

Collection title: Steve Speier – Chuck Frutchey Papers

Dates: 1955, 1971-1993

Bulk dates: 1980-1993

Collection number: GLC 192

Creator(s): Frutchey, Chuck; Speier, Steve; Smith, Joseph Scott; Milk, Harvey.

Extent: 3 cartons + 27 posters mounted on foam-core (in 3 oversized boxes)

Abstract: The collection contains material on AIDS prevention education (1980s-1993), San Francisco politics (1970s-1980s), and Harvey Milk.

Language of material: English

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Biographical/Historical: Chuck Frutchey (August 12, 1953-April 21, 2000) was born in Farmington, Michigan, and lived in San Francisco. He was best known for his work as an AIDS prevention educator with the STOP AIDS Project, the Coalition for Healthy Sex, and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. His sex-positive approach made safe-sex education fun and informative. Steve Speier, Chuck's partner of 14 years, is a high school teacher who also volunteered with AIDS education work. Scott Smith (October 21, 1948-February 4, 1995) was one of Chuck's close friends; they lived and worked together. Smith was also one of the executors of the Harvey Milk estate. He inherited the Milk Papers and was the caretaker for the collection until his death.

Scope and content: The collection contains about one carton of materials on AIDS education as a result of the work that Frutchey and Speier did. Subjects include the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the STOP AIDS Project, Buddy Connection, and SF Jacks. There are 27 AIDS education posters. About half of the posters were produced by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; the other half were produced internationally, most in Germany.

Then there are two cartons which contain a combination of materials that were created or collected by Chuck Frutchey, Scott Smith, or Harvey Milk. Frutchey's files concern various subjects, primarily politics, gay rights, sexuality, and art. The political materials include the Citizens Party, the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, and election materials from the 1970s.

The Milk-related material stems from Smith's position as executor of Milk's estate and caretaker of the Milk Papers. These documents primarily concern permissions to use Milk's speeches and legal documents regarding death benefits, etc. It is likely that this Milk material was originally with the papers that Smith inherited and became separated from that larger collection. Notable items are a letter from Milk to Smith from May 22, 1974 (Milk's birthday) and a page of typewritten notes that appear to be from a debate with John Briggs. There is also a photocopy of a letter from Milk to Tom [O'Horgan, probably], from 1978.

Indexing terms:

AIDS (Disease).

AIDS (Disease)—Education.

AIDS (Disease)—Prevention.

Safe Sex in AIDS Prevention.

Smith, Joseph.

Milk, Harvey.

Speier, Steve

Frutchey, Chuck

Box 1 [AIDS prevention education materials]

STOP AIDS – Strategic plan, 1989

STOP AIDS – Funding proposals, 1988-1991

STOP AIDS – Training, 1989-1991

[AIDS/HIV Pamphlets in Russian, Portuguese and German, advertisements and flyers, 1991, 1993, undated]

State Contractors Conference – San Diego, 9/22/93-9/23/93

1990 Addressing Disaster: Addressing Relapse and Ongoing AIDS Prevention. Programs for Self-Identified Gay and Bisexual Men of All Colors. 1990-1993

Queer Cultures, Queer Spaces, 1993

HIV Update 10/20-10/21/93. Fax/letter from Marty McCombs, Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, to Chuck Frutchey, April 21, 1993 regarding 6th National HIV/AIDS Update Conference. “Contemporary Innovations: Gay Men’s Prevention Programs” in which they were co-presenters.

Health Care Reform, 1993

[loose paper, photos]

Strategic Planning Guide, undated

Consolidation Training,

B.W. Day of Dialogue II, 1/21-22/1993 [B. W. Co. HIV Community Advisory Board], 1992-1993

AIDS Humor, 1989

[Envelope addressed to Stop AIDS Project] materials from London Lighthouse, abstract of Berlin AIDS Conference paper by Horst

Interpreting Biostatistics in the Medical Literature by Maria M. Koretz, 1987

Andy [Andrea] Williams, 1993 intern at San Francisco AIDS Foundation [J. W. Saxe Memorial Fund]

Young Gay Men’s Paper, 1992 [regarding young gay men, HIV, and sexual risk. Ron Stall and Jay Paul]

“Moral Majority” BAR editorial regarding gay male campaign, Spring 1992 [Luke Adams, Wayne Blankenship, Chuck Frutchey]

Homophobia. Stages of coming out, undated

Los Angeles Baths [proposed survey], 1991-1992. [Mickey J. Wheatley, San Francisco AIDS Foundation]

PRACON interviews [CARE Center for AIDS Research and Evaluation], October 8-9, 1992

Puckett, Sam B. “AIDS Prevention: Developing the San Francisco Model. A History and Progress Report,” December 30, 1986

B-W ad campaign, 1992

2002 [Frank Robinson. Also "Maintenance of Safe Sexual Behaviors for Gay and Bisexual Men," Ron Stall, 1992]

Memo: Bill Hayes, SF AIDS Foundation to Jeffrey Henne, Communication Technologies, March 8, 1993.
Re: results from focus groups

Project ARIES report: "Behavioral Group Intervention to Teach AIDS Risk Reduction Skills" by Jeffrey A. Kelly and Janet S. St. Lawrence (Jackson, Mississippi: University of Mississippi Medical Center, 1990)

HIV Community Relations Overview, November 1992

Funding—To do, 1993. Burroughs Wellcome HIV Community Advisory Board correspondence

NLGHC [National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference] and 10th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum, July 8-12, 1992

Maricopa Area Health Education Center to Chuck Frutchev, November 25, 1991

"A Comparison of Younger and Older Gay Men's HIV Risk-Taking Behaviors: The Communication Technologies 1989 Cross-Sectional Survey"

Centers for Disease Control facsimile to Chuck Frutchev from Amy DeGroff, two articles on stages of change and how community level interventions are being applied.

White Paper: "Averting Disaster: Addressing Relapse and Ongoing AIDS Prevention Programs for Self-Identified Gay and Bisexual Men of All Colors"

Buddy Connection Schedule

AIDS Hotline Training Manual. SF AIDS Foundation

Mark Ruddy, Sleeper Productions to Chuck Frutchev, 1982

[Additional documents, reports, literature from San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Buddy Connection, SF Jacks, Burroughs Wellcome, Coalition for Healthy Sex]

Box 2 [unsorted ephemera from Harvey Milk, Scott Smith, and Chuck Frutchev]

Framed photo of Chuck Frutchev and Scott Smith; scrapbook pages with election memorabilia and printed flyers and invitations, 1980s [examples of Chuck's work?]; Alice B. Toklas Demo. Club dinner programs; "Torched Liberty" and audiotapes by composer Ronald Caltabiano with letter to Scott Smith, April 10, 1986 and October 1, 1986; Memos and other documents related to the Citizens Party, 1980s.

Box 3 [mixture of Harvey Milk, Scott Smith, and Chuck Frutchey archival materials]

HM. Harvey Milk to Scott Smith, May 22, 1974

HM. Harvey Milk notes for John Briggs debate "page 3"

SS. Photocopy of letter from Randy Shilts to Paul, [1982]

SS & CF. Letter from Joe, 1983

SS. Ken Ward "I Love a Parade" screenplay, 1978, 1983

SS. The Mayor of Castro Street book signing, exhibition, 1982

SS. Flyers, 1978, 1983, undated

SS & HM. San Francisco city code revisions re: marathon dancing, [1978?]

SS. Brief in support of request for prosecution of Dan White, 1983

SS. "Britt should quit" flyer

SS. Frank Robinson. "Harvey" a photographic appreciation

SS. Dan White release petition, 1983

SS. Castro Street Fair, 1981-1983, undated

SS. Harvey Milk Archives, 1983 (Randy Shilts, David Pasko, Scott Smith)

SS. FOIA letter draft, May 1983

SS. Rink (photographer) to Harvey Milk Archives, 1983

SS. Photos. Includes Chuck Frutchey, 1977-1983

SS. Photos of Scott Smith by Michelle Vignes, for Time, Inc., 1983. [contact sheets, negatives]. Harvey Milk contact sheet by Dan Nicoletta.

SS & CF. Photos for election brochure? [Toklas club?] Mike Hennessey, Julie Tang, Nancy Walker, Del Martin, Phyllis Lyon, Willie Brown, et al.

SS & CF. Photos by Rink of Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, 1982

SS. San Francisco magazine, November 1982 article on Milk and Moscone

SS & HM. Photocopy of letter from Harvey Milk to Tom [O'Horgan?], November 24, 1978

CF. AIDS articles, 1983

CF. Art in the Park. Includes oversized poster

SS & HM. John [Eshleman Wahl] to Scott Smith, 1983 regarding death benefits, Dan White parole, felons proceeds from story

SS & HM. [Death benefits] petition. Supreme Court of the State of California, 1983

CF. The Evolution of Reasoning; The Ontology of Mind by Laurence Howard, 1983

SS. Harvey Milk documentary, 1983

SS. The San Francisco Gay Library Project, [1979?]

SS. San Francisco Gay/lesbian Library, 1982

SS. "I Love Milk" coupon, undated

SS & HM. "Neighbor for Moscone" sticker, 1971

SS. Merchants of Upper Market. Minutes, March 3, 1983

SS & CF. Absentee ballots, recall, 1983. Includes The Empty Closet, March 1983

SS & CF. The Empty Closet, April 1983 (See Absentee ballot for March 1983)

SS. Scott Smith release for Steve Dobbins Productions, 1983 (The Dan White Incident)

SS. Harvey Milk. Will, 1976; Photocopy of honorable discharge from U.S. Navy, 1955

SS. Zane, Maitland. "A Shooting in the Mayor's Office," 1982

SS. Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day press badge, 1982

SS? Or CF?. Pilot Sexual Enhancement questionnaire

CF. B: bananas, baggage, binoculars

CF. Brown, Jerry. Brown for president rally, 1976

CF. Carter, Jimmy

CF. Cartoons

CF. Coalition for Human Rights, 1981

CF. Community Development, 1975

CF. Coors, 1983 (San Francisco Pool Association)

CF. Cameras, chain letter (from Rick Slick), Jon Carroll

CF. Daily, The Michigan Daily, April 17, 1972

CF. Door (ephemera posted on door?)

CF. Election, 1982

CF. Existential Nightmare, 1977

CF. "Fuck You"

CF. Fuller, R. Buckminster, 1973, undated

CF. Future (Future Worlds. University of Michigan, 1973)

CF. Gay

CF. Harris, Fred, 1975

CF. Hillsborough, Robert, [1977]

CF. Housing (Regional Young Adult Project), San Francisco

CF. Japan, 1978

CF. July 4th Coalition, 1976 (includes flyers, songsheets, coalition list)

CF. Kinsey Institute for Sex Research

CF. Language, undated

CF. M

CF & SS. Marks, Milton, 1982 (also Phillip Burton)

CF. National Socialist White People's Party, undated

CF. PBC. Peoples Bicentennial Commission, 1975

CF. Plant thought, undated

CF. Population; "Why the Population Bomb Is A Rockefeller Baby" by Steve Weissman [1970]

CF. Reed, Lou

CF. Sexuality, 1976, undated

CF. Warhol, Andy, 1973, 1975

CF. Yerba Buena Center, August 1976

CF. Zappa, Frank, 1975

AIDS Education/Safe Sex Posters (27 mounted onto foam-core) Including:

“Safer Sex. Keep It Up! Antibody positive & negative -- it's the same for all.” AIDS INFO: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM daily. Photograph of a man taking off sweater with jeans covering his waist. Produced by Terrence Higgins Trust. Concept: Menne Vellinga GVN. Photo: c1986 Martien Sleutjes. Printed by Rotor Offstetdruk BV Amsterdam. This poster was originally produced by the Amsterdam Health Education Centre with financial support from the Dutch Ministry of Welfare, Public Health and Cultural Affairs. (23.5-inches x 16.5-inches)

“Safer sex. Keep it up! Antibody positive & negative -- it's the same for all.” AIDS INFO: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM daily. Photograph of a naked man standing against a curtain. His hands are being restrained by two hands; his eyes and penis are covered by two other hands. Produced by Terrence Higgins Trust. Concept: Menne Vellinga GVN. Photo: c1985 Erwin Olaf. Printed by Rotor Offstetdruk BV Amsterdam. This poster was originally produced by the Amsterdam Health Education Centre with financial support from the Dutch Ministry of Welfare, Public Health and Cultural Affairs. (23.5-inches x 16.5-inches)

“Sicher besser. Safer Sex” Photo of 2 shirtless men wearing jeans, holding each other by the waist. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (23.25-inches x 16.5-inches)

“Play Safe. Use condoms. For more information contact the ACON office on (02) 211 0499, 68 Sophia St., Surry Hills. Design: David Deacon and Miranda Marsh.” Photograph of man in open shirt and jeans, with nipple ring circled and arrow pointing at unbuttoned fly. (23.25-inches x 16.5-inches)

“Hot Rubber. Zum Aufreissen.” Photograph of naked man from shoulders to thighs; he holds a condom wrapper “The Hot Rubber” in his hands and is “wrapped” behind a piece of sheer fabric. Foto: Vincent von Ballmoos. The Hot Rubber Company, Box 9869, CH-8036 Zurich. The Hot Rubber Company Deutschland, Postfach 310403, D-1000 Berlin 31. (23.25-inches x 16.5-inches)

“We’re Looking For 1000 Good Men!” Photograph of 4 men. Denver AIDS Prevention. c. 1988 Daniel Montano’s Inc. Photography by Michael Stillman. Special Thanks for TX Talent. (18-inches x 24-inches)

“Hot Horny Healthy: A Session in Eroticizing Safer Sex. By John Whyte MD, PhD and Jeff Epperly AIDS Action Health Educator. Saturday, March 5, [1994]. 209 Columbus Avenue (corner of Berkeley). Sponsored by AIDS ACTION Committee.” Photograph of 3 shirtless men in jeans; center man has his arms around the other two. Photography: Bill Chisholm; Design: Stan McCray. (24-inches x 18-inches)

“Die Broschüre. Micht nut fur Ledermannen. Gratis bei der Aids-Hilfe Schweiz oder bei allen regionalen Aids-Hilfen. A+ STOP AIDS. [The Brochure. Not Just for Leathermen] Photo of leatherman with knife, and book “Safer Sex fur Ledermannen”. (23.5-inches x 16.5-inches)

“Sex Klappt Sicher. Bumsen mit Kondom. Blasen ohne abspritzen” [Safe Sex Works. Screw with a condom. Oral sex without ejaculating] Fotograf: Friedrich Baumhauer, Graphik: Wolfgang Mudra. Photo of a man receiving oral sex. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (27-inches x 19-inches)

- “Hast Du Lust? Klar, aber Safer Sex! Na gut, probieren wir’s” [Are You Horny? Clearly, but Safer Sex! Well, let’s try] Drawing of two bare-chested men. Salmon 90. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (26.75-inches x 19.25-inches)
- “Lust Auf Sex? Sicher!” [Desire for sex? Be Safe!] Photo of nude man. Foto und gestaltung: Michael Bidner. Modell: John Schwarzwurzeldruck. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (27.5-inches x 19.5-inches)
- “No Less a Man For Playing Safe, P.S. I Love You.” Photo of man’s chest, man teasing his nipples. (22-inches x 28-inches)
- “Auf Geht’s. Einfuhlsam, Verantwortlich” [Let’s Go. Sensitive, Responsible] Drawing of leathermen: one man wearing chaps, the other wearing a cap and armband with rubber glove on and fingers in first man’s rear end. c. Salmon 90. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (27.5-inches x 19.75-inches)
- “Tom of Finland. Life Guard. Auch Kondome Konnen Leben Retten.” [A Condom Can Save Your Life] Drawing of life guard carrying nude man. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (33-inches x 23.25-inches)
- “Schwule Vielfalt Schwule Solidaritat.” [Homosexual Diversity Gay Solidarity] Portraits von Ingo Taubhorn. Graphik von Wolfgang Mudra. Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe e.V. (33-inches x 23.25-inches)
- “Whatever You Do For Mardi Gras. Mask.” NO/AIDS Task Force, P.I. Box 2616, New Orleans, LA 70176. c.1987 George Dureau. (23-inches x 32-inches) Central picture of nude torso with condom on penis, African-American man wearing only a military jacket, Caucasian woman wearing only a military cap, high heels, and a holding a flag.