



The [Town & Gown](#) Speaker Series sponsored by the Student Life and Culture (SLC) Archives at the University of the Illinois and the Champaign County Historical Archives highlights topics of historical significance to the campus and the community. “World War I in Champaign County” and “Champaign County On Film” were a resounding success. Join us in 2015 as we continue to share stories of Champaign County.

Distinguished Past: Celebrating African American History in Early Champaign County

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Douglass Branch Library, 6pm
504 E. Grove St., Champaign IL

Images of Champaign-Urbana: Local Photographers Capture Our History

Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Urbana Free Library, 7pm
210 W. Green St., Urbana, IL

Divest Now!: Student and Community Divestment Protests in the 1980s

Thursday, April 16, 2015
University YMCA, 7pm



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Did you know?

- ◆ The SLC Archives provides traveling exhibits for special events.
- ◆ A new exhibit on Dean Fred Turner's woodblock prints will be installed at the Archives Research Center in January, 2015.



World War I in Champaign County

Poems by a local soldier, headlines in the local papers, and letters from the front lines.

SLC Archives and the Champaign County Historical Society commemorated the beginning of WWI with an evening of exhibits and speakers on September 18 at the Archives Research Center. Peter Fritzsche, University professor of history; Mark Hanson, Cha-

nute Air Museum Curator; and additional speakers from the SLC Archives and the Champaign County Historical Archives contributed to the evening, accompanied by live music and refreshments.

The World War I exhibits will remain on display at the Archives Research Center through December.

"It surely helps a lot to know that the folks at college haven't forgotten, and it keeps the ties that hold us to the best things in life a little tighter around us."

— Edmund Allen, UI student and soldier, pictured above, circa 1917



Champaign County on Film

The Champaign County Historical Archives and SLC Archives took viewers on a tour of historical Champaign County as captured by the camera lens. The second event of the Town & Gown Speaker Series was held at Lewis Auditorium, Urbana Free Library on October 15. Fifty attendees enjoyed the mashup of Archival films from the mid-1920s through the twenty-first century include aerials of Champaign-Urbana, college life, Orpheum Theatre, agricultural technology, the Flat Iron fire in the late 1940s, African American CU Day Reunion, and the changing nature of transportation that included trains, buses, and cars.

Josh Harris, UI Media Preservation Coordinator, briefly discussed his work to preserve local film and played clips from the first sound film ever made, developed by University of Illinois Professor Joseph Tykociner, professor of electrical engineering from 1921-1949.

All films used during the presentation are located at the Champaign County Historical Archives or the SLC Archives and are available for viewing at each [Archives](#).



New Website Homepage

Introducing Our New Website!

It is with great excitement that the Student life & Culture Archives unveils its new [website](#). Aside from an updated look, the website features an efficient way to search through Archival collections and resources. It also highlights the Archives' education and outreach services, making it easier for users to understand our wide range of services and capabilities.

You'll be able to access the Archives database, browse a number of resources depicting Illinois student history, and eventually schedule a class visit directly from the website.

In addition, the SLC Archives now has a blog in order to highlight interesting and time-relevant content and update the public on new and exciting things happening at the Archives Research Center.

We think you will like the new look, improved navigation, and fresh information. If you have feedback about the new site design, please contact Ellen Swain at eswain@illinois.edu.

FarmHouse Celebration

FarmHouse fraternity recently celebrated 100 years on campus. Over 200 people attended to honor the past century of this organization.

To help mark the event, the SLC Archives held a reception at the Archives Research Center which featured an exhibit on FarmHouse through the years, along with a table of items, displaying some of the 22 cubic feet of FarmHouse fraternity records located at the Archives.

Farmhouse and SLC Archives have been great partners through the years, and the SLC Archives was thrilled to help mark such an important anniversary for this Greek organization.

Farmhouse alumni





Anna at the Yellowstone Heritage and Research Center

Yellowstone Archives' Blitz Project

Anna Trammell, a GSLIS student currently completing a practicum at the SLC Archives, recently returned from Gardiner, Montana where she worked on a project in the archives of Yellowstone National Park. The project was designed as an experiment of best practices for rapid processing of archival materials. This experiment is being called an "Archives Blitz" and will be tested over the next several months with different types of participants, including undergraduate students, volunteers, professional archivists, and National Park Service employees.

five graduate students from across the country. Over the course of the week, the group processed 150 linear feet of documents, photographs, and other media relating to educational programs designed and taught by Yellowstone staff. By the end of the week, the materials were labeled, shelved, and accessible to researchers. The final product of the experiment will be a framework designed by the archivists at Yellowstone to be used at other cultural heritage institutions. Anna hopes she can adapt what she learned in Yellowstone to help with her work at the SLC Archives and in her future career.

Anna worked as part of the inaugural team made up of

-Anna Trammell, contributor



LAS Homecoming Exhibit

The Student Life and Culture Archives provided a Homecoming exhibit for the Liberal Arts & Sciences Open House on Saturday, October 25th at the Illini Union. Open to all LAS alumni and friends, the event had various college-related exhibits, tours of Lincoln Hall and the Observatory, an interactive area for kids, and a live broadcast of the Illini football game versus Minnesota.

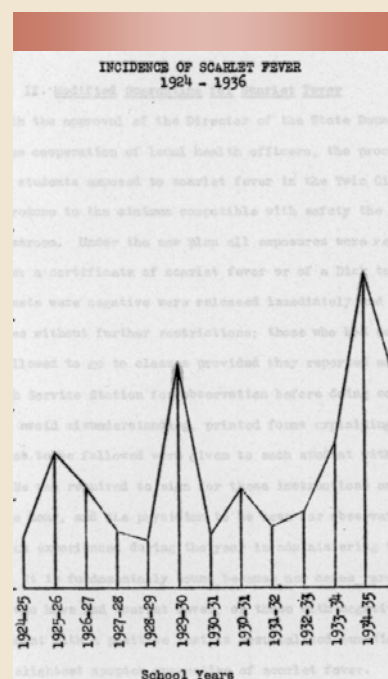
In addition to the Homecoming exhibit curated by student worker Leanna Barcelona and featuring football programs, Homecoming pins, *Illios*, *Daily Illini* articles, and other ephemera, the SLC Archives also provided an exhibit highlighting students from the 1870s through the twenty-first century.

Since the unveiling of the panels last year, they have been turned into a [virtual exhibit](#), available on our new website.

Statistics in the Archives

Archival statistical data are comprised of the raw material used in many of the published sources. Statistical reports are produced by many departments, committees, and offices of the University. They can be challenging to find and it requires an understanding of the Archives: how it is organized and how to conduct a search.

To assist researchers, the SLC Archives has created a Libguide on how to search for statistics in the Archives, including popular queries for health statistics, student demographics, safety/crime on campus, and GPA by organization. It can be found at <http://uiuc.libguides.com/archivesstatistics>.



"Although the world loves a lover, the scarlet fever germ is neither chivalrous nor romantic. It will send the betrothed to the hospital as quickly as the swain who has not yet met his fate."

— University Health Officer J. Howard Beard, 1935

Addition to Arthur R. Hall Papers

Arthur Hall attended the University from 1897-1902, graduating with a Bachelors in Law and a Masters in English and Rhetoric. As a student, he played on the Varsity baseball team and on the Varsity football team from 1900-1902.

Upon graduation, Hall opened a law office in Danville. While practicing law, he coached the football team in 1904 and 1907-1912, serving as the first full time coach for longer than five seasons. He led the team to the Big Ten Conference championship in 1910.

Hall eventually became a pro-

bate judge in Vermillion County in 1938 and held the position for 16 years. His most notable contribution while judge was conceiving the first uniform road system in the entire country.

This family donation contains news clippings, artifacts such as team sweatshirts, a football uniform, a football and baseball, and Illini memorabilia.



Hall's mitt and baseball

Student Life and Culture Archives

at the University Archives

Founded in 1989 with assistance from the Stewart S. Howe Foundation endowment, the Student Life and Culture Archival Program collects, preserves, and makes available materials documenting student involvement in fraternities, sororities, student life and culture at the University of Illinois and beyond.

archives.library.illinois.edu/slc

Getting to the Student Life and Culture 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 metered parking available, but please bring quarters.

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