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Description of the Papers

This collection documents a series of anti-gay hate crimes at the University of Southern Maine, in Portland Hall, a student residence. O'Connor worked as the assistant director of student life for Portland Hall. For two weeks, anti-gay graffiti was written in the Hall, it became more violent, and was then directly aimed at O'Connor. In response, the community posted messages about diversity, handed out brochures, and organized a forum to discuss and support diversity.

The O'Connor Collection consists of two brochures to promote diversity, a letter written by O'Connor to "Members of the USM Community and Other Concerned Members of the Greater Community," and four newspaper articles. The articles are as follows:

The Portland Phoenix, Not In My Hall. Tony Giampetrucci. Oct 8, 1999, p.13.

The Portland Press Herald. Anti-gay Threats at USM Spark Diversity Forum. David Connerty-Marin. Oct 1, 1999, p.4B.

In Newsweekly. Maine Student Target of Anti-gay Graffiti. Anthony Giampetrucci. Oct 6, 1999, p.1.

In Newsweekly. Forum Addresses Anti-gay Graffiti at Univ. of So. Maine. Anthony Giampetrucci. Oct 20, 1999, p.4.

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1	1	Letter written by O'Connor	[1999]
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