

# GAY AND LESBIAN ARCHIVES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL REPORT 2007

2007 has been a fantastic year for GLAPN in preserving the community histories of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Oregonians. We have been busy collecting oral histories of individuals' diverse experiences. We processed personal and organizational collections that reflect the struggles and celebrations of our community. We partnered with several Portland organizations to grow our group and our collections. The GLAPN collection has been invaluable to researchers, and has become one of the most important archives to turn to when you have questions about our rich LGBTQ history in the Pacific Northwest.

## GLAPN 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

- Raised more than \$3,750 to support our preservation efforts.
- Partnered with Portland State University in processing collections and collecting oral histories.
- Embarked on a multi-year oral history initiative.
- Developed a partnership with the Q Center to expand our membership.
- Collected 26 oral histories and interview transcripts of community members.
- Served as a source for local and national researchers.

The Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest (GLAPN) was formed in October 1994 by community-based historians interested in preserving the local history of our diverse community. Our mission is to collect and preserve the history of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community.

The GLAPN collection of oral histories, photographs, newspapers and other historical documents is housed at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, Oregon, which is open and accessible to the public. GLAPN accepts donations of personal and organizational materials with LGBTQ interests. We rely on cash donations from individuals and foundations help us preserve donated materials and make them available to researchers and the general public.



GLAPN members Dick Burdon, Dave Kohl, Christa Orth, Rob Douglass, Pat Young, Geoff Wexler

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## GLAPN/PSU PARTNERSHIP YIELDS IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

GLAPN has participated as one of PSU's capstone community partners since 2000. In the past year, the students have processed boxes of items from the Lesbian Community Project (completed) and the Ann Shepherd Papers (in process). They have also conducted 26 interviews with community members such as Kathleen Sadaat, Jerry Weller, Eugene Woodworth, and Eric Marcoux. All of the projects are then donated to the Oregon Historical Society. Engaging with queer archives is extremely valuable for students who are seeking answers to questions about Oregon's queer history. GLAPN also benefits greatly as the students help us create a foundational historical archive for researchers in the future.

For more information about the project, contact Christa Orth at [christamae@yahoo.com](mailto:christamae@yahoo.com)

### PUBLISHERS AWARD FOR LOCAL HISTORIAN

GLAPN member and local historian David Kohl's extraordinary book "A Curious and Peculiar People" is the recipient of the Silver Award by the Independent Publisher's group. Dave conducted hundreds of interviews and utilized the GLAPN papers for his research. Congratulations Dave!

About the Book (from Q-Press website):

A Curious and Peculiar People is a history of the Portland GLBTQ community as experienced through the Metropolitan Community Church, founded in 1976. The book traces the roots of Portland gay culture to the early 20th century, and examines gay and lesbian businesses, organizations, issues like AIDS, and politics. Illustrated with over 700 photographs and an appendix including a listing of known GLBT meeting places, businesses, and groups. and lesbian businesses, organizations, issues like AIDS, and politics.

For more information about the book visit [www.the-q-press.com](http://www.the-q-press.com)

### GLAPN GOES DIGITAL

GLAPN will launch our new website early 2008. Be looking for [www.glapn.org](http://www.glapn.org) Thanks to volunteers Aaron Ray and Robin Will!

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### JOIN US FOR LGBTQ HISTORY!

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