

Inventory of the

Alumni Association

Records

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INTRODUCTION

The University Archives acquired the Alumni Association records in several installments between 1965 and 1974. Literary rights are dedicated to the public and there are no restrictions on access to the records.

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12 linear feet
1900+

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Alumni Association records date from the first alumnae meeting to the present and document not only the history of the association, but also the expansion and development of the university. Club and chapter records indicate the geographical location of alumnae and the diverse programs and projects undertaken by the organization. Membership lists and directories document the status of each alumnae in terms of location, job, and family. The publications further detail the whereabouts of Northern's alumnae. Materials include minutes, subject files, correspondence, financial records, committee materials, publications, and alumnae club and chapter records.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The class of 1900, fifteen graduates, organized the Alumni Association shortly after the commencement ceremony. One of the group's first projects was to enlist support for an athletic coach (1902). In February, 1907, the Association adopted its first constitution and became a permanent organization. The Association established the first memorial fund for Professor Fred L. Charles in 1913 and the first Student Loan Fund in 1916.

The first alumnae club or chapter organized in 1920 and in 1924 the Association joined the Federation of Alumni Associations of the Illinois State Teachers Colleges, later called the Joint Alumni Council. Growth in services and the number of alumnae brought about the approval of a permanent part-time secretary in 1937 as well as office space. At the same time the Alumni Association assisted in the establishment of the first extension course in Rockford.

In 1962 the Association hired a full-time Executive Secretary, later the Director of Alumni Relations, and acquired office space in the new University Center. In 1965 they added an Assistant Director for Development to the staff. More recent projects included sponsoring vacation tours.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
1	1	History and Information	
	2	Constitution and By-Laws, 1923-1973	
	3	Minutes, 1900-1905	
	4	Minutes, 1906-1927	
2	1	Minutes, 1927-1941	
	2	Minutes, (1943-1967)	
	3-6	Executive Board Minutes, (1936-1969)	
3	1	Executive Board Members, 1960-1970	
	2-7	Executive Board Minutes, 1970-1976, 1979-1982	
	8	Board of Directors, Photos, n.d.	
	9	Board of Directors, Communications, 1968- 1982	
	10-11	General Correspondence, 1939, 1955-1968	
4	1-3	General Correspondence, 1967-1980	
		Subject Files:	
	4-6	All Alumni Day, 1967-1968, 1974-1976	
	7	Alumni Association Board, 1962-1973	
	8	Alumni Faculty House, 1972	
	9	Alumni Chapters, 1956-1963	
	10	Alumni Leadership Conference, 1966	
	11	NIU Foundation, 1972-1982	
	12	Athletic Board, 1971-1984	
	5	1	President Leslie A. Holmes, 1955-1964
		2	JoDaviess Chapter, 1957
		3	Joint Alumni Council Bond Issue, 1958
		4	Montgomery Arboretum, 1965
5		Separate Board for NIU, 1965-1966	
6		Southern California Chapter, 1956-1958	
7		Roland Wirt, 1956-1959	
8		Who's Who Among Northern Alumni, 1958	

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		Alumni Office Files:
5	9	History
	10	Reports, (1959-1969)
	11	European Alumni Tours, (1968-1975)
6	1	Football Programs
	2	Information on Speakers
	3	EN-NI-YOO Show, 1960-1961
	4	Drury Lane Theatre Parties, 1967-1968
		Financial Records:
	5	Annual Financial Statements, 1967-1970
	6	Budgets, 1960-1972
	7	Finance and Budget Reports, 1959-1972
	8	Sources and Uses of Checking Account
7	1	All-Alumni Day Costs, 1966, 1971
	2	Homecoming Costs, 1957-1969
	3	Special Projects, 1967-1971
	4	Treasurer's Reports, (1944-1971)
		Committee Records:
	5	Action Committee, 1978-1979
	6	Athletic Liaison Committee, 1964-1968
	7-13	Awards Committee, (1964-1983)
	14-15	Constitution Committee, (1924-1973)
	16-22	Executive Committee, (1947-1982)
	23-25	Finance Committee, (1965-1982)
	26	Independence Committee, 1981
	27	Membership Committee, 1971-1976
	28	Memorial Committee, 1971
	29	Nominations Committee, 1969-1976
	30	Programs Committee, 1975-1976
	31	University Club, 1971
		Northern Alumnus Committee:
8	1	Minutes, 1967
	2	Correspondence, 1964-1970
	3	Reports, 1963-1969

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		(Northern Alumnus Committee, cont.)
8	4	Specifications, 1968-1969
	5	Articles Submitted for Publication, 1966-1969
	6	Publications Committee, 1968-1970
	7	University Center Fund Committee, 1961-1962
	8	War Memorial Committee, 1948
		Scholarship Fund Committee:
9	1	Constitution and By-Laws, 1930-1949
	2	Minutes, 1929-1949, 1963-1964, 1970
	3	Correspondence, 1939-1966
	4	Reports, 1948-1965
	5	Ganshirt Resignation, 1965
	6	Account Book, 1939-1943
	7	Financial Statements and Reports, 1943-1965
	8-15	Scholarships, 1943-1975
10	1	Tax Records, 1945-1961
	2-3	Applicants for Scholarships, (1943-1969)
	4	Memorial Funds, Financial Records and Correspondence, 1939-1965
		Alumni Giving Program:
11	1	Background Information
	2	Correspondence, 1963-1970
	3	Reports, 1963-1971
	4	Certificates of Membership
	5	Great American Award, Correspondence and Press clippings, 1967-1968
	6	Workshops and Conferences, 1966-1971 Photographs
	7	Misc., unidentified, some dated
	8-37	Classes/Reunions (1912-1967)
	38-39	Northern Activities (1953-1959)
	40	N.I. Foundation, n.d. (1)
	41	NIU Alumni Office, ca. 1970 (1)
		Publications:
12	1	Guides and Manuals, 1971, 1977, n.d.
	2	Alma Mater Music, 1942

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		(Publications, cont.)
12	3-5	Newsletters, Class of 1900-1960
	6	<u>The Graduate</u> , 1972
	7-9	<u>Rising Higher</u> , 1967-1973
	10	<u>Northern Alumnus</u> , (1968-1970)
	11	Publications, various, 1966-1973
13	1	<u>Alumni Recall</u> , 1926-1939
	2	<u>Special Alumni Bulletin</u> , 1961, n.d.
	3	<u>Alumni Spring Letter</u> , (1930-1937)
	4	<u>The Northern Illinois</u> , Special Alumni Issues, 1944-1948
	5	<u>The Northern Alumnus</u> , 1939-1943, 1948
14-15	5 Vols.	<u>The Northern Alumnus</u> , 1948-1970
16A	1-6	<u>Alumni News</u> , 1973-1982
16B- (Reading Room)	7-	<u>Alumni News</u> , 1983-1986
		<u>Northern Now</u> , 1986-
		<u>Northern Lights</u> - see Box 25
		Reunion and Homecoming:
17	1-4	Reunion Programs, Classes of 1909-1964
	5	Annual Banquet Programs, 1907-1957
	6	Homecoming Program of Events, 1911-1977
	7	Homecoming Activity Reports, (1957-1966)
	8	Spring Reunion Programs
	9	All-Alumni Day Programs and Menus, 1965-1976
	10-14	Reunions, Classes 1934-45, 1952, 1957-59
18	1	Awards Dinner and Luncheon Programs, 1965-1977
	2	Great Debate (Anderson vs Pucinski), June 29, 1968
		Alumni Clubs and Chapters:
	3	Blackhawk Chapter, 1954-1961
	4	Los Angeles Club, 1958-1967
	5	Aurora Chapter, 1935
	6	Chicago Chapter, 1913-1917

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		(Alumni Clubs and Chapters, cont.)
19	1-2	DeKalb County/McMurry Chapter, 1941-1957
	3	Page Chapter, 1939-1960
	4	Parson Chapter, (1934-1956)
	5	Starved Rock Chapter, n.d.
		George O. Strawn Chapter:
20	1	History and Constitution
	2-3	Minutes, 1939-1962
	4	Correspondence, 1943-1962
	5	Financial Records, 1939-1962
	6	Programs and Yearbooks, (1939-1958)
		L. Eveline Merritt Chapter:
21	1-2	Minutes, 1921-1965
	3	Correspondence, 1938-1967
	4	Chapter Song and Charter, 1936-1937
	1 Vol.	Scrapbook, 1920-1967
22	1	Membership Lists
	2-3	Directories, 1900-1927, 1970
23	1-5	Graduate Class Lists, 1901-1929, 1954-1967
24	1-8	Alumni Association, 1957-1969, 1971
	9	Annual Report-Director, 1967-1968
	10	Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, (1952-1969)
	11-12	Development & Alumni Relations Staff Meeting Minutes, 1972-1974
	13	Illinois Joint Alumni Council, (1958-1962)
	14-15	News Releases, 1972-1979
	16	NIU Licence Plates, 1997
25	1	<u>Northern Lights</u> , Summer 1999 -