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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Jon B. Kennedy political cartoon collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1946-1996
<b>Extent</b>	0.2 Cubic feet 1 box
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials</b>	Materials entirely in English.

### Preferred Citation

Jon B. Kennedy political cartoon collection, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Biographical/Historical Note

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Jon Kennedy was a cartoonist who worked for the Arkansas Democrat for 47 years. He was born in Springfield, Missouri, on August 19, 1918. He began his career while he was still in high school at the Springfield Leader-Press newspaper as a staff artist. He became an editorial cartoonist for the Arkansas Democrat in Little Rock, Arkansas, in August of 1941. In 1943 during World War II, Kennedy enlisted in the Army. He was discharged in 1946, but during his time in the military he drew training materials and created cartoons for posters and camp newspapers.

His final cartoon in the Democrat appeared on September 16, 1988. He was semi-retired for a short period, but returned to cartooning in 1992 for Arkansas Business. He eventually retired again in 2005 due to vision problems.

In addition to his newspaper work, Kennedy maintained a graphic arts and poster business called Jon Kennedy Cartoons from 1963 to 1992, where he distributed "Dropout Blues" posters to schools and libraries nationally to reduce school dropout rates.

Kennedy joined the American Association of Editorial Cartoonists in 1957 as a charter member and published a book of cartoons "Look Back and Laugh" in 1978. He was recognized as "Arkansas Journalist of the Year" in 1988.

He and his wife, Opal Dillon Kennedy, had two sons. Kennedy died on October 10, 2014.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains one caricature of Jon Kennedy drawn by cartoonist George Fisher, a 1979 letter to Jon Kennedy from former Arkansas Governor Orval E. Faubus, one photocopy of an article in the Arkansas Democrat about Jon Kennedy, one photograph of Jon Kennedy, one copy of Jon Kennedy's book of political cartoons, and 10 original cartoons on illustration board primarily drawn with ink and graphite. It also contains several photocopies of his cartoons.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Jon B. Kennedy, North Little Rock, Arkansas, 2012.

## Cartoons and Drawings

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### Collection Inventory

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**Box**

Caricature of Jon Kennedy by George Fisher 1974

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1979 March 19: Letter from Orval E. Faubus, Houston, Texas, to Jon Kennedy, Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas

Photocopy of Arkansas Democrat article, "Kennedy Drew on History" 1989 January 3

**Box**

PH.KennedyJonB.0001: Photograph of Jon Kennedy in front of cartoon exhibit

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### Cartoons and Drawings

First Winkie cartoon panel in the Arkansas Democrat 1946 June 10

"No Use to Start Until They're All Down," Winkie cartoon Undated

"About Time!" cartoon 1992 November 12

"Ark. Law Enforcement, Work Cut Out" cartoon 1994 September 8

"Showcase Arkansas" cartoon 1994 December 15

"Some Chicken! - Some Neck!" cartoon 1996 January 22

## Cartoons and Drawings

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"Huckabee's, Flats Fixed, Let's Hope So!" cartoon 1996 June 10

"Stand Back! - Let a Dead Horse Lie" cartoon Undated

"Leftover Campaign Funds, The Thinker" cartoon Undated

"Now That We've All Had a Good Cry, Shall We Move Along?," 40th Anniversary Central High, Little Rock, cartoon with "Lazarus - Come Forth!" cartoon on back Undated

Photocopy of "We Need All the Prayers We Can Get" cartoon 1983 June 7

Photocopies of "A Good Name Is..." cartoon series Undated

Photocopy of "The Good Life" cartoon Undated

Photocopy of "Better Clear Me Another Space" Faubus cartoon Undated

**Box**

"Look Back and Laugh: 38 Years of Arkansas Political Cartoons," book by Jon Kennedy 1978

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