Guide to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Records - San Francisco Bay Area, 1989-1993

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Records - San Francisco Bay Area,
Date (inclusive): 1989-1993
Accession number: 1993-20
Creator: Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (San Francisco, Calif.)
Extent: 1.65 linear feet
San Francisco, California.
Shelf location: Housed at the GLBT Historical Society
Language: English.

Acquisition
The GLAAD-SFBA Records (#1993-20) were received from Jessea Greenman in 1993.

Access
Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights
Copyright to unpublished manuscript materials has been transferred to the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California.

Audio-Visual Materials
The collection contains audio cassette tapes and VHS tapes.

Preferred Citation

Historical Note
In 1987 The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA) was formed as a chapter of the GLAAD New York national office. However, in March 1990 GLAAD/SFBA elected its own Board of Directors, incorporated and received non-profit status as an independent entity.
Like its parent organization (GLAAD/USA), the San Francisco chapter was created to identify and respond to public expressions, especially in the print and electronic media, which stemmed from homophobia, bigotry, and misinformation about lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The response took the forms of letter writing and telephone campaigns, meetings with media representatives, and even public demonstrations when such actions were required.

GLAAD/SFBA's major goal was, and continues to be, the improvement of public attitudes about homosexuality in an effort to end violence and discrimination against lesbians and gays, thus diminishing their social isolation nationwide. To this end, GLAAD/SFBA has had many noteworthy accomplishments over the years.

Just to mention a few, in June 1990 GLAAD/SFBA began Project 21. This project coordinated a successful state-wide effort to pressure the California State Board of Education to include fair and accurate information about lesbians, gays and bisexuals in the State health, physical education and social history frameworks. In 1992 a billboard advertising campaign was launched, featuring an interracial lesbian couple. In the same year GLAAD/SFBA, along with its affiliate chapters, made a concerted effort to educate art/entertainment editors and reviewers throughout the United States, ensuring unprecedented media focus on Hollywood homophobia for the release of the film, Basic Instincts. The following year in 1993, GLAAD/SFBA organized a community forum to present the homophobic propaganda film, The Gay Agenda, and to brainstorm ways of fighting this type of Christian fundamentalist bigotry.

GLAAD/SFBA was formed as a membership organization with programs organized and run by volunteers. It has been governed by an eight member board (with gender parity) and several standing committees. The board members are nominated and elected by written ballot and are voted on by the general membership. All operations are funded by private donations.

Scope and Content

The GLAAD/SFBA records (1.65 linear feet) document the organization's range of activities from late 1989 to mid-1993. Any records prior to that time, and after its founding in 1987, have not been made available to The Gay and Lesbian Historical Society as of this date. The present records are divided into six series: administrative, controversies, projects and promotions, printed materials, and audio-visual.

Starting with the articles of incorporation and bylaws, the

**Title:** administrative series

documents the formation of policies and daily operations of GLAAD/SFBA. This is further reflected in the records of the Board of Directors. The records for each Board meeting provide the agendas, minutes and related reports from standing committees and other sources. However, please note that there are gaps in the Board minutes, and many times their discussions were sparsely notated.

The San Francisco chapter expanded its operations geographically into several outlying areas. The largest was the South Bay Division. The minutes and correspondence for that Division can be located in two separate files in the

**Title:** administrative series.

Also in this series, the researcher should note the "Narrative Annual Reports, 1991-1992" file which provide a good overview of the chapter's accomplishments during that period.

The

**Title:** controversies series

deals primarily with the print and electronic media in regard to negative portrayals and inaccurate statements about lesbians, gays and bisexuals. In contrast, the

**Title:** projects and promotions series

documents GLAAD/SFBA's endeavors to improve images and foster positive information about lesbians, gays and bisexuals (see the Historical Note for an overview of these projects). The remaining series constitute supplemental materials to the collection.

The folder listing contains information on the title, producer, interviewer, interviewee, and date of audio-visual materials. These materials mainly discuss the portrayal of gays and lesbians in the media.

**Materials Removed from the Collection**

The collection originally had a run of the GLAAD/SFBA newsletter, Update, from July 1990 to December 1992. These issues were used to fill out the existing GLHS periodical run of this publication.

The Photographs have been removed to the Photo room.

**Title:** Randy Alfred Papers and Tapes

**Date:** 91-24
Administrative Files

Box Box 1

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, 1990-1991
Board of Directors Minutes, 1989-1990
   1991
   1992
   Jan-Jul 1993
Community Relations, 1991-1992
Correspondence, 1990-1993
Fund Raising, 1990-1992
GLAAD/Sacramento, 1990
GLAAD/Santa Cruz, 1990-1991
GLAAD/South Bay Division Minutes, 1991-1993
GLAAD/South Bay Division Correspondence and Related Materials, 1990-1993
Interim Organizational Director - Correspondence and Related Materials, 1993
Media Committee Minutes, 1989-1992
Media Committee Letter Writing Charter and Directives, 1991-1993
Membership Survey, nd
Miscellaneous Committee Reports, 1990-1991
Membership Meetings, 1989-1990
Narrative Annual Reports, 1991-1992
Speakers Guidelines, nd
Volunteers, 1991-1992

Controversies (External) Files

Box Box 1

Basic Instincts, 1991-1992 (3 folders)
Does Your Mother Know/Racism, 1990
Gallagher, 1990-1991
The Gay Agenda, 1993
KITS-FM (Perry Stone), 1989
KQED, 1989-1992
Stop the Church, 1991
Silence of the Lambs, nd
Southern Poverty Law Center, 1993
Tongues Untied, 1991

Projects and Promotions Files

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Cable Car Awards, 1990
Billboard PSA Project, 1992-1993
Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference, 1992
Family 2000 Conference, 1992
Festival at the Lake, 1991
Forum Series/Gay vs. Queer, 1993
Lesbian Invisibility Panel, 1990
Memorial Day Event, 1993
Project 21, 1990-1993 (5 folders)
Public Service Announcements, 1989-1990
To Support and Defend, 1993
United in Love, 1991

GLAAD National Office Files

Box Box 1

Affiliates Correspondence and Related Materials, 1991-1993
Bylaws, 1992
Hub Report, nd
Miscellaneous Materials, 1992-1993
News Releases, 1991-1993

Printed Materials
"Cultural Advocacy: A Non-Legal Approach to Fighting Defamation of Lesbians and Gays", Law and Sexuality, 1992

Ephemera
Handouts and Flyers
Press Releases, 1989-1993
Audio-Visual and Photo Files

Box Box 1

Box Box 2,
cassette Cassette no. 1

Defamation
Harvey Fierstein
Producer:
Strub/Dawson, Inc.for GLAAD, New York, NY, nd

Ministering to the Homosexual
Dr. Don Tweedie
Producer:
Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO, nd

Side: A
News Talk Show
Bernie Rogers
Guest:
Zane Blaney(GLAAD/SFBA)
Radio:
KGO, San Francisco, CA, March 29, 1990

Side: B
Forum
Maureen Paravente (?)
Guests:
Jessea Greenman and Zane Blaney(GLAAD/SFBA)
Radio:
KNEW-91 AM, San Francisco, CA, April 1, 1990

Side: A
Hibernia Beach
Ken McPherson
Danny Williams
Radio:
KITS -FM, San Francisco, CA, April 1990

Side: B
Rubyfruit Terrace
Laurie McBride
Pam Beach
Radio:
KITS -FM, San Francisco, CA, April 1990
Audio-Visual and Photo Files

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**cassette Cassette no. 5**

**Side: A**

**Interview**

   Interviewer: 
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   Guests:
   Bryon Potts and Jesse Greenman (GLAAD/SFBA)

   Radio:
   KNBR, San Francisco, CA, June 17, 1990

**Side: B**

**Forum**

   Kevin Pursglove
   Roberta Achtenberg, Jim Robinson, Luanne McGrieff (?)

   Radio:

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**cassette Cassette no. 6**

**Side: A**

**Forum**

   Interviewer: 
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   Guests:
   Neil Grungras (GLAAD/SFBA), Rob Birle (BANGLE) and Lou Sheldon

   Radio:

**Side: B**

**Rubyfruit Terrace**

   Interviewer: 
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   Guests: 
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   Radio: 
   KITS -FM, San Francisco, CA, nd

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**GLAAD Invisibility in the Media Panel**

   Radio: 
   KPFA, Berkeley, CA, October 21, 1990

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**cassette Cassette no. 8**

**Forum**

   Interviewer: 
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   Guests: 
   Carol Migden, Lenore (?), Brandy Moore and Chris Bowman

   Radio: 
   KQED -FM, San Francisco, CA, December 31, 1990
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