

GSA's Trace Milk's, Jessop's Footsteps



Mission Bay High School Gay Straight Alliance girls are absorbed by 1970's San Diego LGBT history.

Fête for High Schools

Lambda Archives was one of four community groups to host nearly 60 high school GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) students and their teachers in a festival of theatre and history, bringing the gay liberation era of the 1970s to 21st century LGBT and allied high school youth of the San Diego area. For the Archives, which has hosted GSA visits before, this was the largest yet, in number of both schools and students.

A Play, Exhibits, Tours

On April 24th, students from Castle Park, East Lake, Mission Bay and High Tech high schools converged to enjoy the play *Dear Harvey* at Diversionary Theatre, meet with the playwright, and enjoy a speech by SDSU student intern, Blake Atkerson. The high school students then split

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Archives' Youth Raise the Bar



Archivist by day. . . Kelly Revak, Lambda's Archivist, is as good at selling Jello shots at Urban Mo's as she is at preserving LGBT history.

Ingenious Fundraisers Cut Economic Gloom

To the Rescue

This January the economy sent shudders through the world. Lambda Archives was no exception; however, a response born of two of the younger Board members and a student intern from SDSU's Political Science Department ignited a movement aimed at ensuring the necessary funds for the Archives' crucial social and historical functions.

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**Frank
Nobiletti**

New Crop of Archives Leadership

It's a good time at the Archives. We are weathering the economic storm. And we have reached a new plateau -- there's a new tier of Board members and other important leaders and Archives membership is at a record high!

Planning a Gigantic Exhibit

We are planning a big exhibit with a "San Diego's LGBT Treasures" theme. It's been clear that people in the community would like more exhibits, and we'd like the community to see the treasures being preserved. In that vein, the Archives needs a home where it can showcase materials. Also, our volunteers and researchers are cramped and we've

had to limit student volunteer sign ups in the last year and a half. Yet, there is plenty of work to be done and fun to be had, if only there were more space.

We have a lot of work to do. The task of finding and funding the right new space is daunting. Diversionary has been wonderful, but our lease with them runs for another 14 months; and they need our current space.

We need to double or triple room for processing and storing new collections, as well as adding 1,000 square feet of exhibit space ideally. To accomplish this means going from the current 1,000 sq. ft. to at least 3,000 sq. ft. in the permanent move.

We're exploring various possibilities. It's tricky to find a space that is visible, inviting *and* very secure in or near our community. Suggestions are welcome.

"When I'm 64"

I have been President of the Lambda Archives for three years and will be available a while longer as President. But I'm 64 and have another full-time job

teaching History to 400 students a semester. A little better balance would be nice eventually. Moreover, I believe in rotating leadership, and we have some fine up and coming younger (in their 40s, 30s and 20s) leaders. Transitioning to being a regular Board member is my future goal and I would like to see us physically settled.

If it might fit your schedule, come down and volunteer for a day. The Archives is a place where generations mix and enjoy each other. If you haven't seen the Archives in its current iteration certainly do. It has a very warm culture. People love it here. It provides contentment in a dynamic, growing context. If you can imagine better -- great! But fair warning: then we will really love seeing you and want you around!

The best way most can help is to sign up or renew as a **recurring** member, by credit card. It can be done safely and securely online, at Pride or anywhere we are. And it provides unparalleled stability.

See back page for Membership Form.



**Kelly
Revak**

Whirlwind of activity in the Archives!

The word seems to have gotten out about our little Archive, and collections have been pouring in! 2008 saw a record twice as many new collections added and the rate continues to increase. To give an idea of the range of additions:

* Organizational records including **Karibu** (an organization serving African American GBT men,) **GSDBA's 30th Anniversary** video, GLSEN newsletters and **Todd Gloria's** campaign materials

* Documentation of San Diego's current activism; videos, photos and protest signs from San Diego's **"No on 8"** protests, rallies and marches;

* Hundreds of new photos including Pride photos from **Jonathan Emery**;

* **Jan Garbosky's** LGBT training materials for schools;

* Our Video Team documented such recent events as a **Latino PFLAG meeting**, and the **Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast**, and conducted **interviews** including a transgender junior high school student and his parents; and:

* Numerous new periodicals, articles, and books, including a large collection of **Tom Turner's** columns in GLT for seniors.

With all this new material, we've been grateful for the success and growth of the intern program. Interns from three San Diego universities contributed, taking on extensive projects working alongside nearly 100 student volunteers. Several additional community members have also joined the ranks of dedicated volunteers helping to process collections and continue to improve finder's aids at every level.

Some projects we've been working on:

* The entire T-shirt collection (over 200 unique shirts!) has been catalogued and photographed. Soon, you will be able to browse the shirts on our website!

* Dozens of collections have been archivally processed including completion of the first stage for the massive Dignity Collection (over 50 linear feet of materials!)

* More than 15 new finder's aids for collections have been created and are available on our website. (These are always being refined; if you notice a correction or addition let us know!)

* 100s of new books have been added to our library (LASD members can check these out!)

* We have begun scanning our extensive collection of thousands of slides. Soon these will be searchable by name, event or keyword at the Archives.

Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers of the last few months. We've made tremendous strides in making collections more accessible; come by and see what's new at the Archives.

In Memoriam: Bill Hughes, Fred Weir

Last year, influential Lambda Archives members passed away. William "Bill" Hughes and Fred Weir both died before their times, but their legacies will continue to live on through the important work they accomplished while alive. Lambda Archives owes much of its success to members such as Bill Hughes and Fred Weir. Their loved ones have our condolences.

Fred Weir

Weir died in April 2008 at age 56 from injuries sustained in a traffic accident. He is survived by his partner Tony King and his mother. Weir was a generously active volunteer for the Archives from the mid 1990s until 2005. He wrote and edited for the newsletter. Weir also volunteered for the Archives at Pride. He was a scholar who possessed an incredible library of gay materials. To the lives he touched at the Archives, he was a quiet hero. "He was incredibly intelligent, organized and informed. He had the best sense of humor," Kate Johnson, his good friend, said.

Bill Hughes

Bill Hughes died in August 2008 of lung cancer. He was 58. He is survived by his partner, John William Davis, and his father and sister. Like Weir, Bill Hughes used his knowledge and imagination to brighten the world around him. "He was the type of person that you would wish your children would grow up to be like," his friend, Bill Evans, said. "Everything he did was perfect."

Bill Hughes left \$5000 for the endowment in his will to the Archives, which made it possible to match the money of our largest donor last year. In his death, he helped ensure the life of San Diego's most comprehensive collection of LGBT history. Hughes moved to San Diego via the Naval Reserves. Engineering and architecture were his passions, and he left his architectural mark all over the San Diego area, including nightclubs, banks, hotels, homes, and even the orangutan and panda habitats at the San Diego Zoo. The Archives will remember Bill Hughes and Fred Weir as the loving, giving and accomplished individuals they truly were.

See Us At Pride!

This year's exhibit celebrates the 40 years of activism since Stonewall.

Five New Board Members: Forms Largest Board Ever



Lambda Archives proudly welcomes its five newest Board Members. This expands the size of the Archives Board of Directors to ten, larger than it has been in 20 years. The Archives Board is a working as well as an oversight board. Here are the new board members:

Alexandra Prsha

Alex earned her history degree from SDSU. She is a self-proclaimed "nerd" who started working in the Archives as an intern and later joined the Board. Prsha believes it is important for everybody to have a diverse history background. Her commitment to history and education is embodied at the Museum of Natural History, where she is employed in the Development Department. She also lead the most important inventory work in 2007-8 for the emerging Archives e-catalog. She went on to be a leader in research and design for the Display Committee. Her wife, Danielle, also is a volunteer at the Archives, primarily in display construction.

Colin Fisher

Colin is a professional historian who instructs at the University of San Diego. He researches the intersection of environmental and social history. Colin will oversee the scanning and cataloging of the huge and important photo collections as a Board member. He believes the Archives' materials are essential to supporting the strides of the LGBT community. Colin's wife, Debbie, also volunteers at the Archives in grant writing.

Elle Van Dermark

Elle views herself as a representative to other organizations who can help increase interest, support and volunteers from groups that are not currently aware of, or involved with, the Archives. She is currently a Co-Chair of the San Diego **More on page 7**

STUDENTS TO

Festival Draws Students From Local High Schools



SDSU Political Science Intern Blake Atkerson tells High School GSAers the importance of LGBT history and Lambda Archives in the Diversionsary Theatre.

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into separate groups to view the Archives exhibit in the theatre lobby about the 1970s *No on 6* Campaign. Point Loma Nazarene student intern Nancy P. was their guide. Then onto an exhibit called *San Diego's "Harvey Milks"*. There, Nobiletti highlighted key San Diego historical figures from Jess Jessop to Bridget Wilson.

Split into six groups, each had its own LASD college student host (provided by Gamma Rho Lambda, SDSU's queer sorority) who answered questions about being queer in college today. After rotating through the exhibits, they toured the Archives with Archivist Kelly Revak. Lambda Archives' participation was made possible because the day had

been organized initially by GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network) and Diversionsary Theatre.

Creating a GSA Collection

The visitors gave as well as received during the four hours of events. Various students brought their schools' GSA posters and T-shirts to start a GSA collection at Lambda Archives. Posters from the *No on 6* vote of the 70s had introduced students to a piece of San Diego's past they had never experienced. And materials donated by the students stitched the history they create today into the history of their community that's been fighting for equality for decades. Students and teachers also brought coins to contribute over \$80 to the "Penny Drive," Gamma Rho Lambda's fundraiser for the Archives.



GSA bus arrival in the morning.

Blake Atkerson, Extraordinary Intern

Blake Atkerson, SDSU Political Science Senior, was praised by Archives President, Nobiletti, "Blake is organized, thorough and visionary – one of our best interns ever." Blake spoke to the students in a packed theatre about the meaning and value of Lambda Archives as well as the importance of knowing and preserving their community's history. He invited them to research, volunteer and intern. One East Lake student has already applied to be a summer Intern through Obama's *Hire a Youth* program.

Atkerson's words, combined with the visual extravaganza of posters, photographs and artifacts, welcomed the exuberant students to the Archives – a place where they can be themselves, no matter their age, gender expression, sexual orientation or ambitions, a place that purposefully embodies a warm and open forum for expression of both past and present.

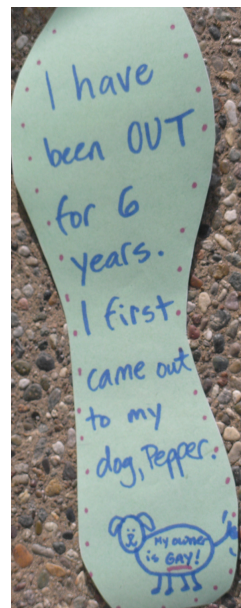


THE RESCUE

The Fresh Face of Lambda Archives



SDSU student volunteers set up Pride at State's exhibit in May.



Grant Prospects Shrink; Youth Step Up

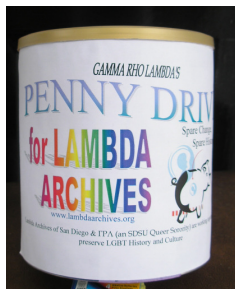
Of course foundations were hit hard. With less grant opportunities and the possibility of a decrease in membership, two young board members launched a new system using automatic recurring payments. Soon other young people and adults followed, including staff at several universities, especially in History and Women's Studies Departments. At \$10 a month people could give \$120 a year. Some even gave \$20 per month. We stumbled on something important led by our youth and now have \$265 in monthly automatic donations. That's \$3,000 in annual income representing 10% of our basic operating budget in a tough year like this. Now we aim to double that number from old and new members.

Jello Shots, Anyone?

Student volunteers and interns continued to invent ingenious fundraising opportunities with one motivation being that students hoped not to lose their beloved Archivist, Kelly. The two most successful fundraising events included a "Jello Shot" event held at Urban Mo's in Hillcrest on May 2, organized by our amazing former intern, Blake Atkerson. As the photographs infer, the

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are building blocks to a functioning society. Lambda Archives provides a platform to inspire these traits. Realizing the history currently being created as well as the history being preserved at the Archives, these youth came to the rescue.

While Lambda Archives is financially structured to survive there is a long distance from survival to optimum service to the community.

Archives Endowment Also Takes a Hit

Unfortunately our endowment was not safe from the economic difficulties of 2008-9 and, like all market based funds, it took a hit. The fund is structured so we receive 4.5% in good years and bad. However, this 4.5% is suspended until the fund comes back to its historical donation level. Therefore, we are no longer receiving the same annual income from the fund and need the community's support to help get us back to prior giving levels. Tax-deductible donations will certainly do the trick!



Elle Van Dermark's daughter Kate, wife Terry, and son Josh at her masters thesis celebration and fundraiser at the Archives.

\$25K Ivor Kraft Challenge: Thank you, Donors!

All LASD Board Members were donors to the campaign as well as many members.

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Thank you Ivor Kraft!



Jayson Schmidt's commemoration of Ivor Kraft and the donors who met his Challenge.

Save the Date!
February 26, 2010 Lambda Archives Gala

Major Leap in Members, New Benefits Added

We are excited to announce a major leap in membership. It's the highest it's ever been! With the implementation of automatically recurring monthly payments via credit card, individuals can purchase a Sustaining Membership for just \$10 a month and a Sponsoring Membership for just \$20!

Membership Levels Simplified and Benefits Expanded
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Ability to check out books from our extensive LGBT library, receipt of our semi-annual newsletter and discounts to local businesses in the Hillcrest and surrounding areas.

Sustaining Membership (Single or Family): \$125 annually or just \$10 per month

Ability to check out books from our extensive LGBT library, receipt of our semi-annual newsletter, discounts to local businesses in the Hillcrest and surrounding areas and invitations to members-only events at the Archives.

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Ability to check out books from our extensive LGBT library, receipt of our semi-annual newsletter, discounts to local businesses in the Hillcrest and surrounding areas, invitations to members-only and VIP events at the Archives and discounts on tickets to events such as our annual gala.

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Thank you to the following local businesses for offering discounts to Lambda Archives members. (Membership cards are being sent to members this summer.)

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Uptown Acupuncture	20%

See the back page for a membership form or sign-up online at www.lambdaarchives.org!

From Urban Mo's to "Penny Drive," Students to the Rescue

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Urban Mo's event was a big hit with Mo's patrons, raising \$800 in four hours. In months to come, look for similar events.

A Masters Thesis Fundraiser

Another great success was new board member Elle Van Dermark's celebration at Diversionary of her SDSU master's thesis on women coming out after raising families. The event raised \$800 including new memberships.

What're 15,000 Pennies Worth?

A penny drive was started by students from Gamma Rho Lambda, a queer sorority at SDSU, already raised nearly \$150 (including a good chunk from GSA high school visitors). Additionally, one SDSU student successfully found a way

of soliciting memberships from businesses, and another donated his fee for repairing peoples' computers.

Recurring donations are a great way to support the Archives and we continue the efforts begun by LGBT youth. Their incredible displays of generosity serve as



a model for future Archives' contributors.

And Now for Rest of the Year

We made it through the first half of the

year successfully, if a bit exhausted, and even then the renewal of Archivist Kelly's contract had to be postponed. Even though she graciously volunteered as much of her service as possible, the Archives needs her as an employee.

Enter Fundraiser, Sharna Langlais

Luckily, Lambda Archives continues to attract topnotch talent, most recently Sharna Langlais, a professional fundraising and events organizer. Sharna has taken on organizing and overseeing our next fundraiser.

Youth led fundraising of the first half of 2009 lifted the Archives not just economically but in spirit. The Archives segued seamlessly into the surge of new leadership from younger generations.

New Board Members Bring Fresh Talent

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County Women's Hall of Fame. Elle earned her Master's Thesis (on women who had families and then later came out) in Spring 2009. She starts as a history instructor at Grossmont College this fall. She will lead Collection Development (Acquisition) for the Archives. Elle turned the celebration of her Masters Thesis into a fundraiser for the Archives raising \$800, including new memberships.

Patrick Salvatierra

To say Pat is a busy man would be an understatement. He is a founding member of the Human Trafficking Awareness Group, a historian for Phi

Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, an assistant treasurer for the Pre-Law Society, and a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Fraternity at SDSU. He joined the Board because he sees a real opportunity to make a difference and wants to help a valuable community institution become stronger. At the Archives, Pat is administrative head of the Display Committee, which includes Pride. He also oversees and processes videos, including the growing "born digital" electronic collections; Pat previously catalogued books.

Kelly Revak

Kelly earned her BA in anthropology and MA in folklore. She accumulated

over 10 years of archival work experience, primarily from volunteering in and later running the UC Berkeley Folklore Archives. She was contracted as a professional archivist for two years at Lambda Archives before the economy's downturn postponed renewing her contract. However, she hopes to be at the Archives core for years to come, and is still Archivist, albeit temporarily in a volunteer mode, which meant dropping a work day at the Archives. Kelly keeps a busy schedule working at an independent video game development studio.

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