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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Bobbi Campbell diary

Date (inclusive): 1983-1984

Collection Number: MSS 96-33

Creator : Campbell, Robert

Extent: Number of containers: 1 box Linear feet: .25

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Abstract: The diary of Bobbi Campbell, nurse, nurse practitioner student, and self-identified "AIDS Poster Boy." Campbell was one of the first, and most public People with AIDS (PWA's), speaking at numerous conferences and other events. The diary runs from July 1983 through February 1984 and is a very frank description of his life and activities during these seven months. Numerous snapshots are also included in the collection.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog:

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Access

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Alternate Forms Available

There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Related Collections

MSS 96-31 Angie Lewis Papers

MSS 98-39 Marcus A. Conant Papers
MSS 2000-31 AIDS History Project Ephemera Collection
MSS 2000-32 AIDS History Project Audio/Video Collection

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Campbell, Bobbi
Kaposi's sarcoma
AIDS (Disease)--Nursing--United States
AIDS (Disease)--Patients
AIDS (Disease)--Political aspects
AIDS (Disease)--Social Aspects--United States
Social Action--United States
Gay culture
University of California San Francisco

Acquisition Information

Bobbi Campbell's diary was given to Sally Smith Hughes by Angie Lewis, in connection with interviews for *The AIDS Epidemic in San Francisco: The Response of the Nursing Profession, 1981-1984*, Volume II, Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, 1999. Sally Smith Hughes then donated the diary to the UCSF Library in 1996.

System of Arrangement

Arranged to the folder level.

Processing Information

Processed by Julia Bazar in 2006.

Biographical Information

Bobbi Campbell was born January 29, 1951. He was "thirty-one and a half" when he started this journal on July 28, 1983. He was one of the early men diagnosed with AIDS. Bobbi Campbell worked as a nurse and then sought further training as a nurse practitioner. Campbell also lectured and appeared at conferences and symposia as the "AIDS Poster Boy," and was active with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection consists of a handwritten diary kept by Bobbi Campbell, nurse, nurse practitioner student, and self-identified "AIDS Poster Boy." Campbell was one of the first, and most public People with AIDS (PWA's), speaking at numerous conferences and other events. The diary runs from July 1983 through February 1984 and is a very frank description of his life and activities during these seven months. Numerous snapshots are also included in the collection.

The diary chronicles his life during this period, including speeches to various groups about living with AIDS and the concerns of People with AIDS (PWA's), his other travels and recreational activities, and his relationship with his partner, Bobby Hilliard. Besides date, Campbell also noted the time of his entries using a 24 hour clock, for example, the first entry starts 17:20 July 28, 1983, corresponding to 5:20 p.m. of that day, sometimes several different times are recorded under one date, meaning that he made multiple entries at various times during that day. The diary includes many frank references to drug and alcohol use and sex.

In addition to the diary itself, the collection contains two folders of loose material removed from the diary. First are 5 pieces of paper including menus from two dinner parties, an announcement of a Radical Fairies gathering, and a spoof of the announcement. The other folder contains the snapshots that were stashed between many of the journal's pages. Only a few are identified and they appear to have been randomly placed or to have been moved, since the photos of identifiable events are often nowhere near the corresponding written description. Photographs removed from between the same pages have been kept together in photo envelopes within the folder. Where identification is obvious it is noted on the envelope.

Series 1 Diary 1983-1984

Box 1, Folder 1	Diary July 1983-February 1984
Box 1, Folder 2	Loose Materials from back of diary September - December 1983
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs 1983-1984