Donated Photos Chronicle the Beginning of an Unforgettable Love Story

The Student Life and Culture Archives collects, preserves, and makes available the materials documenting fraternity and sorority history and all aspects of student experience at Illinois. An Illinois alumnus is currently making arrangements to donate photos to its collection. These, however, are not just any photos; there is an extraordinary story behind them.

The photos are coming from Paul Wieland, a retired Air Force colonel residing in Potomac Falls, Virginia. They feature Paul and Illinois alumna, Diane Rutter, at several fraternity and sorority formal dances on campus in 1950 and 1951.

“Diane and I became college sweethearts soon after we met, and we were almost inseparable during our junior and senior years,” recalls Paul.

The pair graduated in 1952 and stayed together for two more years; Paul went into Air Force training (she would hold onto a miniature of his silver pilot wings all these years) and Diane became a flight attendant. After parting ways, continued on page 8

Giving to the University Archives

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IN MEMORIAM

Library Friend
Juanita J. Simpson

by John P. Wilkin

As many know, I hold a deanship established six years ago by a generous gift from long-standing Library friends Robert and Juanita Simpson. Juanita passed away on September 1, 2015. Bob and Juanita were Champaign natives and high school sweethearts. They supported the Library for more than 25 years and understood and believed in our mission. I was fortunate to be able to spend time with Juanita during my first year in this position. Juanita welcomed me and former Assistant Dean of Libraries for Advancement Vicki Trimble into her home with great warmth and remarkable intelligence. Through Bob and Juanita’s committee work for the Library, they provided leadership for the successful completion of a $30 million campaign launched in 2003. Their work raised awareness of the Library’s needs for support of its collections, facilities, faculty and staff. In 2009, with a $5 million gift, they established the Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson deanship, with Paula Kaufman as the inaugural holder. This was a remarkable gift, one of the first deanships endowed at this level at Illinois, and truly rare among research libraries. Two years later, Bob passed away in 2011. Bob and Juanita’s gifts for the deanship and for the Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson Rare Book & Manuscript Library Chair have provided invaluable funding for Library programs and projects. I feel privileged to hold the title in their honor.

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Local Media Collection Finds New Home at Library

A collection of nearly 3,000 rare and out-of-print BluRay discs, DVDs, and VHS tapes from the inventory of a local institution will join the already extensive media holdings of the University Library—where they will be available to patrons from both the campus and community.

When local resident and University employee Dena Strong learned That’s Rentertainment, one of the largest independent video rental stores in Illinois, would be closing its doors on August 16, 2015, after 30 years of service, she immediately took steps to ensure that at least a portion of the business’s unique collection would remain accessible to local viewers. Strong spearheaded a GoFundMe campaign and the community rallied behind her; the project raised more than $3,600.

“That’s Rentertainment has been a wonderful community resource for three decades,” said Strong. “I wanted to help the Library preserve the rare, unusual, and beautiful parts of Rentertainment’s collection for our community’s use into the future.”

As Strong’s project was taking shape, faculty members began contacting Robert Cagle, Library cinema studies and media services specialist, requesting the purchase of specific titles and series. With the help of Associate University Librarian for Collections Tom Teper, Cagle and colleagues Diana Jaher, Richard Leskosky, and J.B. Capino from the Department of Media and Cinema Studies; Mara Thacker of the International and Area Studies Library; and personnel in the Library’s Acquisition unit set about selecting materials from the more than 30,000 titles on That’s Rentertainment’s shelves. The total cost of purchasing all of the chosen titles quickly exceeded the amount raised by the GoFundMe page. With an additional $26,000 in gift funding from the University Library, the collection was acquired.

“The University Library felt that these hard-to-come-by titles were critical items that should be accessible,” said Dean of Libraries and University Librarian John Wilkin. “The acquisition of these titles would not have been possible without the financial support of our Library Friends.”

“I’m excited to see such a substantial portion of our collection find a home right here on the University of Illinois campus,” said Geoffrey Merritt, owner of That’s Rentertainment. “I’m very happy people will still be able to access all of these important films.”

“These newly-added materials—primarily local, independent, and international film and television titles—provide invaluable resources for instructors, and have a wide audience off campus, as well.” said Cagle. “Anyone interested in checking out these titles, or any other Library holdings may do so by obtaining a courtesy card.”

For more information, Library Friends should visit www.library.illinois.edu.
Large Illinois Family...Small World

The spring Friendscript featured a story about the donated dance cards belonging to two students, Virginia I. Miller and W. Homer Switzer, who attended the University in the mid to late 1930s. Since the publication of that issue, the Library has learned about a connection between the couple and another interesting Illinois family.

Alumnus Robert (Bob) L. Switzer is Homer Switzer’s nephew. Bob and his wife (Bonnie), who reside in Urbana, Illinois, even attended Homer and Virginia’s 50th wedding anniversary celebration in 1991.

Bob, who just celebrated his 75th birthday, earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry and Bonnie earned her master’s degree in education at Illinois. Their son, Brian, earned his B.F.A. in graphic design from the Urbana campus, as well; he is currently a professor of Communication Design at the University of Applied Sciences in Konstanz, Germany. You can find Bob and Brian’s names on Bronze Tablets found in the Main Library.

Bob is currently enjoying retirement after an illustrious career at Illinois. In 1968, he became a member of the Department of Biochemistry faculty. He served as the head of the department from 1988-1993. While he retired to emeritus status in 2002, Bob continued active research for another six years.

In 2012, Bob published A Family Farm: Life on an Illinois Dairy Farm, a memoir which is found in the Library’s collections. One chapter details the life that his father, Stephen Switzer, and his father’s younger brother, Homer, led while growing up on their father’s farm in northwestern Illinois.

Interestingly enough, Homer and Virginia’s daughter, Kathrine, who donated the dance cards to the Student Life and Culture Archives, is an author herself having written several books including her autobiography, Marathon Woman. She is an accomplished athlete and a major figure in the establishment of the women’s marathon as an Olympic sport. Kathrine was also the first woman to run the Boston Marathon and be elected to the National Women’s Hall of Fame.

It truly is a small (Illini) world.

“In my work as a biochemist, I used only the Chemistry and Life Sciences libraries, but when I had to do background research for A Family Farm, I was astonished at the depth and breadth of the collection and gratified with all the help I received in finding the information I wanted. I still sometimes help my son locate electronic copies of publications for his research. Bravo.”

—ROBERT L. SWITZER

The Library is Social

For the latest Library news and events, please visit the Main Library’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/universitylibrary.

View photos from in and around the libraries at Illinois on Instagram at www.instagram.com/uillinoislibrary.
Library Is Looking For

$265 for the International and Area Studies Library to purchase *Abkhaziia khristianskaia*. Although Islamized to some extent during its three centuries as part of the Ottoman Empire, the tiny Black Sea region of Abkhazia sent a representative to the Council of Nicaea in 325 C.E., giving it one of the oldest unbroken Christian traditions in the world. This disputed (and, since 1993, de facto independent) territory on the Black Sea coast between Russia and Georgia is home to a large number of ancient Christian churches, monasteries, icons, and religious inscriptions, which are here presented to a wider audience (in Russian) by Historian and Archeologist Natal’ia Milovanova. The University Library will be the first in the United States to acquire this volume, which will complement its extensive holdings on Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

$275 for the International and Area Studies Library to purchase *Istoria artii Romanesti*, a sweeping survey of Romanian and Moldovan art and art history from prehistoric times to the mid-20th century. This indexed volume contains over 1,000 reproductions of Romania’s most significant works of art, including painting, sculpture, graphic design, architecture, and decorative and applied arts. Authored by the prolific Romanian Art Historian Vasile Florea, this massive work will serve as an excellent reference on the subject for both students and scholars.

$385 for the International and Area Studies Library to purchase the first four volumes of *Makedonskata borba za sloboda*. The volumes of this detailed treatment of the so-called ‘Macedonian Question’ from 1878 all the way through the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s were published by the Macedonian Ministry of Culture in 2013. This major work by Rade Siljan, noted poet, essayist, literary critic, and publisher, will provide an important perspective on an issue that has been highly controversial for over a century, involving conflicts among Serbia, Greece, and Bulgaria as well as the Russian, British, Ottoman, and Austro-Hungarian Empires. The Library will acquire the remaining two volumes in the set once they are published. Illinois’ copy of *The Macedonian Struggle for Freedom* (as the title would be in English) will be the only one in the United States outside the Library of Congress.

$1,000 for the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library (SSHEL) to purchase and install 6 to 7 art prints for a large wall space to create a more welcoming atmosphere. The prints are framed reproductions of classic book spines, and each print will represent one of the subject areas included in SSHEL. Examples may be seen at www.museumoutlets.com/book-spine-prints-framed. Each framed piece costs $120; smaller donations are welcome!

$2,000 for the Media Commons at the Undergraduate Library to purchase equipment to make up a “Portable Video Studio.” This would allow it to be able to check out the necessary green screen on a frame, tripod, camera, lights, and audio for faculty and staff to shoot high-quality video for their classes, departments, and for their online learning efforts. The Media Commons is a centralized place on campus for loanable technology check-out and video production services to support classes and projects.

$3,500 for the LIS Virtual Library to purchase the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences, 4th Edition*. The newest edition of this landmark title will be available in January 2016, and is co-edited by two graduates of Illinois’ top-ranked Graduate School of Library and Information Science. It is considered an essential reference title.

The following donors have adopted items previously listed in *Friendscript*:

- John Galvin for *Kokandskaia istoriografiia : issledovanie po istochnikovedeniu Srednei Azii XVIII-XIX vekov* (International and Area Studies Library)
- Daniel J. Jares for his gift toward the Brazil 2014 World Cup Press & Ephemera Collection (International and Area Studies Library)
- Susan Ross for *Pravova doktryna Ukrainy* (International and Area Studies Library)
Library employee Sandy Wolf worked alongside student employee Alex Deeke on several occasions over the past fall semester. In one of their many conversations, Sandy was surprised to find out that she had supervised Alex’s mother almost three decades ago. Julie Deeke, now a reference librarian at the Bloomingdale Public Library in Bloomingdale, Illinois, earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education and her master’s degree in library and information science at Illinois in the eighties. She worked at the University Library during her time on campus. Her son Alex is currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) and is a Graduate Assistant in Research and Information Services within the Library. The trio got the opportunity to visit with each other recently and reminisce. Sandy, who has worked at the Library for more than 30 years, adds, “Julie has a great memory of working at the former LIS Library back in 1984!”

**Upcoming Events**

**Ed Ruscha in Series: A Rotating Exhibition of Books**

Ruscha, an American artist, is heralded as one of the foremost innovators of contemporary artists’ books. Between 1962 and 1978, he created a series of books each containing a collection of photographs based on a theme. This exhibition features many of Ruscha’s books from this period; the selection of materials rotates monthly.

- August 18–December 18
- Ricker Library of Architecture and Art
- Call (217) 333-0224 or visit library.illinois.edu/arx

**Homecoming Parade Watch**

- October 23, 5:30 p.m. (weather permitting)
- Main Library’s west parking lot (Sixth and Armory)
- Call (217) 333-5682

**25th Annual Mortenson Distinguished Lecture—Right to Accessible Information for Global Citizenship: UNESCO’s Programme for Persons with Disabilities**

Dr. Kasinskaite-Buddeberg (programme specialist at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Communication and Information Sector, Knowledge Societies Division in Paris, France) will present on the challenges and progress made to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to information. This lecture will provide a global and comparative perspective on the work to advance information access for persons with disabilities internationally.

- October 27, 4:00 p.m.
- Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Room 126, 501 E. Daniel Street, Champaign
- Visit library.illinois.edu/mortenson

**Library Friends Reception—A Night at the Cinema**

- November 6, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Reading Room, Main Library
- Call (217) 333-5682

**2015 Library Research Showcase**

The Showcase highlights the research of Library faculty for the campus and community. Come hear librarians discuss their research, which has a significant impact on the development of the Library’s services as well as on the many disciplines librarians work with across campus.

- November 10, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- Main Library
- Visit go.illinois.edu/libraryshowcase

Alex Deeke, Sandy Wolf, and Julie Deeke outside the Main Library
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Yes!

Library Friends James and Lionelle Elsesser from St. Louis, Missouri, have supported the Library for nearly a quarter of a century. The couple—they have four degrees from Illinois between them—have consistently given to the Library’s Annual Fund over the years. Their generous gift toward the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation challenge grant in 2003 helped the Library enhance its efforts to protect and preserve endangered library materials; the funds raised provide permanent support for preservation efforts.

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James and Lionelle Elsesser

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 18,000 dissertations produced by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign graduates from the 1950s through 1997 (previously available only on microfilm) are now online via IDEALS. The Illinois Digital Environment for Access to Learning and Scholarship is the digital repository for research and scholarship at Illinois. It preserves and provides persistent and reliable access to the digital scholarship of faculty, staff, and students and aims to provide the greatest dissemination and recognition to these works as possible.

Authors can now opt to make their dissertations publicly accessible; all items in IDEALS are available openly to anyone with access to the World Wide Web.

In addition to completing the dissertations through 1996, the Library is currently processing digital versions of dissertations submitted between 1997–2010, with the intent of having them completed by the end of September 2015.

For more information about IDEALS and to conduct your own search, visit www.ideals.illinois.edu.
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they each married different people. Paul was happily married for 59 years before his wife passed away from Alzheimer’s disease. Diane’s marriage ended in divorce.

Early last year, Paul reconnected with Diane. Several months after their reunion, more than 60 years after they first met, they were married on July 19, 2014.

On January 10, 2015, Diane unexpectedly passed away from pneumonia after two weeks in a hospital.

“We had almost six months of a loving, fairy-tale marriage,” said Paul.

Paul wishes to preserve and share the photos documenting the beginning of a love story that endured. It only seemed fitting that they return to the University of Illinois where it all began.

During their short time together after reuniting last year, Diane wrote a poem about the couple’s extended love affair; the poem was printed on their wedding program and appears at right.

Diane Sutter and Paul Wieland at the Kappa Alpha Theta Christmas Formal in 1950

A Fairy Tale Love Story
by Diane Wieland

There was a young man of 19
Who was handsome, virile and lean
And a brunette with brown eyes did preen
For she was also on the scene

At the University of Illinois they gained much knowledge
And in 1952 they graduated from college
Paul went in the Air Force for airplanes to fly
Diane became a stewardess and also took to the sky

They chased each other all over the globe
And many adventures did unfold
But for many reasons, none too smart
Their paths divided, and they did part

After many decades fast forward we’ll go
They’re finally together with a love that does glow
Info on Google from the University of Maryland site
Paul found Diane’s past, all brought to light

Curiosity brought him to make a call
And lunch together brought memories to recall
Now 60 years later, Paul’s still handsome, virile and lean
And Diane with brown eyes is again on the scene

For on her left hand a diamond does gleam
Finally together, they make a great team
Now in year ’14, July 19 is the date
God’s hand was evident, and it wasn’t just fate.