

SAHA Annual Report: July 1997 - June 1998

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1. USE MADE OF SAHA COLLECTIONS

The statistics below reflect the use made of SAHA for the 1997/1998 period compared to the use in the 1996/1997 period.

	1997/1998	1996/1997
Number of Daily Users	631	565
Number of boxes requested	793	728
Number of Researchers	146	128

The origin of the researchers who used SAHA material are as follows:

Year	Total	Wits	South Africa	International
1996/1997	128	45	57	26
1997/1998 ¹	146	53	56	37

The following is a breakdown of the purpose of the research conducted:

Year	Television	Publication	Academic	Exhibitions	Other
1996/1997	6	12	69	5	36
1997/1998	9	16	48	2	71

¹See Appendix 1 for details of researchers

The following collections were used during the 1997/1998 period:

- Photographs
- U nited Democratic Front
- SAHA Database (extensively)
- Frederickse Interviews
- PLANACT
- DPSC
- Posters
- Slides
- Transvaal Indian Congress
- Garmeson Papers
- GALA collections (extensively)

2. SERVICES PROVIDED

2.1 Reference

793 boxes of material were consulted by researchers during the 1997/1998 period.

2.2 Facilities

The following facilities are available:

- On-line database to PHT/SAHA Database material
- Photocopying
- Indexed Inventories to processed SAHA and GALA collections
- Photographic reproduction
- Scanning
- Web site with links to Historical Papers and GALA
- All sorted collections are available on the National Register of Manuscripts (NAREM) in finding aid form

3. LIAISON

SAHA's location within a tertiary institution has allowed SAHA to act as a catalyst for the development of course work around its collections. SAHA has also been one of the key organisers of an advanced seminar and workshop series which will be hosted by the University's Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences in July 1998. One of the planned outcomes of the seminar series will be to produce a core curriculum for the archival component of a Heritage Degree to be offered at Wits from 1999. SAHA staff will be playing a pivotal role in the development of this course.

A close association was maintained with the relevant academic departments, particularly the History, Political Studies and Education departments. Organised visits to Historical Papers and SAHA were arranged in conjunction with various lecturers for third year and honours students from these departments.

Close links are maintained with GALA and many exciting GALA collections have been added during the last year. Ms Pickover continues to represent the SAHA Board of Trustees on the GALA Advisory Board. A successful launch of *The Friends of GALA* was held in December 1997.

4. PROBLEMS

As mentioned in previous annual reports many collections remain unsorted as a result of staff shortages. The huge physical size of some of the collections also adds to this problem as much time is needed to sort, arrange and describe them.

Unfortunately the University bursary students scheme has not, in the long term, proved to be very helpful because their services are erratic, they are only available on a very limited basis and enormous supervision and assistance is required.

5. STAFF

Staff duties during this period included:

- monitoring, supervision and feedback re archival collections and general administrative matters;
- sorting collections and preparing them for research;
- assisting researchers;
- general correspondence;
- administration of finances;
- preparation of reports and budgets;
- attending meetings and conferences;
- liaising with Gay and Lesbian Archives and other archival institutions

After discussions between SAHA and PLANACT, it was agreed that PLANACT would pay a student, Ephrahim Siluma, for a year, to arrange and describe their large collection. This has been very helpful.

A researcher, Karen Martin, has been employed by GALA to assist with the sorting of their collections.

6. TECHNICAL SERVICES

The following acquisitions were made during this period:

- National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality
- Simon Nkoli Papers
- PLANACT (additions)
- Rand Gay Organisation
- Ceasefire (additions)
- Azanian Student Convention (Wits Branch)
- Stephen Gray Collection
- Andrew Verster Collection
- Neil le Roux Papers
- Congress of Pink Democrats
- Edwin Cameron Collection
- Gay and Lesbian Organisation of Pretoria
- Matla Trust
- Namibia Collection (GALA)
- Swaziland Collection (GALA)
- UNISA Sexual Orientation Forum
- Press cuttings re gay and lesbian issues (additions)
- Alan Vecich Papers
- Collen Craig Collection
- Nkateko
- In the Pink
- Gerald Kraak Collection

7. GENERAL

7.1 Conferences, workshops and meetings

- ESARBICA. 14th Biennial General Conference
- SASA Symposium on Macro-Appraisal Policy
- African Studies Conference (USA)
- COLISA (Consortium of Distance Education Institutions) meetings re outcomes-based education for archival studies
- Digital Imaging Workshop, Wits
- Mindex Demonstration on Databases and the Web (InMagic)
- P and DM seminar re information economy in South Africa
- Cornell University course on digital imaging
- Meetings of the National Digital Imaging Project Committee
- Meetings of SASA National Committee

7.2 Papers and Publications

- Ms Pickover delivered a paper at the African Studies Conference (Columbus, Ohio) on "Perspectives from South Africa" published in "Africana Librarianship in the 21st Century: Treasuring the Past and Building the Future", African Studies Program, Indiana University, 1998
- Ms Saleh wrote a joint article with C. Kruger on "Archives and the Internet" in AMLIB Newsletter, Number 64, September/October 1997
- Ms Pickover was the Guest Editor of AMLIB Newsletter 64, September/October 1997.

7.3 Membership of Professional Associations

Ms Saleh and Ms Pickover are members of:

- South African Society of Archivists (SASA). Ms Pickover is Chairperson and Ms Saleh is a member of the committee
- AMLIB
- ACARM
- ESCARBICA

Ms Saleh remains appointed to Technicon SA's Advisory Committee for Archival Studies.

Ms Pickover is a member of the National Digital Imaging Project Committee

7.4 Co-operation with other institutions

- Duplicate posters remain on a travelling exhibition in the USA arranged by are the UAW (international Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America;
- Ms Saleh worked with Ms Kruger from Historical Papers to create a SAHA Home Page on the Internet. Ms Saleh also created a home page for GALA which is linked to the home pages of both SAHA and Historical Papers. Our URL is: <http://www/wits/ac.za/library/general/saha.html>

7.5 Financial Statement for 1996/1997

Please see attached document (Appendix 2)

Appendix 1

DETAILS OF USE MADE OF SAHA COLLECTIONS, JULY 1997 – JUNE 1998

Organisations and Government Departments

Truth and Reconciliation Commission
SABC TV
Ceasefire
Gauteng Health Department
Gauteng Legislature
Office of the President
African National Congress
COSATU
National Monuments Council
Office of Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe
National Coalition for Gays and Lesbian Equality
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Individuals

Allenberg, N.
Armstrong, A.

Barrett, E.
Belikoff, S.
Boyce, N.
Brown, T.
Brundrit, J.
Budlender, S.

Chand, J.
Chicktay, M.
Clark, G.
Clarkson, K.
Conacher, A.

Davidowitz, O.
De Boer
De Jager, J.
De Villiers, R.
Dhillon, D.
Dlamini, S.

Fleetwood, D.
Flusk, G.
Freeman, R.

Gerhart, G.
(and 3 others)
Ginsburg, R.
Golebrewsha, K.
Gordin, D.

Harlow, B.
Harris, A.
Hill, S.
Hlatshwayo, S.
Hoad, N.
Hoeane, T.
Horton, C.

Israel, M.

Joannides, H.
Jones, J.

Khoza, L.
Klein, H.
Krouse, M.

Lazar, E.
Levy, S.
Lewis, J.
Luirink, B.

Maape, K.
Maart, B.
Mabizela, M.
Macun, I.
Madyibi, A.
Magalefa, T.
Makhubedu, T.
Malapane, M.
Mania, A.
Marema, J.
Martin, K.
Masango, G.
Masumbe, B.
McEwan, C.
Meintjies, S.
Mosang, P.
Motlhatlhedhi, T.

Motloba, L.
Mpetukana, T.
Mpunga, N.
Mwanuka, N.

Nasina, N.
Ndlangesa, C.
Ndumo, J.
Nel, M.
Nkosi, P.
Norton, M.
Ntuli, S.
Nzaah, G.

Papadopolos, J.
Pimdo, m.

Rametse, M.
Randall, D.
Rasethe, M.
Reddy, S.
Ross, R.
Rost, I.
Roth, M.
Rubushe, S.

Sadie, P.
Samba, C.
Sano, M.
Scruggs-Yearwood, T.
Segal, M.
Setewane, N.
Silverman, M.

Taylor, C.
Tren Grove-Jones, T.
Trisk, B.
Tsimboukis, T.

Wadee, H.
Winkler, M.
Wright, R.

Yoro, J.

Zain, M.

Research

Undergraduate and Honours

Representation of South African History, locally and globally
Heroic political figures
The End Conscription Campaign
Gay rights in South Africa
Apartheid teacher education
Role of youth violence in the PWV townships in the 1980s
The equality clause in the constitution
1968 Immorality Act
Polarisation between hostel dwellers and township people on the East Rand, 1985
Images of Sophiatown
Conscientious Objection
AIDS Memorials
Gay Pride marches
Indian Resistance against Apartheid
How transformation has affected the daily life of gays and lesbians in South Africa
Gay society on Wits campus
Detainees at John Voster Square
1987 COSATU strikes
The assassination of David Webster

Masters

Ethnicity and the Indian community post 1990
Women's organisations in South Africa
The ambivalence of the ANC vis-à-vis the USA
Comparative regional study of homosexual "crime"
Reconstruction of the Soweto Riots
The unique political alliance: a historical analysis of the changing character of the relationship between the SACP and the ANC, 1921 – 1990
Arguments used by the police in the campaign against homosexuality

Doctorates

The United Democratic Front
Dutch-South African relations
Urban African housing
Domestic workers in Johannesburg post 1990
Black activists in the South African Communist Party
Cross-cultural rhetoric's of race and sexuality in South Africa, 1966 – present
Comparative study of the protection of employee's right to strike

Ways Anti-Apartheid organisations constructed a tradition of resistance through
visuals

and slogans in posters, t-shirts and banners, of the 1980s.

Trade Union growth, structure and power in South Africa, 1970 - 1996

Review of the relevance of the two-stage strategy in the South African political
economy

The 1995 Labour Relations Act: A critique

History of business in Soweto

Judges and Politics: sentencing of political offenders, 1960 - 1990

Television Documentaries and Dramas

100 years of education

Dramatisation of the life of Helen Joseph

Mugabe campaign against gays and lesbians in Zimbabwe

People of the South – research re interviews with individuals

The Labour Relations Act

Gay rights in South Africa

Apartheid Education in Schools

Robben Island

Grassroots women's movements in post-apartheid South Africa

Articles and Publications

Homophobia in Swaziland

Sexual orientation: local and legal movements

From Protest to Challenge, Vols 6 & 7

South African Political Exiles in the UK

Gay issues (play)

Book on South African life

Article on decriminalisation of consensual adult sex between males

Workbook on Apartheid and Racial Discrimination (MARU)

Lesbian history in the gay world (novel)

Article re Ruth First

Book re Oliver Tambo

Book on Gay and Lesbian life in Southern Africa

Article on Winnie Mandela

Article re forecasting on South African Transition

Article for EXIT newspaper re gay history

Article re gay liberation movement

Other

Submissions to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
ANC organisational work
Renaming of a hospital (Yusaf Dadoo)
Speech by Gauteng GTMC on early Indian Passive Resisters
Archives as source material
Course assignments
Teaching purposes
Exhibitions
Wits Debating Society: Homosexuality and African Culture
Postcards of struggle posters
Project re gay and lesbian life in Johannesburg in the 1950s
Government statements on black consciousness and SASO
Visual documentation for inclusion in school learning packs
COSATU resolutions
Regina Mundi Church (Heritage Site)
Training and Development (Provincial Government)
Case study on cross-subsidisation
Courses in Trade Union Studies