

Inventory of the Christine Schmidt papers

(#1995-09)

Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Christine Schmidt papers

Collection Number: 1995-09

Physical Description: 6 linear feet (four cartons, two small oversize boxes)

Creator: Christine Schmidt

Date (inclusive): 1977-circa 1996

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Christine Schmidt was Programs Director at the Billy DeFrank Community Center in San Jose from 1992 to 1994. As a student at San Jose State University (SJSU), she hosted the radio talk show, “Diagonally Speaking,” and was a student organizer with the Alternative Life Political Action Committee (ALPAC). This collection consists of subject files related to various queer issues, activities, and organizations collected by Christine Schmidt, as well as audiotapes of “Diagonally Speaking.”

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This inventory uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

Biographical/Organizational History Note: Christine Schmidt was Programs Director at the Billy DeFrank Community Center in San Jose from 1992 to 1994. As a student at San Jose State University (SJSU), she hosted the radio talk show, "Diagonally Speaking," and was a student organizer with the Alternative Life Political Action Committee (ALPAC).

Scope and Content: This collection consists of subject files related to various queer issues, activities, and organizations collected by Christine Schmidt, as well as audiotapes of "Diagonally Speaking." Significant topics and organizations include discrimination against queer people at SJSU, homophobia in the media, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) (South Bay, San Francisco Bay Area and USA chapters), ROTC discrimination against queer people, and United Way of Santa Clara County.

Indexing Terms:

Lesbians
Education
Radio

Container Listing

Carton 1:

Subject files concerning issues related to queer politics, including AB 101; AIDS; queer organizations such as Community United Against Violence (CUAV); and organizations or campaigns Schmidt was involved with, such as the San Jose State University ALPAC.

Correspondence, mostly mass mailings or form letters.

Photocopies of plays and stories, apparently not by Schmidt.

Carton 2:

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) materials
Audiotapes from "Diagonally Speaking"
Promotional tapes from the March on Washington (in English and Spanish), circa 1987-1993

Homemade tape, “Moments”

Clippings regarding anti-bias law in San Jose, 1979

Materials regarding Coalition for Integrity in the Media (South Bay organization)

Materials regarding GLAAD San Francisco Bay Area, 1991-1992, including financial records, meeting minutes, weekly affirmations and omissions, letter-writing guidelines, news clippings, flyers and literature produced by GLAAD

Gay History month at the library

Carton 3:

Materials related to controversies/discrimination regarding queer people at SJSU, 1984-1986

GLAAD South Bay – meeting announcement, membership list, script, circa 1991

Buttons

Queer Nation Cheerleaders for Sexual Diversity pom-poms

Clippings, 1993

Purple folder labeled “GLAAD Scrapbook,” circa 1991-1992

Photos of a Pride parade

Carton 4:

Scrapbook, circa 1984-1987—clippings related to queer issues at SJSU (and San Jose)

Materials from About Face—a conference on the ROTC’s anti-gay policy and materials regarding ROTC’s discrimination against gay men at SJSU

GLBT Historical Society newsletters

Gay comics

Subject files on various topics, including United Way of Santa Clara County and Frameline film festivals

Oversize Box 1:

Video and audio tapes of material taped from television or radio (including queer music).

“Diagonally Speaking” tapes.

Homemade tapes of Pride parades from the early 1990s, interviews on the street, and the 1993 March on Washington

Card file box of business cards posted on the walls of queer establishments in San Jose, circa 1990-1996

Oversizes Box 2:

AIDS caregiving audiotapes

Materials taped from television