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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Martin Shapiro is a former Kansas Citian now residing in Maryland. During the early to mid-1970s, he was involved with the Gay People's Union, an early gay and lesbian advocacy and social organization, and with Gay Community Services, a group devoted to providing educational and social programs for the gay community, as well as services such as legal and medical referrals. Mr. Shapiro also participated in the protests by gay and lesbian community members at the 1976 Republican National Convention, held in Kansas City, and at an appearance by anti-gay spokeswoman Anita Bryant the following year.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection primarily consists of material generated by the Gay People's Union and Gay Community Services. These include newsletters, promotional materials, and documents related to the structure of the GPU. In addition there are items from the 1976 Republican Convention and from the University of Kansas gay and lesbian student group. Included with the collection contents are handwritten annotations by the donor which contextualize the material.

Box Folder Description

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Gay People's Union Newsletters Oct 1974 Nov 1974 Dec 1974 Jan 1975 Mar 1975 May 1975 Aug 1975 Oct 1975 Nov 1975
	2	GPU Materials: Agenda/Program, "Sexual Myths and Realities: a gay-straight rap", July 12-13, 1974 GPU Reorganizational Meeting, Registration form and tentative schedule, Aug 23-24, 1975 Flyer, Heart of America Gay Pride Festival, June 27-29, 1975
	3	Gay Community Services Newsletters Sep 1976, vol. 1, issue 1 Dec 1976, vol. 1, issue 3 Feb 1977, vol. 2, issue 2 Mar 1977, vol. 2, issue 3
	4	GCS Rap Topics, 1976
	5	Gay Community House, 3825 Virginia Invitation to house opening, 1974 Mailing labels
	6	Gay Legal Defense Fund informational flyer, 1975 or 1976
	7	Anita Bryant Protest photo, from "Student Unlimited", publication distributed at UMKC
	8	Flyer distributed to attendees at the Republican National Convention, 1976
	9	Button, "Gay Rights '76 New York, July 11-16, Kansas City, August 15- 20"
	10	University of Kansas, Lawrence Gay Liberation Union Flyer, Gay St. Valentines Dance, Feb 6, 1975 Informational flyer, n.d.