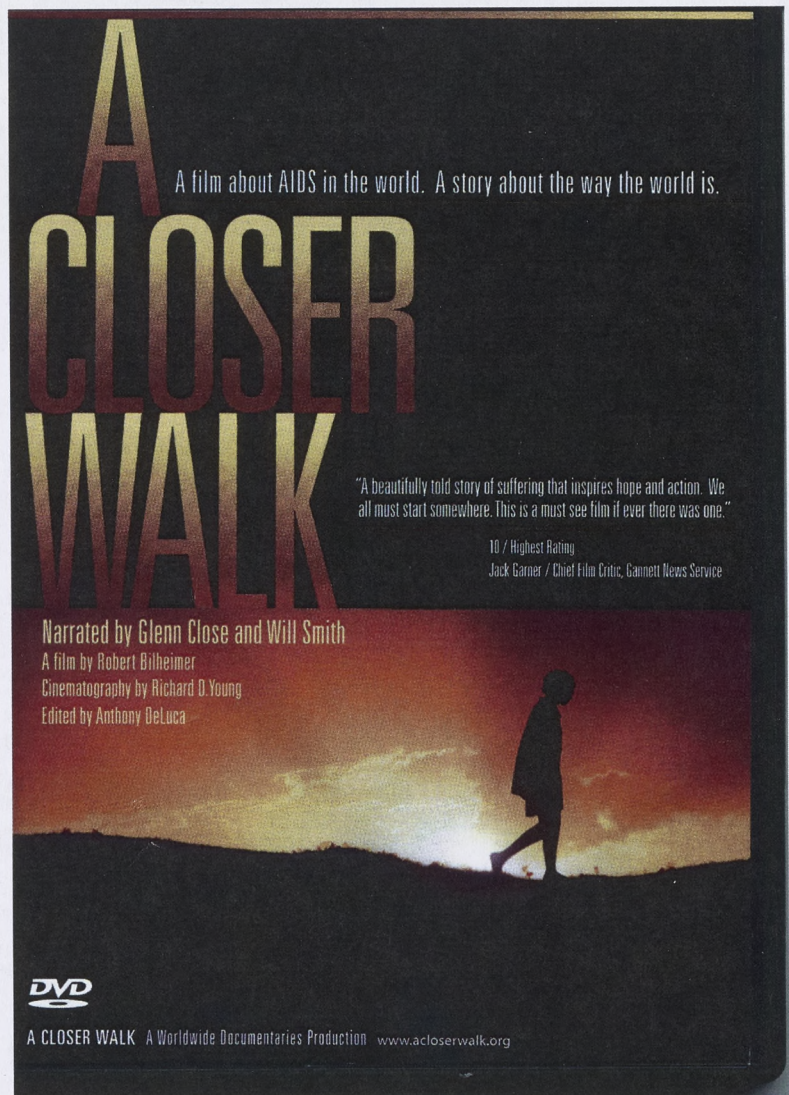


World AIDS Day
FILM SHOWING

Thursday
December 1, 2005
6:00pm at the
Cross Cultural Center
Lecture Hall

A Closer Walk is the first film to depict humankind's confrontation with the global AIDS epidemic. The film's director and producer, Robert Bilheimer, is an Academy Award nominee for his film *Cry of Reason*, a profile of the South African anti-apartheid leader Beyers Naude. *A Closer Walk* was conceived with the late Jonathan Mann, architect of the World Health Organization's response to global AIDS. A Worldwide Documentaries production, *A Closer Walk* has been produced in association with the Global Health Council.



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PRESS RELEASE

November 21, 2005

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AIDS Quilt at UCSD for World AIDS Day

On Thursday, December 1st 2005, the University of California, San Diego will recognize World AIDS Day with a public viewing of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Quilt will be on display at the Price Center Ballroom on the UCSD campus from 9am until 4:30pm. For a map and directions to the Price Center Ballroom, please visit <http://maps.ucsd.edu>. The event is free and open to the public.

On display at UCSD will be ten sections of the Quilt that have emerged from San Diego organizations and individuals as San Diegans responded to the AIDS crisis, both in the early years of the epidemic and through the present day. Each "block" (or section) of The AIDS Memorial Quilt measures approximately twelve feet square, and a typical block consists of eight individual three foot by six foot panels sewn together. Virtually every one of the more than 40,000 colorful panels that make up the entire Quilt memorializes the life of a person lost to AIDS.

Founded in 1987, The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a poignant memorial, a powerful tool for use in preventing new HIV infections, and the largest ongoing community arts project in the world. As the epidemic continues claiming lives around the world and here in the United States, the Quilt continues to grow and to reach more communities with its messages of remembrance, awareness and hope. For more information the quilt, visit <http://www.aidsquilt.org>.

Along with the AIDS Quilt, UCSD will sponsor a number of other events in recognition of World AIDS Day. Red ribbons will be handed out a UCSD's Library Walk throughout the day. A reading of names of those who have passed away from AIDS will take place at Price Center Plaza from 10 am to 3 p.m. At the Quilt display, more specific information regarding people of color and AIDS as well as women and AIDS will be presented. At 1pm at UCSD's Cross Cultural Center in the Lecture Hall, the Peer Education Program (PEP) Los Angeles will lead informal discussions on sexuality, decision-making and negotiation skills and provide realistic techniques for resisting peer pressure to engage in the risk-taking behaviors associated with HIV/AIDS.

The film "A Closer Walk" will be screened at UCSD's Cross Cultural Center in the Lecture Hall at 6 p.m. "A Closer Walk" is the first film to provide a definitive portrayal of humankind's confrontation with the global AIDS epidemic. Directed, written and produced by Oscar nominee Robert Biheimer, and narrated by Glen Close and Will Smith, the film explores the intricate relationship between health, dignity and human rights.

These events are co-sponsored by UCSD's LGBT Resource Center, Student Health Advocates, the department of Sociology, The Imperial Court de San Diego (ICSD), San Diego Young Positives (SDYP), the Women's Center and the Cross-Cultural Center. For more information on this event, please go to <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu>.

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[by John O. White '83, Warren]

LOOKING BACK COMING OUT



In 1979, when I arrived at UC San Diego Warren College Orientation from Salt Lake City, Utah, I was perhaps naïve about Southern California. I had been waiting to “come out” and college seemed like the perfect place to express myself honestly and proudly—not just my sexual orientation, but also my politics. I hoped to somehow merge my interest in science and medicine with public policy and social justice issues.

UC San Diego in retrospect was the perfect school for me, although it started out slowly. You see, I asked simply at my student orientation session—“where do I find the gay student organization?” The student affairs staff member politely responded: “While at one time there was such an organization, there is no such organization now.” I asked why? And the response was, “I don’t know, but you can start such a student organization if you are interested.”

Slowly over the course of my freshman year, I found other lesbian and gay students interested in forming a social-political organization. And in 1980, we founded LAGO—the Lesbian and Gay (student) Organization. This was my first lesson in budgeting, politicking and public speaking. Scared as the devil, a small group of us asked for, and received, a full-page Lesbian and Gay issues section in the *Guardian*—once each quarter beginning in 1980. For two years, we filled the pages with poems, private reflections, comics, community event announcements, and a listing of resources—mostly off campus. The group was notable by its inclusion of women and men, and I received basic lessons in political activism from my student peers including Paula Rosenstein, '82, Muir, now an accomplished attorney in San Diego, and Linda Sabo, who became a Student Regent.

I took a big step out of the closet with my LAGO co-chair, Christina Alvarez, '84, Warren, M.A. '95, when we were interviewed for a *Guardian* cover story titled: *The Challenge of Being Gay at UCSD*, which ran during January 1982. There was no going

back at that point, and we were invited with others to be on a panel for the UCSD Contemporary Issues course “Human Sexuality”.

There were allied offices and places, although at the time there was no formal recognition of this. The counselors from Psychological Counseling and Services were a godsend for many of us as were peer support groups for gay men and lesbians. Academic advisers in the colleges were often helpful, and certain departments like sociology, visual arts, music and political science offered classes that were of a personal and academic interest to many. There were affinity groups such as Associated

Students—Assorted Vinyl record store, Groundwork Books, the Food Coop and the CHE collective.

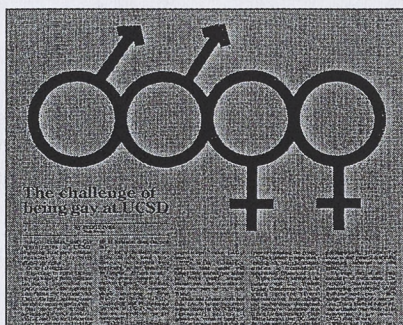
Pretty soon, we figured out that we needed an office and a telephone information line in the Student Center. It was granted by the ASUCSD. We reached out to faculty and staff by hosting quarterly potlucks in the International Center. We worked with faculty and staff on issues in common, including a proposed minor in Lesbian and Gay History, health policy issues, and issues of equality and non-discrimination. We received support and encouragement from helpful faculty

such as Professor Harry Hirsch (now at Macalester College in Minnesota). His research and teaching interests include civil liberties and gay and lesbian politics.

One of my favorite memories is the establishment of the first “Susan B. Anthony” Non-Sexist Dance, which took place on February 13, 1981. I hear the Non-Sexist dances are still going strong on campus.

Congratulations UCSD on your commitment to diversity, tolerance and programming for activities like the LGBT Resource Center. Go Tritons! Go Bobcats!

John O. White is a Capital Planning Director at UC Merced.



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Do you have a memory or a story about UCSD? This space could be yours. Write to the editor at alumnieditor@ucsd.edu.

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So this being the week of finals, the quarter is coming to a quick and stressful end. That also means that this is the last newsletter for Fall 2005. It's been quite an experience so far getting to know this job and all the ins and outs involved in getting

this newsletter out on time with all the relevant information. And just when I thought I had gotten it about right, we're going to attempt to move to a new format. That's right, an html version, kicking off the new year, along with the new space. So be looking for that new version of our newsletter when you all return from the holiday break. That's about it from me, but I would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday break, and look forward to supplying everyone with the important news and events going on at UCSD and beyond in the new year.

Will - Newsletter Coordinator

UCSD LGBT SPECIFIC EVENTS

2) LGBT RC Hours during Finals Week and the Winter Break

The LGBT RC will have regular hours during Finals Week, so come on by for studying...or a break! This will be your last chance to enjoy this space, so come by to reminisce, or to revel in our move. Also, the RC will be open the following week, December 12th-16th from 9:00am to 4:30pm. For Winter Break, the RC will be closed from December 19th through the new year.

3) Queer By Nature Camping Trip - Sun-Wed, Dec 11th-14th

From our own Will...

"Queer By Nature is going on its annual Winter Break camping trip!! This year we're going out to Anza Borrego for 4 days and 3 nights, leaving December 11th and returning the 14th. The days and dates are open, so if you can't make it the first few, or need to leave early, it's not a problem. We are planning on heading out from the Resource Center around 2:00pm on Sunday December 11th, with the trip out there around 2 hours. Anza Borrego is a desert, and as such, it WILL get cold at night, so bring enough stuff to keep warm. Keep in mind that the AVERAGE low temperature is 43 degrees for December. However, do not let this discourage you, because Anza Borrego is a beautiful place, with plenty of places to hike, climb and enjoy the outdoors, plus it's not so bad during the day, with an average high of 70 in December. All manner of supplies will be necessary, including tents, sleeping bags, food, and of course, water! Also, make sure to bring good clothes for hiking and just being outdoors in general. Finally, the camp ground costs around \$12 per day, which holds 8 people, so that's around \$2 per night, per person. Not bad! If you are interested in coming out with us on our last event of the year, which is shaping up to be totally awesome, please email us at qxn@ucsd.edu so that we can get an idea of how many people are interested in coming. Also, if you would simply like more info on the event, or need a ride, email us with your questions and comments, and we'll accommodate you. This will be a totally rockin' event, so don't miss it!

If you would like to see something specific at this event, or any QxN event, then please attend our weekly meetings from 6:00pm-6:30pm at the LGBT Resource Center on Mondays. For more information contact qxn@ucsd.edu (yeah, we got a new UCSD address, yay!!)"

4) Fluid Sexuality Needs a New Meeting Time!!

Thank you to those who participated for a great and fun Fall quarter! With Winter quarter coming up so soon, we need to decide a new time to meet!

With that said, if you're interested in participating in this exciting and fun open discussion, please e-mail Peper at distantshadow44@yahoo.com with some available times you can meet during the week. Keep in mind that the meetings usually last one to two hours.

For more information about "Fluid Sexuality": E-mail Shaun Travers at: stravers@ucsd.edu with "Fluid" in the subject line Check out the website at: <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/meetings.shtml>

GENERAL UCSD LGBT ANNOUNCEMENTS

5) Clean Up Hillcrest Day - Sun, Dec 11th, 10:00am-12:00pm

From our very own Cathy...

"My name is Cathy. I am a fellow student at UCSD, and I am also an intern at HillQuest.com. The publishers at HillQuest, Ann and Nancy, and I felt the need for community pride, therefore we have organized volunteers to help keep the streets of Hillcrest beautiful so that people passing by and local businesses will recognize the need to do their part to give back to the community. We hope our efforts will be contagious and will spread through neighboring communities. We would like to promote many different events, however, we need help. We need people who share our commitment to make our San Diego communities shine. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, and questions you may have.

When: December 11, 2005

Time: 10:00a - 12:00p

Where: 5th Ave. and University Ave. in Hillcrest (under the Hillcrest sign)

Why: To beautify the streets of Hillcrest, to promote community spirit and pride in the neighborhoods and to bring awareness to local businesses, visiting folks, and neighbors to do their part to keep our streets clean. We want to also create a friendly atmosphere for people to meet new friends and to build a sense of pride and accomplishment within themselves.

How to get involved: Email Cathy at HillQuestSanDiego@gmail.com or go to www.HillQuest.com for updates.

If you can't make this date, there are two more planned for January 8th and January 22nd, 2006, both from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Ann and Nancy are continuously trying to contact businesses to donate gift certificates and so on, to show appreciation for all our volunteers. FREE FOOD and DRINKS for all volunteers!! From our first event, businesses such as: Hamburger Mary's, Baja Betty's, City Deli, MetroMint, Jack in the Box, and David's Coffeehouse all donated to our volunteers to say thanks."

6) UCSD Conference Exploring "Jewish Masculinities" - Sun-Tue, Dec 11th-13th

Scholars from Israel, Germany, France, Canada and the United States will meet at the University of California, San Diego, December 11-13, 2005, to discuss whether antisemitism in the German past became more attractive through critiques of Jewish men. The program will feature papers and talks from 35 leading researchers in Jewish history, German literature, and related fields. Conference keynote speaker will be Sander Gilman of Emory University, author of works on Freud, Kafka, the Jewish body, and Jewish self-hatred. The conference is sponsored by the UCSD Judaic Studies Program.

"Some scholars are looking at the history of antisemitism in new ways, asking if satirists and critics saw Jewish men as insufficiently masculine, as too soft and flabby and cowardly, whereas they saw Jewish women as unusually sexualized, intellectual, and dominant in Jewish families," said Deborah Hertz, Herman Wouk Professor of Jewish Studies at UCSD, and local conference chair.

Among topics to be discussed are Jewish sports clubs in German and Palestine, conflicts about dueling, Jewish hiking enthusiasts, the politics of circumcision, contrasting male and female refugee experiences in the Nazi era in New York City and numerous other issues.

Further information is available at the conference website, historyweb.ucsd.edu/Masc.Conf.site.html, or by calling Erin Svalstad, (858)534-4551. Sessions will take place in the Deutz Conference Room of the Institute of the Americas on the UCSD campus. The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is advised as space is limited.

7) Become a Residential Advisor Next Year!!

It's always important for our community to help the greater UCSD community and what better way than by becoming an RA? As an RA you can help increase awareness about the LGBT community or campus diversity in general, as well as help incoming students, including those LGBT identified, get better acquainted with the campus. Interested? Then attend one of the many info sessions going on in the next few weeks and early into winter quarter at all the six colleges, or apply at each of the colleges:

* Thurgood Marshall College Resident Advisor Information Session: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 from 1:00 to 2:00pm at Oceanview Lounge. Stay tuned for other information sessions during Weeks 1 & 2 of Winter Quarter. Call (858)534-4340 for more info.

* Come be a part of Earl Warren College and the Reslife Chocolate Factory! RA Applications now available at <http://provost.ucsd.edu/warren/residentlife/applications/app.php> Completed applications are due January 20, 2006 at 4:00pm. If you have questions, please contact the ResLife Office at (858)534-4581.

* ERC applications come out in late December, so look out for them.

Look for more info in the coming weeks.

8) MEChA's Annual High School Conference: Call for Facilitators

Greetings!! We need workshop facilitators for MEChA's Annual High School Conference on February 18th, 2006. The conference slogan will be "We are the same because we are all different!". This conference will involve themes like Diversity, Culture and Identity. I'll need facilitators for the following workshops:

Diversity workshops

-Diversity (what is diversity?, why is it important?) -Affirmative Action -Biracial -Line of Inequity -Segregation -raza unida -borderlands

Identity workshops

-Sex

-Violence and alcohol in our neighborhoods -Leadership Opportunities and resources in UCSD (Student Orgs, OASIS, CCC..etc)

-7th to 10th grade: A-G requirements, study skills -11th grade: college applications, college choice, study skills 12th grade: Financial aid, choosing a college, life after college (grad school,etc)

For more information and to let MEChA know if you are interested in facilitating a workshop contact Barbara Sandoval, MEChA's High School Conference Coordinator at ucsdmechahsc@yahoo.com

CAMPUS COMMUNITY CENTERS' EVENTS**9) Meet The Candidates For The New CCC Assistant Director**

From our friends at the CCC...

"We are currently in the process of hiring our New Assistant Director at the Cross-Cultural Center. YOU can be part of this process! For each candidate, we are having a brief open forum for the campus and community. There will also be an opportunity for you to give the search committee feedback on each candidate, which they will greatly consider during their decision-making process.

Here are the dates for each open forum (each day is a different candidate):

- Mondav. December 5

- Tuesday, December 13
- Wednesday, December 14
- Wednesday, January 4
- Thursday, January 5

Each forum will be from 10:00am to 10:30 am and will take place in the Cross-Cultural Center.

PLEASE RSVP if you are interested in attending. You can either email Cathlene at cyapyuco@ucsd.edu OR call the CCC at (858)534-9689. Be sure to mention which dates you will be attending.

Thanks for all of your support. We hope to hear from you soon!"

10) Women's Center Study Break - Wed, Dec, 7th, 5:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, December 7, 2005
5:00pm-9:00pm
UCSD Women's Center

The Women's Center is opening its doors for students to study for finals. They will also be providing light refreshments. Come by to study or just to take a break!

Q-QUOTE OF THE WEEK

11) By Patrick Price

"You can't expect parents to accept everything instantly and unconditionally when it's taken you years to understand your own feelings. It's shocking sometimes to realize this, but our parents aren't superhuman."


WEEKLY VISITOR STATISTICS

Fall 2005 Week 10 Stats

Students = 96
Staff = 10
Faculty = 2
Alumni = 1
Guest = 1
Total number of visitors for the week = 110

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Still Reading...

My friend Mel came in from her voyage with Semester at Sea today. I was on the voyage in fall 2000, and it was incredible. Around the world in 100 days. I was in Japan, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. Seeing Mel has brought back so many memories of my journey. I leave tomorrow for a Multicultural Conference, with Edwina and Emelyn, the Directors of the Cross-Cultural and Women's Center, respectively. I should be awesome.


Until next year...


Shaun

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Rainbow Newsletter

Welcome to the Rainbow Newsletter - **Volume #19, Issue #0**
 SPECIAL EDITION for the week beginning Monday, January 2nd, 2006

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UCSD LGBT TOP STORIES

1) LGBT Resource Center hasn't moved... Yet!

Our transition date for the new space continues to be a moving target. Although at one point we were assured we would be moving by the end of 2005, it now appears that we will be moving in mid to late January 2006. Our latest information from the Fire Marshall indicates that our safety systems are tied to those of the Women's Center, and so we will all be moving at the same time into our new spaces, as opposed to the LGBT Resource Center being able to occupy before the Women's Center. For us, it once again reinforces both our philosophical and professional (and now physical) connection to each other!

That being said, we are packed and ready to go, and the opening of the Winter Quarter will be in our "old" space. As folks return to campus next week, the second week of January, we will have the first group meetings of the quarter in this space, Building 312. At some point during the midst of the quarter we will transition to the new building. As that happens, the Rainbow Newsletter may have a number of special editions to keep everyone in the loop, and the website will be up-to-date as well. I encourage you to read them to stay aware of our transition. We will not begin planning a dedication/open house until we are settled, although we will certainly be open for business throughout the quarter, except for a few days of transition time.

The equipment (10 laptops, printer, and scanner) for the David Bohnett Wireless CyberCenter was delivered the day before we closed for Winter Break. It will remain boxed until we move to the new space, but will be functional as soon as practical once



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we have occupancy. There will be a specific opening of the David Bohnett Wireless CyberCenter soon afterwards.

At this point, we appreciate our community's ongoing support as we navigate the transition process from one great space to another. Again, we will send more details as they become available. Thank you for your continued presence in our space and in the life of the UCSD LGBT community.

2) Debbi Blake's last day with us

From Shaun Travers, the Director of the LGBT Resource Center... "After almost four years of dedicated and unwavering service to the UCSD LGBT community, it is my great pleasure (tempered with profound sadness) to announce that Debbi Blake will be transitioning to a new position within the Campus Community Center's team. Her last official day on the job here will be Thursday, January 12th, 2006.

Please join me anytime between 4 and 6pm on that day at the LGBT Resource Center, as we celebrate and recognize her time with us, and as we send her off with well wishes. Not that she will be all that far away...

Debbi will no longer be with the LGBT Resource Center in the roles that we have all experienced these last many years. Instead, she will serve as the Fiscal Services Manager for all three of the Campus Community Center's, which includes us, the Women's Center and the Cross-Cultural Center. Debbi will be physically housed at the Women's Center, and part of the Chancellor's office team.

I had the pleasure of hiring Debbi (although Francesco Carusi, Kim Merino and Leeann Dolbeck comprised the search committee that discovered her) in early July of 2002. Her first assignment: PRIDE. Talk about trial by fire. Debbi tackled the events with gusto, and we had an excellent showing that year. It was a great way for her to connect with the entire community, and allowed for a slow down right afterwards so she could acclimate to the position.

However, her acclimation was never truly over, because her position never stopped growing! That was in large part to Debbi's strong desire, coupled with her true ability to keep expanding what she was doing. During the course of her tenure, she has supervised over a dozen different student interns, night/day managers and coordinators. She has taken the lead on numerous projects and assignments, including all aspects of Rainbow Graduation. Debbi has trained herself in numerous areas of skill, attending over 35 classes offered by Staff Education. In addition, her knowledge of the LGBT community grew through participation in national conferences, including GenderPac in 2003 and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference in 2004. She took a lead role in the registration activities for our own Western Regional UCLGBTIA conference we hosted at UCSD in February 2003.

Debbi has pushed the LGBT Resource Center in exciting new directions. She was integral to our expanding budget for both programs and staffing. Her initial contacts with the David Bohnett Foundation led to our largest grant ever, for the David Bohnett Wireless CyberCenter. And her coordination of internal groups among the Campus Community Centers, including the "Fiscal Sisters" provided a model for collaboration that has served all our communities well.

The broader campus community has benefited from Debbi's presence as well. She has been chair the Umbrella Group (UCSD's employee LGBT association), co-chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation issues, and active in the Veteran's Association. Her presence on campus will continue to allow us to benefit from her community orientation.

On a personal note, Debbi and I have become quite close friends. We have often joked that we were "married" to each other within the context of our work lives. And there were times when we would see each other for more hours in any given week than we would see our respective partners. It has been during times like these that I have been most grateful that Debbi Blake is the person that she is. In the most vulnerable, sacred moments of my work life at UCSD, Debbi has been a support and confidant. I have truly appreciated that, and will miss her daily (sometimes hourly) presence in my life.

That being said, we still have a big chunk of her time, energy and effort in her new

role. So, although this is a change, she will not be too far gone. Again, please join me on Thursday, January 12th between 4 and 6pm at the LGBT Resource Center as we acknowledge Debbi's last day in her current role at the LGBT Resource Center.

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Still Reading...

Sometimes I have the delusion that, because I am the Director of the LGBT Resource Center at UCSD and I volunteer on the Board of Directors at the LGBT Center in Hillcrest, that I should have all my "queer" ducks in a row. Ya know what I mean? That I should have things figured out and worked through in such a way that I can support others in their journey. Of course, life doesn't work that way, especially in the kingdom of queer. A case in point (my case in particular...)

My family has a tradition of sending out a Christmas letter with highlights of the year and a reflection on what has happened within the family. I have continued that tradition with my family and circle of friends, and send out a letter each year as well. This year my letter included photo's of my partner James and I at the Center's Gala, all dressed up in tuxedos, as well as more casually in front of the castle at Disneyland. The letter reflected on the purchase of our first condo and me starting graduate school in January.

The same circle of family (and a few family friends) receives my parents letter as well. Of course, I get a copy in my card, too. It is monthly chronicle of what has gone on with my mom and dad throughout 2005, and wraps up with updates on the family. My sister and her husband... work, church, etc... my nephews (their grandkids) school, sports, etc... and "Shaun bought a condo this fall and he starts his doctorate program in January..."

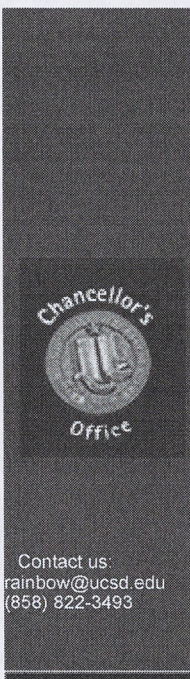
Notice anything missing there? Perhaps, oh, I don't know, MY PARTNER!?!?

And please realize that almost every single family member got these two letters. One with James, and one without James. And it is so odd, because my family KNOWS James. And not just my immediate family. He has met and been to family functions with aunts, uncles, and cousins. And all of my parents' parents are DEAD! Who are we hiding my partner from? More importantly, since he is kind of sticking out in the middle of the pictures in my letter, who are MY PARENTS hiding my partner from?

And the odd thing is, I have found it almost impossible to broach the subject with them. Though most all my friends, and more than one family member has said it would be worth the effort, I am quite scared to do it. My parents have been completely supportive of me. Many here at UCSD have met mom and dad. In fact, they drove the convertible down the parade route with our VIP at Pride this year! Yup, these are the same folks, car swathed in rainbow colors, transsexual activist in the backseat, grooving to the Village People and announced by Nicole at the grandstand, that forgot my same sex partner in the Christmas card.

And then there was a revelation when I actually thought, well... Maybe they did forget him. And it dawned on me how important marriage is to the cultural context of my family.

As my sister and my cousins have grown up and dated people, they were never



mentioned in the Christmas letters until after marriage. This even includes folks that had been living together, even couples that were "great with child." Until that marriage ceremony, they just didn't figure into the equation of family in the same way.

And even though James and I have been together for over two and a half years, and we just purchased our home together, we aren't married. And in this state and country, we can not be.

And that weaves into a deep cultural fabric within my family that allows for the odd yet understandable absence of my partner in the Christmas card.

And so in 2006, as my queer life continues, I will work hard for change: political, educational, legal and cultural. And, after another year of work and life, we will see if James shows up in the Christmas card next year. If not, at least maybe I'll have what it takes to bring it up...


Happy New Year to everyone!

Shaun


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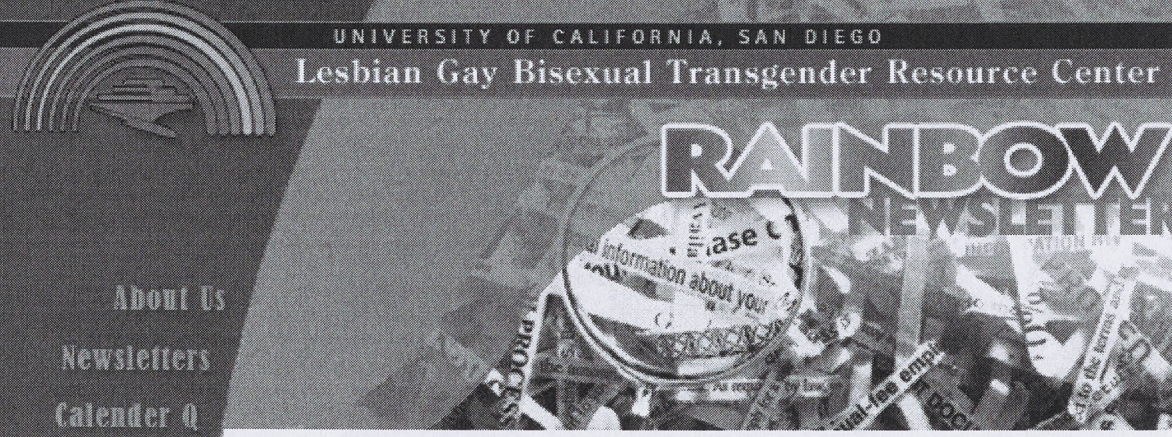


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UCSD LGBT TOP STORY



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1) Debbi Blake's Last Day With Us - Thu, Jan 12th, 4:00pm-6:00pm

From Shaun Travers, the Director of the LGBT Resource Center...

"After almost four years of dedicated and unwavering service to the UCSD LGBT community, it is my great pleasure (tempered with profound sadness) to announce that Debbi Blake will be transitioning to a new position within the Campus Community Center's team. Her last official day on the job here will be Thursday, January 12th, 2006.

Please join me anytime between 4 and 6pm on that day at the LGBT Resource Center, as we celebrate and recognize her time with us, and as we send her off with well wishes. Not that she will be all that far away...

Debbi will no longer be with the LGBT Resource Center in the roles that we have all experienced these last many years. Instead, she will serve as the Fiscal Services Manager for all three of the Campus Community Center's, which includes us, the Women's Center and the Cross-Cultural Center. Debbi will be physically housed at the Women's Center, and part of the Chancellor's office team.

I had the pleasure of hiring Debbi (although Francesco Carusi, Kim Merino and Leeann Dolbeck comprised the search committee that discovered her) in early July of 2002. Her first assignment: PRIDE. Talk about trial by fire. Debbi tackled the events with gusto, and we had an excellent showing that year. It was a great way for her to connect with the entire community, and allowed for a slow down right afterwards so she could acclimate to the position.

However, her acclimation was never truly over, because her position never stopped growing! That was in large part to Debbi's strong desire, coupled with her true ability to keep expanding what she was doing. During the course of her tenure, she has supervised over a dozen different student interns, night/day managers and coordinators. She has taken the lead on numerous projects and assignments, including all aspects of Rainbow Graduation. Debbi has trained herself in numerous areas of skill, attending over 35 classes offered by Staff Education. In addition, her knowledge of the LGBT community grew through participation in national conferences, including GenderPac in 2003 and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change Conference in 2004. She took a lead role in the registration activities for our own Western Regional UCLGBTIA conference we hosted at UCSD in February 2003.

Debbi has pushed the LGBT Resource Center in exciting new directions. She was integral to our expanding budget for both programs and staffing. Her initial contacts with the David Bohnett Foundation led to our largest grant ever, for the David Bohnett Wireless CyberCenter. And her coordination of internal groups among the Campus Community Centers, including the "Fiscal Sisters" provided a model for collaboration that has served all our communities well.

The broader campus community has benefited from Debbi's presence as well. She has been chair of the Umbrella Group (UCSD's employee LGBT association), co-chair of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation issues, and active in the Veteran's Association. Her presence on campus will continue to allow us to benefit from her community orientation.

On a personal note, Debbi and I have become quite close friends. We have often joked that we were "married" to each other within the context of our work lives. And there were times when we would see each other for more hours in any given week than we would see our respective partners. It has been during times like these that I have been most grateful that Debbi Blake is the person that she is. In the most vulnerable, sacred moments of my work life at UCSD, Debbi has been a support and confidant. I have truly appreciated that, and will miss her daily (sometimes hourly) presence in my life.

That being said, we still have a big chunk of her time, energy and effort in her new role. So, although this is a change, she will not be too far gone. Again, please join me on Thursday, January 12th between 4 and 6pm at the LGBT Resource Center as we acknowledge Debbi's last day in her current role at the LGBT Resource Center.

UCSD LGBT SPECIFIC EVENTS

2) LGBT Resource Center hasn't moved...Yet!

Debbi, Jan and I have a walk through of the new space this Thursday at 2:30pm! So we may have more information late this week. But until then, here is a reprint of what we know so far!

Our transition date for the new space continues to be a moving target. Although at one point we were assured we would be moving by the end of 2005, it now appears that we will be moving in mid to late January 2006. Our latest information from the Fire Marshall indicates that our safety systems are tied to those of the Women's Center, and so we will all be moving at the same time into our new spaces, as opposed to the LGBT Resource Center being able to occupy before the Women's Center. For us, it once again reinforces both our philosophical and professional (and now physical) connection to each other!

That being said, we are packed and ready to go, and the opening of the Winter Quarter will be in our "old" space. As folks returning to campus this week have found, we are having the first group meetings of the quarter in this space, Building 312. At some point during the midst of the quarter we will transition to the new building. As that happens, the Rainbow Newsletter may have a number of special editions to keep everyone in the loop, and the website will be up-to-date as well. I encourage you to read them to stay aware of our transition. We will not begin planning a dedication/open house until we are settled, although we will certainly be open for business throughout the quarter, except for a few days of transition time.

The equipment (10 laptops, printer, and scanner) for the David Bohnett Wireless CyberCenter was delivered the day before we closed for Winter Break. It will remain boxed until we move to the new space, but will be functional as soon as practical once we have occupancy. There will be a specific opening of the David Bohnett Wireless CyberCenter soon afterwards.

At this point, we appreciate our community's ongoing support as we navigate the transition process from one great space to another. Again, we will send more details as they become available. Thank you for your continued presence in our space and in the life of the UCSD LGBT community.

3) Queer By Nature Hike - Sat, Jan 14th, 11:00am-2:00pm

From our own Will...

"Queer by Nature is starting the quarter off with one of our traditional events: a nice, easy, and FREE hike. We haven't quite figured out where we're going, but we'll decide between now and Saturday. As usual, we will meet at the LGBT Resource Center at 11:00am, and carpool over to the park. Our hike should last around 2 hours and following the hike, we will again head to get some food, leaving it up to the group on where we should go. Because this is a nice, easy event, it leaves it very informal, and we can pretty much do whatever the group decides that day. So come out on Saturday to enjoy a weekend without too much stress before the quarter really gets started and see friends who you've all missed so much over the break. This event is in place of the Challenge Course event, because we were unable to secure funding from AS. However this should be just as fun (and less costly!). Hope to see ya'll there!

If you would like to see something specific at this event, or any QxN event, then please attend our biweekly meetings from 6:00pm-6:30pm at the LGBT Resource Center on Mondays. The next meeting is January 23rd. For more information contact QxN@ucsd.edu"

4) Intersex 101: Is it a Boy or a Girl

****Intersex 101: Is it a Boy or a Girl?***
Part of the Gender Buffet Series
Sponsored by the Women's Center
Co-sponsored by Psychological & Counseling Services

Friday, January 20th
12:00-1:30
Women's Center (across from Gilman Parking Structure)

What is intersexuality? How do intersex identities intersect current discussions of gender-related oppression? Theo Burnes, predoctoral intern from Muir College and Psychological & Counseling Services, will show the short, groundbreaking documentary "Is it a Boy or a Girl?" about the identity development, discrimination, and evolution of intersex identities in the U.S. Hear testimonials and feedback from intersex individuals and their families, allies and associates about gender in a whole new context! Theo will also provide handouts on terminology and resources and facilitate discussion following the film. A longtime activist in genderqueer communities, Theo has been a contributor in over twenty anthologies of poetry, spoken word, essays, psychology, and education-related work dedicated to the civil rights of genderqueer and gendervariant individuals. Please join us; all are welcome!

5) UC Systemwide LGBTI Committee @ UCSC - Sat, Jan 21st

The UCSD LGBT Resource Center will be supporting anyone that would like to attend the UC Systemwide LGBTI Association Steering Committee meeting on Saturday, January 21st, 2006 @ UCSC (10am to 4pm). Let us know ASAP if you are interested in attending, rainbow@ucsd.edu.

The University of California Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex Association (UCLGBTIA) exists for the purpose of supporting and promoting the University of California community with respect to diverse sexual and/or gender orientations. The Association exists to create a positive environment conducive to the well-being of the members of the community.

Membership of the UCLGBTIA includes, but is not limited to, faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, staff, and alumni of the University of California campuses.

In the support and promotion of the diversity of our community, UCLGBTIA actively encourages the participation and representation of all its members with respect to their various life experiences and/or viewpoints. Membership in UCLGBTIA does not indicate the sexual orientation or gender identity of the member.

6) LGBTQIA Non-Sexist Dance - Sat, Jan 28th, 9:00pm-1:00am

It's time yet again for the LGBTQIA's twice-quarterly, super-fab, ultra-hip Non-Sexist Dance. Get back into the swing of things by swinging to the oh so awesome DJ spinning the latest hits. It's true when they say that these dances are the BEST to be found on campus. Cover is free, coat check with donation, ALL are welcome. The dance party starts at 9 PM in Porter's Pub and will last until 1 AM.

7) Brand New Queer Publication through the LGBTRC

Are you interested in expressing yourself as a queer member of this campus? Have you been looking for a way to get involved with our community, but just haven't found that special place yet? Are you a writer, artist, critic, or just plain informed and would like to express your views? Well then, here's your chance...

The LGBT Resource Center is starting up a new publication beginning winter quarter geared towards all things queer. That means we need YOU! We are looking for volunteers that would like to help create this fabulous paper, meaning ideas on layout, articles, graphics, reporters, photographers, writers, reviewers, and everything in between. We will be attempting to work as a collaboration between Resource Center staff and all interested volunteers throughout the Winter Quarter, 2006, to get out a brand-spankin' new publication by Spring Quarter.

Also, as a publication representing all things queer on campus, we are looking for submissions from the general UCSD queer and ally community. From articles on identities, opinion and political pieces, thesis synopsis, and general queer news, to

entertainment reviews, artwork and letters to the editor (I know we need a first edition for this, but, these are ideas for the future as well), we are looking for anything and everything that represents our multi-faceted and multi-identified community. Finally, as a publication that should reach a fairly wide queer audience on campus, any events or advertisements which organizations, faculty, staff, or anyone else would like to add, that are relevant to our campus, are more than welcome. For more information on how you can help participate in this amazing endeavor, or how you can contribute in any way, email rainbow@ucsd.edu with the heading "queer quarterly review".

8) Movie Night at the LGBT Resource Center - Fri, Feb 3rd, 5:00pm

Our very own Peper will be showing the film "Adventures of Felix". "A tale revolving around the carefree and bon-vivant, Felix, who is content living with his boyfriend, Daniel in the town of Dieppe in Northern France. When Felix is laid off from his job, he decides to take a road trip to Marseilles to track down the father he's never met. Backpack in tow, Felix sets out walking, hitching and borrowing cars to get to the south of France. Springtime is budding, nature is at its best, and some unique characters await Felix along the dirtroads and byways of the French countryside." This movie is in French with English subtitles.

Come enjoy an evening with the community and a film! Popcorn, cookies and soda will be provided.

GENERAL UCSD LGBT ANNOUNCEMENTS

9) New Job Opening: Cub Reporter for the Office of the Chancellor - Sat, Jan 14th, 12:00pm

The Office of the Chancellor will be hiring a Cub Reporter - Asst III. This student position has already been posted on the Career Service Center website and will go offline at 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2006. Applications can be sent by e-mailing their resume to Carol Putnam at cputnam@ucsd.edu. The job number on CSC is 548983.

The Cub Reporter/Student Assistant will write the copy for the "Diversity Matters" web page at the direction of the Associate Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer (CDO). In consultation with the CDO, the student will seek out information about campus-wide diversity initiatives and then write articles about those initiatives. The CDO will review all narratives. For example, OGSR has initiated a "Diversity Coordinator" position in each academic department. The student will gather information about this new initiative by talking with the Assistant Dean of OGSR, Tim Johnston, and other interested parties and compose a 250-500 word article. Perhaps s/he will also take photographs to include on the web page (as needed). The purpose of the web page is to apprise the reader of the many and varied diversity initiatives, projects, programs, lectures, committees, community-campus organizations, etc. that UCSD has to offer.

10) Clean Up Hillcrest Day - Sun, Jan 22nd, 10:00am-12:00pm

From our very own Cathy...

"My name is Cathy. I am a fellow student at UCSD, and I am also an intern at HillQuest.com. The publishers at HillQuest, Ann and Nancy, and I felt the need for community pride, therefore we have organized volunteers to help keep the streets of Hillcrest beautiful so that people passing by and local businesses will recognize the need to do their part to give back to the community. We hope our efforts will be contagious and will spread through neighboring communities. We would like to promote many different events, however, we need help. We need people who share our commitment to make our San Diego communities shine. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions, and questions you may have.

When: January 22nd, 2006

Time: 10:00a - 12:00p

Where: 5th Ave. and University Ave. in Hillcrest (under the Hillcrest sign)

Why: To beautify the streets of Hillcrest, to promote community spirit and pride in the neighborhoods and to bring awareness to local businesses, visiting folks, and neighbors to do their part to keep our streets clean. We want to also create a friendly atmosphere for people to meet new friends and to build a sense of pride and accomplishment within themselves.

How to get involved: Email Cathy at HillQuestSanDiego@gmail.com or go to www.HillQuest.com for updates.

This is the last planned opportunity to take part in the Hillcrest cleanup effort, so make an effort to come out!

Ann and Nancy are continuously trying to contact businesses to donate gift certificates and so on, to show appreciation for all our volunteers. FREE FOOD and DRINKS for all volunteers!! From our first event, businesses such as: Hamburger Mary's, Baja Betty's, City Deli, MetroMint, Jack in the Box, and David's Coffeehouse all donated to our volunteers to say thanks."

11) Meet the Candidates for the Director of Campus Initiatives - Mon-Thu, Jan 23rd-26th

The Chancellor's Office is in the process of recruiting the Director of Campus Initiatives. Associate Chancellor Kristofco would like to invite everyone to be a part of the process.

We will have a brief open forum for each candidate for the campus and community. There will also be an opportunity to give the search committee feedback on each candidate, which will be considered in their decision-making process. All open forums will be held at Price Center.

The following are the dates/time of the open forum (each day is a different candidate):

Monday, January 23: 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM in Santa Barbara/Los Angeles room
 Tuesday, January 24: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM in San Francisco/Santa Cruz room
 Wednesday, January 25: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM in San Francisco/Santa Cruz room
 Thursday, January 26: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM in San Francisco/Santa Cruz room

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to me at aevertz@ucsd.edu if you are interested in attending.

Thank you for your support. We hope to hear from you soon.

12) Harvard Business School LGBT Outreach Event - Wed, Jan 25th, San Francisco

HBS MBA Admissions cordially invites you to attend an evening Open House in San Francisco designed to give prospective Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender candidates an opportunity to learn more about Harvard Business School. A member of the MBA Admissions Board will give a presentation, and HBS Alumni will be there to answer questions about the MBA Program experience.

Wednesday, January 25, 2006
 Registration starts at 7:00 PM
 Presentation starts at 7:30 PM

Attendance is limited. Please register online [here](#)

Location information will be provided in your registration confirmation.
 We look forward to seeing you there.

MBA Admissions
 Harvard Business School

13) Informal Lunch with Youth Outreach Coalition - Sat, Jan 28th, 11:00am-2:00pm

From Fernando Lopez, Equality California Field Organizer... "I am inviting you to participate in a working lunch session for Youth and College leaders focusing on the issue of marriage equality. The date is Saturday, January 28th 2006 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Youth and College organization will be vital in the struggle for social justice for all people and your voice would be extremely meaningful for this dialog.

The College and Youth outreach committee for San Diegans Against Discrimination is a community coalition that is working to educate San Diegans about two upcoming initiatives that will be on the ballot in 2006. These initiatives will effectively terminate domestic partnerships in the state, putting thousands of LGBT families at risk.

At this informal lunch a small group of College and Youth leaders will discuss how best to communicate a message of equality, fairness and inclusiveness specific to the San Diego College and Youth communities. The result of our discussion will be forwarded on to the Equality for All campaign as recommendations on the message and tactics that will be used in the campaign against the discriminatory initiatives. We are asking for College and Youth leaders for their input and advice based on their own experiences from within their communities and to then continue spreading the message of marriage equality.

Please RSVP for this very important meeting. To RSVP, please contact Fernando Lopez, Equality California Field Organizer, at Fernando@eqca.org or 619-379-8683."

14) Become a Residential Advisor Next Year!!

It's always important for our community to help the greater UCSD community and what better way than by becoming an RA? As an RA you can help increase awareness about the LGBT community or campus diversity in general, as well as help incoming students, including those LGBT identified, get better acquainted with the campus. Interested? Then attend one of the many info sessions going on in the next few weeks and early into winter quarter at all the six colleges, or apply at each of the colleges:

Muir Residential Life Office is now accepting applications for the Muir House Advisor for the 2006-2007 academic year. On January 11, 2006 there will be an information session, located on the 11th floor conference room of Tioga Hall, at 6:00pm. The applications are due January 17, 2006 to the Muir Residential Life Office no later than 6:00pm. Sorry, but there will be NO EXCEPTIONS! For more information visit the Muir Res Life Office or call them at (858) 534-4200.

Sixth College Resident Advisor applications will be available on January 3, 2006. Please visit <http://sixth.ucsd.edu> and click on Residential Life to download an application. In addition to your application, you must attend one of the following info sessions to be considered:

Wednesday, January 11, 2006 @ 12 PM in the Lodge

Tuesday, January 17, 2006 @ 1PM in the Dogg House

Thursday, January 19, 2006 @ 4 PM in the Lodge

Monday, January 23, 2006 @ 8 PM in the Dogg House

Thursday, January 26, 2006 @ 6 PM in the Lodge

Applications are due no later than Friday, January 27, 2006 at 4 PM. For more information please contact the Sixth Residential Life Office at (858) 822-5268 or sixthrlstaff@ucsd.edu.

Come be a part of Earl Warren College and the Reslife Chocolate Factory!
RA Applications now available [here!](#) Completed applications are due January 20, 2006 at 4:00pm. If you have questions, please contact the ResLife Office at (858)534-4581.

The Office of Residence Life at Eleanor Roosevelt College is now accepting applications for ERC & I-House Resident Advisors for the 2006-2007 academic year. On January 17, 2006 there will be an information session, located in the Middle Earth Lounge, at 7:30pm. Applications are due January 23, 2006 to the ERC Office of Residence Life no later than 4:00pm. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the deadline. For more information please visit <http://ercreslife.ucsd.edu/> or call 858-534-2261. If you will be studying abroad in 2006-2007, and are interested in a 2007-2008 RA job, that process will occur during Spring Quarter 2006.

Look for more info in the coming weeks.

15) The San Diego Foundation Scholarships

The San Diego Foundation Scholarship Program is comprised of more than 100 scholarships offered by a variety of philanthropic individuals, organizations and businesses. By submitting a completed Common Scholarship Application, students can apply for 60 scholarships AT ONCE! For an application, visit the San Diego Foundation website: <http://www.sdfoundation.org/scholarships>.

ALL COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2006

For information on other scholarships and information provided by the San Diego Foundation, visit their website (above), email scholarships@sdfoundation.org or call Valerie Attisha, Director of Scholarships, at (619) 814-1307.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY CENTERS' EVENTS

16) 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade - Sat, Jan 14th, 10:00am-1:00pm

March with UCSD in the 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade January 14, 2005 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Sign up at the following locations:

Warren: Student Affairs Office & Res Life Office

Revelle: Why Not Here Lounge

Muir: MOM

Sixth College: Sixth College Hub (2nd floor) & Res Life Office

ERC: Student Affairs Office & Res Life Office

Marshall College: Dean's Office Cross Cultural Center SOLO Office

FREE T-SHIRT to first 30 students at each sign up location.

FREE BREAKFAST for all participants.

For FREE transportation, to and from the Parade, meet at the Sun God Parking Lot by 8:30 am.

If you have your own transportation, you can join UCSD at 9 a.m. at the Petco Park Parade Staging Area located at Petco's Tailgate Park on 13th St. and Imperial Ave. near parking lots B1, B2 & B3. Look for the blue and yellow balloons!

Directions to the Parade from the 5 Freeway: Exit Imperial Avenue heading west. The staging area will begin at Tailgate Park

For more information, please call the SOLO Office at 858-534-0501.

THE QUEER BOOKWORM

17) Now available in our library...

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and our multiple identities we present:

ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS (1998)

By Keith Boykin

"Drawing together interviews with Baptist ministries, gay political leaders, and other blacks and gays on issues of faith, family, and discrimination, and interweaving stories from his own experience with gays and lesbians, author Keith Boykin emphasizes that gay racism and black homophobia prevent the kind of powerful coalition of blacks and gays that can help bring about political and social change.

By portraying the common-ground lives of black gay people, *One More River to Cross* offers an extraordinary perspective on a community that challenges America's acceptance of all its minorities."

Students, staff, and faculty may check out books from the Lending Library for two weeks free of charge with a Lending Library account.

Q-QUOTE OF THE WEEK

18) By Merle Woo

"The right wing is going to come down on women, and...on lesbians and gays, and we are going to be on the front line. But who is going to stand up for us on the campuses and in the community if we don't ourselves become multi-issued?"

For more information on any of the above, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at 858 822-3493, rainbow@ucsd.edu, <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu> This is a regular compilation of news, tidbits, and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to keep everyone in the know. It will be published weekly, usually on Tuesday afternoons. If you have things to submit, please forward them by Friday at 5pm to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "Rainbow Newsletter" in the subject line. They should be UCSD & LGBT focused! Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter/>

Problems with the listserv? Did you get this multiple times? Please let us know.

Still Reading...

So I started graduate school last Friday with Edwina and Emelyn. It is INTENSE. I spent all of Sunday reading and writing, and I imagine that is what I will do most of Saturday and Sunday as well. However, I am taking Monday off to remember and honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

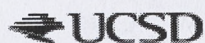
I have always felt an interesting connection to Dr. King. I was born on April 4th, the same day that Dr. King was shot. Although I was four years ahead of that day (he was killed in '68 and I was born in '72) I have been aware of that connection ever since I can remember. I feel a calling to do many things with my life, but one of those callings in to learn the lessons and emulate the successes of Dr. King. I was able to visit his final resting place a number of years ago, and purchased some of the most powerful quotes he said on small postcards. They have been with me, posted on my office wall, ever since. If you ever stop by my place, glance at the words. Many of them drive my striving to make a difference in the world.



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