"Gaydreams" audio recordings, 1989-1995: Ms.Coll.8
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Summary Information

Repository: John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
Creator: Gaydreams (Radio show : Philadelphia, Pa.).
Title: "Gaydreams" audio recordings
ID: Ms.Coll.8
Date [inclusive]: 1989-1995
Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet
Physical Location: East wall, alcove
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: Gaydreams was among the first gay radio programs in the United States when it debuted in 1974 on the University of Pennsylvania's public radio station WXPN out of Philadelphia. The Gaydreams audio recordings, 1989-1995, consist of dozens of tapes of the radio show in several formats.

Biographical/Historical Note

When Sunshine Gaydreams debuted in 1974 it was the first weekly gay radio program on the East Coast, and perhaps in the United States. Its creator was John Zeh. The hour-long gay issues program, broadcast over the University of Pennsylvania's public station WXPN-FM, soon shortened its name to Gaydreams. In 1996 the show was taken over by Robert Drake, who renamed it Q'zine while shifting the focus to a greater emphasis on music and arts. Q'zine is still broadcasting as of 2012.

Bibliography:


**Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of dozens of audio recordings of the *Gaydreams* radio show in several formats: reel-to-reels, audiocassettes, and digital audio tapes (DAT). Most of the tapes are well labeled with broadcast date and interviewees (including Edmund White and Greg Louganis) or weekly theme.

**Administrative Information**

**Publication Statement**

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**Conditions Governing Access Note**

Contact John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia for information about accessing this collection.

**Processing Information Note**

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2011-2012 as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR), using data provided by the John J. Wilcox Jr. LGBT Archives of Philadelphia. The HCI-PSAR project was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was done in the HCI-PSAR project.
Related Materials

Related Archival Materials Note

-Controlled Access Headings-

- Gays
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Public radio
- Radio broadcasting
- Radio programs for gays
- Sexual minorities
- Gaydreams (Radio show : Philadelphia, Pa.).
- WXPN (Radio station : Philadelphia, Pa.).