Student Affairs
Student Scrapbooks and Papers
Nina Ruth Harding Papers, 1899-1930

Background Information:

Nina Ruth Harding was born on July 13, 1902. She attended the University of Illinois periodically from 1920-1925 and was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She died on February 14, 1925 before completing her degree. The bulk of the correspondence in this series is from Logan F. Peirce. He attended the U of I from 1920-1924 and was a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. The correspondence in this series captures many aspects of collegiate life during the 1920's: the popularity of football, the first automobiles, early motion pictures, early radio broadcasting, fraternity and sorority life, cost of living, dating, etc. The letters were discovered in the Hiram B. Scutt Mansion, Joliet, IL and were donated to the University of Illinois in 2002.

Note: both the letters and corresponding envelopes in this series have been numbered in the lower left hand corners in order to keep them together.

Box 1:

Background Information
Unlabelled photograph and postcard
Letter, Feb. 15th, 1904, addressed to Nell? (illegible)
1916 graduation announcements, undated sympathy cards, dance card, valentine
Letter to Harold (Hal) Harding, Jun. 23, 1920
Letters to Mrs. Nina Jepson, Sept. 15, 1920 - Jan. 30, 1921
Letters to Theresa (Mrs. R. H.) Harding and Robert H. Harding (4 folders)
    May 19, 1899 - Sept. 17, 1920
    Sept. 19, 1920 - Dec. 16, 1920
    Jan. 5, 1921 - Jan. 3, 1923
    Aug. 20, 1924 - Apr. 29, 1930
Nina Ruth Harding, cancelled checks, 1922-23
Nina Ruth Harding, Alpha Delta Pi Membership Invitation (c. 1924), undated letter
Correspondence to Nina Ruth Harding (11 folders)
    Jan. 7, 1919 - Nov. 2, 1921
    Oct. 4, 1922 - Dec. 25, 1922
    Mar. 20, 1923 - Jul. 11, 1923
    Jul. 16, 1923 - Aug. 23, 1923

Box 2:
Correspondence to Nina Ruth Harding, cont’d
   Sept. 7, 1923 - Nov. 23, 1923
   Nov. 27, 1923 - Sept. 30, 1924
   Oct. 1, 1924 - Oct. 21, 1924
   Oct. 22, 1924 - Nov. 17, 1924
   Nov. 18, 1924 - Dec. 11, 1924
   Dec. 12, 1924 - Jan. 7, 1925
   Jan. 8, 1925 - Jan. 30, 1925