

UCSD Guardian, Monday, November 1, 1999
"Gay Marriages Should Not Exist"

Editor:

I disagree with the article in last Thursday's paper concerning the Knight Initiative and the issue of same-sex marriage "Sexual Discrimination" (Oct.28)

Gay people neither need to nor should be allowed to marry each other. Marriage would give same-sex couples relatively few new benefits. Many of them can be gained through alternative methods. For example, inheritance issues can be settled with a will. Furthermore, many companies are extending domestic and/or same-sex couples the same benefits previously extended only to married couples.

Same-sex marriage would be little more than a convenience and, therefore, is not needed.

The real issue here is not equitable treatment of homosexuals but rather tolerance versus acceptance. Currently, homosexuality is tolerated: that is, a person can profess to be a homosexual with relatively little fear of becoming a subject of hate crimes.

I agree that such tolerance is appropriate. However, this is not enough for many homosexuals; they believe that homosexuality should not only be tolerated, but also approved of and that legislation should be passed to enforce their views.

I choose to be gay; you must believe that my choice is a decent and moral one. I choose a "spouse" of the same sex, you must redefine marriage so that I can marry and enjoy its benefits. I choose to act in ways your religion says is wrong; your religion is intolerant and should be changed to accommodate me.

This sort of forced social acceptance is the goal of same-sex marriage legislation, which would be prevented by the Knight Initiative.

Marriage is as much a religious institution as it is a legal/civil one for many people. One might try to argue that changing the legal aspects of marriage in order to accommodate homosexuals will not affect the religious aspects, but this is simply not true. Such a change would have a very profound impact. Among other things, it would lead to multiple definitions of marriage-legal marriage, Christian marriage, etc. Do we really need to reduce the definition of marriage in order to support an ideology that many people find offensive?

Not only will same-sex marriage give few new benefits to homosexuals, but it will cause serious damage to the institution of marriage as well. I urge readers to support the Knight Initiative and prevent this disaster from taking place.

Dana Zurek

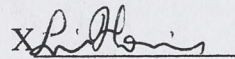
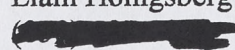
Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter titled "Gay marriages should not exist" which was published in last week's Guardian. The article was written in favor of the Knight initiative, an anti-gay measure which will be on the ballot in March of 2000. The Knight initiative states that marriage is only to exist between a man and a woman. It, therefore, bans marriage between gay couples.

As a straight person, I have found discrimination against homosexuals to run rampant. Too many individuals feel it acceptable to attack this community without hesitation. The Knight initiative is just another example of conservative heterosexuals feeling threatened by gays.

The Knight initiative is an issue of human rights. Discrimination is not legal in this country. To allow marriages between a man and a woman means that marriage should be allowed between two men or two women. To argue otherwise is to argue against everything this country stands for.

In closing, I would like to ask every voter to take a minute to really think about what the Knight initiative will mean for all of us. It encourages future attacks on minority religious, cultural and social groups. It goes against our constitutional freedoms and it stigmatizes an already mistreated community. Vote no on Knight.


Liam Honigsberg


November 4, 1999

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter from Dana Zurek in the 11/1 paper entitled "Gay Marriages Should Not Exist".

Mr. Zurek's argument is based upon the idea that gay marriage is a superfluous demand, since rights can be obtained by alternate methods. He also writes that allowing same-sex couples to marry would be forcing society to accept homosexuality rather than simply tolerate it, which he assures us that society already does, since gays and lesbians who come out have "relatively little fear of becoming a subject of hate crimes". I would like to take issue with both of these points.

Firstly, the level of rights currently accessible to unmarried partners does not even begin to approach that of married couples. A same-sex couple in a committed relationship faces insecurities and exclusions in the areas of property, hospital visitation rights, child custody, legal visa status in the case of a non-national partner, etc. - all benefits that heterosexual couples allowed to marry receive automatically. Asking couples in a committed relationship to try to find "alternate" methods to obtain these rights simply because they do not meet someone else's definition of a valid partnership is deeply unfair. Framing the matter in an international context, the United States stands glaringly apart from such countries as Canada, Sweden, Norway, Holland, France, and Denmark - all who have implemented domestic partnership agreements that essentially confer the same or similar benefits that marriageable couples are able to enjoy.

Secondly, Mr. Zurek's definition of tolerance is flawed. Tolerance is not the same thing as refraining from committing a hate crime. It is, rather, recognizing and respecting the rights of others that are different from oneself. This aside, the fact that hate crimes are a reality faced by homosexuals should be obvious, given the recent widely publicized murders of several gay individuals in the United States. As a lesbian myself, I can assure Mr. Zurek that the fear of possibly being victimized by homophobic individuals is one that many members of our community live with on a daily basis. What is most disturbing to me about this larger issue, in fact, is the failure on the part of those espousing anti-gay arguments to recognize and take responsibility for the link between their rhetoric and this violence that continues to be perpetuated against gay and lesbian individuals.

On a radio talk show that aired the same day Mr. Zurek's letter was printed, representatives from the Democratic and Republican Parties debated the Knight Initiative (a measure on the March 2000 ballot which would ban same-sex marriages from being recognized in California even if they were allowed in another state). The Republican representative (Vice President of the San Diego chapter) claimed that the Knight Initiative was based simply upon "defending the institution of marriage", and therefore not prejudiced toward homosexuals in any way. He then, however, proceeded to analogize homosexuality in terms of pedophilia, speak of homosexuality as being predicated on "lust", and insist that heterosexual marriage is the only acceptable role-model for innocent and impressionable children.

Statements such as these that falsely portray gay and lesbians as sexual deviants allow those promoting anti-gay arguments to feel confident that they are doing the right thing in dismissing our attempts to obtain rights as immoral and disruptive. This is where their argument breaks down, however. Our country is one that is based on rights to all individuals, insofar as those rights do not impinge on the rights of others. Granting rights to gays and lesbians will not prevent heterosexuals from marrying, Christians from practicing their faith, or anyone from doing anything else. Attempting to prevent homosexuals from living their life under the same umbrella of rights and protections enjoyed by others, however - including marriage - is unconstitutional and therefore unsustainable in our country.

There are always going to be people in society with practices that others will find disagreeable or offensive, and thus difficult to explain to their children. In the case of homosexuality, no one is asking those who stand against it to accept the practice. Rather than wasting energy attempting to silence, convert, and/or deny rights to homosexuals, however, I would hope that those who oppose homosexuality would rise to the challenge of practicing tolerance in the true sense of the word.

Kimberly Hughes

Editor:

In his recent letter to the editor entitled "Gay Marriages Should Not Exist," Zurek argues that same-sex couples already enjoy the same basic human rights as opposite-sex couples. He is wrong. He also maintains that gay people have a broader social agenda, which not only includes desiring basic human rights, but also forced social acceptance. In my view, however, Zurek's comments provide a vivid demonstration of exactly why the Knight initiative should not be allowed to pass.

I would like to remind Zurek that the gay community didn't ask for the Knight initiative to be put on the ballot. Those who want to see us gay-bashed, our relationships destroyed, and our livelihoods ruined did--not just the well-intentioned folks who wanted to see the so-called traditional institution of marriage reserved for heterosexual couples.

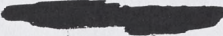
Supporters of the Knight initiative argue that it is necessary to protect the tradition of marriage and family. Yet, they are threatened by the prospect of two nice married lesbians moving in next-door, demonstrating to every neighborhood kid that lesbian and gay couples also have happy, monogamous and successful long-term commitments that are based on love and mutual respect.

You do not need to be in favor of same-sex marriage to vote "no" on Knight.

Some No on Knight supporters - like Republican Congressperson Tom Campbell, Vice President Al Gore, presidential candidate Bill Bradley are not supportive of same-sex marriage. They all agree, however, that the Knight initiative must fail: It unfairly targets a group of Californians for discriminatory treatment.

This divisive and unfair initiative attacks our already extant families. The government ought not pass laws that regulate the most private of decisions--who people spend their lives with. California is better than this. Vote "no" on Knight.

Heather Flowe
Student Alliance for Fairness and Equality (UCSD No on Knight Campaign)



November 2, 1999

To: Julia Adame, Director,
Student Affirmative Action & Human Relations Program (SAA&HRP)

Natalie Davis, Chair,
Student Affirmative Action Committee (SAAC)

From: Scott Heath, student researcher, *SH*
LGBT Campus Archive & History Project

RE: HISTORICAL MATERIALS RELATING TO LGBA, SAAC, AND SAA&HRP

Over a year ago, I began work on archive of materials related to the experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals at UCSD. My work has grown into the LGBT Campus Archive & History Project, with over 1,500 pages of campus-specific materials including over 400 articles.

Among the topics I have researched is the bid for SAAC membership for the then Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association (LGBA) in academic year 1990-91, and the organizational changes in SAA&HRP subsequent to that episode. Such reforms included the establishment of a Human Relations Committee to address issues of campus climate for various student communities in a broader context of human relations. This historical episode reveals a complex of concerns and institutional support of different communities, which deserves consideration from multiple perspectives.

As part of the LGBT Campus Archive & History Project, I decided to excerpt relevant materials to provide to SAA&HRP and SAAC in regards to LGBA, SAAC and HRC, as it prompts critical evaluation of how the various pieces of diversity-related support and community fit together. In light of the current expansion of SAA&HRP in human relations issues, and refocusing of SAAC as autonomous advocacy body for students of color, I would like to provide what materials and information I have been able to identify so far now on this historical episode.

I hope this briefing provides relevant background information as SAA&HRP re-envisions its Human Relations component, and SAAC deliberates on issues of organization and scope. While my intent in providing these materials and analyses is not to unduly influence such discussions, I sincerely hope they would provide an opportunity for thought on how these efforts relate to students of color who are queer and all LGBT/Queer students.

This briefing has been prepared independent of my employment with SAA&HRP. The analysis and findings of this research do not necessarily reflect the views of SAA&HRP, SAAC, HRAB, LGBTA, QPOC, CACLGBTI, the Vice-Chancellor – Student Affairs, UCSD, UC Regents or any other campus entities or individuals.

Please see attached documents for more information, beginning with the "List of Attachments and Notes."

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS AND NOTES

1. Heath, Scott. "Survey of Organizations and Names at UCSD (excerpts)." LGBT Campus Archive & History Project. November 1999. In progress.
(Brief elected summaries and analyses the following campus entities in regards to LGBT/Queer issues on campus: SAAC, HRC, SAA&HRP, LGBTA, QPOC and CACLGBTI.)
2. Attendance Sheet. SAAC Roundtable Discussion. 12 Feb. 1991.
(Indicates a significant contingent of LGBA students attended the roundtable discussion.)
3. SAAC. Minutes. March Meeting. 6 Mar. 1991: 1, 4.
(Reports that LGBA had expressed interest in membership in SAAC.)
4. Hamilton, Melinda. "LGBA Holds Rally Against Hate Crimes." UCSD Guardian. 23 May 1991: 1+.
(Describes public reaction by LGBA to bias-motivated incidents and negative campus climate.)
5. "The Tragedy of Hate Crimes." Editorial. UCSD Guardian. May 1991.
(Editorial on homophobia and bias-motivated incidents toward LGB students at UCSD, prompted by the Hate Crimes Rally sponsored by the LGBA.)
6. Schmidt, Eric. "SAAC Votes Against Admittance of LGBA." UCSD Guardian. 6 June 1999: 1+.
(The only published record of statements and concerns of both SAAC representatives and LGBA students regarding the vote. The 1990-91 SAAC Guidelines, and the minutes for the June meeting, however, have not been found and are considered lost.)
7. Cartoon. "Traynham." UCSD. Spring 1991.
(A cartoon published by some campus publication, lampooning reactions to the LGBA seeking membership in SAAC.)
8. "Human Relations Advisory Committee: A Political Ghetto for LGBA." Editorial. UCSD Guardian. 7 Oct. 1991: 4. (Oversized foldout)
(Editorial critical of creation of HRC rather than expanding membership and charge of SAAC to accommodate LGBA. Some privilege-based bias evident in argument.)
9. Student Affirmative Action and Human Relations Programs. "Prospectus: Human Relations Coalition (Forum)." [sic] Fall 1991.
(Initial announcement regarding the HRC, and also indicates a change of name and organization of the "Student Affirmative Action Program" to the "Student Affirmative Action and Human Relations Programs.")
10. Attendance Roster. Human Relations Coalition Meeting. [sic] 29 Oct. 1991.
(Lists the attendees of the second organizational meeting of HRC.)
11. Krauss, Daniel. "HRC Steering Committee Sets Its Goals, Responsibilities." UCSD Guardian. 7 Nov. 1991: 8+.
(Summarizes the initial organization and concerns of the HRC, and the reasons for its creation.)
12. Lambert, Michael, et al. The Campus Climate for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Population at UCSD. Spring 1992: 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 15.
(Includes sections titled "Introduction," "LGBA," "HRC," "Brief Outtakes: The Campus Climate Report," "Conclusions." Produced by an undergraduate student member of LGBA.)

LBTQ

(Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, or Questioning)

Graduate Women's Discussion Group

*First meeting: This Thursday, November 4
from 8-9pm at the new LGBT resource center.
Let's have happy hour! Chips and salsa will be
served.*

Please post!



LGBT Shabbat

Vegetarian Potluck.

Bring things to eat and drink!



Friday, November 5th

7:30 p.m.

The Women's Center

Sponsored by Hillel and the LGBT Resource Office

For more info contact Michael Rabkin at mrabkin@ucsd.edu
or 822 - 1047



The Women's Center is located at Building 407, University Center, near the Cashier's Office and ERC. Contact the Women's Center at 619 822-0074 or e-mail women@ucsd.edu. If you need specific accommodation, please contact the Women's Center prior to the event.

Dedication

Monday, November 8, 1999



LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER
RESOURCE OFFICE AT UCSD

Dedication Celebration

3pm, LGBT Resource Office Lawn, Building 201

Poetry Slam

7pm, (Location to be announced)
Poet Stacy Ann Chin and others

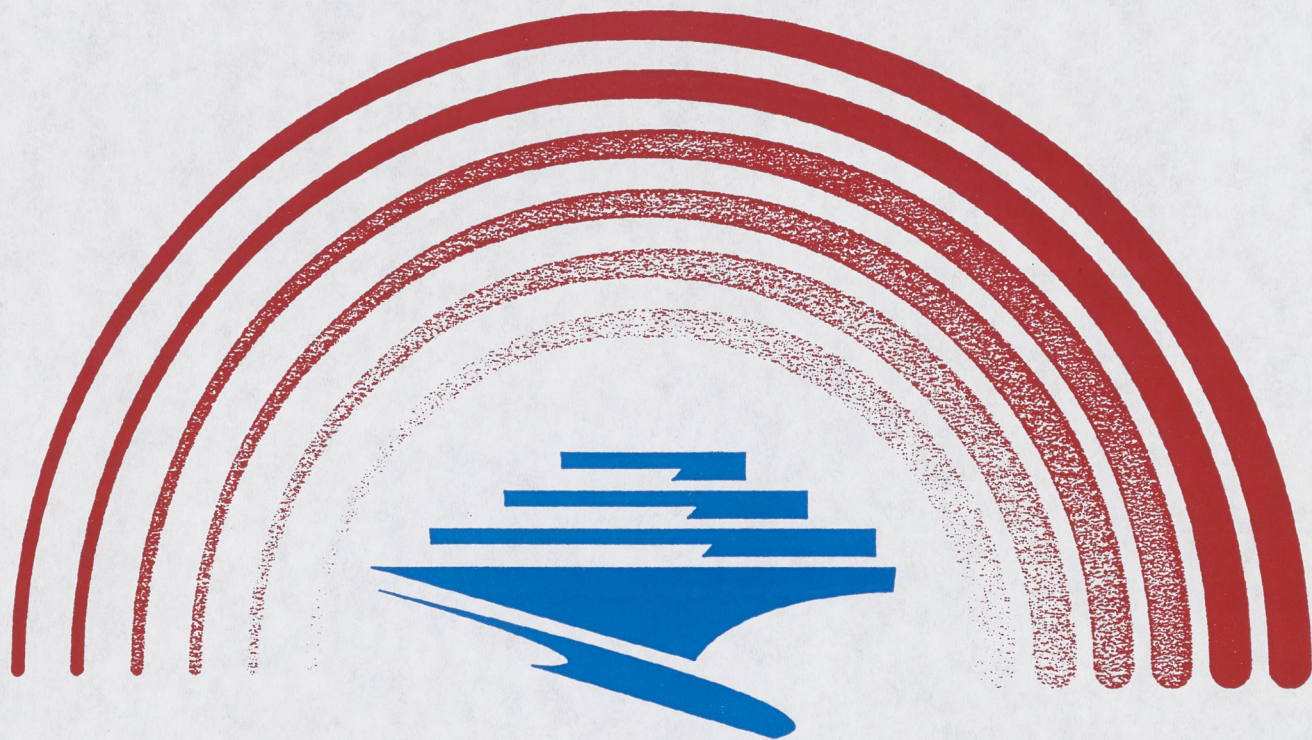
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Office

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If you are a person with a disability requiring specific accommodations, please contact the LGBT Resource Office by Monday, October 25, 1999 (rainbow@ucsd.edu or 858-822-3493). A wheelchair lift is available next to the Office of Sexual Harrassment Policy and Prevention. The Price Center is wheelchair accessible.

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An Invitation

*Join us in celebrating the opening of the
UCSD LGBT Resource Office*



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3 P. M.



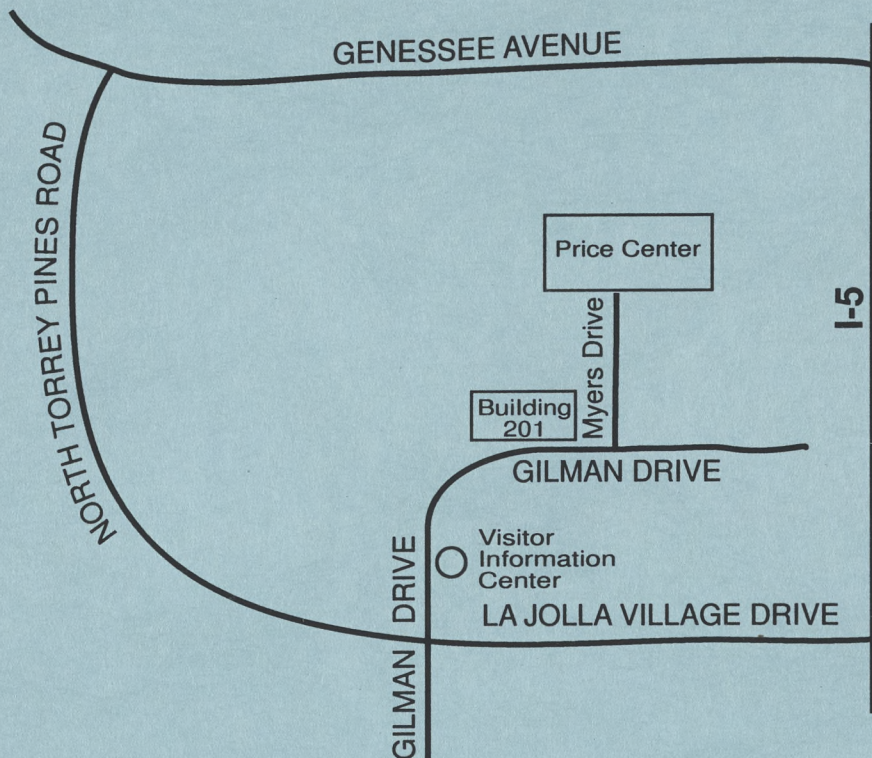
*Building 201
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on the UCSD campus*



R.S.V.P to:

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Directions to UCSD

from north of La Jolla

Take I-5 south to Genessee Avenue west.

Proceed to the third light at the top of the hill.

Turn left onto North Torrey Pines Road.

Turn left onto North Point Drive and continue to the UCSD Visitor Information Center on the right.

From south of La Jolla

Take I-5 north to Gilman Drive.

Turn left at the light onto Gilman Drive.

Continue for about 1-1/2 miles to the UCSD Visitor Information Center.

Parking on the UCSD campus is \$6 before 4 P.M.
Meters are also available.

Our Mission Statement

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Resource Office at UCSD is an open, safe, and inclusive environment for all members of the university community to explore sexual orientation and gender issues. It works to eliminate discrimination based on gender and sexual orientation.

The office provides educational and informational services that enhance academic goals, cultural diversity, and quality of life on campus for all students, staff, and faculty. The LGBT Resource Office promotes visibility, sense of community, and knowledge of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. (*Adopted August 25, 1999*)

Our Commitment to Diversity and Access

In accordance with the University's policies on nondiscrimination and equal opportunity, the LGBT Resource Office is committed to promoting diversity and equity in its programs and services. The office respects and encourages the participation of all individuals.

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Beverly McCreary, Ph.D, Coordinator



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Office Dedication Celebration

*November 8, 1999
3 P.M.*

*University of California,
San Diego*

*LGBT Resource Office at UCSD
Dedication Celebration*

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Monday, November 8, 1999

3 P.M.

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Welcome

Beverly McCreary, Resource Office Coordinator

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Introduction

Harry Hirsch, Steering Committee Chair

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Remarks

Robert Dynes, Chancellor, UCSD

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Welcome from the UC Centers

Pat Walsh, Director, UC Irvine LGBT Center

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Welcome from the Community

*Jim Ziegler, Chair of the Board,
San Diego Lesbian and Gay Center*

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Ribbon Cutting

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Music provided by DJ Dr. Trae

Today's dedication is the culmination of several years of hard work by many dedicated individuals. We celebrate the creation of a safe central space on campus: a home for services, programs, and events for members of the LGBT community and their allies, and a education resource for the entire UCSD community.

This celebration would not be taking place without the concerted efforts of many people, too many to name and adequately thank here. It is the result of careful cross-campus coalition building among students, staff, and faculty and among various campus constituencies. It is the result of a recognition that it can still be dangerous at the turn of this century to be outside the mainstream. Finally, it is the result of the efforts of many brave LGBT individuals to be visible at UCSD since the university's inception.

Thanks go out to all, past and present, who have helped make this day a reality, most especially at this time to:

The UCSD Chancellor's Office

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual, and Transgendered Issues

LGBT Resource Office Steering Committee

Women's Center and Director Nancy Loevinger

Cross Cultural Center and Director Edwina Welch

Umbrella Group

Yvonne Reid-Hairston

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Association

Queer People of Color

Dr. Trae

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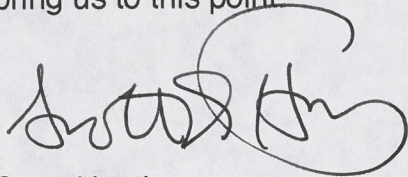
November 15, 1999

Dear Guardian Editors:

Thank you for the article on the Dedication of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Resource Office at UCSD. As one of many whose efforts have made the LGBT Resource Office a reality, I was glad to see it on the front cover. However, my comments at the event were badly misquoted, and the history behind its establishment was reported very inaccurately.

The true credit for the current LGBT Resource Office belongs to long-term staff activists, especially Sarah Archibald and John White, two UCSD alumni and staff members who have contributed tremendous efforts over this entire decade to the LGBT campus community. In the early 1990's, they and other leaders of the Umbrella Group (the LGBT staff association) first articulated the need for LGBT Resource Center to the campus, and pursued the creation of a UCSD Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues (CACLGBTI) to achieve this and other goals. It was the CACLGBTI that communicated to the administration the need for a LGBT Resource Center. John and Sarah chaired the ad hoc committee of staff, faculty and students that drafted the "Proposal for the Establishment of a LGBT Resource Center at UCSD" in 1998, and led discussions with the Chancellor and administrators that led to the creation of the current LGBT Resource Office at UCSD.

It has been my honor to serve with them for almost four years on the CACLGBTI, and in the efforts to establish a LGBT resource space at UCSD. As significant as my own contributions as a student activist have been, they are secondary to those of Sarah Archibald and John White. Many people over this decade and even earlier have worked to bring us to this point

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Heath". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Scott Heath
Revelle senior
Member, LGBT Resource Office Steering Committee

**Staff, Student
and Faculty
Organization
Meetings @
CCC:**

MECHA 5PM-6PM
Monday
AASU 6PM-8PM

APSA 6:30PM
Tuesday
QPOC 7PM

SAAC
3:30PM-5:30PM
Wed.
KP 5:30PM

CAMPUS BLACK FORUM
4PM-6PM
Thursday
KAMALAYAN
6:30PM

ASIAN AMERICAN
STUDENT FORUM
1PM-2PM
Friday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday & Sunday

	22	23	24	25	26	27 & 28
Week 8				<i>IT'S A LONG WEEKEND...HAPPY TURKEY DAY!</i>		
November and December	29 SEX & AIDS: THE INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES PEPPER CANYON LODGE @ 7PM	30 --QPOC SPOKEN WORD NITE @ CCC --AASU KWANZAA @ PC BALLROOM 7PM-10PM	1 WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT 4PM-6PM	2 AIDS: COMMUNITIES OF COLOR PANEL 4PM-6PM	3 MECHA'S POSADA 5PM-8PM	4 & 5 4TH: APSA TALENT SHOW @ PC BALLROOM 6PM
Week 9						
	6	7 APSA MENTOR-MENTEE STUDY JAMS @ 7:30PM	8	9	10 -APSA STRESS RELIEF NIGHT, TBA	11 & 12
Week 10		<i>6TH-10TH; SOMETHING SPECIAL, A HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE FOR HIV/AIDS FAMILIES</i>				
		<i>DEC. 8-11: THE BIRTHDAY PARTY, PLAY @ MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO 8PM, INFO: 534-4574</i>				
Finals Week	13	14	15	16	17	
		<i>HAVE A GREAT BREAK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i>				

OF EVENTS

*subject to change

Cross Cultural Center
 phone 858.534.9689
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<http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/ccc>
 *all events are held at CCC free unless otherwise noted.

*The Cross Cultural Center,
The Critical Gender Studies Program,
The Department of Ethnic Studies &
The Department of Political Science
are pleased to present*

CATHY COHEN

Associate Professor, Yale University
Political Science and African American Studies

The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics

3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 9
Cross Cultural Center
Lecture Hall

Love Makes a Family:

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender
People and their Families*

A PHOTOGRAPH-TEXT EXHIBIT AT UCSD



*** Community Reception:**

MON., DEC. 6: 6:00-9:00 PM, WOMEN'S CENTER (BLDG 407)

*** Exhibit Locations:**

NOV. 1-14: LGBT RESOURCE OFFICE (BLDG 201)

NOV. 15-30: CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER (BLDG 510)

DEC. 1-15: WOMEN'S CENTER (BLDG 407)

Sponsors: LGBT Resource Office, Women's Center, Cross-Cultural Center, PFLAG, Family Pride, Family Matters, etc. Exhibit developed by Family Diversity Projects, MA.

VISITOR INFO: The Women's Center (858 822-0074, women@ucsd.edu, www.ucsd.edu/women), LGBT Office (822-3493, rainbow@ucsd.edu), & Cross Cultural Center (534-9689, cccenter@ucsd.edu) are located in the University Center area of UCSD. Exit 5 at Gilman Drive. Go to the visitor's booth on Gilman Drive for a map, directions & parking permits. ♿ For specific accommodation, make contact prior to the event.

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families

A Photo-Text Exhibit

Photographs by Gigi Kaeser • Interviews by Peggy Gillespie

Exhibit Description

Love Makes a Family: *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and Their Families* is an exhibit created by Family Diversity Projects, Inc. located in Amherst, MA. It includes photographs and interviews with twenty families who have gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender members and provides a very moving and powerful introduction into these families' lives. At the most basic level, **Love Makes a Family** combats homophobia by breaking silence and making the invisible visible. By educating people of all ages - beginning in early childhood - to celebrate and appreciate diversity, this exhibit contributes to the process of dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance, thereby making the world a safer place for all families.

Bring the Exhibit to Your Community

This exhibit is touring nationwide to schools, universities, workplaces, public libraries, corporate headquarters, houses of worship, PFLAG groups, community centers, and conferences. By sponsoring **Love Makes a Family**, your organization can educate the public and help eradicate homophobia in your community. An exhibit opening is an ideal opportunity for group or panel discussions and it can also bring media attention to your program, your support services, or your conference. Co-sponsorship of the exhibit by several organizations can lead to coalition building and networking.

Technical Description of the Exhibit

Love Makes a Family consists of twenty photographs, framed and ready to hang. Each photograph is 16" x 20". Text panels are laminated and ready to hang. Family Diversity Projects will help you with any questions regarding hanging once you have found a site to display the exhibit. Space requirements vary depending on the manner in which you hang the exhibit. For example, the exhibit can be hung on a wall, from moldings, displayed on easels or table easels, or hung on portable bulletin boards. The exhibit is easy to transport: it is shipped in a trunk which measures 23" x 26" x 26" and weighs 100 pounds.

Also Available in Book Form

Love Makes a Family is also available in book form, published by the University of Massachusetts Press. Clothbound is \$40.00; paperback is \$19.95. You may order by fax toll free: 800-488-1144 or call 413/545-2219.

Contact Information

If you would like further information about **Love Makes A Family**, please contact:

Family Diversity Projects

P.O. Box 1209, Amherst, MA 01004-1209

Telephone: 413/256-0502 • Fax: 413/253-3977 • Email: famphoto@aol.com

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Love Makes A Family

Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Parents and their Families

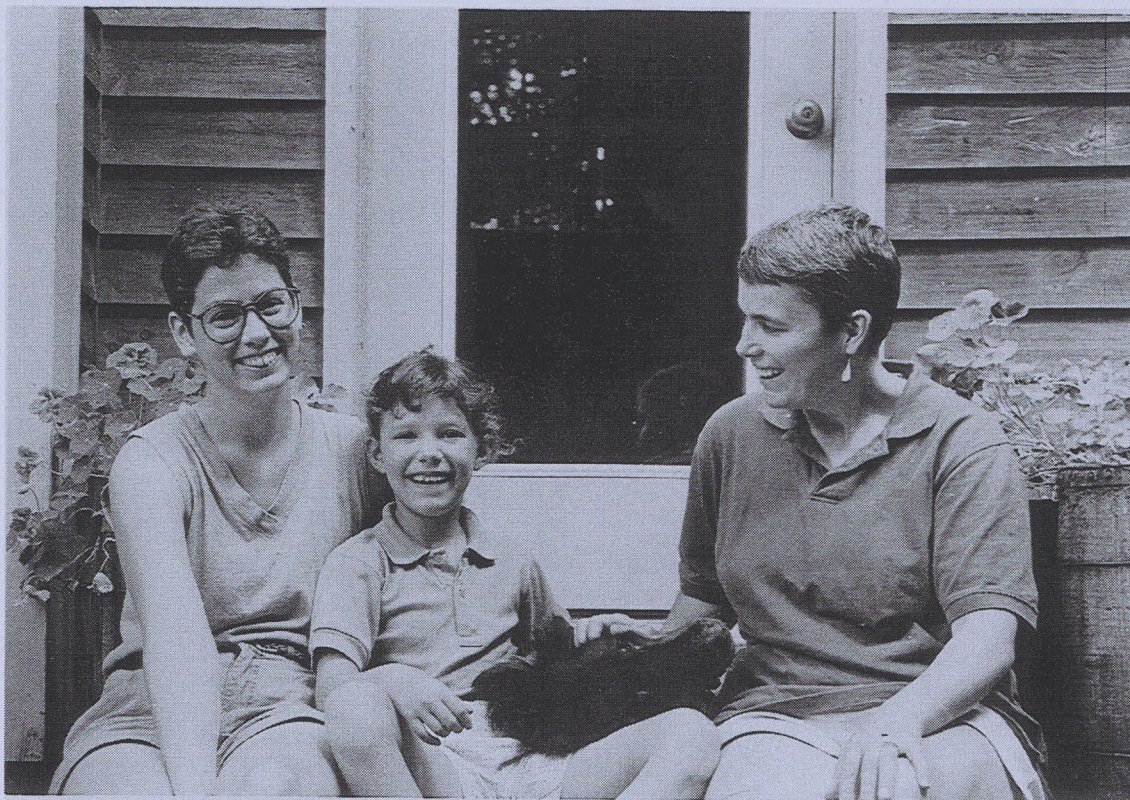
Photos from the acclaimed Photo-Text Exhibit

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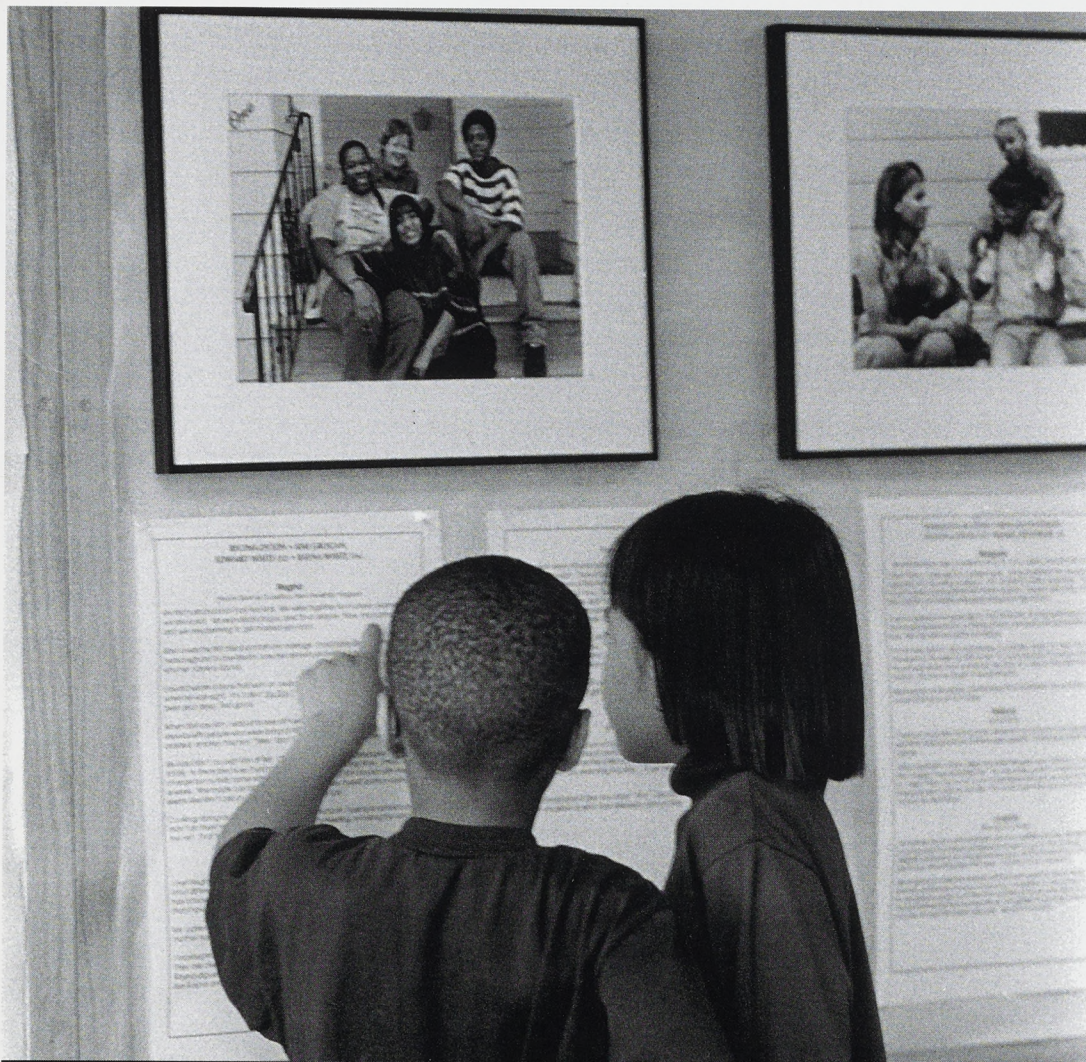
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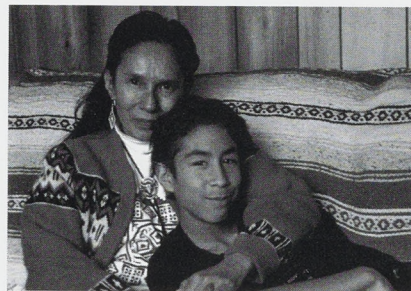
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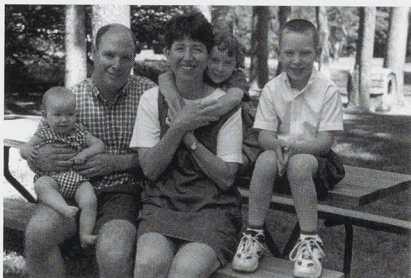
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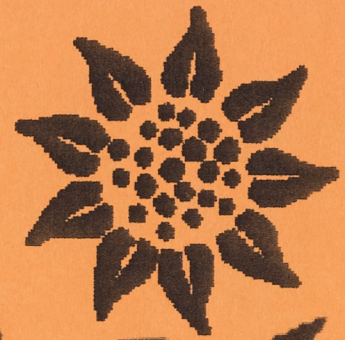


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