Finding Aid to the Eugene Partyka and Philip Stuart Papers, 1961-2000
Coll2015-008

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Contributing Institution: ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California
Title: Eugene Partyka and Philip Stuart papers
creator: Partyka, Eugene J. (Eugene John)
creator: Stuart, Philip (Philip Stuart Smith)
Identifier/Call Number: Coll2015-008
Physical Description: 13.5 Linear Feet3 boxes, 2 photo album boxes, 3 shoeboxes, 4 flat boxes.
Date (inclusive): 1961-2000
Abstract: Correspondence, journals, notebooks, photographs, slides, negatives, drawings, scrapbooks, film (home movies), sound recordings, video recordings, uniform accoutrements, and other material, 1961-2000, from Eugene Partyka and Philip Stuart. Materials in the collection document the relationship between Partyka and Stuart, as well as Partyka and his former partner Val Sondergaard. The bulk of the collection is Partyka and Stuart's visual works and other creative projects mostly involving photography, writings, drawings, and abstract geometric designs. Also included are documents and memorabilia related to Partyka's status as a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Biography
Eugene John Partyka was born on November 2, 1938 in Illinois. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Michigan Technological University before serving in the United States Navy from 1961-1971. He received his Masters of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1971. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Partyka worked in sales and program development in multi-media design companies, including Laser Images, Inc. Partyka died November 26, 2000 in Los Angeles, California.
Source: Box 1, Folder 1, Eugene Partyka and Philip Stuart Papers, Coll2015-008, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California.

Philip Stuart Smith was born on June 15, 1937. Stuart was partner and creative collaborator to Eugene Partyka. He was also a photographer, and often used the pseudonym Thor Smith. Philip Stuart died of complications from AIDS in February 1986.
Source: Box 1, Folder 29, and Box 2, Folder 15, Eugene Partyka and Philip Stuart Papers, Coll2015-008, ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, USC Libraries, University of Southern California.

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Scope and Contents
The collection comprises correspondence, journals, notebooks, photographs, slides, negatives, drawings, scrapbooks, film (home movies), sound recordings, video recordings, uniform accoutrements, and other material, 1961-2000, from Eugene Partyka and Philip Stuart. Materials in the collection document the relationship between Partyka and Stuart, as well as Partyka and his former partner Val Sondergaard. The bulk of the collection is Partyka and Stuart's visual works and other creative projects mostly involving photography, writings, drawings, and abstract geometric designs. Also included are documents and memorabilia related to Partyka's status as a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Separated Materials
Six film reels of gay erotic content and one VHS videocassette, *First Class Male: Smooth Touch*, have been separated to the ONE Archives audiovisual collection.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- Gays -- Correspondence
- Drawings (visual works)
- Notebooks
- Veterans
- Partyka, Eugene J. (Eugene John)
- Stuart, Philip (Philip Stuart Smith)

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**Box 5**  
Item AC2993-AC3002  
*Address books, date books, and journals 1993-2000*  
*Audio cassettes 1980-1995*  

Physical Description: 10 audiocassettes.

**Box 15**  
*Drawings and other visual works undated*  
*Drawings, other visual works, and negatives circa 1980-2000*

**Box 13**  
*Eugene Partyka papers 1961-2000*  
Scope and Contents  
Includes scrapbooks, correspondence, manuscripts, clippings, and other personal papers documenting Partyka's employment, relationships, interests, and his experience as a Vietnam War Veteran.

**Box 3, Folder 1-6**  
*Eugene Partyka papers 1965-1991*  
Scope and Contents  
Includes drawings, graphic design templates, clippings, and Vietnam War Veteran documents.

**Box 12**  
*Eugene Partyka scrapbooks circa 1985-1990*  
Scope and Contents  
Two scrapbooks include drawings, clippings, and correspondence between Eugene Partyka and Val Sondergaard.

**Box 4**  
*Eugene Partyka, Philip Stuart, and Val Sondergaard correspondence circa 1964-1995*  
*Film reel notes undated*  
*Film reels (Super 8mm) circa 1965-1990*  

Physical Description: 85 film reels (Super 8mm).

**Box 10, Item 1-24**  
*Film reels, *Laserium* (16mm) undated*  
Physical Description: 4 film reels (16mm).

**Box 9**  
*Microcassettes (audio) circa 1980-2000*  
*Military uniform buttons, patches, fasteners, and beret circa 1965-1975*  
Scope and Contents  
Material likely belonged to Val Sondergaard, who served in the 82nd Airborne Division.

**Box 11**  
*Notes, card catalog circa 1980-2000*  
*Philip Stuart papers 1963-1986*  
Scope and Contents  
Includes address books, datebooks, drawings, business records for Alpha Intelic, and biographical material.
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Box 2, Folder 1-34 Philip Stuart papers 1967-1986
Scope and Contents
Includes notes, journals, manuscripts, financial records, correspondence, clippings, drawings, and other personal papers documenting Philip Stuart's life and creative projects. Project files include materials for a proposed documentary, Great American Adventure; an untitled photo essay project; and a proposal for a business named Alpha Intelic.

Box 3, Folder 7-14 Philip Stuart papers circa 1978-1985
Scope and Contents
Includes notes and sketches related to Stuart's creative projects, including a photo essay (using the pseudonym Thor Smith) and Alpha Intelic.

Box 7 Photograph album #1 circa 1960-2000
Box 8 Photograph album #2 circa 1960-2000
Box 15 Photographs undated
Box 14 Photographs, negatives, and computer printouts circa 1985-2000
Box 6 Photographs, negatives, and slides 1966-2000
Item VU0047 Videocassette (U-matic) circa 1987
Physical Description: 1 videocassette (U-matic).

Item VV3225-VV3230 Videocassettes (VHS) circa 1980-1995
Physical Description: 6 videocassettes (VHS).

Box 10, Item 25-34 Videocassettes (VHS-C) circa 1980-1995