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Abstract: This collection is comprised of files created by gay rights activist G.C. "Brad" Brafford of Orange County, California, primarily from 1972 until the late 1990s. Included are materials created and distributed by local, regional, and national gay/lesbian and other political advocacy and social support organizations, such as: newsletters, brochures, pamphlets and other publications; fundraising mailings; and fliers and other ephemera. Also included are meeting agendas, notes, and minutes; and correspondence.
Creator: Brafford, Brad
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Brad Brafford, 2009-2010.
Processing History
Processed by Dawn Schmitz, 2011.
Historical Background
G.C. "Brad" Brafford (1929- ) is a gay rights activist and philanthropist in Orange County, California and an active member of several organizations concerned with gay and lesbian rights, AIDS education and support, political activism, women's rights, and electoral politics. In 1972 he was one of the founders of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County (The Center OC), and he went on to serve on its first board of directors. He also served on the executive committee of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) of Orange County. He was very active in Christ Chapel Metropolitan Community Church in Santa Ana, California, and was involved with several gay social and recreation groups.
Born on May 5, 1929, Brafford was a surveyor by occupation and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He served in the U.S. Navy until he was discharged in 1951 due to his sexual orientation.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
This collection is comprised of files created by gay rights activist G.C. "Brad" Brafford of Orange County, California, primarily from 1972 until the late 1990s. Included are materials created and distributed by local, regional, and national gay/lesbian and other political advocacy and social support organizations: newsletters, brochures, pamphlets and other publications; fundraising mailings; and fliers and other ephemera. Also included are meeting agendas, notes, and minutes; and correspondence.
Regional organizations represented include The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County (The Center OC), Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG) of Orange County, the Gay and Lesbian Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California, and Christ Chapel Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). The many issues represented include the U.S. military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy on gay men and lesbians serving in the military; California Proposition 6 (The Briggs Initiative, 1978); and HIV/AIDS activism, education, and support.
Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged in 2 series:
Series 1. Subject files, 1973-2006, 0.8 linear feet
Series 2. Organizations, 1971-2008, 9.8 linear feet
Most of the materials were kept in their original order within files when refoldering, although the order of the files was changed to bring together the files of a particular organization. For the most part, dates on the folders reflect the dates the files were compiled, and the folders may contain a small amount of material from years prior to those indicated.

Separation Note
Issues of Liaison and The Center Connection, the newsletters of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County, were removed from this collection. These newsletters are cataloged separately in Special Collections and Archives. See records in the UC Irvine Libraries catalog ANTPAC.

Related Collections
Related materials can be found in the following collections in the Department of Special Collections and Archives:

Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County Records. MS-R118. California.
Orange County Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Timeline Research Files. MS-R105.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Brafford, Brad -- Archives.
Activists -- California -- Orange County.
AIDS (disease) -- California -- Orange County -- History -- Sources.
AIDS activists -- California -- Orange County -- Archives
Gay rights -- California -- Orange County -- History -- Sources
Gays -- California -- Orange County -- Archives.

Subject files

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear feet
Scope and Content Summary
This series is comprised of files on political, social justice, health, and cultural topics, primarily as they relate to the gay and lesbian community. Included are publications, clippings, notes, ephemera, fundraising and legislative correspondence, and other materials.

Arrangement
Arrangement is alphabetical by topic.

Box 1, Folder 1
Anti-gay and anti-feminist fundraising letters and clippings, 1978-1983

Box 1, Folder 2
Gay activism and support literature and notes, 1979-1984

Box 1, Folder 3
Gay and lesbian issues: news clippings and other materials, 1975-1984

Box 1, Folder 4
Health issues: correspondence and newsletters, 1982-1989

HIV/AIDS support, education, and activism: publications, brochures, and other materials,

Box 1, Folder 5
1985-1989 and undated

Box 1, Folder 6
1988-1991 and undated

Box 1, Folder 7
1990-2004

Box 1, Folder 8
Legislative districts (Orange County, California): maps, 1973

Box 1, Folder 9
Long Beach, California, publications, clippings, and other materials, 1982-1994

Box 1, Folder 10
No on Proposition 6 (Briggs Initiative) organizing/campaign materials and notes, 1978

Politics, federal and state (California)

Legislative correspondence and other materials

Box 2, Folder 1-2
1975-1981

Box 2, Folder 3
1982-1984

Box 2, Folder 4
Newsletters, 1990-1991

Religion and sexuality

Box 2, Folder 5
Publications, 1973-1983

Box 2, Folder 6
Correspondence and fliers, 1994-2001

Box 2, Folder 7
Republicans (California): fundraising letters, 1978

Box 2, Folder 8
Senior citizens issues: newsletters and fliers, 1989 and undated

Box 2, Folder 9
Guide to the Brad Brafford Papers

Box 2, Folder 10  
**Travel guides, 1998-2006**

Box 2, Folder 11  
**Various topics: clippings (photocopies), 1989-2005**


Physical Description: 9.8 Linear feet

Scope and Content Summary
This series is comprised of publications; ephemera; correspondence; meeting agendas, notes, and minutes; and other materials reflecting Brafford's involvement with social justice, community service, political, religious, and social organizations.

Arrangement
The arrangement is generally alphabetical by the name of the organization or title of the publication and chronologically thereunder. Files named for organizations that have undergone name changes during the time period represented in the materials are filed under the latest name represented. At the end of the list are folders containing a small amount of material from several individual organizations.

Box 3, Folder 1  
**The Advocate: subscription correspondence, 1978**

Box 3, Folder 2  

Box 3, Folder 3  
AIDS Services Foundation, Orange County: newsletters, 1993-2006

Box 3, Folder 4-5  

Box 3, Folder 6  
**Alyson Gay Men's Book Catalog, 1991**

American Civil Liberties Union
Box 3, Folder 7  
Membership card and button, 1991 and undated

Box 3, Folder 8  
National newsletters and fundraising materials, 1992-2002

American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California
Box 3, Folder 9  
Newsletters, 1992, 2002-2003

Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter
Box 3, Folder 10-11  
Newsletters and other materials, 1977-1980

Box 4, Folder 1-7  
Newsletters, correspondence, and other materials, 1980-2003

Box 4, Folder 8  
Bisexual Center of Southern California: newsletters and other materials, 1979-1982

Box 4, Folder 9  
Bishop's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Ministry in the Diocese of Los Angeles: newsletters and other materials, 2001

Box 4, Folder 10  
Business and Professional Alliance (Orange County, California): newsletters, 1988-1992

Box 5, Folder 1-9  
Business and Professional Association (Los Angeles, California): newsletters, directories, and other materials, 1979-1990

Box 6, Folder 1  

Historical Background
The organization raised funds for the California Human Rights Advocates and the Gay Rights National Lobby.

Box 6, Folder 2  
California Department of Justice, *Women's Rights Handbook, 1976*

Box 6, Folder 3  

Box 6, Folder 4  
Crisis Hotline, 1st Annual Growth Conference: program and notes, 1976

Box 6, Folder 5  
Crisis Hotline (Garden Grove, California) training materials, 1975-1978

Box 6, Folder 6-7  
Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club newsletters and flyers, 1990-1998

Box 6, Folder 8-10  
Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO) newsletters and other publications

Box 7, Folder 1  
1983-1994

Box 7, Folder 2  
1995-1998
Box 7, Folder 2  
*Focus Orange County* newspaper, 1971-1974  
**Historical Background**  
Early issues indicate no institutional affiliation, but later issues give publisher as the Gay Community Center of Orange County (later the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County).

Box 7, Folder 3  
**Fund for Human Dignity:** fundraising letters and other materials, 1980-1983

Box 7, Folder 4  
**Gay Academic Union, Los Angeles Chapter:** newsletters and other materials, 1979-1981

Box 7, Folder 5  
*Gay Book Bulletin*, 1979

Box 7, Folder 6  
*Gay Community News* subscription materials, 1981

Box 7, Folder 7-8  
**Gay Games IV** (New York, NY): programs, notes, and other materials, 1994

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)**

**Scope and Content Note**
Includes Guide for Media Professionals (circa 1990) and fundraising materials including an audio tape narrated by Harvey Fierstein.

Box 7, Folder 9-12  
**Newsletters, press releases, and other materials,** 1990-1998

**Defamation:** audio recording undated

**Archival original**
General Physical Description note: 1 audio cassette

**Use copy**
General Physical Description note: 1 sound disc (CD-ROM)

**Duplicating master copy**
General Physical Description note: 1 sound disc (CD-ROM)

Box 7, Folder 13-15  
**Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America newsletters,** 1993-1997

**Scope and Contents note**
Includes publications from the national organization and the Orange County/Long Beach chapter.

**Gay and Lesbian Center (Los Angeles, California)**

**Historical Background**
Former names include the Gay Community Services Center and the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

Box 7, Folder 16  
**Board of directors report, boycott flier and other materials,** 1975

Box 7, Folder 17  
**Donor materials and newsletters,** 1978-1987

Box 7, Folder 18  
**18th Anniversary Ball program and auction book,** 1989

Box 8, Folder 1-6  
**Newsletters and other materials,** 1990-2008

**Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Orange County (The Center OC)**

**Historical Background**
Formerly known as the Gay Community Center of Orange County.

Box 8, Folder 7  
**Growth group program documentation,** 1973-1978

Box 8, Folder 1  
**Public relations notes and other materials,** circa 1974

Box 9, Folder 2  
**Rap groups: notes correspondence, schedules and other materials,** 1973-1976

Box 9, Folder 3  
**Speakers bureau report forms, bibliographies, and other materials,** 1975-1976

Box 9, Folder 4  
**Board of directors correspondence, fliers, and other materials,** 1975-1977

Box 9, Folder 5  
**Youth services program, counseling program, and other program materials and notes,** 1976

Box 9, Folder 6  
**Board of directors notes and other materials,** 1976-1977

Box 9, Folder 7  
**Rap group facilitator training materials and schedules,** 1977-1978
Box 9, Folder 8  
Board of directors notes and other materials, 1978-1980

Box 9, Folder 9  
Newsletters and other materials, 1978-1980

Box 9, Folder 10  
Fliers and correspondence, 1978-1981

Box 9, Folder 11-13  
Board of directors agendas, minutes, notes and other materials, 1981-1982

Box 10, Folder 1  
Hotline meeting notes, rosters, and calendars, 1982

Box 10, Folder 2-3  
Board of directors meeting handouts, notes, and public relations materials, 1983

Box 10, Folder 4  
Patrons of the Center Second Quarterly Report, 1983

Box 10, Folder 5  
Hotline notes and training materials, 1983

Box 10, Folder 7-8  
Board of directors meeting handouts, fliers, and other materials, 1984

Box 11, Folder 1  
Press releases and other public relations materials, 1984

Box 11, Folder 2  
Event programs, 1988-1991

Box 11, Folder 3  
Notes, correspondence, and other materials, 1989-1993 and undated

Box 11, Folder 4-5  
Event programs, 1992-2005

Box 11, Folder 6  
LifeGuard (HIV/AIDS support and education program) publications, 1997-2004 and undated

Box 11, Folder 8  
Annual reports, 1998-1999

Box 12, Folder 1  
Gay and Lesbian Student Education Union, 1984-1985

Box 12, Folder 2-3  
Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles: publications and fundraising materials, 1989-1999 and undated

Box 12, Folder 4  
Gay Rights Advocates (San Francisco, California) newsletters and other materials, 1979-1981

Box 12, Folder 5-6  

Box 12, Folder 7  

Box 12, Folder 8  
The Great Outdoors, Orange County/Long Beach chapter newsletters and other materials

Box 12, Folder 9  
1980

Box 12, Folder 10  
1990, 1999-2001

Box 12, Folder 11  
2006-2007

Box 12, Folder 12  
Harvey Milk Film Project newsletter and fundraising materials, 1983-1984

Box 12, Folder 13  
Human Rights Campaign publications, 1982-1999

Box 13, Folder 1  
Huntington Beach Ski Club newsletters, fliers, and correspondence, 1973-1974

Box 13, Folder 2  
Imperial Court of Orange County: constitution, notes, and certificate, 1974-1976

Box 13, Folder 3  
International Society of Interdisciplinary Designers: membership materials, 1981

Box 13, Folder 4-7  
International Union of Operating Engineers: publications, labor agreement (1976) and notes, 1975-1980

Box 13, Folder 8  
International Women's Year, California State Meeting: fliers, meeting materials, and other materials, 1977 June

Box 13, Folder 9  
In the Life (Gay and Lesbian Issues and Culture on National Public Television) publications 1993-2006

Box 13, Folder 10  
Jim Kepner's Song and Dance newsletters, 1993-1996

Box 13, Folder 11  
Laguna Beach Coalition for Human Rights newsletters, 1978-1979

Box 13, Folder 12-13  
Laguna Outreach newsletters and other materials

Box 13, Folder 14  
1982-1985

Box 14, Folder 1  
Laguna Shanti newsletters, 1993-2002

Box 14, Folder 2  
Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, greater Los Angeles chapter: newsletters, fliers, and other materials, 1982-1984

Box 14, Folder 3-4  
The Lesbian News (Los Angeles, California)
Box 14, Folder 5-9  
1977 August-1982 July

Box 15, Folder 1-4  
1982 August - 1985 March

Box 15, Folder 5  

Box 15, Folder 6-7  
Log Cabin Club (Los Angeles, California): newsletters, fliers, and other materials, 1981-1984

Box 15, Folder 8-10  
Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club: newsletters, fliers, and other materials, 1978-1984

Box 16, Folder 1-7  
Metropolitan Community Church

Christ Chapel congregation (Santa Ana, California)

Newsletters, meeting notes, correspondence, and other materials, 1979-1985

Orders of worship, meeting notes, correspondence, newsletters, and other materials, 1985-1998

Box 17, Folder 1-4  
Southwest District Conference meeting materials

1980-1989

Box 17, Folder 5  
1991

Box 18, Folder 1-7  
Universal Fellowship

General Conference XIV (St. Paul, Minn.): program, publication and other materials, 1989

General Conference XVI (Phoenix, Ariz.): conference newsletters, 1993


Box 18, Folder 8-10  
Metropolitan Community Temple: program for Jewish New Year service and Beth Chayim Chadashim pamphlets, 1972-1978 and undated


Box 18, Folder 9  
My Playbook: sex handbooks for men and women, 1975-1976

Box 18, Folder 10  
Names Project, Orange County: publications and other materials, 1990-1996

Box 18, Folder 11  
National Center for Lesbian Rights publications, 1991-1993

Box 18, Folder 12  
National Charities Information Bureau: publications and other materials, 1982-1984

Box 19, Folder 1-4  

Box 19, Folder 5-10  

Historical Background

Former name: National Gay Task Force.

Box 20, Folder 1-4  

Scope and Contents note

Includes newsletters of Orange County chapters.

Box 20, Folder 5  
Nine to Five, National Association of Working Women: membership renewal letter, 1983

Box 20, Folder 6  
No on Proposition 8 bumper sticker, 2008

Box 20, Folder 7  
ONE (Long Beach, California) The Post newspaper, 1993-1994

Box 20, Folder 8-12  

Historical Background

Former names: National Gay Archives, International Gay and Lesbian Archives. (Merger with ONE, Inc. was announced in early 1995).

Box 20, Folder 13  
Orange County Coalition for Human Rights, 1977-1980

Box 20, Folder 14-15  
Orange County Federation of Lesbian, Gay and AIDS Support Organizations: newsletters, fliers, and brochures, 1995-1999

Box 21, Folder 1-2  
Orange County Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival programs and fliers, 1989-2001

Historical Background

Former name: Orange County Cultural Pride.

Box 21, Folder 3  
Orange County Gay Men's Chorus programs, 2002-2003
| Box 21, Folder 4 | Orange County Visibility League newsletter, 1989 |
| Box 21, Folder 5-7 | *Our World: The International Gay and Lesbian Travel Magazine, 2000-2002* |
|                  | Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) |
|                  | **Historical Background** |
|                  | Former name: Parents and Friends of Gays. |

| Box 21, Folder 8 | Newsletters (Los Angeles, California) and Orange County chapter fliers, 1978-1981 |
| Box 21, Folder 9-11 | PFLAG of Orange County: meeting materials and notes, by-laws, publications and other materials, 1979-1982 |
| Box 22, Folder 1-7 | PFLAG of Orange County: meeting minutes, notes, publications, and other materials 1983-1991 |
| Box 22, Folder 8-9 | PFLAG national conference (Charlotte, N.C.): notes and meeting materials, 1991 |
| Box 23, Folder 1 | PFLAG of Orange County: newsletters and fliers, 1995-2000 |
| Box 23, Folder 2 | National newsletters and other materials, 1997-1999 |
| Box 23, Folder 3 | People for the American Way newsletters, 1991-1993 and undated |
| Box 23, Folder 4 | Planned Parenthood Association of Orange County: newsletters and pamphlets, 1980-1981 and undated |
| Box 23, Folder 5-6 | Servicemembers Legal Defense Network publications, 2001-2006 and undated |
| Box 23, Folder 7 | Sex *Over Forty* newsletter, 1995-1998 |
| Box 23, Folder 8 | Shakespeare Society of America, Globe Playhouse (Los Angeles, California): fliers and membership materials, 1979-1980 |
| Box 23, Folder 9 | Shanti Project (San Francisco and Los Angeles, California): newsletters and other materials, 1983-1986 and undated |
|                  | The Ski Closet/Arriba Ski Club: meeting minutes, schedules, fliers, and other materials |
| Box 23, Folder 10-11 | 1972-1976 |
| Box 24, Folder 5 | Society for Senior Gay and Lesbian Citizens: newsletters and fliers, 1982-1985 and undated |
| Box 24, Folder 6-8 | Southern California Women for Understanding: newsletters, fliers, and other materials, 1978-1986, 2004 |
| Box 25, Folder 2 | Spectrum News Network: donor correspondence and other materials, 1990 |
| Box 25, Folder 3-5 | Stonewall Democratic Club (Los Angeles, California): newsletters, calendars, and other materials, 1980-1998 |
| Box 25, Folder 6 | Telephone directories (Gay Areas) Pacific Northwest and California, 1983 |
| Box 25, Folder 7 | *Western Express* newspaper (Phoenix, Ariz.), 1991 July |
| Box 26, Folder 1-4 | Whitman-Brooks fliers, newsletters, and other materials 1978-1985 |
| Box 26, Folder 5 | Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation newsletters, 1974-1978 |
| Box 26, Folder 6 | Whittier Social Network fliers, 2004-2005 |
| Box 26, Folder 7 | *The Whole Gay Catalog*, 1982-1986 |
| Box 26, Folder 8 | Yellow Pages (gay), New York/New Jersey and Long Beach/Orange County, circa 1988-1991 |
| Box 26, Folder 9-10 | Various gay and lesbian magazines, 1972-1984 |
| Box 26, Folder 11 | Various organizations: publications and other materials |
| Box 27, Folder 1-4 | 1975-1979 |
| Box 27, Folder 1-4 | 1980-2002 and undated |