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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marc A. Hein was born July 18, 1949 in Lawrence, Kansas. He lived in the Kansas City area most of his life, attending Rockhurst High School, from which he was graduated in 1967. After graduating from the University of Kansas with a degree in architecture, he later became a registered architect in the state of Missouri, and was a member of the American Institute of Architects. He served on the boards of the Kansas City Design Excellence Awards in 1992, and of The Whole Person, Inc. in 1982-84.

Hein was also very active in the Kansas City gay community. He was a member of the Heartland Men's Chorus in 1989-90, of ACT-UP KC, and from 1989-1993 worked within GALA, Gay and Lesbian Awareness, an organization whose goal was to raise awareness of and pride within the gay and lesbian community. One of his first goals as a GALA member was to revive the Kansas City Pride Parade. He put together 300 marchers in 1990, growing to over 1,200 the next year, and by 1992 it was the only parade in the United States to span two states. As a result of these visible efforts, he was appointed to the Mayor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Concerns in 1991.

In 1988 Hein was diagnosed with AIDS. After his first AIDS-related sick leave, he was fired from his architect job in 1989. This enabled him to spend time on his GALA-related activities, and freed him to express himself in print. He regularly submitted letters to the editor in *The Alternate News*, Kansas City's primary gay and lesbian community publication at the time, and the magazine eventually gave him his own column. This was followed by a column in a competing magazine, *The Current News*, for which he wrote "On the Other Hand" through 1992.

Hein maintained a positive yet realistic attitude after his diagnosis. A long-distance runner most of his life, he continued to run marathons after learning of his illness. He trained for the 1990 Gay Games, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, and was the only person with AIDS to ever complete a marathon in the Games. He also planned to run in the 1994 New York Gay Games.

Marc Hein succumbed to AIDS on March 30, 1993. He was 43.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Marc Hein Collection was gifted to LaBudde Special Collections in July, 2010 by his sister, Louanne Hein. The collection features a variety of writing by Hein, including samples of his two published columns, a myriad of correspondence, and two diaries. He kept three separate scrapbooks: one of his writing; one featuring his Pride-related activities; and one documenting his Gay Games experience. The collection also contains an array of newspaper and magazine clippings, detailing events in which he was involved locally and at the Gay Games, and some which center on AIDS research. The collection also includes an original drawing by Hein, a poster of the logo he created for the 1989 Pride Festival, held in Southmoreland Park.

## **SERIES NOTES**

### **SERIES I: BIOGRAPHICAL**

Series I contains material related to the life of Marc Hein, including various certificates he was awarded throughout his life and a 1992 *Pitch* cover story about his life as a person with AIDS and a gay activist. More poignantly, this series features the paperwork surrounding his death, including his obituary, death certificate, funeral service receipt, and condolence cards sent to his mother, Angela.

### **SERIES II: SCRAPBOOKS**

This series is comprised of three scrapbooks kept by Hein. The first, labeled “Commentary...On the Other Hand”, contains copies of his letters to various lesbian and gay publications as well as his columns he wrote for the *Alternate News* and *Current News*. The second scrapbook, which he titled “Gay Games”, contains material related to his experience as a Gay Games athlete. The third scrapbook – “Gay Pride Articles” – features not only his writing about Gay Pride events but the paperwork associated with sponsoring public parades, most notably correspondence with Westwood, KS city officials regarding their refusal to allow the 1992 parade to start from their city.

### **SERIES III: DIARIES**

This series is made up of two diaries kept by Hein, dating from 1989-1993, which primarily detail his efforts to train for marathon running and document his medical condition and treatments.

### **SERIES IV: NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE CLIPPINGS**

Series III contains various clippings related to the Gay Games, gay rights issues, and AIDS issues.

### **SERIES V: PUBLICATIONS**

This series contains three publications: two issues of *Diseased Pariah News* (1990 and 1991), a self-published ‘zine geared toward HIV+ people and persons with AIDS, and a copy of the *Seattle Gay News* from 1991.

### **SERIES VI: MISCELLANEOUS**

This series is a catch-all for material that was out of the scope of the other series. Most notably it contains a collection of different types of buttons and badges on different subjects such as Kansas City Pride, AIDS awareness, and politics. It also contains an original drawing by Hein, a poster of the 1989 Kansas City Gay Pride Festival logo.

## CONTAINER LIST

### SERIES I: BIOGRAPHICAL

Box	Folder	Description
		<b>A: PRESS COVERAGE</b> Cover story, <i>Pitch</i> , June 10-16, 1992, <b>see Oversize, Box 3, Folder 1</b>
		<b>B: CERTIFICATES</b> Uniform Building Code Course completion, Dec 5, 1977 Youth Employment Service certificate of award, Aug 4, 1986 Gay Games II, Marathon participation, Aug 9-17, 1986
1	1	
	2	<b>C: DEATH</b> Obituary, Death notices, 1993 Death certificate Funeral receipt Condolence correspondence Related newspaper clippings

### SERIES II: SCRAPBOOKS

Box	Folder	Description
1	3	<b>A: "COMMENTARY..ON THE OTHER HAND"</b> Correspondence, 1988 Letters to Editor, <i>Alternate News</i> , 1988 Correspondence, 1989 Letters to Editor, <i>Alternate News</i> , 1989 Gay Games, GALA '90 articles, <i>Alternate News</i> , 1990 "Commentary", <i>Alternate News</i> , Mar – Oct, 1991 "On the Other Hand", <i>Current News</i> , Oct – Dec 1991
	4	<b>B: "GAY GAMES"</b> Intended attendee list, June 1994 games [collected at 1990 games] <i>Image, San Francisco Chronicle</i> , June 4, 1989 "Game Plan", Guide to Gay Games III, <b>see Oversize, Box 3, Folder 2</b> Correspondence, 1989-1990 Miscellaneous articles, undated Letter to Editor, <i>Alternate News</i> , 1989 <i>Unity '94</i> , the official newsletter of the 1994 Gay Games, Winter, 1991; Spring 1991 <i>Unity '94</i> ephemera Newspaper article, <i>Columbia Missourian</i> , Aug 15, 1991

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		<b>C: "GAY PRIDE ARTICLES 1991"</b>
1	5	GALA/KC Membership list, Feb 17, 1992 Correspondence, GALA 1992, 1992 Parade permit, 1992 Correspondence, GALA 1990, 1990 Parade permits, 1990, 1991 Promotional copy, 1990 Miscellaneous newspaper articles, June, 1991 Letter to editor, <i>Kansas City Star</i> , June, 1991 Newspaper column and response, June, 1991 Scores: "From a Distance" "Lean on Me" "The Healing Power of Love" "We Shall Not Give Up the Fight" "Our Time" Minutes, Design Excellence Awards Committee, Apr 8, 1991 DEA Committee roster <i>Kansas City Gazette</i> , Mar 27-Apr 2, 1992

### **SERIES III: DIARIES**

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1	6	Diary, Sep 26, 1989-Jun 2, 1991
	7	Diary, Oct 29, 1992 – Mar 25, 1993

### **SERIES IV: NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE CLIPPINGS**

Box	Folder	Description
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		<b>A: GAY GAMES</b>
1	8	"Marathon Man", <i>Advocate</i> , May 8, 1990 "Gay Prejudice less Open...", <i>Vancouver Sun</i> , Aug 8, 1990 "Marathoner with AIDS runs to finish...", <i>Kansas City Star</i> , Aug 11, 1990 "Mission Accomplished", <i>Bay Area News</i> , Aug 23, 1990 "Athletic events", unidentified publication and date Score, "Love Don't Need a Reason" "Celebration '90", newsletters of the Gay Games III, Nov/Dec 1988 and Nov 1989 <b>see Oversize, Box 3, Folder 3</b> "Gay Games a Forum...", <i>Georgia Straight</i> , Aug 3-10, 1990 <b>see</b> <b>Oversize, Box 3, Folder 3</b> "Vancouver Lesbians and Gays Triumph in an Olympic Challenge", <i>Angle</i> , Oct 1990 <b>see Oversize, Box 3, Folder 3</b>
		<b>B: MISCELLANEOUS</b>
	9	"Picnic, parade mark Gay-Lesbian Week", <i>Kansas City Star</i> , Jun 23, 1990

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1	9	"Open Forum: Lutheran Leaders...", <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> , Aug 15, 1990 "AIDS Dollars Inadequate...", <i>Kansas City Star</i> , Jan 28, 1992 "City Deals KC/GALA '92 Bum Hand...", <i>News-Telegraph</i> , Jan 1992 "ACLU Questions Police Policy on Parade" and "Carol Coe Thanks Commission", <i>News-Telegraph</i> , Feb 1992 Four AIDS-related articles, <i>Wall Street Journal</i> , Feb 21, 1992 "Family member tells about the pain of brother's illness", <i>North Star</i> , Apr 3, 1992 "Gay Games Team Forms for '94", <i>News-Telegraph</i> , Apr 1992 "KC GALA '92 Announces Pride Show Performers", <i>News-Telegraph</i> , 1992 "Cleaver in Hot Water Again...", <i>News-Telegraph</i> , 1992 "Gay Question Drew Inadequate Answer" [Dear Abby], 1992 "Peter brings life with AIDS to TV", unidentified, no date

#### **SERIES V: PUBLICATIONS**

Box	Folder	Description
1	10	<i>Diseased Pariah News</i> , no. 1, 1990; no. 2, 1992 <i>Seattle Gay News</i> , vol. 18, no. 26, Jul 5, 1991, <b>see Oversize, Box 3, Folder 4</b>

#### **SERIES VI: MISCELLANEOUS**

Box	Folder	Description
1	11	Flyer, Rockhurst High School Class of 1967 20 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Funeral programs: Charles Sell, 1950-1989 Mike Flores, 1956-1990 William Andrews, 1939-1991 Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce letter to Sister Kevin Marie, Good Samaritan Project Playing card, Joker
2	1	Buttons, Kansas City
	2	Buttons, Regional
	3	Buttons, AIDS
	4	Buttons, Gay Games
	5	Buttons, Political
	6	Buttons, Miscellaneous