

Rationalization for Installation of HTG Archives in Stanford University's Manuscripts Library

It is recommended that the High Tech Gay (HTG) archives be installed in the Stanford University Manuscripts Library for educational and research purposes because they document the sociological, political, and, indeed, spiritual struggles of a People. Such archives have been destroyed over the millennia—the loss of history of a People due to prejudice. Such a loss destroys self-esteem and self-awareness and serves to enslave the human spirit. The HTG archives:

1. Document the struggle of a People to stay alive.
2. Document a People's self-awareness in terms of the Other's ("straight"/heterosexual) view, i.e.: the desire to meet/assemble/congregate/share on an intellectual and political level, vs. a sexual level (as symbolized in the bar situation/environment).
3. Document a political awakening (Power in numbers), the use of media and local and national elections.
4. Document Gay social activities in other than sexual terms.
5. Document the Gay view of sex in terms of spoof and humor.
6. Document the use of the U.S. Court System to achieve goals of fairness and equality. (SRI COURT CASES / FBI - RICHARD GAYLER)
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7. Document the high social and economic status of the HTG membership vis-à-vis the types of jobs they hold (engineers, doctors, lawyers, educators—Stanford Professors, among others).
8. Document a Gay identity in terms of social status, power, and other than sexual activity—these archives counteract the "straight" mythological view of Gays.
9. Document the struggle for non-discrimination in the work place, actual written non-discrimination Personnel policies of major Silicon Valley corporations from Apple to IBM to Lockheed, among others.
10. Document Domestic Partners benefits in these major work places, including Stanford.

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11. Document leadership in removing the ban against Gays in the military.
12. Document connections among major Gay membership groups: HTG, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee (BAYMEC), and AIDS-fighting task forces.
13. Document the rise in Gay political power: From 1983, when politicians wouldn't be caught dead with an endorsement from or a speaking engagement with any Gay group to 1993, when politicians clamor for both and show major concern when they haven't been invited to a Gay function.
14. Document growth of a small Bay Area group who came together for social need and became a moving force locally, nationally (CIA court cases, military ban), and internationally (the connection with Russian Gays who, via their published communications to the world with an Apple Macintosh, saved Yeltsin during the August, 1991, coup to overthrow the Russian Government) and wound up moving for global change in attitudes about Gays.