John Kyper collection of gay liberation ephemera and publications

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Descriptive Summary
Title: John Kyper collection of gay liberation ephemera and publications
Collection Number: 2005-19
Creator/Collector: John Kyper
Extent: .6 linear feet
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
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Abstract: This collection contains materials related to the gay liberation movements in the United States and Mexico. John Kyper was a member of the Faggots for Freedom Collective in Roxbury Massachusetts and a frequent contributor to Gay Community News. His collection includes gay liberation ephemera and publications from Boston, Chicago, New York, San Francisco and elsewhere. Notable are materials produced by the Gay Flames Collective, Red Butterfly, the Lavender and Red Union, the Chicago Seed, and a number of student homophile and gay liberation groups.

Language of Material: English
Access
Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
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