Title: William A. Rhoads Nude Male photographs
Identifier/Call Number: Coll2008.026
Contributing Institution: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet.
Date (inclusive): circa 1975-1981
creator: Rhoads, William A.
Access
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.
Publication Rights
Publication of images in this collection is restricted until 2061.
Preferred Citation
Acquisition Information
Custodial History
Upon Rhoads' death, following instructions left to the executor of his estate, all his photographs were given to Joseph Carrier, who donated the collection to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives in June 2006.
Processing Information
Processing this collection has been funded by a generous grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.
Biography
William A. Rhoads earned a PhD in botany, and worked for defense contractor EG&G (Egerton, Germeshausen, and Grier), Inc., studying the effects of radiation on plants for the Atomic Energy Commission. He spent his weekends in a small house he owned near Venice Beach, but lived weekdays in Goleta, where EG&G's Santa Barbara Operations were based. He died of congenital heart disease in the early 1980s.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of nude photographs of males, and in one instance of a male-female couple, most apparently picked up hitchhiking along the Pacific Coast Highway on the northward journey from Santa Monica to Santa Barbara. Approximately a third of the models are identified, and their photographs dated; a list of these models is available with the collection, but for privacy reasons they are identified in this finding aid only by initials. The remaining photographs are not identified, and are not dated. An account by Joseph Carrier of the circumstances under which the photographs were taken is included with the collection. Between Rhoads' death and the acquisition of the collection by ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives many of the prints and virtually all the negatives in the original collection were damaged beyond repair by high humidity; many of the surviving photographs are heavily warped.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Rhoads, William A.
Gay erotic photography
Photographs
Photography of men
Photography of the nude

Box 1, Folder 1
Account by Joseph Carrier August 3, 2006
Box 1, Folder 2
No date

Physical Description: 1.0 photograph.
Box 1, Folder 3  X. from Aguas Calientes March 1975
   Physical Description: 1.0 photograph.

Box 1, Folder 4  M. B No date
   Physical Description: 3.0 proof sheets.

Box 1, Folder 5  R. C No date
   Physical Description: 1.0 photograph.

Box 1, Folder 6  D. C No date
   General Physical Description note: 1 photograph, 1 proof sheet.

Box 1, Folder 7  G. E August 11, 1979
   General Physical Description note: 4 photographs, 1 proof sheet.

Box 1, Folder 8  D. L No date
   Physical Description: 11.0 photographs.

Box 1, Folder 9  Male-female couple (L. M. & B. D.) November 1975
   General Physical Description note: 6 photographs, 8 proof sheets.

Box 1, Folder 10 T. M October 1979
   Physical Description: 7.0 photographs.

Box 1, Folder 11 J. M January-February 1981
   Physical Description: 9.0 photographs.

Box 1, Folder 12 R. R November 1980
   General Physical Description note: 11 photographs, 3 proof sheets.

Box 1, Folder 13 M. S No date
   General Physical Description note: 15 photographs, 4 proof sheets.

Box 2, Folder 1  M. A. T January 20, 1980
   Physical Description: 1.0 proof sheet.

Box 2, Folder 2  D. W. V. S. August 7, 1981
   General Physical Description note: 25 photographs, 4 proof sheets.

Box 2, Folder 3  Unidentified June 21, 1978
   General Physical Description note: 19 photographs, 7 proof sheets.

Box 2, Folder 4  Unidentified No date
   Physical Description: 9.0 photographs.

Box 2, Folder 5  Unidentified No date
   Physical Description: 2.0 photographs.

Box 2, Folder 6  Unidentified No date
   Physical Description: 2.0 photographs.

Box 2, Folder 7  Male couple No date
   Physical Description: 3.0 photographs.
Box 2, Folder 8  Older male (?self portraits)  No date
  General Physical Description note: 5 photographs, 1 proof sheet.

Box 2, Folder 9  Unidentified  No date
  Physical Description: 4.0 photographs.

Box 2, Folder 10  Unidentified  No date
  Physical Description: 8.0 photographs.

Box 3, Folder 1  Unidentified  No date
  Physical Description: 28.0 photographs.

Box 3, Folder 2  Unidentified  No date
  General Physical Description note: 15 photographs, 1 proof sheet.

Box 3, Folder 3  Unidentified  No date
  General Physical Description note: 29 photographs, 2 proof sheets.

Box 3, Folder 4  "I'm a Pepper" t-shirt  No date
  General Physical Description note: 11 photographs, 2 proof sheets.

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  Physical Description: 2.0 photographs.

Box 3, Folder 6  Unidentified  No date
  General Physical Description note: 9 photographs, 1 proof sheet.

Box 4, Folder 1  Unidentified  No date
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Box 4, Folder 3  Unidentified (very similar to 4 : 2)  No date
  Physical Description: 7.0 photographs.

Box 4, Folder 4  Unidentified  No date
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Box 4, Folder 5  Unidentified  No date
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Box 4, Folder 6  Unidentified  No date
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Box 4, Folder 7  Unidentified  No date
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Box 4, Folder 8  Unidentified  No date
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Box 5, Folder 2  Yoga poses  No date
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