

Finding Aid to the Zane Blaney Collection

(#2016-18)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Zane Blaney collection

Collection Number: 2016-18

Physical Description: 14 linear feet (4 cartons, 11 manuscript boxes, 1 oversized box)

Creator: Blaney, Zane

Date (inclusive): 1977-1992

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Zane Blaney is a radio journalist, producer, and co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA), a group which advocates for an end to bigotry and misinformation about LGBTQIA+ people in media. The collection consists of organizational files related to GLAAD/SFBA, as well as a large amount of audiovisual material from between 1982 and 1991, relating to the Gay Games, queer activism, and the national conversation on queer identity. Some of the audiovisual material has been digitized and is available for viewing and listening in the GLBTHS reading room.

Preferred Citation:

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In addition to the citation, please credit any use of the Gay Games tapes as follows: “Gay Olympic Tapes were produced by Penguin Communications of San Francisco, Producers: Carl Carlson, Bob Smith, Bill Checkvala and Zane Blaney.”

Conditions Governing Access:

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights:

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Zane Blaney in 2016, with subsequent accretions in succeeding years.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Isaac Fellman in 2019, based partly on earlier surveys and catalog records.

This finding aid 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 Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves.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: Zane Blaney is a radio journalist, producer, and co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA), a group which advocates for an end to bigotry and misinformation about LGBTQIA+ people in media. Blaney began working in radio at the age of 15, beginning at a small-town station in Wyoming and progressing through Denver, Albuquerque, and Sacramento to San Francisco. Beginning in the late 1970s, Blaney began recording interviews with San Francisco's queer leaders, which became a series of independent audio documentaries aired on PBS radio stations. In 1982, he worked with a small independent television crew to produce recordings of the first Gay Games. As a member of GLAAD/SFBA, he served as board member and media chair.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of organizational and subject files on GLAAD/SFBA and related topics, as well as a large amount of audiovisual material from between 1982 and 1991, relating to the Gay Games, queer activism, and the national conversation on queer identity. 24 Betacam tapes of Gay Games events have been digitized, as have 53 cassette tapes of the Games, community organization meetings, and interviews with queer community leaders. The GLAAD/SFBA files contain incorporation papers; minutes and agendas of meetings; newsletters; media committee files; records of actions against the *Chronicle*, *Examiner*, and radio and television stations, including KQED; and recordings and complaints concerning Rush Limbaugh, Morton Downey, and local shock jocks. Collection also contains files on KQED, PBS, and discrimination against queer comedians, as well as clippings and subject files. Contents of cartons containing audiovisual material are listed below.

Indexing Terms:

Gay men
Sports

Radio

Television

Container Listing

Most titles come from the collection creator.

Boxes 1-11:

GLAAD materials

Carton 1:

¾-inch videocassette:

- Gay Games 1982 torch run and opening
- Gay Games 1982 opening ceremonies
- Cleo Award, commercials, Rex with banana, torch run, et cetera
- Unlabeled tape

Betacam videocassette:

- Gay Games 1982, opening ceremonies and various sporting events, 24 tapes (all digitized)

Carton 2:

7-inch film reels, labeled as follows:

- Bob Hope FSN
- Bob Hope anti-gay violence public service announcement
- Promos for “The Vito Russo Tapes”
- Blaney on the public affair
- The Right to be Who You Are
- Secondary Inspection
- Whose Family Is It Anyway

10-inch film reel:

- Something Different

Smaller film reel, labeled:

- A “sneak preview” of the 5th annual Lesbian/Gay Day on KFPK – June 20, 1982, Overnight Productions

VHS tapes:

- Domestic Partners Ordinance, KGO channel 7, 2/14/91; Gay bashing, KTXL channel 10, 3/12/91; Bob Cook commentary, KTXL channel 40, 3/12/91
- Bob Hope public service announcement from channel 20
- “San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade,” 1989

Large master videotape:

- GLAAD, Inc., public service announcement, Bob Hope, anti-gay violence

Audiocassette tapes:

- “Something Different”
- Vito Russo 6/17/89
- Tape #1 Vito 2B
- Tape #2 Vito 2B
- Tape #4 Vito 2B 1/19/82 Manhattan interview tape 1 of 2
- Tape #5 Vito 2B 1/19/82 Manhattan interview tape 2 of 2
- Tape #7 Vito 2B audio from 6/17/89 interview
- Tape #8, Vito 2B, Gay Liberation Follies I

Paper inventory, apparently from donor

Carton 3

¾-inch U-matic tapes

- 21 tapes, apparently duplicates of the Betacam cassettes in box 1, with the addition of scattered additional material, with labels including “tea dance,” “Castro Theatre interview,” “Kimo’s (first),” and “Hotel York/Minnesota.”

Carton 4

VHS tapes, with inventory by donor as follows:

- AB101 – The Time is Now!
- AIDS Chronicle KQEC
- Tom Ammiano Warfield, circa 1989
- Tom Ammiano Story of English PBS
- Arsenio Hall Show, 2/4/1991
- James Baldwin KQED SFCTC, channel 25, hate crimes, 1991
- Bay Area People, channel 2, Sunday 8 a.m.
- Rosy Chu, KTVU Community Affairs
- Brothers episode 1, 9/18/1989
- Brothers episode 2, 9/18/1989
- Tape of Anna Chavez’s coverage of the February 14th Domestic Partners registration in San Francisco, 2/14/1991
- Channel 2 coverage of “Comedy Tonight” demo. Byron’s tape.
- Davis Rules, Tuesday, January 29th, 8:30 p.m. ABC, 1/29.
- GLAAD Archive Donahue with Debra Johnson + ?
- Wednesday 8:30 CBS Doctor Doctor 9:30 NBC Janelli Boys
- Entertainment Tonight with Craig D. and Andy Rooney, 1/23/90
- GLAAD Archives ends with Geraldo, 1/9/91
- Fanelli: Boys 2 episodes, 9/19/1990 and 9/29/1990
- Hate Crimes channel 7 news 5:30 p.m., 10/29/90

- In Living Color, 48 Hours, gay bashing
- 21 Jump Street, January 15th, channel 2
- Later... With Bob Costas, Rush Limbaugh.
- McNeil Lehrer, Politics and Sex K60, teen suicide
- GLAAD Monitor, rape, 2B
- NBC News, "Aids in the 90s" part III (30 minutes), Rush Limbaugh (1 hour)
- Montreal
- Morton Downey, Jr., show on KRON-TV
- Programs 1234 Tuesday May 31st-June 3
- 1 hour air ck KRON 1:30-5:30, Saturday June 4
- Morton Downey + ?
- MTV sex survey 1-29-30 save GLAAD, 1/29/91
- "Out" (4 hours)
- "Outing" (People Are Talking), 4/16/90
- GLAAD People Are Talking exorcism tape 3
- People are Talking Cameron, Military GLAAD/SFBA
- People are Talking 4/27/1989
- People are Talking "Outing," 4/16/1990
- M. Pitman K60 Audio, 10/14/1990
- Rush II Rush Limbaugh, "More Fun than Humans Should Be Allowed to Have" 90 minutes, Excellence in Marketing Group, 1990
- GLAAD Saturday Night Live excerpts, 12/9/89 and 12/22/89
- Senior gays Donahue/Big 550 Elizabeth Taylor (?), Sweet Bird Youth
- First segment of 60 Minutes, aired on CBS, Channel 5, in San Francisco on Sunday, 4 February, 1990, 2/4/90
- Spectrum News Network

Oversized box 1

53 cassette tapes (all digitized), including:

- A number of tapes pertaining to the Gay Games, dated between 1982 and 1990
- Tapes of speakers and performers, including Dick Stingle, David Hammell, Allan Berube, Richard Kramer, Paul Hardman, Steve Nakago, Gayle Rubin, John Anderson, Arlo Smith, Cory White, Choral Majority, Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, Gordon Armstrong, Ron Witcliff/CUAV, Randy Schell, C. Morris, White rally, Harry Britt, and Amber.
- Tapes of meetings labeled SOS Rally, CUAV meetings, Council of Churches news conference, Carlson Hospital interview, Carlsen police interview, town meeting, Briggs et al rally, Gay Day parade, Cable Car