



Archives and Records

Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll.28
TITLE: Project 10 East

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): Al Ferreira and Project 10 East
Title: Project 10 East
Extent: ½ Linear Foot and 2 ¼ Linear Foot Photo Boxes and 1 Album, as well as 1.5 record cartons of media.
Repository: The History Project, Archives and Records Department

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SUBJECTS TERMS

Subject Names:

Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School
Gay Straight Alliance
Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth
PFLAG: Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
Project 10 East

Subject Topics:

Gay Liberation Movement—Massachusetts –Boston
Gay students—Massachusetts—Boston
Gay Straight Alliance—Massachusetts—Boston

Document Types:

Photographs
Letters
Newspapers Clippings
Pamphlets
Newsletters

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Founded in 1988 at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School in Cambridge, MA, Project 10 East was the first school-based program for LGBT youth. As a response to the 1987 suicide of a recent graduate of the high school who had been trying to come to terms with his sexuality, Al Ferreira, a teacher at the school, decided there was a problem that needed to be addressed. After coming out to the school community, Ferreira went about creating a "safe space" for discussions of sexuality and identity. The group's name comes from Project 10, a program founded by Virginia Uribe in 1984 at Fairfax High School in Los Angeles. Ferreira started the first public school Gay Straight Alliance in the Northeast. Since its founding P10E has paved the way for the establishment of other GSA programs and has been active in many different events and forums including Gay Youth Pride marches. Project 10 East's goal is to create an environment to welcome and support gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and transsexual students and function as a safe place for these students.

P10E became a non-profit organization in 1996, under the leadership of both Ferreira and Christine Markowski. The name Project 10 East is used for both the initial Gay Straight Alliance founded in Cambridge Rindge and Latin and the non-profit although they are separate organizations now and the collection contains documents from both organizations. Markowski became the first executive director of the P10E in 2000 and in 2002 the position passed to Ashlee Reed. In 2006 Ed Byrne, the President and Managing director became the leader of P10E.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of a number of files and photographs documenting the early years of Project 10 East, along with flyers, handouts, and pamphlets of instructional information. Many of the photographs are contained in Series V, which is spread out over three boxes and an album. There are also photographs from the exhibit "Visible and Proud" which are contained in folder 5 of Series III as they represent an event that was supported by Project 10 East. There are a number of newspaper articles, half of which relate to P10E and half of which focus on issues of sexuality, homophobia, and celebrations of prominent gay and lesbian individuals.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Series I: Organization Files (annual newsletters and files from Al Ferreira's work at Cambridge Rindge and Latin)

Series II: Correspondence (an assortment of letters both received and sent by the organization)

Series III: Instruction and Events (informational pamphlets and handouts from various conferences and forums including a visit from Candace Gingrich and a curriculum packet for teaching about diversity)

Series VI: Newspaper Clippings (newspaper articles either mentioning P10E or current events relating to issues of sexuality)

Series V: Photographs (pictures of different members of P10E and various events held by the organization)

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series I: Organization Files

Folder 1: Meeting Minutes

Folder 2: Project 10 East Newsletter, 1998-

Folder 3: Organization Brochures

Series II: Correspondence

Folder 1: Inclusive, years 1988-2008

Series III: Instruction and Events

Folder 1: Forums and Conferences

Folder 2: Educational Handouts

Folder 3: Candace Gingrich

Folder 4: Quoyotient and BFCH

Folder 5: "Visible and Proud" (contains photographs from exhibit)

Folder 6: "The Shared Heart" (curriculum guide for teaching about sexual orientation)

Folder 7: Events and Award Receptions

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings

Folder 1: Articles about Project 10 East

Folder 2: General GLBT Articles

Series V: Photographs

Folder 1: Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Yearbooks (1989 and 1992)

Box 2

"Album 4"

Box 3

Project 10 East Photos, 1998-2000

Box 4

"Album 1" 1998-2001

Boxes 5 and 6, Media (VHS) – donated by Al Ferriera to The History Project.