

Roger Troen collection, 1970-1979

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Troen, Roger
Title	Roger Troen collection
Dates	1970-1979 (inclusive) 1919 1970
Quantity	1.5 cubic feet, (4 document boxes)
Collection Number	Mss 2988-2
Summary	Papers of a gay activist of Portland, Oregon. Includes: national magazines containing articles about homosexuality or gay civil rights; a variety of local publications from Oregon and Washington; clippings from local newspapers about gay rights issues; correspondence; and miscellaneous political information from the 1970s.
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.

Biographical Note

Roger Troen was an early out-of-the-closet gay activist in Portland and Multnomah County. He ran unsuccessfully for the Oregon House of Representatives in 1972 as the first openly gay candidate for a state office Oregon.

Content Description

The collection includes national magazines containing articles about homosexuality or gay civil rights; a variety of local publications from Oregon (primarily Portland) and Washington; clippings from local newspapers about gay rights issues; files on gay organizations, including the Oregon Gay Alliance; correspondence; and miscellaneous political information from the 1970s.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series:

- Series A: Correspondence
- Series B: Organizations
- Series C: Publications
- Series D: General files

Custodial History

The collection was acquired from Roger Troen by the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest (GLAPN) and later donated to the Oregon Historical Society.

Acquisition Information

Acquired from the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest

Detailed Description of the Collection

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

Series A: Correspondence, 1972-1979

Letters to Roger Troen and various gay organizations he was associated with

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1		1972-1979
1/2		undated

Series B: Organizations, 1972-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/3	Children of Zeis	undated
1/4	Committee to Free Larry Slovak	1974
1/5	Democratic Party	1978
1/6	Gay Liberation Front--Stationary	undated
1/7	Oregon Gay Alliance (Albany)--Newsletter	1978 January/ February
1/8	Oregon Gay Alliance (Klamath Falls)--Newsletter	1978 March-April
1/9	Oregon Gay Political Caucus--Endorsements	undated
1/10	Parents' Action Team Against Gay Influence	1976
1/11	Portland Gay People's Alliance (Portland State University)-- Newsletter	undated
1/12	Portland Gay Liberation Front--Clippings, flyers, circulars	circa 1972-1978
Portland Town Council		
Box/Folder		
1/13	Clippings, flyers, ephemera (including "An idea whose time has come")	circa 1977-1979
1/14	<i>Gay Rights</i> (newsletter)	1977-1979
1/15	<i>A legislative guide to gay rights</i>	1977
Box/Folder		
1/16	Radical Women (Seattle)--Manifesto	1973 April
1/17	Universal Life Church of the Living Example--Stationary	undated

Series C: Publications, 1970-1978

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
1/18	<i>Advocate</i> (with article "Portland OKs gay rights")	1975 January 15
1/19	<i>Breakdown</i> Includes May 29-June 4, 1973 and July 24, 1973.	1973 May - July
1/20	Canadian newspapers Miscellaneous papers from Vancouver, British Columbia.	1972-1973
1/21	<i>Capitol Forum</i> (Salem) Includes August and September 1978 and letter of July 25, 1978.	1978
1/22	<i>Changing Men</i> (Portland) Includes issues of March 1974, April 1974, October 1974, December 1974, June 1976, June 1977, and July 1977.	1974 March - 1977 July
1/23	<i>Clarion Defender</i> Includes an article urging Blacks to oppose Gay rights. Black-oriented newspaper.	1977 March 9
1/24	<i>Clinton Street Quarterly</i> Winter 1979 issue.	1979
2/1-2	<i>The Fountain</i> (Portland) Includes May 1971, February 1972, January 1973, and April 1974.	1971 - April 1974
2/3	<i>Lifemagazine</i> Includes "Homosexuals in Revolt"	1971 December 31
2/4	<i>Northwest Gay Review</i> (Portland) Includes issues of October 1974, November 1974, November 1975, July 1976, March 1977, and January/February 1978.	1974 October - 1978 January/ February
2/5	<i>Old Portland Today</i>	1974 March
2/6	<i>Oregon Liberator</i> newsletter	1972-1978
2/7	<i>Oregonian, Oregon Journal, Northwest Magazine</i> Includes miscellaneous articles on Gay issues.	1972-1979
2/8	<i>Parents' Magazine</i>	1974 March

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	Includes "Homosexuality Today: What parents Want to Know"	
2/9	<i>PDC Ideal Magazine</i> Includes "Anita Bryant: The Woman Behind the Controversy"	1978 October
2/10	<i>Portland Scribe</i> Includes issue of August 10-23, 1974; December 21, 1974- January 3, 1975; June 23-29, 1977. Bi-weekly publication, later a weekly.	1974 August - 1977 June
2/11	Miscellaneous Portland newsletters Includes newsletters and clippings.	circa 1972-1978
2/12	<i>Psychology Today</i> Includes "The Healthy Homosexual"	1975 March
2/13	Seattle materials Flyers and newspapers from various Seattle groups.	1971-1978
2/14	<i>Stonewall Reports</i> (Seattle)	1975 September
3/2	<i>Thrust</i> Seattle newspaper: May/June 1973 to February 1974.	1973-1974
3/3	<i>Time</i> Includes solitary article, "The Mind of the Mass Murderer." Concerns Texas mass murderer Dean Corll and the sex ring he operated.	1973 August 27
3/4	<i>Timemagazine</i> Includes "I am a Homosexual: The Gay Drive for Acceptance" (feature about Air Force Sergeant Leonard Matlovich)	1975 September 8
3/5	<i>Vanguard</i> (Portland State University publication) Includes gay poetry and response in the form of letters to the editor in the April 23, 1974 issue.	1974 April 2
3/6	<i>Willamette Bridge</i> Note that the year is not contained in the newspaper, but reference in article to "Friday, November 20" gives year via perpetual calendar.	1970 December 4-9
3/7	Unidentified local Gay newspaper Includes portion of paper dating to late 1978 or early 1979, since it refers to the defeat of the Briggs Initiative in California	circa 1978

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	and the Seattle anti-Gay measure, both on the November 1978 ballot.	
3/8	General press clippings Includes clippings from mainstream newspapers concerning Gay issues.	1970-1977

Series D: General files, 1971-1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/9	Badges Includes an unidentified button including a pink triangle logo, and one for Gay Pride Week in 1975.	1975, undated
3/10	Singer vs. Hara, Brief of Respondent Includes brief of respondent (Hara) in Washington court suit brought by two Gay men attempting to marry.	circa 1973-1974
3/11	Burton, Peggy Includes newspaper article and letter concerning the case of Lesbian teacher Peggy Burton. The letter is one of thanks to Burton for her appearance on a local television program and is signed by Arlene Schnitzer.	1973-1974
3/12	Business/Service flyers Miscellaneous flyers and brochures dealing with business or services for the Gay/Lesbian community.	circa 1972
3/13	Campaign for state representative Includes miscellaneous information on Roger Troen's 1978 run for Oregon House of Representatives.	1978
3/14	Campaign literature Campaign brochures for Emily Ashworth's race for Governor of Oregon in 1978 and Vern Cope's for Portland City Council, undated.	1978; undated
3/15	Civil Rights, General Includes flyers and newspaper articles regarding miscellaneous aspects of civil rights on the basis of sexual orientation.	1973-1977
3/16	Eugene referendum	1977, 1978

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Includes newspaper articles, flyers, and miscellaneous information on 1977 Eugene sexual orientation anti-discrimination ordinance and the 1978 referendum thereon.	
3/17	"Free Blue Turner" (Men Against Sexism) Flyer regarding prisoner Blue Turner and his involvement with Men Against Sexism.	circa 1977-1980
3/18	Gay graphics Unidentified stencils of text and graphics.	undated
3/19	General materials Includes flyers, programs, and other material from Portland, not easily identifiable in many cases.	circa 1974-1979
3/20	Governor's Task Force Meeting minutes of the Governor's Task Force on Sexual Preference and related material.	1976-1977
3/21	House Bill 2930, 1973 Session Includes a bill that would have outlawed housing, employment, and public accommodations discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The bill was voted on by the Oregon House in 1973 and lost. This was the first sexual orientation anti-discrimination bill ever to be voted on by a state legislative body in U.S. history.	1973
4/1	Katz, Jonathan--Letter Includes letter requesting assistance in researching the life of Alberta Lucille Hart for his upcoming book Gay and Lesbian Almanac, dated February 26, 1978.	1978
4/2	National Gay Pride Week Includes "One Share Gay Pride, 1971" and flyer for Summer Climax '71, Labor Day Weekend Campout.	1971
4/3	Photos (unlabeled) and a Portland V.D. Clinic card	undated
4/4	Political events Miscellaneous information on political events.	undated
4/5	Resource guides Includes lists of Gay organizations and other resources.	1972-1976
4/6	Social events	undated

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	Miscellaneous flyers for Gay/Lesbian social events.	
4/7	Troen, Roger--campaign Campaign flyer for Oregon House of Representatives, 1972, and correspondence, 1978	1972, 1978
4/8	Washington (State) information Includes informational sheets from Seattle, Tacoma, and Bellingham.	circa 1972-1976

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Personal Names :

[Troen, Roger.](#)

Corporate Names :

[Oregon Gay Alliance.](#)

[Oregon--Legislative Assembly--House of Representatives.](#)

Geographical Names :

[Oregon--Politics and government.](#)

[Portland \(Or.\)--Social life and customs.](#)

Form or Genre Terms :

[Clippings.](#)

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