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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

F. Gorodess (Scoop) Phillips, III (1947-2008) was born in Des Moines, Iowa. His family moved to Overland Park, Kansas, when he was a child, and he attended schools in that city. Upon graduation from high school, Phillips became involved with the early gay rights movement. After holding a variety of jobs, Phillips received an associate's degree in general studies from Johnson County Community College in 1979. By the late 1980s, he returned to college, and was graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration—Marketing/Tourism and Communication Theory and Human Relations from Park College in Parkville, Missouri. Failing health forced him to retire from the workforce and take up residence at Santa Fe Towers in Overland Park, where he became an advocate for the residents there. Scoop Phillips died on January 11, 2008, and is buried at Johnson County Memorial Gardens in Overland Park.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Scoop Phillips Collection was gifted in December 2009 to LaBudde Special Collections by Jim Phillips, his brother. The collection dates from 1966 to 1992 and contains primarily material related to the gay community in Kansas City, including a number of essays Phillips published while at Park College that address various aspects of gay life in Kansas City and the Midwest. Also included are local and national publications, materials related to the Pink Triangle Political Coalition, and documentation of the National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations, held in Kansas City in February of 1966. Materials have been divided into nine series categories.

## **SERIES NOTES**

### **SERIES I: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Series I is located in folder one and contains the program from Phillips' funeral, a resume, and a press release announcing his Park College degrees.

### **SERIES II: WRITINGS**

Series II can be found in folders 2 - 3 and holds writings authored by Phillips from his days in college, primarily related to different aspects of local and national gay culture, and photocopies of two of his columns from the Park College newspaper, dating from October of 1987.

### **SERIES III: EVENTS – LOCAL**

This series is located in folders 4 and 5. It contains flyers, programs, rosters, etc. from gay-related events held in Kansas City from 1966 to 1992.

### **SERIES IV: EVENTS – NATIONAL**

This series, in folder 6, contains a flyer detailing the national "Pink Ribbon Project.

### **SERIES V: ORGANIZATIONS – LOCAL**

Items in this series are in folder 7 and include documents related to the activities of the Pink Triangle Political Coalition, dating from 1987-1988.

**SERIES VI: ORGANIZATIONS – NATIONAL**

Series VI is found in folder 8. It contains material from One, Incorporated, an organization based in Los Angeles, California.

**SERIES VII: PUBLICATIONS – LOCAL**

Located in folders 9 and 10, this series houses publications targeted to the gay community and published in Kansas City. They date from 1968 – 1992.

**SERIES VIII: PUBLICATIONS – NATIONAL**

This series, in folder 11, contains publications targeted to the gay community and published outside of the Kansas City area.

**SERIES IX: MISCELLANEOUS**

Folder 12 holds this series, and it contains various material including Rolodex cards, an obituary and photo of Kansas City gay activist Drew Shaffer, and writings on the practices of sadomasochism.

## CONTAINER LIST

### SERIES I: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Funeral program, Resume, Press Release from Park College

### SERIES II: WRITINGS

Box	Folder	Description
1	2	"Higher Education and the Gay Community" "Defining Politically Correct" "Religious Posturing on Gay Rights: a Limited Statistical Overview" "Why a Proclaimed Gay Pride Week?" "Gays and Youth" "Gaybashing: Centuries of Pain" "The Status of Gay in the US"
	3	"Minority Group Exercise" "Suggested Reading for Understanding Gays and Lesbians" "Sadomasochism: an Enigma" "Kansas City and the Gay Movement: a Brief Overview of the Gay Rights Movement and Kansas City's Unique Relationship to that Movement" "Pride not lost on campus", <i>Park Stylus</i> , v. 101, no. 3, Oct 2, 1987 "Oct. 11, 1987: New day for gays", <i>Park Stylus</i> , v. 101, no. 4, Oct 16, 1987

### SERIES III: EVENTS – LOCAL

Box	Folder	Description
1	4	Roster, National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations, Kansas City, Missouri, Feb 19-20, 1966 Programs, AIDS Memorial Quilt tour, 1990 Programs, Gay Pride Picnic and Parade, 1990, 1991
	5	Certificates, "Kansas City Gay Hall of Fame", 1992 Flyer, Lea Hopkins art exhibit, 1992 Article, "Gay Group can't adopt a highway in Missouri", <i>Kansas City Star</i> , Sep 19, 1992, photocopy "Recommendation to the Mayor", draft, Oct 1, 1991 Program, First Annual Rainbow Awards, n.d. Speech, Rainbow Award presentation, n.d.

### SERIES IV: EVENTS – NATIONAL

Box	Folder	Description
1	6	Flyer, Pink Ribbon Project

**Box Folder Description**

### **SERIES V: ORGANIZATIONS – LOCAL**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	7	Press Release, Pink Triangle Political Coalition, 1987 Newsletters, Pink Triangle Political Coalition, April/May 1988, G.A.L.A. 1988 edition, 1989? Brochure, Pink Triangle Political Coalition, n.d. “Homosexuality: Moving Towards Understanding, a Special Report from Pink Triangle Political Coalition”, n.d.

### **SERIES VI: ORGANIZATIONS – NATIONAL**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	8	Program, 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of One, Incorporated, 1992 One Calendar, One, Inc., vol. 38, no. 1, Jan 1992

### **SERIES VII: PUBLICATIONS – LOCAL**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	9	<i>The Phoenix</i> , Mar-Apr, 1968 <i>GCS (Gay Community Services) Newsletter</i> , Sep 1976 <i>Spectrum</i> , July 9, 1979 <i>Calendar</i> , Apr, July, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec 1979
	10	<i>Alternate News</i> May 8, 1987 Dec 23, 1988 Dec 30, 1988 Feb 24, 1989 Apr 21, 1989 <i>Gay News Telegraph</i> supplement, “Excavating Our Pride”, 1992

### **SERIES VIII: PUBLICATIONS – NATIONAL**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	11	<i>One Magazine</i> , March, Apr 1966 <i>One Letter</i> , June, 1968 <i>The Ladder: a Lesbian Review</i> , Apr 1966 <i>Gays in Library Land</i> , 1990

### **SERIES IX: MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	12	Photo, Drew Shaffer, n.d. Obituary, Drew Shaffer, 1989, photocopy Newspaper photo featuring Drew Shaffer, <i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i> , Nov 22, 1977, photocopy

Box	Folder	Description
1	12	Rolodex cards (14) Activist stickers “Do Ask, Do Tell” “Fight AIDS, Not People With AIDS” “Out is In” “Bash Back” “Standing High Council Statement on Homosexuality”, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1982, photocopy “Homosexuality”, <i>Church Administrator’s Handbook</i> p. 68, Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1987, photocopy “SM 101: Leathersex: an Introduction”, n.d. “SM 102: Basic Toys & Techniques”, n.d.