a day centered around human respect. No one should be forced



Robert Nguyen participated in UCSD's National Coming Out Day festivities.

or conditioned to feel ashamed for who they are."

Although celebrated on Oct. 10, instead of the nationally established day of Oct. 11, the UCSD's National Coming Out Day ceremony embraced the founders' original message. By offering a safe setting and public arena, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students were able to speak out about their sexual orientations to some of the most important people in their lives, their peers.

As the late co-founder of National Coming Out Day, Rob Eichberg, once noted regarding the 1987 March on Washington, an event which inspired the founding of National Coming Out Day, "I asked people if they were out to their families, friends and co-workers... most weren't. We had six hundred thousand people marching who weren't getting support from their natural allies — the people in their own daily lives."

Maze may have best summed up feelings surrounding the school's National Coming Out Day event.

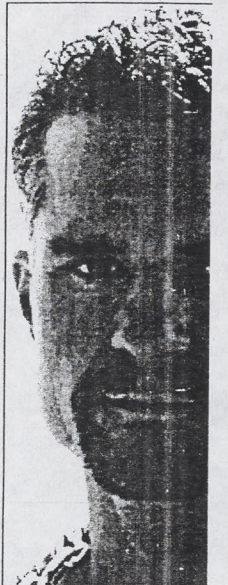
"I see a lot of different people out here right now," he said. "I see Caucasians, Asians, African Americans, Hispanics, Latinos, rich, poor, gays, straights and bisexuals. And I think it's these differences, as well as others, that make you the beautiful people that you are. So today, I encourage you to recognize that diversity is beautiful, and embrace it. The world is too small not to."

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Center To Host Panels, Panel Discussions

SAN DIEGO — As part of the celebration of National Coming Out Day, The Lesbian Community Center will host a panel discussion on the "Question of Equality" on each of the next three nights, 21 and 28 and Nov. 29.

Each night a panel will follow the video, featuring speakers and activists.

## Two San Diego Teams Place In Autumn Classic

by CORRI PLANCK

SAN DIEGO — San Diego's Bonjour Bagel took third place in the C Recreational Division and Hamburger Mary's took second in the Women's Competitive Division in the 1996 Autumn Classic softball tournament, which took place Oct. 12-13 in San Diego.

They were the only two San Diego teams to place in the top three in their divisions. San Diego's *Gay & Lesbian Times* team won the spirit award in the B Division, and Wells Fargo took the same award in the C Recreational Division.

For the fifth year in a row, the Los Angeles Stray Cats took the title in the A Division. The L.A. Big Sticks took second, and the San Francisco Rolo Golden Gators placed third.

The B Division championship title was captured by San Francisco Cafe, with the Long Beach Bullets taking second and the Orange County Bandits finishing third.

Seattle Cuff II took first in the C Competitive Division, followed by the second-place San Francisco Stormy Leather Hides and the third-place San Francisco Bears.

In the C Recreational Division, L.A. Rawhide took first, followed by the East Bay Funky Toons.

In the Women's Competitive Division, Long Beach Runner Blue took top honors, with Tucson's Ain't Nobody's Bizness taking third place.

San Francisco Petpourri took first in the Women's Recreational Division, followed by Long Beach Team Effort and San

Francisco Club Universe.

Other spirit award winners were L.A. Big Sticks in the A Division, San Francisco Stormy Leather Hides in the C Competitive Division, Tucson's Ain't Nobody's Bizness in the Women's Competitive Division and Long Beach Team Effort in the Women's Rec Division.

The sportsmanship award went to Dallas Dynamite, and the "Good Call, Blue!" umpire award went to Linda Powell of L.A.

Michael Portantino and the *Gay & Lesbian Times*, as well as Tim Barthell and Joe Letzkus of Flicks, were honored with special awards of recognition for their continued support of the Autumn Classic.

The 1996 Autumn Classic is the major tournament San Diego softball fans can expect to see before it welcomes the Gay Series in August of 1997.



Five-time Autumn Classic champs, the LA Stray Cats.

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# UNIONS HELP BALANCE COMPETING INTERESTS

**Editor:**

Nature is a balance of conflicting interests. One such conflict solved by nature is the balance between individual rights and the general welfare. History has convincingly demonstrated that collections of individuals are an amazingly effective solution to this trade-off problem.

In the specific instance of worker rights, vs. business welfare, unions have demonstrated many times their efficiency in protecting worker rights. How? First, business welfare, while it may include worker rights, is often at odds with these rights. Businesses want to use workers to make money.

Second, and more importantly, a business is by definition a collection. As such, a business can utilize a pool of resources toward a common goal. On the other hand, a worker is by definition an individual. To effectively make individual needs known to a business, a collection of workers is necessary.

Recently, we have experienced this conflict in the form of TA rights vs. university welfare. Are unions an effective solution to the trade-off problem in this instance? The answer to this question is not quite as simple as in the case of the preceding paragraph.

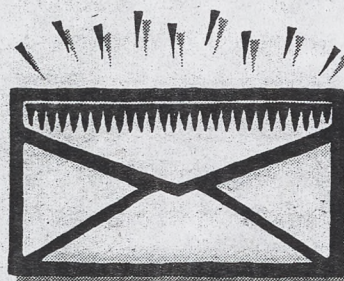
The reason our particular situation is so complex is that the business we are involved in is education. The university administration, in deciding the best policies, weighs many conflicting factors; three factors are the monetary well-being of the university, quality of education and TA rights. That is, the university must balance these three conflicting goals in any decision it makes.

If the university endangers its monetary well-being, who suffers? Most likely the administrators will lose their jobs, and newly hired administrators will hopefully bring back up the monetary well-being.

If the university endangers the quality of education, who suffers? Most likely the same scenario will occur.

If the university tramples over TA rights, who suffers? In this circumstance, the administrators will almost certainly not lose their jobs. Only the TAs suffer. This is exactly where a collection of TAs can be useful.

Does a collection of TAs function similarly to a university, which is itself a collection? Yes. That is, a collection of TAs, in helping the administrators to decide the best policies, will weigh many factors. Contrary to



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*My response to the article on Laurie Baker*

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**Nick Mitchell**

## Thanks for Running Lesbian-Mom Article

**Editor:**

I am very glad to see that the May 12 issue of the *Guardian* contained three articles on gay-related topics. I was especially impressed with the Spotlights section featuring the lesbian mother. Not many people understand the plight of single mothers, especially those who are lesbians. There are many lesbian mothers in our community, and they seem to get lost in the brouhaha of the gay-rights controversy. One woman's story, helps everyone understand a little bit about the gay community.

Though everyone's story is different, there is a common denominator that every lesbian and gay person faces — homophobia. No matter where we are, we always have to think twice about our actions, whether they are classified as "gay" behavior or not. We do not have the luxury of living a hassle-free life, where we just live without wondering whether we will receive negative responses to our actions.

There are many lesbian mothers and gay fathers who are deeply

appreciative of Grace Jang's article on this subject. Jang has helped increase awareness in a time when many children are taken away from one of their parents because that person happens to be gay or lesbian. There are convicted murderers out there who are receiving full custody of children because the state feels that a convicted murderer could provide a better home for a child than a loving person who just happens to be lesbian or gay. It is preposterous to hear that such things happen, especially today.

I am very sorry to hear that this article was Jang's last article for the *Guardian*. There needs to be more writers like Jang, who have the courage and intelligence to bring these important issues out in the open in a positive and responsible fashion. She has truly enriched the quality of the newspaper and the lives of those persons who have read her articles.

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# HOMOSEXUALITY AND RELIGION

Thursday, May 22, 4-6pm

# Anti-Discrimination Bill Defeated in State Assembly by 34-41 Vote

**VOTE:** Sexual orientation would have been protected

By Julia Kulla-Mader  
Staff Writer

The California Assembly on Tuesday night voted down, 34 to 41, a bill by Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl, D-Encino, that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in California's public schools.

Assemblyman Dick Ackerman, R-Fullerton, said he voted against the bill because it goes "way, way, way too far."

*quoted again!*

"Many organizations have different views on homosexuality," he said.

Kuehl said she proposed the bill so that students can go to school without fearing abuse from their peers.

"All children deserve the dignity of an education free from discrimination, violence and harassment," she said. "This bill [would] benefit our entire state by guaranteeing that thousands of students have access to educational opportunities and are allowed to live up to their full potential."

According to an analysis prepared for the Assembly Committee on Appropriations, the bill had three main components.

First, it would have added sexual orientation to the list of unlawful forms of discrimination in California's public schools.

Second, the measure would ban any instructional material that "reflects adversely on persons

because of their sexual orientation."

Third, the legislation would not "require or permit any affirmative-action programs based on sexual orientation," regulate behavior at private schools or prohibit Reserve Officer Training Corps units.

Currently, state law provides protection in California's public schools, community colleges and state universities from discrimination based on "race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, color and physical or mental disability."

Kuehl's bill would have added sexual orientation, as defined by California Civil Code Section 1.7, to include heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality to the list of protected categories.

Locally, the bill's list of supporters included the UCSD Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Association and the San Diego Unified School District.

Before he knew the bill had failed, LGBA member Robert Nguyen explained why the UCSDLGBA endorsed the measure.

"We support it because it's all about equal rights and nondiscrimination," he said.

Several statewide and national organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the California Teachers Association and California National

Organization for Women, also endorsed the measure.

However, the bill faced significant opposition, including the Association for Christian Schools International, the Church of God, the National Association for the Research and Therapy of Homosexuals and the Boy Scouts of America.

According to a 1989 report by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, more than a quarter — 28 percent — of all gay and lesbian youth report dropping out of school because of harassment.

The report also states that gay and lesbian youth are two or three times more likely than heterosexual youth to attempt suicide — 30 percent of all youth suicides annually.

Kuehl staff member Robin Podolsky said several gay and lesbian adolescents recently spoke in front of the Assembly to explain why the bill is necessary.

"The most moving part was testimony by middle and high school students," she said. "I think that's made an impact."

The bill's advocates also argue that it would have helped protect California's schools from lawsuits by providing students with a formal complaint procedure to resolve discrimination claims before they get to court.

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— Sheila Kuehl  
Assemblywoman (D-Encino)

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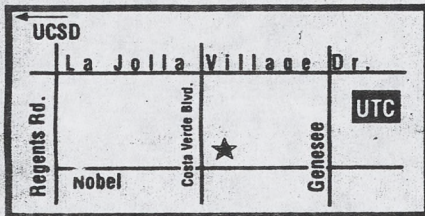
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# Famed Author Speaks at Price Center About Pros and Cons of Same-Sex Marriage

**FORUM:** Andrew Sullivan discusses symbolic importance

By Julia Kulla-Mader  
Staff Writer

Noted author Andrew Sullivan spoke Friday to a group of 30 to 40 people at the Price Center about his new work, *Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con*.

His book investigates the history, politics, religion, economics and long-term effects of same-sex marriages.

The event, one of several activities scheduled to mark UCSD's May 6 to May 9 Gay Awareness Week, was sponsored by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in cooperation with the UCSD Bookstore.

"Our guest today, Andrew Sullivan is one of the most visible, most articulate, most recognizable and most respected spokespersons for gay issues in the United States today," said host Milton Phegley, campus community planner.

Sullivan began by updating the audience on the status of same-sex marriages in America.

"Within the next nine months, it's highly likely that two men and two women will be legally married in America," he said.

Sullivan said he is surprised by how close gay men and women are to obtaining the right to marry.

"When I first started writing about the subject in 1989, I wrote about it as an interesting, intellectual and important — I thought — moral argument to the equality of gay men and women," Sullivan said. "I never believed that within a decade I would be going around the country talking about a subject that was on the verge of becoming reality."

Sullivan said he is optimistic that states will soon recognize same-sex marriages.

"Hawaii is the first of several states which will, I believe, be a part of the legal battle to recog-

nize marriage," he said. "I think you will see in the next year to two years second and third fronts being opened up across the country."

Sullivan added that he believes same-sex marriage is central to obtaining gay rights.

"Sometimes I feel like a kid in a big house," he said. "There are many rooms in the house — some of them you're allowed to mess around in and scuff up, and others you're supposed to be a little bit more careful about. But, there's one room that you're really not supposed to go in."

To Sullivan, for gay men and women that room is the institution of marriage.

According to Sullivan, for gay men and women to have complete access to all rooms in the house is equivalent to them knowing that they are full members of American society. Without the right to marry, they are excluded from society.

"And it's not your house, and it's not your family. And you live there and you breathe there, and you exist there and you love there at the behest and discretion and tolerance of somebody else," Sullivan said.

"Of course they don't want you in there," he added. "You can always tell the thing most worth having, it's the thing they least want you to get."

Sullivan also responded to critics who argued that asking for marriage rights will set gay civil rights back.

"There is no evidence that [in]

pursuing this issue, presenting it clearly [and] articulating, its centrality has in any way diminished or set back any other issues in regards to gay men and women," he said.

Sullivan argued that working for marriage equality actually advances gay civil rights.

"It's the most basic bargaining tactic imaginable," he said. "You go in with your highest bid and you see what else they offer."

As an example, Sullivan pointed to a debate he participated in last Thursday night on the television show "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher."

Sullivan said that another guest, Citizens United Chairman Floyd Brown, who is against same-sex marriage, asked him why gay men and women would not just settle for "domestic partnership" instead of marriage.

Sullivan then pointed out that Brown would never have suggested that gay men and women should receive domestic-partnership benefits if they were not asking for marriage rights.

Sullivan received a degree in Modern History and Modern Languages from Oxford University. He also graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in Political Science.

Sullivan edited *The New Republic* from 1991 to 1996, and remains a senior editor today. He previously wrote, *Virtually Normal: An Argument about Homosexuality*.

*Andrew Sullivan spoke at UCSD*

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"It's none of my business."

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of hot shame exploding under his  
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teeth. He wonders, "How long was  
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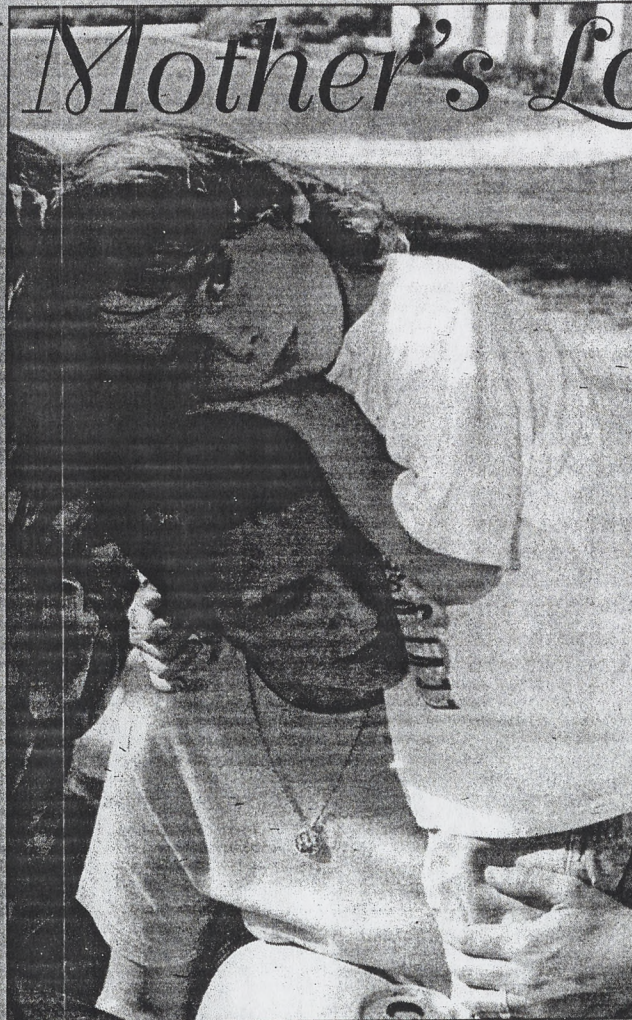
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# SPOTLIGHTS

UCSD Guardian Features

## A Mother's Love



Travis Julian Baker: "Being a mom is my primary identity," 23-year-old Marshall senior Laurie Baker said. "I'll do whatever it takes to make sure he's happy and comfortable."

*Being a lesbian mom isn't easy, but UCSD senior Laurie Baker says she is a better mother because she is no longer "in the closet"*

Sitting at the Grove Caffe, shoving pieces of Golden Grahams into a cup of water and playfully offering his mother a sip of the yellow, sweetened liquid, it is obvious that five-year-old Travis Julian Baker is happy.

However, some may question this happiness, given that his mother, 23-year-old Marshall senior Laurie Baker, is a gay single parent.

Baker is aware that some disapprove of her openly gay lifestyle, especially because it might be an "inappropriate" environment for her son.

She says people stare and "throw dirty looks" when she and her girlfriend, 22-year-old Revelle senior Laura D'Avanzo, are out in public with Travis.

"If people can't understand, they're just looking at the surface," Baker said. "They don't know us. Just because I love Laura, and not some guy, has nothing to do with my ability to take care of Travis. I want to protect him, but I'll do more

harm if I'm just sitting here, hiding. If I do that, I'm telling Travis that it's OK not to be who you want to be. I'm happy now. Therefore I'm a better mom to him."

"I was a phony before and couldn't focus, but I'm more whole now and a better mom. I want him to know that I'm proud and that Laura's proud. People are going to have their opinions, and I'm going to live my life and take care of him. The most important thing is that my family understands."

However, Baker's family members were not always so understanding. She says that if her family members had initially expressed acceptance of homosexuality, she probably would not have gotten pregnant.

"I was sexually promiscuous to convince myself that I was straight," she said. "But I don't regret having Travis. Not at all. Travis has been a positive influence in my life. Before Travis, I had no plans for

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Story by Grace Jang, Features Editor  
Photos by Claire Schneider

# "Coming Out" Impeded

*In the midst of burgeoning public awareness of homosexuality, UCSD's LGBA continues to struggle for recognition and funding*

By Jessica Scheppmann  
Guardian Reporter

For many members of UCSD's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association (LGBA), the "coming out" episode on "Ellen" was more than a show that revealed what everyone already knew about Ellen DeGeneres. It was a chance to relive their own experiences as a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

LGBA members said that, despite the social stigmatization of those individuals who publicize their sexuality, DeGeneres' coming out was a positive move to raise the issue of lesbianism in the media.

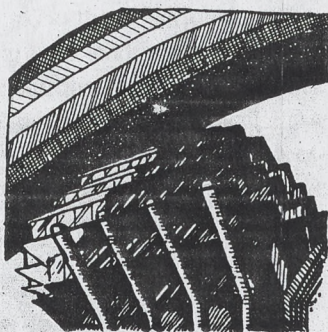
"It's very positive to have a mainstream portrayal of a lesbian," said LGBA principle member Rebecca Lee. "You rarely see them portrayed positively. Sexuality itself is taboo. The gay community doesn't have a lot of role models in the media today. Often times gay characters are portrayed as deviants or antisocial outcasts. It helps teenagers coming to terms with their sexuality to see a main character in a show played by a lesbian."

When Robert Nguyen, another of LGBA's four principle members, asked those attending last week's meeting where they were when Ellen publicly came out, answers ranged from, "I was at work," to "I was at my own coming-out party where my previously homophobic friend made rainbow-frosted cupcakes."

### About the organization

For almost 20 years, UCSD's lesbian and gay community has had a place to turn for both social acceptance and educational support. First established on November 17, 1977, LGBA strives to "educate, unite, promote awareness of gay issues, and to provide a safe environment and a voice for homosexuals on campus," said principle member John Maze.

Comprised of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and "gay-



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friendly" heterosexuals, LGBA has over 100 people on its roster.

LGBA members emphasize that they not only support homosexuals in their life-styles, but that the LGBA provides a non-sexist environment as well.

"Our group attracts everyone," said Nguyen. "We have men, women, transgender, all races and all socioeconomic backgrounds. We try to provide a non-sexist environment for anyone who wants to get involved, or provide or receive support."

LGBA members try to raise the visibility of homosexual issues to increase the awareness of the public. During Gay Awareness Week last week, the LGBA sponsored a series of seminars on such issues as: safe sex; children's education; bisexuality; same-sex marriages; gay parents; lesbian sex; sado-masochism (S&M) and gays in the media.

According to Nguyen, Gay Awareness Week was not held to promote homosexuality, but to increase awareness of gay issues and to promote acceptance between gay and heterosexual students.

Although the LGBA does not

promote the idea of a hierarchy, Nguyen, Maze, Lee and Gabby Fregoso are considered "principle members," Nguyen said. Principle members serve the same functions as officers in other campus organizations, running meetings, maintaining finances, organizing social events and working as liaisons between members and the university.

According to Nguyen, these members strive to make sure that people feel comfortable with their sexuality and "just being themselves at the meetings."

"Basically principle members just sign off official documents," he said. "Lesbians and gays need to talk to and we don't fit that having a strict hierarchy do that. Principle membership is just way to get more involved."

### Striving for Recognition

Student organizations on campus, currently subsidized by the A.S., were requested to submit budget proposals for the upcoming fall quarter. After the initial budget proposal, each organization schedules a meeting to discuss the appropriations.

According to Arzo Mansury, former A.S. campus organizing director, the reward for submitting an early budget request has traditionally been an earlier appointment.

According to Nguyen, although the LGBA was told it was the third of almost 200 organizations on campus to submit the budget proposal early, LGBA received the last appointment available at 10:50 p.m. on Thurs., May 8.

"If you don't think discrimination happens, look at the way the A.S. puts together the budget," said Maze. "There are heavy inconsistencies between the various clubs. We were one of the first to turn in our budget, but we received the very last appointment."

In addition to budget disputes, the LGBA is also attempting to See **LGBA**, Page 20

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First of all, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association would like to thank you all for attending our annual National Coming Out Day Celebration. We have some people we'd like to thank because, without them, this event would have never happened. We'd like to thank the Price Center for allowing us to use the plaza. The A.S. for funding our event, Maureen Davis for helping us with the finances. Marcia Strong, our beloved advisor, who has been our support for many years. We'd also like to thank our special guest speakers --

Lucy Silway, Fred Van Hoos, and Marcia Strong. Let's give them all a great round of applause. Before we start, there are a couple of announcements. The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association holds meetings every Monday at 7 pm at the Graduate Student Association. We also have our infamous non-sexist dance this Saturday, October 12 from 9 pm to 1 am at the Pub. Everyone is welcome and the dance is free. If you have any questions you can always reach us at 534-GAYS. Without much further ado, please allow me to introduce our first speaker, Lucy Silway.

Some of you may know that part of our Coming Out tradition is to have people come out at the open mike. However, National Coming Out Day is not only a day of students publicly announcing their homosexuality or bisexuality; it is a day of coming out and showing support for homosexual and bisexual rights. It is a day centered around human respect. Many lesbian, gay and bisexual youths do not accept themselves because society and/or religion has told them that they are worthless or abnormal. No one should be forced



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## "OUT in the Open"

### 5/5 MONDAY

7 p.m. - Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association General Body Meeting at Graduate Student Association Lounge

8 p.m. - *It's Elementary* (documentary) at Price Center Theater (FREE)

8:15 p.m. - Undergrad. Men's Support Group at South Conference Room

### 5/6 TUESDAY

NOON - Hot N' Healthy, Safe & Sexy (Safer Sex) in Gallery B (Above PC Theater)

3 p.m. - STONEWALL & Gay History in Gallery B (above PC Theater)

7 p.m. - Women's Group in Stud. Ctr. Conf. Rm. 1 (above Food Co-op)

8 p.m. - *The Birdcage* (movie) at PC Theater (mention LGBA at the box office and pay only \$1!)

### 5/7 WEDNESDAY

NOON - LESBIAN SEX in Gallery B (above PC Theater)

1 p.m. - GOD FOR GAYS & GAYS FOR GOD in Gallery B (above Price Center Theater)

9:30 p.m. - *ELLEN*: Ellen "comes out" to her parents (Channel 10)

### 5/8 THURSDAY

NOON - S & M in Gallery B (above PC Theater)

1 p.m. - Gay Marriages in Gallery B (above Price Center Theater)

4 p.m. - *It's Elementary* (documentary) at Women's Center (behind ERC office) FREE

6:30 p.m. - Graduate Men's Support Group in South Conference Room

### 5/9 FRIDAY

NOON - Gay Parents in Gallery B (above Price Center Theater)

1 p.m. - Bisexuality in Gallery B (above Price Center Theater)

2 p.m. - Andrew Sullivan, author of *Virtually Normal* and *Same-Sex Marriage* in Gallery A (above Price Center Theatre)

MOVIES : *It's Elementary* (5/5 & 5/8)  
*The Birdcage* (5/6)

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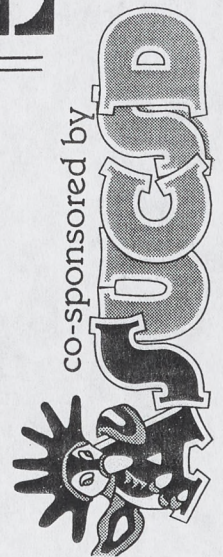
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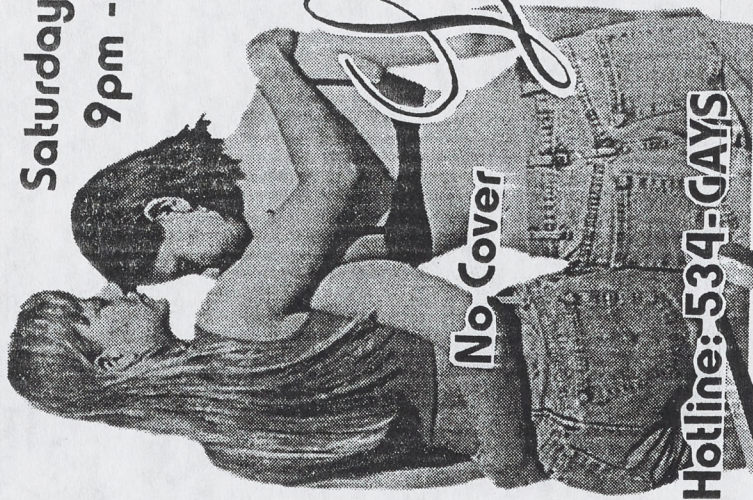
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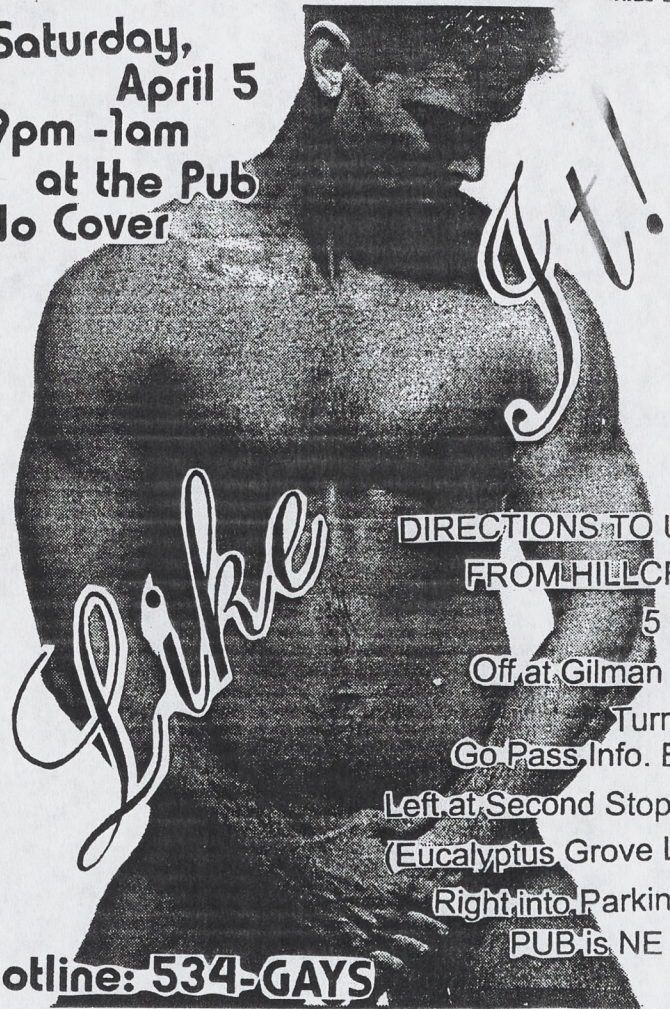
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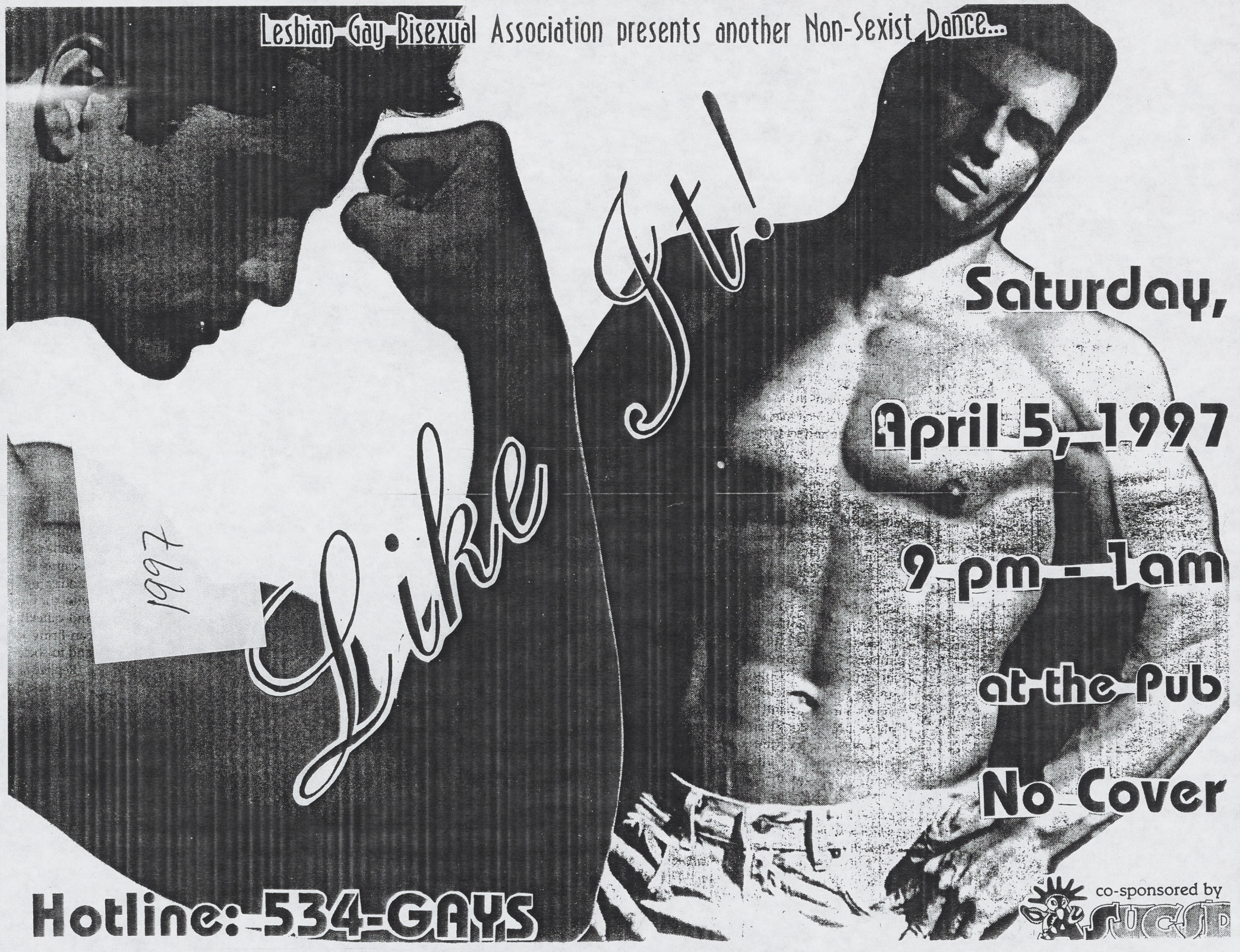
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