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Summary Information

Repository:	Special Collections
Creator:	Hylton-Lemons-Link, Sage S., 1980-
Title:	Sage Hylton (-Lemons) Papers
ID:	LG.MS0052
Date [inclusive]:	1996-1998
Date:	2007
Physical Description:	0.25 Linear Feet 1 Box (0.25 Linear Feet)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Sage Hylton-Lemons grew up in Portland, Maine. In high school, Hylton-Lemons found sanctuary as a gay teenager in the youth-driven group Outright, where his involvement progressed from attending weekly meetings to being a member of the Board, then President of the Board. As an Outright member and activist, Hylton-Lemons spoke at schools and events, became a peer-advisor, and helped other communities organize their own Outrights. He was instrumental in conceiving and organizing Outright's first annual prom in 1998. He was profoundly influenced by Christian T. Chenard, a nurse practitioner for the City of Portland Public Health Positive Healthcare Program. The papers include a scrapbook, photographs from the 1998 Outright Prom, a letter from the Maine Assistant Attorney General, a transcript of Hylton-Lemons' testimony at a Portland City Council hearing regarding funding for Outright, and a transcript of his eulogy at the 2007 memorial service for Dr. Chenard along with other materials from the service.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Sage Hylton-Lemons was born in 1980 and grew up in Portland, Maine. After being outed as gay during his freshman year of high school, Hylton-Lemons was subject to verbal and physical harassment from his classmates. During this time, Hylton-Lemons found support and affirmation through the youth-driven organization Outright, which served as a safe haven for LGBTQ+ youth in the Portland area. His involvement with Outright progressed from attending weekly meetings to being a Board member, to serving as President of the Board. As an Outright member and activist, he served as a peer-advisor, spoke at schools and events, and helped other communities organize their own Outrights. In 1998, Hylton-Lemons and a few other members organized Outright's first gay prom, now an annual event. He was strongly influenced by his former doctor, Christian T. Chenard, a nurse practitioner and HIV/AIDS specialist who worked for the City of Portland Public Health Positive Healthcare Program.

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Content Description

The Papers consist of a scrapbook, flyers, photographs, correspondence, speeches, news articles, and ephemera, the majority of which dates from 1996 to 1998. Materials referencing the memorial service of Christian T. Chenard, local nurse practitioner and HIV care specialist, are dated to 2007. Folder 3 contains materials related to Portland Outright, including a written testimony to the Portland City Council and records of Outright events in 1997 and 1998. Folder 4 includes a letter from Maine Assistant Attorney Stephen Wessler regarding Hylton-Lemons' involvement in the Civil Rights Team Project. Folder 5 contains a transcript of Hylton-Lemons' eulogy at the 2007 memorial service for Dr. Chenard along with the service's program and a flyer announcing the 2007 Chris Chenard Walk With The Ones You Love. Three newspaper articles dated between 1996 and 1998 were removed and can be accessed online.

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Arranged chronologically.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Sage Hylton-Lemons-Link, gift, 2010

Processing Information

Items that came loose from the scrapbook can be found in Folder 2. Page of origin has been noted for each loose item.

Physical copies of newspapers have been replaced with digital articles, accessible online. Citations for these articles can be found in the Appendix.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

LG-MS0062, Outright Archives

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Controlled Access Headings

- LGBTQ + activists
- Portland (Me.) -- History
- Gay high school students
- Scrapbooks
- Eulogies
- Hylton-Lemons-Link, Sage S., 1980-
- Outright (Portland, Me.)
- Maine. Department of Attorney General. Civil Rights Team Project

Appendix

Nacelewicz, Tess. 1998. "Homosexual youths get their own prom." Portland Press Herald, May 7, 1998.

Nemitz, Bill. 1997. "Young, gay, vulnerable to bullies." Maine Sunday Telegram, September 14, 1997.

Wilkins, Jason. 1996. "Gay and lesbian youth face discrimination, hatred, ostracism." Times Record, June 14, 1996.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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Sage Hylton (-Lemons) PapersLG.MS0052

Scrapbook, 1996-1998	box 1	folder 1
Scrapbook Loose Materials, 1996-1998	box 1	folder 2
Scrapbook pg. 24-25, undated	folder 2	object Item 1
Scrapbook pg. 34-35, undated	folder 2	object Item 2
Scrapbook pg. 42-43, undated	folder 2	object Item 3
Outright-related Materials, 1997-1998	box 1	folder 3
Portland City Council Hearing Speech, March 23, 1998	folder 3	object Item 1
Summer Nights Prom Flyer, May 1998	folder 3	object Item 2
Outright Event Photographs, 1997-1998	folder 3	object Item 3
Correspondence, 1997, undated	box 1	folder 4
Valentine, undated	folder 4	object Item 1
Letter from ME Asst. Attorney General Stephen L. Wessler, January 1997	folder 4	object Item 2
Christian T. Chenard Memorial Materials, 2007	box 1	folder 5
Memorial Gathering Program, approximately 2007	folder 5	object Item 1
Memorial Speech by Sage, approximately 2007	folder 5	object Item 2
Walk With the Ones You Love Flyer, June 2007	folder 5	object Item 3