Deke Nihilson papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Deke Nihilson papers
Dates: 1985-1993
Collection Number: 1999-78
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 5 linear feet (four cartons, one oversize folder)
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: Deke Nihilson (1968-), also known as Daniel Frontino Elash, is a musician, filmmaker, labor organizer, and zine editor best known for Homocore, which he edited along with Tom Jennings. The collection contains flyers; ephemera from other anarchist and queer political and cultural events, including punk shows, poetry readings, ACT UP protests, and workers' rights benefits; correspondence regarding the zine Three Dollar Bill; production materials from the "Riot Gear" issue of Homocore, which covered the Riot Grrl movement; and news clippings about Nihilson.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Deke Nihilson on December 12, 1999.
Biography/Administrative History
Deke Nihilson (1968-), also known as Daniel Frontino Elash, is a musician, filmmaker, labor organizer, and zine editor best known for Homocore, which he edited along with Tom Jennings. Homocore was one of the earliest queercore zines and was instrumental in the expansion of the queer punk scene. Nihilson and his collaborators produced seven issues between 1988 and 1991, and organized a series of punk shows that helped popularize the queercore scene on the West Coast. This collection also contains materials related to Nihilson and Clay Cadic's zine Three Dollar Bill.
Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
Gay men
Music
Feminism
Labor

Inventory of the Deke Nihilson Papers