Finding Aid to the Dan O'Neill Comic Art Archive

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Title: Dan O’Neill comic art archive

creator: O’Neill, Dan

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Physical Description: approximately 2000 items in 9 oversize boxes, 13 oversize folders (ca. 2,000 items), 1 envelope and 1 frame + 1 box (correspondence): chiefly ink drawings, some color ; various sizes

Date (inclusive): approximately 1963-2010

Abstract: This collection constitutes the entirety of Dan O'Neill's personal collection of his work that remained in his possession as of 2012. The majority of items are original drawings, numbering 1,517, for the Odd Bodkins comic strip, which ran from 1964 through 1970.

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Content Description
This collection constitutes the entirety of Dan O'Neill's personal collection of his work that remained in his possession as of 2012. The majority of items are original drawings, numbering 1,517, for the Odd Bodkins comic strip, which ran from 1964 through 1970. Some later Odd Bodkins sketches are also present. Also includes approximately 170 drawings and several prints representing his strip titled "O'Neill" (1980-1985); a small amount of material related to the comic books "Mickey Mouse Meets the Air Pirates" (aka "Air Pirates Funnies no. 1") and "Dan O'Neill's Comics"; drawings, prints, mockups and other material pertaining to The Log of the Irish Navy, The Collective Unconscious of Odd Bodkins and other publications; posters promoting support of the Mouse Liberation Front and O'Neill's legal battles with Disney; miscellaneous sketches and prints; 18 drawings by other artists collected by O'Neill (e.g. Crabman, David H. Pierce, Jim Cornelius, Fred Rhoads, Shary Flenniken, Campbell, R.L. Crabb and Gary King); and copies of 2 publications by O'Neill: Big yellow drawing book and Buy this book of Odd bodkins. Also includes 7 undated sketchbooks containing drawings, poems and other writings; and a series of illustrated love letters written by O'Neill to Denise Sporer in the summer of 1973.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition
The Dan O'Neill Comic Art Archive was purchased from Dan O'Neill, via Bolerium Books, in 2013.

Biographical Note
Born April 21, 1942. Underground cartoonist; creator of Odd Bodkins comic strip; co-founder of Air Pirates comics collective; central figure in well-publicized protracted lawsuit by the Walt Disney Company prompted by the Air Pirates' parodies of Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Cartoons
Comics
Sketchbooks
Love letters
**Drawings**
Mickey Mouse (Fictitious character) -- Parodies, imitations, etc.
O'Neill, Dan

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**Scope and Content**

Gift of Peter Sussman, 2013.
AX_box 2, folder 1  Copies of two publications: Big Yellow Drawing Book and Buy This Book of Odd Bodkins, undated
Physical Description: 2 items

AX_box 2, folder 2  Volume 1. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 3  Loose/laid in material from volume 1, undated
Physical Description: 1 folder

AX_box 2, folder 4  Volume 2. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 5  Loose/laid in material from volume 2, undated
Physical Description: 1 folder

AX_box 2, folder 6  Volume 3. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 7  Loose/laid in material from volume 3, undated
Physical Description: 1 folder

AX_box 2, folder 8  Volume 4. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 9  Volume 5. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 10  Volume 6. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 11  Volume 7. Sketchbook, undated
Physical Description: 1 item

AX_box 2, folder 12  Loose/laid in material from volume 7, undated
Physical Description: 1 folder

AX_box 2, folder 13  Metal printing plates for Odd Bodkins strips, undated
Physical Description: 3 items

B_box 1, folder 1  Bucky Bug printing plate, 1970
Physical Description: 1 item

B_box 1, folder 2  Multiple copies of Odd Bodkins cartoon strip reproduction, 1969
Physical Description: 2 prints

B_box 1, folder 3  Multiple copies of Odd Bodkins poster, undated
Physical Description: 2 prints

B_box 1, folder 4  Multiple copies of covers for publication The Collective Unconscience of Odd Bodkins, undated
Physical Description: 4 items
B_box 1, folder 5  Multiple copies of Mouse Liberation Front (MLF) posters, undated
    Physical Description: 24 prints

B_box 1, folder 6  Original sketches and comic strip drawings by various artists, 1972-2010
    Physical Description: 18 drawings
    Scope and Content
    Artists include Crabman, David H. Pierce, Jim Cornelius, Fred Rhoads, Shary Flenniken,
    Campbell and R.L. Crabb, among others. Also includes Gary Halgren’s “Man of the World”
    (1972), “R.L. Crab's An Ode to Dianne” (1985) and Gary King's “The Left-Overs” (1972) and

B_box 1, folder 7  Material pertaining to publication The Log of the Irish Navy, 1983
    Physical Description: 7 items (2 books, 3 mockups and 2 drawings.)

B_box 1, folder 8  Original drawings promoting Big Yellow Book and fund raising for O'Neill's legal conflict
    with Disney, undated
    Physical Description: 9 drawings

B_box 1, folder 9  Original sketches and drawings, circa 1972-2010?
    Physical Description: 15 items (14 drawings and 1 print)

C_box 1, folder 1-28  Odd Bodkins original comic strip drawings, circa 1963-1970?
    Physical Description: circa 300 drawings

C_box 2, folder 29-63  Odd Bodkins original comic strip drawings, circa 1963-1970?
    Physical Description: circa 300 drawings

C_box 3, folder 64-96  Odd Bodkins original comic strip drawings, circa 1963-1970?
    Physical Description: circa 300 drawings

C_box 4, folder 97-137  Odd Bodkins original comic strip drawings, circa 1963-1970?
    Physical Description: circa 300 drawings

C_box 5, folder 138-159  Odd Bodkins original comic strip drawings, circa 1963-1970?
    Physical Description: circa 300 drawings

C_box 6, folder 1  Original drawings and sketches, undated
    Physical Description: 59 drawings

C_box 6, folder 2  Miscellaneous original comic strip drawings, circa 1976-1977?
    Physical Description: 14 items (13 drawings and 1 print.)
    Scope and Content
    Includes "The Holy World", "O'Neill", "Tales of Oakland", "South of the Slot", "Another True
    Life Adventure of Cub Calloway" and Bucky Bug character, among others.

C_box 6, folder 3  Original drawings and comic strips, circa 1980-1984?
    Physical Description: 13 drawings
    Scope and Content
    Includes "Odd Bodkins" (2009), "A Letter Home?" and "When in Doubt Enjoy It", among
    others.

C_box 6, folder 4  Promotional item for “End of the Trail” radio show, undated
    Physical Description: 1 drawing
| C_box 6, folder 5 | **Original drawing of Smokey the Bear, undated**  
Physical Description: 1 drawing |
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| C_box 6, folder 6 | **Drawing collaborations between Dan O'Neill, Sheridan Anderson and Gary Hallgren, undated**  
Physical Description: 5 drawings  
Scope and Content  
Comic strips include The Petrified Florist and Towering Inferno, among others. |
| C_box 6, folder 7 | **Black and white off-prints of Dan O'Neill's Comics, December 1947, November 1949**  
Physical Description: 13 prints |
| C_box 6, folder 8 | **Full color off-prints of Dan O'Neill's Comics, undated**  
Physical Description: 8 prints |
| C_box 6, folder 9 | **Multiple copies of poster promoting San Francisco Book Fair, undated**  
Physical Description: 41 prints |
| C_box 6, folder 10 | **Multiple copies of “Wild Dogs in the Streets” poster satirizing San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein and the San Francisco Police Department, undated**  
Physical Description: 2 prints  
Scope and Content  
Poster also includes reproductions of several strips. |
| oversize-folder D 1 | **Multiple copies of poster reproducing a letter by O'Neill to “Mr. Editor”, promoting the artist's Odd Bodkins comic strip, 1963?**  
Physical Description: 5 prints  
Scope and Content  
Poster also includes reproductions of several strips. |
| oversize-folder D 2 | **Multiple copies of four-up color cover runs for issue no. 1 of Mickey Mouse meets the Air Pirates, 1971?**  
Physical Description: 2 prints |
| oversize-folder D 3 | **Original marker drawing, “Anthropoid and the Skunks”, depicting a rock concert, undated**  
Physical Description: 1 drawing |
| frame --FR rack | **“Wild Dogs in the Streets” poster, undated**  
Physical Description: 1 print |
| envelope NEG(strip) | **35mm negatives reproducing various Dan O'Neill drawings, undated**  
Physical Description: approximately 60 photographs: film negatives; film width 35mm |