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

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creator: Weaver, Jon-Ivan

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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet1 archive box + 5 T-shirts + 2 banners.

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 (OCC), 1990-1998, as well as OCC co-founder, Jon-Ivan Weaver. OCC 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."

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Administrative History

Pat Hussain and Jon-Ivan Weaver founded Olympics Out of Cobb County (OCC) in February 1994 in Atlanta, Georgia. OCC 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 Wyson, 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.

OCC 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 OCC 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

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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

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Box 1, Folder 1 Item BAN142-143	Index to collection circa 1990-1998 Banners circa 1990-1996
Box 1, Folder 2 Box 1, Folder 3-14	Business cards and phone numbers 1994 Clippings 1994-1996 Physical Description: [12 folders]
Box 1, Folder 15 Box 1, Folder 16-17	Cobb County resolution and Neighbors Network reports 1992-1994 Correspondence 1994 Physical Description: [2 folders]
Box 1, Folder 18 Box 1, Folder 19	Correspondence from Jon-Ivan Weaver to Shirley Franklin 1994 Correspondence, International Olympic Commission and Atlanta Commission for the Olympic Games 1994
Box 1, Folder 20 Box 1, Folder 21 Box 1, Folder 22 Box 1, Item AC1831	Correspondence, letters of support from organizations and officials 1994 Flyers and leaflets circa 1994-1996 Hate merchandise in Cobb County circa 1990-1998 Hate messages to Cobb Citizens Coalition March - April 1994 Physical Description: 1 audiocassette.
Box 1, Folder 23 Box 1, Item AC1832	Identification badges 1994-1995 Out of Cobb: Trial by Fire, 8th Creating Change November 1995 Physical Description: 1 audiocassette.
Box 1, Folder 24 Box 1, Folder 25 Box 1, Folder 34 Box 1, Folder 26 Box 1, Folder 27 Item GAR0926-0929 Box 1, Folder 28 Box 1, Folder 29 Box 1, Folder 30 Box 1, Folder 31-33	Photographs 1990-1996 Press releases, notes and flyers 1994 Rubber stamps: "Olympics Out Of Cobb County" and "Gay Money" circa 1990-1996 Speech notes 1994 Stickers circa 1990-1998 T-shirts 1990-1996 Weaver, Jon-Ivan address and appointment book 1994 Weaver, Jon-Ivan biographical papers 1993 Weaver, Jon-Ivan notes circa 1994 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).