Chicago Gay Liberation Memorabilia Collection, 1970s – 1980s

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Collection History:
“Inspired by the Stonewall riots in New York, Henry Weimhoff, a former University of Chicago student, spearheaded the organization of the University of Chicago Gay Liberation Front. By February of 1970, Chicago Gay Liberation had absorbed the campus organization, organized a dance with over six hundred participants, and marched in an antiwar demonstration giving the group important media exposure. In June of that year the Chicago Gay Liberation worked with other groups to organize Chicago’s first Gay Pride Parade.

Over the course of the next two decades, the early activism of both Mattachine Midwest and Chicago Gay Liberation would lead to important political victories for gay men and lesbians in Chicago. In the late 1980s, a group of lesbian and gay business owners and activists—including Jon-Henri Damski, Lana Hostetler, Art Johnston, Rick Garcia, and Kit Duffy—led a successful lobbying effort which persuaded the city council in 1988 to pass the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance protecting lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodation. In the wake of this successful campaign, the leaders formalized their partnership in the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, which became Equality Illinois. Equality Illinois successfully lobbied at the county level to extend protection against discrimination for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals to all of Cook County in 1993. In 1997, Evanston became the first city in Illinois to provide this protection to transgender individuals, signaling new directions for civil rights movements based on sexual identity. Five years later, transgender activists in Chicago successfully lobbied to add gender identity to the list of protections provided by the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance.” - “Gay and Lesbian Rights Movements.” Encyclopedia of Chicago, www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/508.html.
Custodial History:
The collection was mailed to Gerber/Hart on August 10, 1991 by Paul C. Stensland.

Scope and Content:
The collection includes fliers, articles, press releases, planning documents, newspapers, and some correspondence from Chicago and national gay liberation and gay rights organizations during the 1970s and 1980s.

Arrangement:
The collection is arranged by topic.

Series:

1 Gay Liberation Front Chicago – Fliers, Announcements, Resolutions, and Miscellaneous | 1970 – 1972
2 Mattachine Midwest – “Towards a Quaker View of Homosexuality | 1971
3 Gay Liberation Anti-War Activities – Fliers | [1971?]
4 Mattachine Midwest, “Cops Strike Again”
5 Chicago Gay Alliance – Fliers and Miscellaneous | 1970 – 1974
7 Gay Pride Parades – News Clippings and Fliers | 1972
8 Advocates of Gay Action
9 Boycotts – Fliers and Announcement | 1977 – 1986
10 Black Panthers
11 “The Boys in the Band”
12 The Chicago Gay Directory
13 The Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Metropolitan Chicago – Fliers | 1978
14 “The Faggot’s International Revolutionary Movement”
15 Gay Activists Alliance – Questionnaire for Political Figures | Undated
16 Gay Flames – “Revolutionary Love: An Introduction to Gay Liberation” Pamphlet | Undated
17 Ecstasy – Gay Revolution Party Magazine | 1970
18 Committee on Gay and Lesbian Concerns – News Release on Appointment of Kenneth Glover | Undated
19 Gay Teachers – Correspondence About Non-Active Gay Teachers Association and Other Non-Chicago Teachers and Student Organizations | 1975 – 1976
21 Gay House – Pamphlet for Gay House, Minneapolis, MN | Undated
22 “Gay is Angry” Calendar | March 1971 – February 1972
23 “Gay People Know Your Rights”
24 Gay Rights: A Libertarian Approach by Ralph Raico | Undated
25 Introducing HOPE (Homosexuals Organized for Political Education), Chicago, IL | [1971?]
28 International March for Lesbian and Gay Freedom
29 Killer Dyke
31 Lesbians and Gays Against U.S. Intervention in Nicaragua and El Salvador | 1984
32 Midwest Homophile Conference
33 New Gay Way – Consciousness-Raising Group Flier | Undated
34 Pocket Legal Guide for Gay Rights
35 Police Harassment – Gay Solidarity for the DC-12 Flier | 1971
36 Poems | [1973?]
38 Radical Drags of Chicago – Radical Drag Statement | Undated
39 Red Butterfly (New York City) – Proposals for Gay Workshop | Undated
41 Roosevelt High School Newspaper Editorial - “The Right to Love” | 1976
42 The Stonewall Committee – Fliers, Articles, Press Releases, and Planning Notes on Anti-Nazi Counter-Demonstration at Pride and Miscellaneous | 1982
43 Student Mobilization Committee – Anti-War Rally Gay Liberation Contingent | Undated
44 Flier – Tom Maurer
45 Transvestite Legal Committee
46 The Vigil Committee – Article and Speech on Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary’s Dismissal of Gay Divinity Students | 1978
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   1. I – Articles and Papers on Religion and Sexuality, STDs, and Miscellaneous Gay Issues, and Newsletter, 1972 – 1977
   2. II – Personal Notes, Chicago Gay Alliance Meeting Notes, Fliers and Correspondence, and Miscellaneous, 1973 – 1975
   3. III – Gay Pride Week Church Service Materials and blank Gay Horizons stationary, 1979
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Separations:

*Chicago Gay Pride*
   1971

*Chicago Gay Pride – CGA Newsletter*
   Vol. 2, No. 1, February 1972
   Vol. 2, No. 2, March 1972

*Chicago Gay Alliance Newsletter*
   Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1971
   Vol. 1, No. 2, December 1970, 2 copies
   Vol. 1, No. 3, January 1971, 2 copies
   Vol. 1, No. 4, February 1971
   Vol. 1, No. 5, March 1971
   Vol. 1, No. 6, April 1971, 2 copies
   Vol. 1, No. 7, May 1971
   Vol. 1, No. 8, July – August 1971
   Vol. 1, No. 9, October 1971, 2 copies
   Vol. 1, No. 10, November 1971
   Vol. 1, No. 11, December 1971, 2 copies

*The Chicago Gay Crusader*
   No. 1, May 1973
   No. 2, June 1973
   No. 3, July 1973
   No. 4, August 1973
   No. 5, September 1973
   No. 6, October 1973
   No. 7, November 1973
   No. 8, December 1973
   No. 10, February 1974
   No. 11, March – April 1974
   No. 12, May 1974
   No. 15, July 1974 (Issue Number Misprint)
   No. 14, August 1974 (Issue Number Misprint)

*Chicago Gay Liberation Newsletter*
   No. 1, February 1970, 2 copies, Original Title *The Gay Liberation Newsletter*
   No. 5, May 1970
   No. 8, September 1970

*The Detroit Liberator*
   Vol. 1, No. 1, April 24, 1970
Vol. 1, No. 3, July 1970
**Fag Rag** (Separated from “Gay Alliance...” From Rev. Bill Krick)
  No. 13, Summer 1975

**Gay Blade** (Separated from “Gay Alliance...” From Rev. Bill Krick)
  October 1975

Gay Liberation Front, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Newsletter (Untitled)
  Issue 1, June 26, 1974

**GPU News**, Milwaukee, WI (Separated from “Gay Alliance...” From Rev. Bill Krick)
  February/March 1974
  October 1974
  September 1975

**Lavender Woman: A Lesbian Newspaper**, Chicago Lesbian Liberation
  Vol. 1, No. 1, November 1971
  Vol. 1, No. 2, December 1971
  Vol. 1, No. 3, May 1972
  Vol. [?], No. 2, October 1974  (Separated from “Gay Alliance...” From Rev. Bill Krick)

**Mattachine Midwest Newsletter**
  April 1970
  May 1970
  August 1970
  September 1970
  November 1970
  December 1970/January 1971
  February 1971
  March 1971
  April 1971
  November 1971

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Related Fonds/Series:
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