

Inventory of the

Student Publications

in the

Northern Illinois University Archives

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INTRODUCTION

The University Archives acquired back issues of student publications and their records in several installments between 1966 and 1976. Current issues are received regularly. Literary rights are dedicated to the public and there are no restrictions on access to this collection.

168 boxes
144 bound volumes
143.75 linear feet
1899+

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Student Publications records series contains a number of student publications. Only two, the Northern Star and Towers, are still being published. Background information, such as constitutions and budget proposals, are included for some publications.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

One month after the school opened in 1899, the Northern Illinois appeared. It became the school news source, a monthly booklet of articles on events. In 1923, it adopted a newspaper format and began using Journalism students as reporters. Also, it expanded to a bi-weekly printing, and, then, to four days per week. It became known as the Northern Star in 1954 and in 1968, it began to appear five days a week. The Northern Star receives its funding from student fees and from the advertisements it sells.

Alternatives to the Northern Star have been short-lived. The Quarterback, which ran from 1961 to 1963, ended publication when its funding was cut. The University said its articles belonged in the Northern Star and its poetry in Towers. The Edge, 1964-1965, was sponsored by the United Campus Christian Fellowship. It was welcomed by the Northern Star as an alternative publication and a replacement for the Quarterback. The Edge, 1967-1968, was sponsored by a student group called the Edge Society. Most of its material was anti-Vietnam articles. This second edition of the Edge was opposed to the Northern Star. In 1967, the Kishwaukee Surfer appeared. Its primary purpose was to criticize the Student Activity Board elections and the University administration. It, too, opposed the Northern Star. The Kishwaukee Surfer was run by a person called K. Mulliner.

Towers is the campus literary magazine. It is sponsored by the Xi Delta chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an honorary English fraternity. Towers began publication in 1939, but was not published from 1941 to 1946 due to the war. It was an annual magazine until 1963, but was published twice a year through 1988. Since that date it is again an annual publication. It contains prose, poetry and art works of students. The Collegiate was, primarily, a humor magazine. Only one issue is in the collection. The Autumn Journal was a magazine that appeared twice in 1790. It was published by the Intersolopsistic Command, which had an

address in the Student Activities Center. Seems was a literary magazine that published works from writers outside of the DeKalb area. It appeared from 1971 to 1975 and obtained some sort of sponsorship from the English Department, though it never claimed to accept University funds. A group of students published Seems and the magazine was available either individually or through a yearly subscription.

The Norther yearbook was first published in 1900. It was funded through subscriptions until 1934 when student activity fee money was set aside for the yearbook. Format changed from a book to a three issue magazine in 1971. Publication of the Norther ceased a few years later, due to increasing costs and decreasing student interest. In 1985 and 1986 students put out a new yearbook, The Gargoyle, but costs of publication again caused this publication to fold.

For additional information on student publications, especially Northern Star, Towers, Norther and Quarterback, consult the Report of the Temporary Committee on Publications in the Boards, Councils and Committees records series.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1-5	<u>Norther</u> , Correspondence, 1960-1965
	6	<u>Norther</u> , Business, Procedures and Policies, 1966
	7	<u>Norther</u> , Proposals and Specification Forms (1962-72)
	8	<u>Norther</u> , Certificates, (1957-70)
	9-12	<u>Norther</u> , Contracts, (1953-1973)
	13	<u>Norther</u> , Student Eligibility Forms, (1962-1972)
2	1-3	<u>Norther</u> , Budget Reports, 1961-1973
	4	<u>Norther</u> , Business Manager's Report, 1963
	5	<u>Norther</u> , Student Activity Budget Request, 1968-69
	6	<u>Norther</u> , Journal-Ledger, 1966-67
	7	<u>Norther</u> , Handbook, n.d.
	8	N.I.U. Student Organization Handbook, 1971; Student Employment Handbook, 1972; Regulations ...Off-Campus Student Housing, 1968; Student Guide to Off-Campus Living, n.d.; Social and Activities Calendar 1970-1971; Northern Illinois University Bands Student Handbook, 1968-1969
	9	Yearbook Evaluations, various including NIU, Hints to Yearbook Staff, n.d.; Newsletter "Helps," 1964-1966
	10	<u>Norther</u> , an agreement, 1951
	11	<u>Norther</u> , Budget Proposal, 1975-1976

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
3	10 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1900-1909
4	10 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1910-1919
5	11 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1920-1930
6	8 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1931-1938
7	7 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1939-1945
8	9 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1946-1954
9	8 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1955-1962
10	6 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1963-1968
11a	5 vols.	<u>Norther</u> , 1969-1972, 1977
11b-c		"Polaris 1982" [unpublished yearbook]
12	1-3 2 vols. 4-18 19-23 1 vol. 24-27 28 29 30-31 oversize	<u>Norther Magazine</u> , 1973-1975 <u>Gargoyle</u> , 1985, & 1985/1986 NIU Yearbook Assn., Records, 1984-1985 <u>Prospectus</u> , 1962-1971 <u>Prospectus</u> , Dec. 1968-Nov. 1969 <u>Heuristics</u> , 1969-1978 "Paper with no name," May 1956 <u>Corn Shock</u> , 1949 <u>The Rectangle</u> , 1979-1983 <u>Northern</u> , 1976-1980; <u>Towers</u> , Vol. 72, 1992 [see * below]
13a	1 2 10 vols. 3-10a-b 11	<u>Towers</u> , History, 1963, 1968 Index to <u>Towers</u> , Vols. I-IX, 1939-1954 <u>Towers</u> , Vols. 1-46, 1939-1976 <u>Towers</u> , Vols. 47-51, Fall 1976-Fall 1978; Vols. 53-55, Fall 1979-Fall 1980; Vols. 57-68, Fall 1981-1988; [Vol. 69] Fiftieth Anniversary Issue; Vols. 70-71, 1990-1991; * Vols. 73-82, 1993-2002 <u>Kishwaukee Surfer</u> , May 1967-February 1968
13b	1-2	<u>Towers</u> , Vols. 83-93, 95; 2003-2013, 2015-2016, 2017-2018

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14A	1	<u>Collegiate</u> , Vol. 1, no. 1, October 1949; Vol. 1, no. 3; Vol. 1 no. 6, (May 1950)
	2	<u>Autumn Journal</u> , Vol. I-II, September-October, 1970
	3-4	<u>Seems</u> , nos. 1-5, Autumn 1971-Winter 1975
	5	<u>Quarterback</u> , Constitution and Reviews, September 1962-March 1963
	6-7	<u>Quarterback</u> , Vols. I-II, November 1961-Spring, 1963
	8	<u>Edge</u> , 1st Edition, Vol. I, nos. 1-2, 1964; Vol. II, nos. 1-2, 1965
	9	<u>Edge</u> , 2nd Edition, Vol. II, nos. 1-3, December 1967-March 1968
	10	<u>Humeros</u> , December 1986
	11	<u>The Victor E. Voice</u> , Nov. 1986-Sept. 1987
	12	<u>Public Address System</u> , Nov./Dec. 1988, Feb. 1989
	13	<u>What Is To Be Done?</u> , [Fall 1990]
	14	<u>The Omega Times</u> , April 1992
	15	<u>Northern Star</u> , Policies and Staff Publications, 1951-1979
	16	<u>Northern Star</u> , Advertising and Reader Services, 1914-1979
	17	<u>Northern Star--Northern Illinois Circus Extra</u> , May 1, 1920
	18-20	<u>Northern Star</u> , Letters to the Editor, 1962, 1972-1973
	21	<u>Procrastination Quarterly</u> , V.1, Issue 2, Oct. 25, 1983
	22	NIU "MEMES," 2011-2012
	3 tapes	<u>Quarterback</u> radio program, 1961-1962 (7 ½" tapes)
14B	1	<u>Telescope: The Newsletter for Northern Star Alumni</u> , 1998-2011
	2	<u>Northern Star Alumni</u> , booklets, (2000-2011)
15-16		<u>Northern Illinois</u> , 1899-1947 (March 12, 1936 is encapsulated)
17	loose	<u>Northern Illinois</u> , Sept.13,1947-Sept. 30, 1954; <u>Northern Star</u> , Oct. 7, 1954
bound vols.		<u>Northern Star</u> , (Sept. 1964-1968, 1970-Jan. 1973)
18-	loose	<u>Northern Star</u> , May 9, 1969; Oct. 24, 1969; Jan 7, 1971; Sept. 10,12,13, 1973; 1976-
(Note: a complete run to August 5, 1997 of the <u>Northern Illinois/Northern Star</u> is available in the Microforms area of Founders Memorial Library)		
1N-22N		<u>Northern Star</u> negatives, Fall 1981- Summer 1989
23N		<u>Northern Star</u> ca. 2500 digital images from 2003; 13 compact disks