Finding Aid to the Don Slater/Homosexual Information Center Collection, 1957-1998 Coll2013-085

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Title: Don Slater/Homosexual Information Center collection
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creator: Slater, Don (Donald Rutherford Slater)
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Physical Description: 2.9 Linear Feet2 archive boxes + 1 archive carton
Date (inclusive): 1957-1998
Abstract: Correspondence, membership records, publications, promotional material, clippings, subject files, financial records, and court records of the Homosexual Information Center, 1965-1998. Also includes the personal correspondence, financial records, medical and insurance records, photographs, and memorial service materials of Don Slater, 1957-1997. A longtime Los Angeles gay activist, Don Slater was one of the founders of ONE Incorporated in 1952 and the founder of the Homosexual Information Center in 1965.

Open-reel audiotapes separated to the ONE audiovisual collection
Interviews recorded on 7-inch open-reel audiotapes for the KPFK 90.7 FM show Homosexuality Today.
Dr Clarence Colwell interviewed by Joseph Hansen, January 15, 1970.
Ken Gual of SCREW interviewed by Joseph Hansen, Part 1 and 2, March 27, 1970. (2 reels)
Leo E. Laurence interviewed by Joseph Hansen, 1970.
Marcus Overseth interviewed by Joseph Hansen, February 6, 1970. (2 reels)

Other separated recordings
Don Slater lecture on equal rights at California State, Los Angeles. January 15, 1965. 7-inch open-reel audiotape.
Tangents meetings, February 20, 1970, and March 27, 1970. 7-inch open-reel audiotape.
Hay-Burnside-Pine, track 1; HIC board meeting, January 20, 1970, track 2. 5-inch open-reel audiotape.

Separated to the ONE program and periodical collections
Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches General Conference XVI (July 18-25, 1993).
ZAPI!, published by homophiles of Penn State (December 1974).

Acquisition
Date and method of acquisition unknown.

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Scope and Contents

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Biography
Donald Rutherford Slater was born in Pasadena, California, on August 21, 1923. He served in World War II before rheumatic fever resulted in his honorable discharge. He enrolled at the University of Southern California and received a degree in English literature. In 1951 Slater joined the Mattachine Society, and in 1952 was one of the founders of ONE Incorporated, which published the first national gay and lesbian periodical, _ONE Magazine_. Actively involved in the publication of the magazine, Slater became managing editor in 1958. A disagreement between Slater and business manager Dorr Legg in 1965 sparked a battle over control of ONE that led to competing ONE publications. When Legg won the right to use the name ONE later that year, Slater started his own organization, the Homosexual Information Center (HIC), and periodical, _Tangents_. Slater died on February 14, 1997, survived by his partner of over 50 years, Tony Reyes.

Sources:

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
- Gay press publications
- Gay activists
- Gay men
- Homosexual Information Center (Hollywood, Calif.)
- Slater, Don (Donald Rutherford Slater)

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**Don Slater/Homosexual Information Center (HIC) records 1957-1998**

**Arrangement**

Correspondence, publications, and promotional material are listed first. The remainder of the collection is arranged alphabetically.

**HIC publications and promotional material**

- **Box 2, Folder 4** Bookservice 1965-1968
- **Box 2, Folder 6** Brochures and pamphlets circa 1966-1979
- **Box 2, Folder 7** Newsletters 1965-1995
- **Box 2, Folder 8-12** Promotional materials 1965-1996
  - Physical Description: [5 folders]
  - Scope and Contents
    - Includes flyers, mass mailings, press releases, and other broadly distributed materials.

- **Box 2, Folder 13** _Tangents_ publications 1965-1970

- **Box 1, Folder 1-27** Correspondence and subscription records (chronological arrangement) 1965-1995
  - Physical Description: [27 folders]
  - Scope and Contents
    - Includes inquiries, subscription requests and forms, and professional and personal correspondence.

- **Box 2, Folder 1-3** Correspondence and subscription records (alphabetical arrangement) 1965-1975
  - Physical Description: [3 folders]

- **Box 2, Folder 30** Baby book, Don Slater 1923-1924

- **Box 2, Folder 14** Biographical and memorial service materials 1997-1998
  - Scope and Contents
    - Includes the HIC publications "Don Slater, 1921-1997: A Gay Rights Pioneer Remembered by his Friends" and _A Few Doors West of Hope: The Life and Times of the Dauntless Don Slater_.

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| Box 2, Folder 15 | **Clippings 1965-1976**  
  **Scope and Contents**  
  Includes articles written by Don Slater. |
| Box 3, Folder 1 | **Court case records 1957-1981** |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | **Financial records (personal) 1960-1971** |
| Box 2, Folder 16 | **Hennepin County Library and American Library Association cataloging materials 1974-1975** |
| Box 3, Folder 3 | **Ledgers, HIC 1968, 1974** |
| Box 2, Folder 17 | **Medical and insurance records 1978-1995** |
| Box 2, Folder 18 | **Miscellaneous records 1961-1992**  
  **Scope and Contents**  
  Includes notes, receipts, W-2 tax forms while at ONE Incorporated, speaking engagement and other event flyers, 1965 ONE at Cahuenga materials, *Tangents* editorial and mockup records, Homosexual Information Center stationary, and pencil/pen sketches among other documents. |
| Box 2, Folder 23-29 | **North American Conference of Homophile Organizations (NACHO) records 1966-1970**  
  **Physical Description:** [7 folders]  
  **Scope and Contents**  
  Includes planning and conference records from events in Kansas City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Houston. |
| Box 3, Folder 5-6 | **National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations (NPCHO), Credentials Committee records 1967-1970**  
  **Physical Description:** [2 folders] |
| Box 2, Folder 19 | **Photographs circa 1923-1996**  
  **Physical Description:** Six black-and-white photographic prints, four color photographic prints, two color and two black-and-white laser prints on paper, and one negative.  
  **Scope and Contents**  
  Images of Don Slater as a child and adult and of Tony Reyes. |
| Box 2, Folder 22 | **Subject files 1970-1975** |
| Box 3, Folder 4 | **Tax-exempt status records 1968-1977**  
  **Scope and Contents**  
  Includes correspondence with IMRU. |
| Box 2, Folder 20-21 | **Vennen court case records 1965-1971**  
  **Physical Description:** [2 folders] |
| drawer 14-2 | **White cardboard sign with black text: "Don Slater 1923 1997" with a red heart in the middle 1997** |