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Descriptive Summary

Title: Syd Hoff Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1960-1972
Collection number: 984
Creator: Hoff, Syd, 1912-
Extent: 3 oversize boxes
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: Syd Hoff (1912- ) contributed cartoons to The New Yorker, Esquire, Look, and the Saturday evening post. He also drew the syndicated cartoon, Laugh it off, wrote and illustrated books, and has published compilations of his cartoons. The collection consists of some 600 original drawings by Hoff.

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Biography
Syd Hoff was born in New York City, New York in 1912; he studied art at the National Academy of Design; contributed cartoons to The New Yorker, Esquire, Look, and the Saturday evening post; he also drew the syndicated cartoon, Laugh it off; illustrated books, some of which he also wrote; most of these were written for children, including Danny and the dinosaur (1958), Sammy the seal (1959), Julius (1958), and Lengthy (1963); he has also published compilations of his cartoons.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of some 600 original drawings by artist and author Syd Hoff. Includes 45 drawings for Hello, mudder, hello, fadder and I can't dance (both written by Allan Sherman), as well as illustrations for The Homework Caper (1966) by Joan M. Lexau and Lengthy (1963), written by Hoff. Also includes original drawings for Baseball mouse (1969), written and illustrated by Hoff, his drawings for The litter knight (1970) and Ida the bareback rider (1972), and original cartoons for daily newspapers (1964-65).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Hoff, Syd, 1912- --Archives.
Illustrators--United States--Archival resources.
Cartoons (humorous images).
Illustrations.

Box 3

Physical Description: 2 sets (one in color and the other in black and white). 103 drawings in all.

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Physical Description: Original drawings only on acetate. 23 items.

Box 3

Physical Description: Original drawings only on acetate. 22 items.
Physical Description: 114 items. |
Physical Description: Original drawings, each with two overlays of parchment paper showing color separations, with proof copy of the book printed in blue. 38 items. |
Physical Description: 25 preliminary drawings colored with crayon and water color, and 17 original drawings, each with two overlays of acetate showing color separations. 42 drawings in all. |
| **Baseball Mouse** |  
Physical Description: Original drawings in water colors. No text. 45 items. |
| Box 3 | Original drawings in pen and ink. No text.  
Physical Description: 45 items. |
| **Lengthy** |  
Physical Description: Original colored drawings with text. 48pp. |
| Box 2 | Transparencies.  
Physical Description: (Drawings on acetate). |
| Box 1 | Original drawings and transparencies for dust jacket. |
| **The Homework Caper** |  
Physical Description: Original colored pencil drawings only. 49 items. |
| Box 1 | Original black and white drawings with text.  
Physical Description: 111 items. |