

Minnesota State University, Mankato,

Memorial Library, Southern Minnesota Historical Center.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Center, Minnesota State University, Mankato,  
Minnesota. Collection, 1972 - Ongoing.

SMHC Manuscript Collection 188

**Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Center, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minnesota. Collection, 1972 - Ongoing. SMHC Manuscript Collection 188. 1 Archives box, 2 Hollinger boxes, 1 Button box, 1 oversized folder.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Center (LGBC) collection contains information collected over a twenty-nine year period at Minnesota State University. The collection consists of four series: correspondence and office records, newspaper clippings, events, miscellaneous items, and memorabilia. Each series is arranged by topic and chronological order. The collection contains information about the history of the organization in Mankato and battles against discrimination, newspaper clippings collected over two decades concerning gays and lesbians at the national and local levels, campus events, miscellaneous pictures, correspondence, and sixty-six pins related to issues deemed important by the LGBC's membership.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Center began in 1977 under the leadership of Jim Chalgren, a graduate student at Mankato State University. The organization attempted to provide support, resources, activities, and information to the institution's student body. In the process, the LGBC became one of the first organizations of its kind on university campuses. During the Center's history, the organization has held numerous names ranging from the Alternative Lifestyles Office to the Gay Concerns Office.

The historical information was obtained from the collection.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

Five series make up the structure of this collection: correspondence and office records, newspaper clippings, events, miscellaneous items, and memorabilia.

**Correspondence and Office Records**

These records contain some official and unofficial correspondence and documents of Jim Chalgren and other individuals along with the logs of telephone calls to and from the LGBC, letters, and thank you's.

**Newspaper Clippings**

LGBC workers compiled these clippings from a variety of newspapers. The topics collected concern issues related to the rights of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals.

**Events**

Information in this series contains documentation on E. H. D. programs, Eliminate Hate programs, a vigil held following the murder of Mathew Shepard, and items related to musical events.

**Miscellaneous**

These documents contain information on the history of the LGBC and its founder Jim Chalgren, publications and policy statements, reports by the governor of Minnesota, posters, and a large sympathy card intended for the family of Mathew Shepard.

**Memorabilia**

This series contains a door nameplate for the Gay Lesbian Concerns office, a leaflet from the Millennium March on Washington, ten pins related to LGBC events, twelve pins for Minnesota issues, twelve pins for political topics, twenty-three pins on miscellaneous subjects, and ten pins concerning political causes important to the membership of the LGBC.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

There are no restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property and libel laws as they apply.

**COLLECTION CITATION:**

This collection should be cited as:

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**ACQUISITION:**

The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Center donated this collection in December 2001 and May 2002.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Jeff A. Jenson processed this collection and developed the finding aid in February and May 2002. Michael J. Gieseke updated this collection and finding aid in May 2006. Mee Xiong updated the finding aid September 2015.

**OCLC AND RLIN:**

After checking the OCLC and RLIN national databases in May 2006, it has been determined that there is a similar manuscript collection about the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Center at Minnesota State University available.

Chalgren, James (Jim) Eric, 1951-2000. Collection, 1979-2000. SMHC Manuscript Collection 212, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Center, Mankato, (Minn.)  
Homosexuality.

Lesbianism.  
Gay students.  
Gay youth--Services for--Minnesota.  
Lesbians--Services for--Minnesota.  
Gay and lesbian studies--Minnesota--Mankato.  
Organizations, Minnesota State University, Mankato, (Minn.)  
Chalgren, James Eric, 1951 – 2000.  
Bisexual college students--United States.  
Lesbian college students--United States.  
Gay college students--United States.  
Homophobia in higher education--United States.  
Student activities--Minnesota.

<b>SMHC Manuscript Collection 188</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
<b>Correspondence and Office Records</b>		
Budget Issue, 2004	4	2
Calendars, 2002-2003	4	4
Cameron, Loren, Contract for, 2002	4	6
Clinical Service Learning Contracts, 2002	4	5
Correspondence, Email, LGBT Weekly Updates, 2001-2003	4	8
Correspondence, General, 2001-2002	4	9
Donations, 2002	4	7
Letters and Documents, undated and 1992-Spring 2002	1	1
Notebook, Phone Calls Log Book, 1999-2001	1	6
Notebook, Phone Calls, and Visitations, Compilation and Information Related to Press Releases, 1991-1993	1	3
Notebooks, Activities, 1993-1995 and Statistics and Notes, 1996	1	4
Notebooks, Phone Messages and Notes, undated and Spring / Summer 1999	1	5
Notebooks, Statistics and Notes, 1987-1990	1	2
Notes and Office Activity, 2002-2003	4	12
Office Files CD, undated	4	1
Personal Letter, 24 April 1979	1	7
Thank You notes, 2002-2003	4	15
Thank You's, Spring 2001	1	8
Traffic Log, 2001-2002	4	16
<b>Newspaper Clippings</b>		
Campus Survey and Related Newspaper Clippings, c. 1988	1	9
Discrimination and Related Issues, Primarily Mankato and MSU Topics, Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1983-2002	1	21
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1972-1979	1	11
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1980-1982	1	12
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1983-1986	1	13
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1987	1	14
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1987	1	15
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1987	1	16
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1988-1989	1	17
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1990-1991	1	18
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1992-1994	1	19
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, 1995-2002	1	20
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, Local and National 1980-1982, 1984-1986, and 1988	1	23
Newspaper Clippings and Documents, Local and National, 1972-1979	1	22
Newspaper Clippings, 2003-2004	4	18
Newspaper Clippings, Cartoons, and <i>The Gay Blade</i> , undated	1	10
Newspaper Clippings, Local and National, undated	1	24

Newspaper Clippings, Minnesota and National, 1972-1988	1	25
<b>Events</b>		
Activities and Related Materials, undated	1	26
Activity Confirmation Notes, 2002	4	19
Clean Sheets, May 1992 and Growing Up Queer in America, March 1989	1	27
E. H. D. Programs, undated	1	28
Eliminate Hate Day II, Comment Cards, 1997	1	29
Eliminate Hate Day II, Planning Papers, 1997	1	30
Eliminate Hate Day II, Schedule of Events and Program Information, 1997	1	31
Eliminate Hate Day III, Flyer and Stickers, 1998	1	32
Eliminate Hate Day VII, Flyers, 2002	1	33
Event Flyers, 2001-2004	4	20
Event Notes, 2001-2003	4	21
Events and Literature Fliers, undated and Fall 2001-Spring 2002	2	1
Peer Advocate Training Program, 2002-2003	4	13
Reed, Ann, Musical Event and Materials, 1986-1989	2	3
Shepard, Mathew, Vigil, 15 October 1998	2	2
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Certificate of Completion, 2002	4	23
Chalgren, Jim, Materials, 1973-2001	2	4
Cultural Diversity Survey and Results, 2002	4	3
History of the A.L.O. and L.G.B.C., undated	2	5
Library Notes, 2002-2003	4	10
Mankato Gay / Lesbian Community 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Guest Book, April 1983	2	6
Minnesota Human Rights Act, 1993	4	24
Mural Ideas, 2002-2003	4	11
Philanthrofund, 2001	4	14
Poetry and Song of National Coming Out Day, 2002	4	22
Policy Statements, undated	2	7
Posters, Sympathy Card, and Other Items, 1983-2002	Map Case	Dr. 4
Publications, 1971, Summer 1989, and November 1998	2	8
Reports, 1989-1999	2	10
Safe Zone and Related Materials, 1995-1996 and 2002	2	9
Welcoming Bag, Fall 2001	2	11
Women's Studies Internship, 2003	4	17

<b>Memorabilia</b>		<b>Bin</b>
Door Name Plate, Gay Lesbian Concerns, undated	3	1
Paper Leaflet, Millennium March on Washington, undated	3	2
Pins, Gay, Lesbian, and Miscellaneous Topics, 1983–1992	3	9, 10, and 11
Pins, Minnesota Related, 1977–1998	3	5 and 6
Pins, MSU Related, 1994–2002	3	3 and 4
Pins, Political Causes, Miscellaneous Topics, undated	3	12, 13, and 14
Pins, Politically Related, 1976–1996	3	7 and 8