Descriptive Summary
Title: Mark Duran collection of Queer Nation and Queer Planet materials
Dates: 1990s
Collection Number: 2015-14
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 2 linear feet (one carton, one manuscript box)
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103
Abstract: Mark Duran co-founded the San Francisco chapter of Queer Nation, a direct action advocacy organization known for its forceful and anti-assimilationist politics. Inspired by ACT UP but with a broader sense of mission, Queer Nation uses camp, wit, and reclamation of slurs to oppose homophobic violence and increase queer visibility. The collection consists largely of sticker graphics and fliers, with slogans reflecting Queer Nation’s confrontational tactics.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Mark Duran in 2015.
Biography/Administrative History
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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists largely of sticker graphics and fliers, with slogans reflecting Queer Nation’s confrontational tactics. There is also a significant amount of material related to Queer Nation’s campaign to convince Amnesty International to recognize queer people as a protected class. The collection also contains limited amounts of correspondence, clippings, newsletters, press releases, and similar material.
Indexing Terms
Gay men
Lesbians
Bisexual people
Art

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