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Guide to the Pride Center Records, 1993-2008

Title

Pride Center Records (RG 236)

Dates

1993-2008 (inclusive)

1998-2007 (bulk)

Creator

Oregon State University. Pride Center.

Summary

The Pride Center Records document the establishment of the Queer Resource Center (later known as the Pride Center) at Oregon State University and the programs and activities of this resource center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) members of the OSU community and their allies. The collection includes administrative records, publications, posters, photographs and a DVD of the 2007 Lavender Graduation ceremony.

Quantity

0.4 cubic foot, including 241 photographs (2 boxes)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Historical Note

The Pride Center serves as Oregon State University's resource center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) members of the OSU community and their allies. In addition to its roles in outreach and education, the center provides a safe space for anyone in the community to "explore aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity in an open and non-judgmental atmosphere." The Queer Resource Center was founded in 2001 and was initially housed in Benton Annex with the OSU Women's Center. In 2004, the Queer Resource Center (QRC) moved to a permanent location on the south edge of campus at 1553 SW "A" Avenue. In that same year, the QRC was re-named the OSU Pride Center. The Pride Center works closely with the OSU Rainbow Continuum, SOL (LGBTQQIA People of Color Support Group), and the ASOSU Queer Affairs Task Force. It is administered by the Office of Intercultural Student Services of the Division of Student Affairs.

Content Description

The Pride Center Records consist of materials created and assembled by the Pride Center and include brochures, flyers, meeting minutes, newsletters, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, posters, ticket stubs, and a DVD. The collection includes records of Advisory Boards for the Queer Resource Center and the Pride Center and documents the establishment of the Queer Resource Center and Pride Center building expansion plans. Publicity for Queer Pride Week events as well as information about OSU research on the sexual orientation of sheep and a proposed gender inclusive housing program are included. A 1993 guide to safe zones for the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community in Corvallis prepared by the OSU Office of Affirmative Action is part of the collection.

The photographs depict the Pride Center and Queer Resource Center offices, Lavender Graduation ceremonies, and an informational table in the Memorial Union quadrangle for the Circle of Friends organization. Most of the images are color prints and negatives; a few of the images are b/w prints.

The DVD is a recording of the 2007 Lavender Graduation ceremony.

Preferred Citation

Pride Center Records (RG 236), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

These materials were transferred from the Pride Center in 2008.

Future Additions

Additions to the collection are expected.

Related Material

The [Diversity Development Office Records \(RG 228\)](#) include the Pride Center vision statement and charter commitment. Additional materials pertaining to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in Oregon are part of the [Oregon Multicultural Archives](#). Specific collections in the OSU Archives' holdings are the [Associated Students of Oregon State University \(ASOSU\) Records \(RG 011\)](#), the [Office of Multicultural Affairs Records \(RG 225\)](#), the Student Affairs Records (RG 102), the [Thomas Kraemer Speech and Blog](#), and the [Memorabilia Collection](#).

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Oregon State University--Students.

Topics

Bisexual college students--Oregon--Corvallis.

College environment--Oregon--Corvallis.

Gay college students--Oregon--Corvallis.
Lesbian college students--Oregon--Corvallis.
Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.
Transsexual college students--Oregon--Corvallis.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

DVDs
Film negatives.
Photographic prints.