

# NATIONAL GAY ARCHIVES

## NATALIE BARNEY/EDWARD CARPENTER LIBRARY

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May 18, 1981

Ms. Bunny MacCalloch  
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Dear Bunny:

We received your letter and are grateful as to its thoughtful and considerate content.

To get right to the point, Jim Kepner has kept the board informed of your interest and support of the Archives. We very much value your input and singlemindedness in your relations with the Archives. At present there are several vacancies open on the Board of Directors. I think we could gain from your level headedness and devotion to lesbian and gay history and culture. After several months of consideration of your valuable assistance and good nature, and being in receipt of your letter, we have nominated you to take a position on the National Gay Archives Board of Directors. I hope you will give some serious thought to this invitation.

I shall enumerate as briefly as possible some of the support and input we currently have.

Morris Kight and his circle of helpers, which includes Ivy Bottini, agreed, under supervision of the Board of Directors, to prepare applications for grants or other funding and endowments. Morris was very successful in a recent local mail campaign for the Archives in which he and his assistants helped to raise \$1,500 on a personal appeal. He is also a good motivator of others.

Nancy Taylor, formerly a board member, now with Women's Alcoholism Center is our consultant on separatist issues with the Women's community.

Briefly the active local board members are as follows: <sup>(3)</sup> Donna Smith, treasurer, is active in the ACLU-GRC and has also been very active for many years in the labor movement. Dave Moore, assistant chair of the library committee is also on the Board of Trustees of One Inc. where he is currently staff librarian. <sup>(9)</sup> Gary Steele is national president of The Gay Academic Union, teaches a course in gay studies



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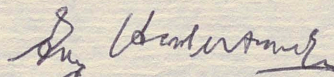
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at UCLA and has many contacts in the Academic community. <sup>(2)</sup> Myself, I was an organizer in the early 70's of a gay cultural group (fine arts) as well as active in various gay religious liberal groups and the Gay Liberation Front where I met <sup>(1)</sup> Jim. <sup>(4)</sup> Lynne Sipe, besides developing the catalogue system for the Barney/Carpenter Library is also director of the Von Klinesmidt Library at the University of Southern California.

As a matter of philosophy, I think the entire board would agree with me that while a highly professional approach to organization is desirable, we feel that accessibility is an overall guide. This means a community oriented approach providing access to the materials, education and a forum for public discussion, as the business of the archives. While we value the input and exchange with professionals and academia, we feel it is important to respond to and have the input of the grass roots as well. I am convinced that the two are not mutually exclusive as they are often treated. To sum up my feelings, knowledge is not the property of an elite group, but belongs to all who desire to seek, learn and take care of its dominion.

Thank you for your valuable assistance. I hope you can make a decision in our favor and am looking forward to talking with you again.

Sincerely yours,



Gary Hundertmark  
President

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cc: Jim Kepner

- ⑤ LUCIA CHAPPELLE MINISTER in MCC, BLACK, RADICAL
- ⑥ Gittys - A.L.A., BIBLIO
- ⑦ FOSTER GUMISON is an oldtime activist "institute for social understanding" library  
Consisting mostly of papers (as opposed to books)
- ⑧ JIM LEVIN, NY, GAY LIBERATION FRONT, AN ACADEMIC; MICROFILMED MUCH OF  
THE COLLECTION