

Student Life and Culture Archives

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Town Gown Speaker Series

Beginning in the fall of 2014, the SLC Archives and Champaign County Historical Archives (CCHA) are partnering on a Town Gown speakers series which will focus on our shared Champaign County history and will highlight archival holdings at both archives (and include many others). Our first event—an exploration of WWI and Champaign County—is slated for September 18th at the Archives Research Center.

Future programs include:

C-U through Film

**Photographing
Champaign
County—A Town-
Gown Perspective**

**African-
American
Experience Pre-
1950**

**Student and
Community
Apartheid
Protests of the
1980s**

More information
forthcoming on the SLC
Archives website.

Handley-Page Bomber
RS 41/2/17, Box 4



A Resource to Know: Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection <http://idnc.library.illinois.edu>

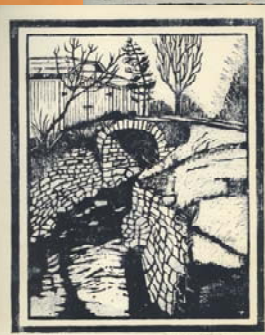
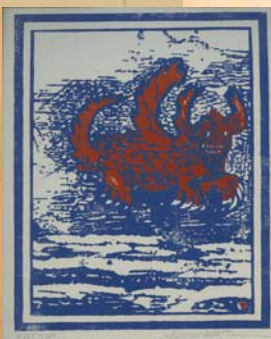
Digitized by the History, Philosophy, and Newspaper Library, this collection contains 45 newspaper titles, 91,876 issues comprising 1,123,839 pages and 7,192,803 articles. One of the most useful publications documenting University history is the *Daily Illini*, the student newspaper. It is available in full

text from 1874-1975. For information on campus organizations and student activities this resource is a great starting point. With details and photographs of defining moments at the University of Illinois, the *Daily Illini* is useful for both students and advanced scholars.

Side bar images are reproductions of woodcuts of local sites designed by Dean Fred H. Turner. To view the originals, see record series 41/1/20, box 45.



THE CENTENNIAL IMAGES
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY HALL 1871-1938
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Building on the success of the 2010 and 2012 **National Archives Conference for Fraternities and Sororities**, the SLC Archives will host the 2014 conference June 12-14. Attendees include 25 people from 18 organizations and 13 states who maintain the archives of their national fraternal organizations.

The conference includes the following presentations:

Digital Power: Preserving Digital Objects with Restricted Resources

Digitizing Your Journal — Advice and Lessons Learned

Artifact Storage Preservation

Artifact Mounting for Display Workshop

Fraternal Archives and the Dean's Office

Exhibit Design (Especially for Traveling Exhibits)

Interns and Volunteers—Best Practices

Educational Programming — Webinars, Social Media, Participatory Archives, and Other Ideas

Alida Cynthia Bowler: Responsibility of Privilege

The Archives blog highlights many of the wonderful students that attended the University of Illinois. In April, Angela Jordan profiled the life of one such student.

“Alida Bowler entered the University in 1908 and in doing so became part of a Progressive Era in education that extended from the 1890s-1930s. To Progressive Era proponents, the purpose of education was not just the acquisition of skills, but the realization of students’ potential and the ability to use those skills for the greater good.”

Active in many organizations on campus, Ms. Bowler went on to work with the Red Cross during WWI, Russian Refugees in Europe during the 1920s, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs where she exemplified a progressive approach.

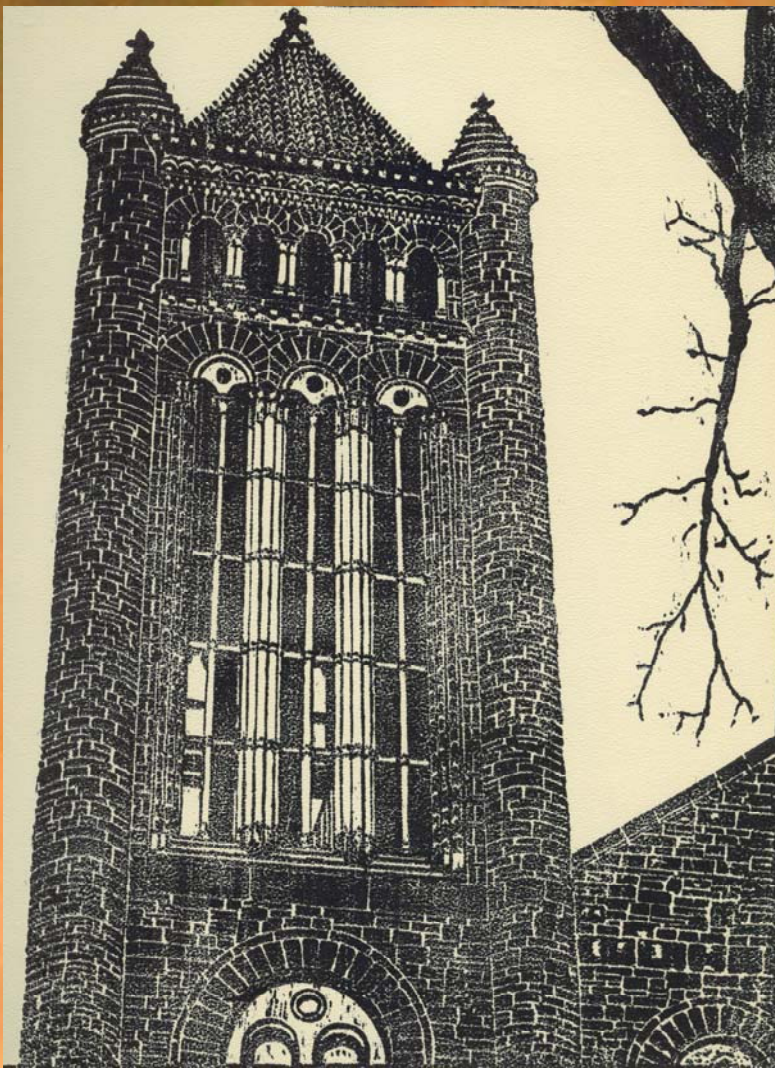


Fall events in the Student Life and Culture Archives:

Town Gown Speakers series will focus on the rich collections of the SLC Archives and the Champaign County Historical Archives. Topics are World War I, C-U through film, Images of C-U, African American experience pre-1950, and the Student and Community Apartheid Protests of the 1980s.

Farm House Fraternity will celebrate their 100 years of existence and host an open house at the Archives Research Center in September.

The Student Life and Culture Archives will celebrate 25 years at the University of Illinois. Look for upcoming information on our open house, reception, and tours.



Dean of Students Fred H. Turner was an accomplished individual. Among his many talents, he created Christmas cards from hand-carved wood blocks. Turner chose tulip wood to carve the blocks. The images on this page marked the centennial of the University and the importance of University and Altgeld Hall.

Turner sought images that would signify the centennial, one that would call to mind the University for students and alumni. "In our opinion, the Tower of Altgeld Hall has served as the image of the University for most of the 20th Century." (RS 41/1/20, box 46)

For more information on Turner's wood block creations, see his papers (RS 41/1/20).

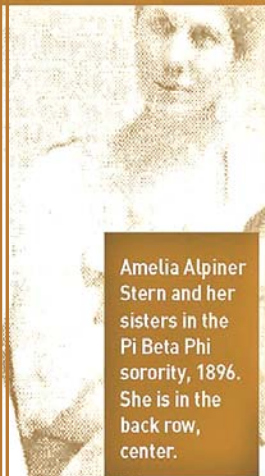
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Excerpt from our Historical Student Exhibition

Amelia Alpiner Stern, '96, left an enduring imprint on the University as both a student and an alumna. The Kankakee native took an active part in student affairs: she was a member of the *Illini*, the Alethenai Society, and the Dramatic Club. She also was a founding member of the Illinois Zeta chapter of the Pi Beta Phi sorority—the second sorority to be installed on the campus after Kappa Alpha Theta. (She told a correspondent that “we will probably demand our rights” if the University authorities failed to grant the sorority’s petition.) As an alumna, Stern continued her pioneering ways: in 1923 she organized the University of Illinois Mothers Association and became its first president. Forty years later the Mothers Association created a scholarship in her honor. She died in 1969.

1890s



Amelia Alpiner Stern and her sisters in the Pi Beta Phi sorority, 1896. She is in the back row, center.



The Illini staff, 1896. Stern's forceful personality is evident in this photo: she stands in the center, hands firmly planted on hips.



Petition for charter for Pi Beta Phi chapter on UI campus, signed by Stern and others, 1895



The 89-year-old Stern at a Mothers Association ceremony honoring her, 1963

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Getting to the SLC Archives

If you plan to visit, you can reach us from campus on either the Teal or Bronze lines. For more information see <http://www.cumtd.com/maps-and-schedules>.

If you prefer to drive there is metered parking available, but do bring quarters!