Zane Blaney collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Zane Blaney collection
Dates: 1977-1992
Collection Number: 2016-18
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 14 linear feet (4 cartons, 11 manuscript boxes, 1 oversized box)
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: Zane Blaney is a radio journalist, producer, and co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA), a group which advocates for an end to bigotry and misinformation about LGBTQIA+ people in media. The collection consists of organizational files related to GLAAD/SFBA, as well as a large amount of audiovisual material from between 1982 and 1991, relating to the Gay Games, queer activism, and the national conversation on queer identity. Some of the audiovisual material has been digitized and is available for viewing and listening in the GLBTHS reading room.
Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.
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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Zane Blaney in 2016, with subsequent accretions in succeeding years.
Biography/Administrative History
Zane Blaney is a radio journalist, producer, and co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA), a group which advocates for an end to bigotry and misinformation about LGBTQIA+ people in media. Blaney began working in radio at the age of 15, beginning at a small-town station in Wyoming and progressing through Denver, Albuquerque, and Sacramento to San Francisco. Beginning in the late 1970s, Blaney began recording interviews with San Francisco’s queer leaders, which became a series of independent audio documentaries aired on PBS radio stations. In 1982, he worked with a small independent television crew to produce recordings of the first Gay Games. As a member of GLAAD/SFBA, he served as board member and media chair.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of organizational and subject files on GLAAD/SFBA and related topics, as well as a large amount of audiovisual material from between 1982 and 1991, relating to the Gay Games, queer activism, and the national conversation on queer identity. 24 Betacam tapes of Gay Games events have been digitized, as have 53 cassette tapes of the Games, community organization meetings, and interviews with queer community leaders. The GLAAD/SFBA files contain incorporation papers; minutes and agendas of meetings; newsletters; media committee files; records of actions against the Chronicle, Examiner, and radio and television stations, including KQED; and recordings and complaints concerning Rush Limbaugh, Morton Downey, and local shock jocks. Collection also contains files on KQED, PBS, and discrimination against queer comedians, as well as clippings and subject files. Contents of cartons containing audiovisual material are listed below.
Indexing Terms
Gay men
Sports
Radio
Television
Guide to the Zane Blaney collection