

Gay and Lesbian Organizations Collection, 1972-1996

Overview of the Collection

Title	Gay and Lesbian Organizations Collection
Dates	1972-1996 (inclusive) 1919 1970
Quantity	1.5 cubic feet , (2 document cases, 1 oversize folder)
Collection Number	Mss 2988-4
Summary	Items include flyers, brochures, press releases, programs, and miscellaneous items for a variety of gay and lesbian organizations, mainly in the Portland, Oregon, area, with a small amount of information from Seattle.
Repository	Oregon Historical Society, Davies Family Research Library Davies Family Research Library Oregon Historical Society 1200 SW Park Avenue Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: 503-306-5240 Fax: 503-219-2040 libreference@ohs.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English.

Content Description

Items include flyers, brochures, press releases, programs, and miscellaneous items for a variety of gay and lesbian organizations, mainly in the area of Portland, Oregon, with a small amount of information from Seattle. Included is an organizing manual for the group RATS (Radical Activist Truth Squad), which later merged with ACTUP/Portland. The organizations deal mainly with civil rights and AIDS issues, but also included is information on the Portland Gay Men's Chorus. Some information is included on the Oregon Citizens Alliance and Measure 9 from 1992, the anti-Gay amendment, as well as the Right to Privacy PAC and No on 9. See Mss 2988-3 for much more detailed information on Measure 9.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series:

Series A: Organizations

Series B: General files

Custodial History

Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest.

Acquisition Information

Acquired from an anonymous donor via the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest.

Separated Materials

The following materials were separated to the Artifact Collections, Oregon Historical Society

T-shirt "Act Up For Your Life, Portland, Oregon" (black, with pink triangle and white and black lettering)

Political button "Pump Up the Budget! Healthcare Is A Right" (black, with red cross and white lettering)

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series A: Organizations, circa 1973-1993

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	ACTUP/Columbia Includes miscellaneous flyers, press releases, meeting notes, and other material about the organization. This group formed from a merger of ACTUP/Portland and RATS (Radical Action Truth Squad).	circa 1992
1/2	ACTUP--General materials	circa 1992

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Includes news clippings, resource lists, flyers, and other miscellaneous material not easily identifiable as pertaining to a particular group.	
1/3	Educators for Equity mission statement and membership form	undated
1/4	Equity Foundation brochure	circa 1991
1/5	Gay Activists Alliance list of Gay organizations Listing of organizations (with addresses and telephone numbers) of Gay and Lesbian organizations throughout the United States. Includes a number of organizations in Oregon and Washington. Dated February 1, 1973, with errata and addenda dated March 1, 1973.	1973
1/6	Homophobic Violence Reporting Line and Documentation Project Report of Lesbian Community Project documenting anti-Gay harassment and violence in the Portland area, July-December 1981.	1991
1/7	Oregon Citizen Alliance newspapers Two undated newspapers of the OCA urging support for Measure 9. (Also see Mss 2988-3, Right to Privacy PAC and No on 9).	circa 1992
1/8	Portland Gay Liberation Front "Fact Sheet on Homosexuality" stamped with "Portland Gay Liberation Front," undated, and Portland Gay Liberation Front newsletter, early 1970s.	circa 1973-1974
1/9	Portland Gay Men's Chorus Financial donation envelope and season brochures.	1987-1988 1994-1995
1/10	Portland Gay Men's Chorus Program brochures and cassette tape of "Zillions".	1982-1985
1/11-12	Portland Gay Men's Chorus Program brochures.	1986-1996
1/13	Portland Gay Men's Chorus Tickets to "Men in Lights," November 20, 1994.	1994
1/14	Queer Nation/Portland Flyer titled "Believe It Queer Nation".	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/15	RATS (Radical Activist Truth Squad) Includes miscellaneous flyers, notes, organizational rules, and other material about the organization (1992-1993). Also includes material on the Oregon Health Plan, particularly as it relates to AIDS (1990-1992).	1990-1993
2/1-4	RATS (Radical Activist Truth Squad) New Member Packet Materials from a three-ring binder. Arranged in binder order.	circa 1991
2/5	Second Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth Conference Flyer for conference in Beaverton, Oregon.	1993 October 28-29

Series B: General files, 1972-1993

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
2/6	AIDS and Measure 9 Flyers concerning the impact of Ballot Measure 9 on AIDS programs. (Also see Mss 2988-3, Right to Privacy PAC and No on 9).	1992
2/7	Days Together calendar Calendar showing Gay and Lesbian families. Photography by Geoff Manasse Photography of Seattle.	1993
2/8	<i>The Gay Insider U.S.A</i> Book with listings of bars, bathhouses, and organizations throughout the United States. Also includes narrative on each state, giving political and social information related to Gay rights. Includes information on Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Author: John Francis Hunter (New York: Stonehill Publishing, 1972).	1972
2/9	Homo Alert!!! Press release regarding Arizona Senator John McCain's speech to the Oregon Citizens Alliance, August 30, 1993. (Also see Mss 2988-3, Right to Privacy PAC and No on 9.)	1993
2/10	No on 9--General materials Includes flyers and peel-off stickers urging opposition to Measure 9 and negative flyers about Lon Mabon and Scott Lively, two leaders of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, the	circa 1992

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	organization promoting Measure 9. (Also see Mss 1988-3, Right to Privacy PAC and No on 9).	
2/11	Oregon Health Plan Includes miscellaneous information about the Oregon Health Plan, mainly as it relates to AIDS.	1991-1992
2/12	Oregon Health Plan newspaper articles	1991-1992
2/13	Seattle Miscellaneous Seattle area AIDS Resources listing (1990) and QSPIN (Queer Seattle Public Information Network) press release (1992).	1990, 1992

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest.

Gay liberation movement--Oregon.

Gay rights--Oregon.

Gays--Legal status, laws, etc.--Oregon.

Gays--Oregon--Identity.

Corporate Names :

Radical Activist Truth Squad (Portland, Or.)

Portland Gay Men's Chorus

Geographical Names :

Oregon--Politics and government.

Portland (Or.)--History

Form or Genre Terms :

Newsletters.

Newspapers.

Posters

Printed ephemera.

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