

Dr. Eric Berne's official archives are owned and under the control of the University of California San Francisco's Library. They currently have audio tapes spanning 12 years from 1958-70. Due to the age of the tapes the UCSF Library staff and people in the ITAA community would like to begin preserving them on digital media as soon as possible. Since the Library has limited resources for such an extensive project we plan to raise donations to help pay for the digital conversion. The Library's main priority at this time is to preserve the tapes on digital media to insure that future scholars will have access to this historic material.

I am a psychiatrist, friend, and colleague who trained with Eric Berne for five years and an original Grandfather Member of the ITAA, so I, like many of you, have a keen interest in preserving these historic tapes. To insure that the tapes are available in the future, the people in the Transactional Analysis community and others are asking for donations to digitize and preserve these tapes before they are lost to the decay of time.

The tapes have been recorded on varying sizes of reel-to-reel tapes, at different speeds, and machines, all on different types of magnetic tape that evolved over the years. Some of the tapes look eroded; some have surface separations. The Library is using a vendor specializing in preservation and restoration of archival tapes to recover the material digitally. This vendor has the necessary old audio players and the computer technology for the project, which is unavailable at the library, and the ability to organize and categorize the material into usable DVDs.

UCSF is receiving information regarding the scope of the work and the estimated cost as the vendor examines the tapes. Currently over \$5,000 in donations have been received internationally and the hope is that we can reach the \$10,000 estimate for the first phase of the project. UCSF may be able to provide some additional funds in the future from grant money, but funding, as with the ITAA, may be difficult or delayed.

You can donate directly to the Eric Berne Heritage Fund directly through this website by clicking the "Payment Options" link in this "Eric Berne Heritage Fund" section.

UCSF's vendor has now received the first payment of \$1,200 and has completed Phase One of the selected 47 tapes on March 1st, 2008. Negotiations are now in progress.

The collection has over 100 tapes with various writings on the box to indicate their importance. The Library has selected a number of them for the work to begin. They represent the only remaining records of his keynote lectures, conference presentations, and training meetings. Many of the tapes are from the weekly two-hour Tuesday night seminars in San Francisco where Dr. Berne would present new ideas from the books he was writing while faithfully recording everything weekly. There was feedback, comments, new ideas, and presentations over those years from Eric and the original "grandfather" seminar members we have met and read about. It is the only recorded history of how Transactional Analysis began. See the partial list of topics and names of participants under the accompanying link here "Descriptions of Audio Tapes 1-47". We will also post a page of the cost estimates and some photos of the archival library for visitors and scholars.

These Eric Berne archival materials are owned by the UCSF Library and are not for sale. They are not associated with my personal workshop DVDs offered on this website.

Your help is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

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