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GAY TV PROGRAMS, CA. 1985-1995

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 145 U-matic tapes, 55 VHS, 1 Betamax stored in 13 cubic foot boxes, 3 manuscript folders

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1985-1995

PROVENANCE: Gregory McDaniel, Surfside, FL

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: M1242; M1198 Indianapolis Men's Chorus

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NOTES: Boxes of films are stored in aisle 57-B, U-matics, VHS, and Betamax are all stored together. The films and tapes are not currently in a format available for use in the library. Digital copies can be made upon request for a fee.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Gay TV was a cable access television show started in 1985 by Greg McDaniel, a native of Martinsville, Indiana and a graduate of Indiana University. After finding out he could get recording space at the public television station in Indianapolis, McDaniel was inspired to do the show as a service to the gay community in central Indiana but also as an outreach and educational tool for the broader public. In the beginning, he was required to have at least five volunteers with him in order to film the show, but as his volunteers dwindled or became unreliable, McDaniel decided that the show would go on at any cost and began filming alone using his own home video camera.

Gay TV featured interviews with a variety of gay activists, sex researchers, psychiatrists, musical acts and performances, and local LGBT organizations, in addition to featuring footage from different events, such as the Celebration on the Circle and the March on Washington.

Sources:

Greg McDaniel video oral history interview conducted by Mark Lee as part of the Indiana Historical Society's LGBT Collecting Initiative.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is made up mostly of film footage of local performances, interviews, and events from Gay TV, an Indianapolis based cable access television show, hosted by Greg McDaniel. The three manuscript folders contain program schedules, release forms, and most notably a few letters from anti-gay activists to the American Cable Vision company requesting that Gay TV be taken off the air due to the "sinful" content celebrating the gay lifestyle.

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