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Abstract

The Mark A. Weber Papers include minutes, correspondence, constitution, handouts, notes, and newspaper and magazine articles concerning the Virginia Tech gay and lesbian student organization, Lambda Horizon, from 1971-1991, also included are class projects, photographs, and videos from Weber's time as a student at Virginia Tech, 1983-1987.

Creator

Lambda Horizon (LGBTQA of Virginia Tech)

Creator

Weber, Mark A.

Extent

0.7 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Mark A. Weber Papers must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

The Mark A. Weber Papers about on Lambda Horizon were donated to Special Collections in March 2014. Personal papers were added to the collection in August 2015.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Mark A. Weber Papers was completed in October 2014. The 2015 addition was processed in November 2017.

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Administrative History

Established in 1985 as Lambda Horizon, the LGBTA has undergone many transformations. The early goals of the organization included providing a place on campus for members of the university community to meet without judgement, to help education the campus community, and to create a positive image of people, regardless of orientation.

During the early 1990's the organization changed its name to LGBT and later to LGBTA. Most recently, they have changed their name to HokiePRIDE of Virginia Tech. In 1998, the organization became a University Chartered Student Organization and began the Safe Zone program. Safe Zone was a collaborative effort between the Dean of Student's office, the LGBTA, the LGBT Caucus, and the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action. Today, the organization's main focus is programmatic, not political.

The current mission is to work to promote an environment of equality, understanding, and harmony for people of all sexual orientations, sexualities, gender identities and expressions by providing a LGBT Resource Center and campus-wide programs to raise awareness, community visibility, and increase support.

For more information on the current organization, see their website: <http://www.hokiepride.org.vt.edu/>

Biographical Note

Mark Weber was a student at Virginia Tech from 1983 to 1987, during which he served first as secretary and then as president of the gay student group, Lambda Horizon. Weber graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and went on to complete a Master of Business Administration in Marketing at The George Washington University School of Business. Following his education, Weber served as Director of the Office of Communications for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and later as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs/Human Services with the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Scope and Content

The Mark A. Weber Papers include minutes, correspondence, constitution, handouts, notes, and newspaper and magazine articles concerning the Virginia Tech gay and lesbian student organization, Lambda Horizon, from 1971-1991. The collection includes materials regarding the AIDS education committee, which was a primary focus of Lambda Horizon. The constitution of the Gay Alliance, a previous student organization, is included. The collection also includes papers from Weber's class projects related to the LGBTQ+ community, a photograph of Weber and his date who were the first same-sex couple to attend the Mid-Winter's Dance, and a video of Weber's Virginia Tech graduation party.

Keywords

Sexual minorities
University History
LGBTQ history
Lambda Horizon (LGBTA of Virginia Tech)
Weber, Mark A.
Gay Alliance at Virginia Tech
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Alternate Form Available

This collection has been digitized and is available online.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series, the first of which is arranged in four sub-series, based on content and type of materials. Materials within each series are in chronological order with undated items at the end of each folder.

Series I: Lambda Horizon Papers, 1971-1987, includes Weber's collected papers from his time as an officer in Lambda Horizon.

Sub-Series I: Administrative Files, 1971-1987, includes documents relating to the founding and continuing activities of Lambda Horizon. In addition the constitution and bylaws for the organizations, there are meeting minutes, funding requests, correspondence, and proposals to the university.

Sub-Series II: AIDS Education Committee Papers, 1984-1989, contains materials relating to the AIDS Education Committee, which was sponsored by and included members of Lambda Horizon. There are meeting minutes, hand outs, promotional flyers, and a scrapbook.

Sub-Series III: Events/Programs, 1984-1989, consists of papers from sponsored events, invitations to parties held by members, and publicity files.

Sub-Series IV: Articles and Clippings, 1985-1991, includes copies of magazine and newspaper articles relating to Lambda Horizon and gay and lesbian issues. In addition, there is a file on the resignation of Sandra Sullivan.

Series II: Personal Papers, 1986-1987, includes class projects from Weber's time at Virginia Tech that were related to the LGBTQ+ community, a photograph of Weber and his date from the Virginia Tech Mid-Winter's Dance, and a video from Weber's Virginia Tech graduation party.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Lambda Horizon Papers

Unit Date 1971-1991

Unit Date 1984-1989

Sub-Series I: Administrative Files

Unit Date 1971-1987, n.d.

Gay Alliance Constitution

Unit Date c.1971

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Proposal for Lambda Horizon

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Lambda Horizon Constitution and By-Laws

Unit Date 1985
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 3 (folder)

Dues and Donations

Unit Date 1985, n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 4 (folder)

Lambda Horizon Objectives and Letterhead

Unit Date 1986, n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 5 (folder)

Lambda Horizon Meeting Synapses

Unit Date 1986, n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 6 (folder)

Budget Requests

Unit Date c.1986
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1986-1989, n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Proposal for a University Designated Staff Position for Gay Student Concerns

Unit Date 1987
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

Handouts and Questionnaires

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 10 (folder)

Meeting Notes (2 folders)

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 11-12 (folder)

Sub-Series II: AIDS Education Committee Papers

Unit Date 1984-1989, n.d.

AIDS Education Committee Scrapbook

Unit Date 1985-1986
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 13 (folder)

AIDS Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1985-1987

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

AIDS Education Committee

Unit Date 1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

AIDS Education Forum Chronology

Unit Date 1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

AIDS Education Committee, University Policies

Unit Date 1985-1987, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

AIDS Questionnaire

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

"Matthew: If a Tree Should Fall" by Ann Goette

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Video, AIDS Education Forum

Unit Date 1986-03-03

Language English.

Existence and Location of Copies

This item is only available in digital format and can be viewed [online](#).

Sub-Series III: Events/Programs

Unit Date 1984-1989, n.d.

Gay Awareness Week

Unit Date 1984-1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Life Fest

Unit Date 1989

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Bowling for Bus Shelters

Unit Date n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)
Container 22 (folder)

Event/Party Invitations

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 23 (folder)

Publicity

Unit Date c.1984, 1986, n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 24 (folder)

Sub-Series IV: Articles and Clippings

Unit Date 1985-1991, n.d.

Magazine Articles

Unit Date 1985-1986, 1991
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 25 (folder)

Newspaper Articles

Unit Date 1985-1989
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 26 (folder)

Sandra Sullivan, Vice President for Student Affairs

Unit Date 1988
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 27 (folder)

Historical Virginia Tech

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 28 (folder)

Series II: Personal Papers

Unit Date 1986-1987

Slideshow, Design in the New Environment Drag Show

Unit Date c.1986
Language English.

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Consumer Behavior 4110: AIDS and Attitudes Survey

Unit Date 1986
box-folder 2 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Mid-Winter's Dance Photograph

Unit Date 1986
box-folder 2 (box)
Container 2 (folder)

Graduation Party "Celebrating the College Experience" Video

Unit Date 1987-03-07
box-folder 2 (box)
Container 3 (folder)