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World AIDS Day Memorial Quilt

November 30 | 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Price Center, Ballroom East

Many of our staff and faculty lived through the early years of the AIDS crisis, although some did not survive what early on was called the "gay plague." Each year UC San Diego's honors World AIDS Day by bringing portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which documents the lives of those lost. Join us for a week's worth of events, listed at

<http://worldAIDSday.ucsd.edu>, and do not miss the moving experience of seeing the Quilt on Friday, November 30th from 7am-6pm at the Price Center Ballroom East!



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Healing Through Racism

November 28 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LGBT Resource Center, Conference Room



A program which explores ways that we as a community, can come together and process through the trauma of racism. There will be conversations about different methods to stimulate healing. Come join us in arts and crafts, writing, and meditation.

Intersexion Film

December 6 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LGBT Resource Center, Conference Room

Intersexion is a New Zealand documentary by Grant Lahood. Grant travels to New Zealand, America, Ireland, Germany, South Africa, and Australia to meet intersex people that are willing to share their stories with the public. The documentary is very informative and talks about a lot of issues that the intersex community faces starting from birth and on throughout their lives. Come learn more about the intersex community and join us in watching this award winning documentary! Light refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Christy at cacarter@ucsd.edu.



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LGBT RC Hours

Mon - Thurs:
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun: Closed

LGBT RC Visitors

Fall Quarter:
Week 7

Students: 199

Staff: 10

Alumni: 4

Faculty: 0

Guest: 0

Total: 213

Introducing:

Thomas
Thao Speakers
Bureau Intern

Staff & Faculty Highlight

Remembering debi fidler



debi fidler passed away this month. She was one of the original members of the committee which worked diligently to establish UC San Diego's LGBT Resource Center. Her name is all over our founding documents. Through her energy and that of so many staff, students and faculty, we became the community that we are today. Sarah Archibald, a staff member and her close friend, has collected memories of debi, which close out our newsletter today. I hope you will read them, and take a moment this Thanksgiving weekend to give thanks for debi fidler's life, and for all those that came before, that paved the path on which we tread, that are gone too soon from the world in which they made such a difference, and from whom we are made stronger in remembering.

Shaun Travers, Director of the LGBT Resource Center

Graduate Student Highlight

Coffee Hour

November 26 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

LGBT Resource Center, Conference Room

Interested in building community with other queer graduate students? Join us at the LGBT Resource Center for coffee and a chance to connect with other graduate students. Beverages and snacks will be provided by The Art of Espresso coffee cart!



Abreast Magazine

November 28 | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Women's Center



Please come and help the Women's Center fold the fall issue of its Abreast magazine, on Wednesday, November 28 from noon to 2 p.m. so that we can begin distributing it throughout campus and in the San Diego community. There will be free pizza, wonderful company, and BIG big thanks.

Gender Buffet: Gender-Based Violence and HIV: A Global Health Concern

November 30 | 12:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m.

Women's Center



Hello Everyone! My name is Thomas Thao and I am the Speakers Bureau Intern. I gain lots of joy from playing sports such as volleyball, tennis and basketball. I also enjoy yoga and long leisurely hikes in the beautiful mountains in nature. I would like to share my joys with those who are interested! Looking forward to connecting with you all!

"My life is a red ribbon. In fact, sometimes I feel a big red ribbon with a little Paul Monette pinned to the lapel."

-- Paul Monette

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If you would like to submit an item to the newsletter, please send it by Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "For Newsletter" in the subject line. News items

This discussion will focus on the HIV epidemic locally and globally, the differences in the epidemic for women and men by world region, how issues of gender-based violence heighten risk for HIV among women in cross-national settings, and what solutions at program and policy levels could improve the situation. The discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Anita Raj, a Professor of Public Health and Medicine at UCSD; Dr. Raj has approximately 20 years of experience conducting research and developing interventions in the areas of HIV, reproductive health and gender-based violence. If folks would like to receive updates, join the facebook event page Gender Buffet: Gender-Based Violence and HIV at <http://www.facebook.com/events/451173294919245/>. Snacks, soup, and caffeine will be provided.



Questions? Contact the Women's Center @ 858-822-0074, e-mail us at women@ucsd.edu, or visit women.ucsd.edu.

LGBT Medical Students and Allies Interest Group

The LGBT Medical Students and Allies Interest Group is inviting applications for the School of Medicine's Mentorship Program, whose purpose is to provide quality one-on-one mentorship to minority and/or self-identified disadvantaged students, including LGBT and queer identified students, from the undergraduate campus of UC San Diego. More information and a link to the application can be found here http://meded.ucsd.edu/index.cfm/groups/som_mentors/welcome/ and under the "For Mentees" link.

Point Foundation Invites Applications for LGBTQ Student Scholarships



Point Scholarships are designed to help promising LGBTQ students achieve their full academic and leadership potential despite obstacles. Scholars must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, community involvement, and financial need. Attention also will be paid to students who have lost the financial and social support of their families and/or communities as a result of revealing their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Point Scholars must agree to maintain a high level of academic performance and to give back to the LGBTQ community through the completion of an individual community service project each year. Some Point Scholars also benefit from internship opportunities related to their fields of study.

For more information visit

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.shtml?id=398100003

Free Film Showing: The Hunger Games

November 29 | Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Price Center Theater, Price Center West

should be UCSD & LGBT focused.

Join us for this showing of The Hunger Games! The showing is free for UCSD students and alumni. Also, don't miss the after party at The Zone! There will be free food, fun, and activities!



When Last We Flew

Diversionsary Theater



When last we flew is a poetic and humorous story about a young man's life transformed by one of the most lauded plays of our time. The play is a funny, uplifting and unique piece addressing important and challenging topics - such as being African-American and LGBT in today's teen culture, how coming to terms with sexuality affects families, and theater's

power to change lives - head-on in ways that feel relevant to anyone who has ever been a teenager or struggled with who they are.

If you would like tickets to this show, please respond to tguss@diversionary.org stating if you would like ONE or TWO tickets, your FULL name, EMAIL and organization. You will receive an email confirming your request.

All requests must be received no later than 24 hours before your chosen performance. Performances are:

- Thursday, November 8, 8pm
- Friday, November 9, 8pm
- Saturday, November 10, 8pm
- Sunday, November 11, 2pm
- Thursday, November 15, 8pm
- Friday, November 16, 8pm
- Sunday, November 18, 2pm

Please pick up your tickets at the box office NO LATER THAN 7:30 PM (1:30 on Sundays) or your tickets may be released.

In Memoriam, debi fidler

October 31, 1952 - November 2, 2012

debi was one of the original people from UCSD to join the system-wide UCLGBTA that went on to fight for, and win, domestic partner and other benefits for UC employees and students which at the time was a sometimes hostile climate. debi worked in Financial Aid at UCSD and also at SDSU, SFSU, Caltech and finally Berkeley's Haas School from which she retired. While at UCSD she helped establish a nationwide resource for LGBT scholarships. A lifelong feminist and lover of women she is counted as a contributor to the social justice movement on campus that ended up in the founding of all the Campus Community Centers. She survived breast and throat cancer and was a fierce defender of women with cancer and promoted survivor movements everywhere. She survived a stroke several years ago and met that challenge with her usual strength and beautiful persistence. Her friends and family which stretch around the world were surprised at her succumbing to a fatal stroke but as usual it was done in peace amidst beloved friends. She will be missed but her time here was special.



From Paul Harris

Former UC Davis Student and UC San Diego Staff Retiree

I first met debi through our mutual involvement at the origins of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues. She immediately stood out as someone who would work hard to get things done, to analyze, bring people together, and work behind the scenes to get people on board as well as do the legwork. debi was always kind, patient, tolerant and had a great sense of humor and never gave up on life.

I was so fortunate that she came to my 50th birthday party at Death Valley National Park. It wasn't too long after her first stroke but she was a real trooper, hiking and communicating and keeping up with the rest of us party animals. Whether it was talking about her cats, how she was going to someday date a TV personality, or the best way to help pass Domestic Partnership legislation in California, debi brought compassion and sanity to any type of issue and this world has lost a great humanitarian.

From Rich Belmontez

EH&S

It was during the early years of her health-life challenges that begin the most vivid recollections I have of debi fidler. This was after she had transferred up north to Berkeley, and I moved from the Med Center to campus. During those regular visits back to San Diego, we'd spend time together always with mutual friends and wine. Life has shown me that good things can come in little packages, and debi was one of those sachets. Her smile, her passion and her courage were infectious to me, and they were inspiring.

I loved that when we would share it was with undivided attention. Those soul-

connecting experiences are what I will miss the most about debi.

From Mark Freeman
UC San Diego Alumnus '83
UC San Diego Staff Retiree

debi fidler was a great co-worker advocating for advancement of student, staff and faculty LGBT issues and rights both at UCSD and the UC system and in society in general. She always had a novel way of looking at issues and was a valuable resource while serving on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues.

From Jonathan Winters
UC Berkeley Student and Staff
University Village

I first met debi at a conference event of the now-defunct (or re-purposed) University of California Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex Association...before we added the T & the I. At that time she was at the UCSD campus and the group began work on Domestic Partnership benefits for faculty & staff. She went to CalTech for a period before re-settling in Alameda and beginning her position at Haas.

Although I didn't re-listen to our tapes of public comment before the Board of Regents, I recall her reading a statement, among the many statements we all contributed, on at least one of the three meetings we went to in San Francisco and Los Angeles, between June and November of 1997.

It was an amazing moment to participate in that victory--planning and prodding for years, strategizing our tactics for the home stretch over six months--and in the end, winning benefits that Governor Wilson did everything to stop us from getting. Even filling regent vacancies and appointing people to do his bidding for this one vote! By the time we advocated for retirement survivorship benefits, there was no disagreement among the Regents...it was a slam-dunk. Those of us who participated in those efforts were never more proud of the University...our cooperation and teamwork, our support of each other, our fearlessness and courage, were amazing.

It was not long after that time that debi got the news of her cancer diagnosis, and her intersecting circles of friends rallied around her. She had been a survivor for so long, I'd thought she would continue to go on without end. But the goddess had other plans.

I saw her recently when she was kind enough to attend a presentation I made about my study abroad in Cape Town, South Africa. Although we promised each other to connect by the end of the semester, her attendance that September day has taken on new meaning.

Rest now, my friend, this part of your journey is over.

Sarah L. Archibald
UCSD Alum and employee

I met debi fidler in around 1990, I don't even know when. I do know it was at UCSD at something we called the Lesbian Support Group for campus lesbian staff and faculty. This is a group name that wouldn't be used today but then saying Lesbian anything was really progressive and we definitely needed support from each other. We met on campus and talked about books, politics, poetry, and gossip. Lots of people moved away but debi and I kept meeting for lunch for years and formed a fast friendship that lasted until her passing.

There are things about her that anyone who knew her are familiar with: debi loved cats and many were lucky to share her home. She loved Halloween which was her birthday & she celebrated it with decorations, costumes, friends and much fanfare. Her favorite color was purple and she wore it often. She loved Lewis Carroll and Alice, Star Trek (especially all those strong women), & Frieda Kahlo; both the artist & the sufferer. She fought and survived breast cancer (x3), throat cancer and a stroke, ;and was a supporter of all women with serious illness and was involved in many recovery movements. She led by example and she was a powerful friend who has intersected my life in a way I have yet to discover the extent of. I will miss her.



This publication is a regular compilation of news and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to help keep you informed about news and events relevant to the UCSD LGBT community. For more information about the Rainbow Newsletter or to offer your comments or suggestions, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at (858) 822-3493 or rainbow@ucsd.edu. Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter.asp>.

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