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Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll.13
TITLE: *Hit Parade* Publication

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): *Hit Parade* (Publisher: Bruce Jope; Editor Francis Toohey)
Title: *Hit Parade* Publication
Extent: 1 box
Date Span: 1978 – 1983

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HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

Started in 1977 by Francis Toohey and his partner Bruce Jope, *Hit Parade* was intended as an alternative to the more political papers like *Gay Community News*. Rather than focus on political or social subjects, *Hit Parade* covered Boston's arts and entertainment scene from a gay perspective. Content ranged from long-form interviews with performers like Divine and Holly Woodlawn to short editorials and commentary on Boston's bar and club scene. The magazine

also focused heavily on photography from Paul Parks and Don Hanover, and regularly featured their fashion and nude photographs.

Beginning in 1980, Toohey and Jope relocated to New York, splitting the focus of *Hit Parade* between the two cities.

Hit Parade, Publication Index

Volume	Issue	Date	Copies	Notes
		1978 November	1	
		1978 December	2	
		1979 January	1	
		1979 February	1	
		1979 March	1	
		1979 April	1	
		1979 May	-	No issue published
		1979 June	1	Format/Size Change
		1979 July	1	
		1979 August	Toohey	
		1979 September	Toohey	
		1979 October	Toohey	First Anniversary
		1979 November	Toohey	
		1979 December/ 1980 January	Toohey	Double issue
		1980 February	1	
		1980 March	1	
		1980 April	2	
		1980 May	1	
		1980 June	1	
		1980 July	1	
		1980 August	Toohey	
		1980 September	Toohey	
		1980 October	2	
		1980 November	2	
		1980 December	3	
		1981 January		
		1981 February	Toohey	
		1981 March	Toohey	
		1981 April	1	
		1981 May	2	
		1981 June	1	
		1981 July	1	
		1981 August	2	
		1981 September	Toohey	Premier New York Issue
4	1	1981 October	Toohey	
4	2	1981 November/December	Toohey	Year End Issue
4	3	-	-	No issue published
4	4	1982 February	2	
4	5	1982 March	1	
4	6	1982 May	1	
4	7	1982 June	1	
4	8	1982 July		
4	9	1982 August	Toohey	
4	10	1982 October	1	
5	1	1982 November	Toohey	New Format
5	2	1982 December	Toohey	
5	3	1983 February	1	
5	4	1983 March	Toohey	
5	5	1983 April	Toohey	

5	6	1983 May	Toohey	
5	7	1983 June	Toohey	
5	8	1983 July	Toohey	
5	9	1983 August	Toohey	
5	10	1983 September/October	1	Anniversary Issue
6	1	1983 October/November	Toohey	Final Issue