Finding aid to the Olympics Out of Cobb County records, 1990-1998
Coll2013-053

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Date (inclusive): 1990-1998
Abstract: Correspondence, photographs, letters of support, notebooks, anti-gay material, flyers, press releases, banners, T-shirts, clippings, stamps, audiocassettes, a videocassette and other material from Olympics Out of Cobb County (OOCC), 1990-1998, as well as OOCC co-founder, Jon-Ivan Weaver. OOCC formed in 1994 as a grassroots response by individuals and organizations to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games' (ACOG) decision to hold the volleyball competition of the 1996 Olympic Games in Cobb County, Georgia. Cobb County came under fire from gay rights groups in 1993 when the Cobb County Board of Commissioners passed an anti-gay resolution condemning the "gay lifestyle."
Storage Unit: 1
Administrative History
Pat Hussain and Jon-Ivan Weaver founded Olympics Out of Cobb County (OOCC) in February 1994 in Atlanta, Georgia. OOCC formed as a grassroots response by individuals and organizations to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games' (ACOG) decision to hold the volleyball competition of the 1996 Olympic Games in Cobb County, Georgia. Cobb County came under fire from gay rights groups including Cobb Citizens Coalition in 1993 when the Cobb County board of commissioners, led by Gordon Wysong, passed an anti-gay resolution condemning the "gay lifestyle." Cobb Citizens Coalition began organizing for a repeal of the resolution and a boycott of Cobb County.
OOCC successfully staged a campaign of protests, letter writing and outreach in order to first remove the volleyball competition from Cobb County, and later to block the Olympic torch relay from passing through Cobb County. Organizations who helped and endorsed the work of OOCC included ACT-UP, Dykes & Faggots Bash Back, Human Rights Campaign Foundation and the Lesbian Avengers.
Sources :
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Acquisition
Donated by Jon-Ivan Weaver, January 20, 1999.
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Processing Information
Formerly boxes 103-240 and 103-241. Collection processed by Lane Goldszer, May 2013.
Scope and Contents
The collection comprises correspondence, photographs, letters of support, flyers, press releases, stickers, banners, T-shirts, clippings, stamps, letterhead and other material from Olympics Out of Cobb County, 1990-1998. Included are articles relating to bigotry in Cobb County, such as copies of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners' anti-gay resolution, a Neighbors Network report on anti-gay groups in Georgia, documentation of racist merchandise for sale in Cobb County, as well as hate mail and voice recordings received by Cobb Citizens Coalition.
The collection also contains a number of personal items that belonged to co-founder Jon-Ivan Weaver, including domestic partnership papers, an appointment book, speech notes, notepads, a videotape birthday tribute and a T-shirt and letter that Weaver delivered to Shirley Franklin the senior policy advisor for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) at the beginning of the campaign.
Arrangement
An index to the collection is at the beginning of the collection. The remaining folders are arranged alphabetically.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gay activists
Lesbian activists
Olympic Games (26th : 1996 : Atlanta, Ga.)
Demonstrations

Olympics Out of Cobb County records

Box 1, Folder 1
Item BAN142-143
Index to collection circa 1990-1998
Banners circa 1990-1996
Box 1, Folder 2
Business cards and phone numbers 1994
Box 1, Folder 3-14
Clippings 1994-1996
Physical Description: [12 folders]

Box 1, Folder 15
Cobb County resolution and Neighbors Network reports 1992-1994
Box 1, Folder 16-17
Correspondence 1994
Physical Description: [2 folders]

Box 1, Folder 18
Correspondence from Jon-Ivan Weaver to Shirley Franklin 1994
Box 1, Folder 19
Correspondence, International Olympic Commission and Atlanta Commission for the Olympic Games 1994
Box 1, Folder 20
Correspondence, letters of support from organizations and officials 1994
Box 1, Folder 21
Flyers and leaflets circa 1994-1996
Box 1, Folder 22
Hate merchandise in Cobb County circa 1990-1998
Box 1, Item AC1831
Hate messages to Cobb Citizens Coalition March - April 1994
Physical Description: 1 audiocassette.

Box 1, Folder 23
Identification badges 1994-1995
Box 1, Item AC1832
Out of Cobb: Trial by Fire, 8th Creating Change November 1995
Physical Description: 1 audiocassette.

Box 1, Folder 24
Photographs 1990-1996
Box 1, Folder 25
Press releases, notes and flyers 1994
Box 1, Folder 34
Rubber stamps: “Olympics Out Of Cobb County” and “Gay Money” circa 1990-1996
Box 1, Folder 26
Speech notes 1994
Box 1, Folder 27
Stickers circa 1990-1998
Box 1, Item GAR0926-0929
T-shirts 1990-1996
Box 1, Folder 28
Weaver, Jon-Ivan address and appointment book 1994
Box 1, Folder 29
Weaver, Jon-Ivan biographical papers 1993
Box 1, Folder 30
Weaver, Jon-Ivan notes circa 1994
Box 1, Folder 31-33
Weaver, Jon-Ivan notepads 1994-1996
Physical Description: [3 folders]

Box 1, Item VV2800
Weaver, Jon-Ivan; A Tribute to Jon-Ivan on His 45th Birthday February 19, 1998
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (VHS).