

# **Yearbook; Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Yearbook Collection
<b>ID:</b>	ua807
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1900-2014
<b>Date:</b>	2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.93 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection is made up of the published yearbooks of the New York State Normal College, the New York State College for Teachers, and the State University of New York at Albany.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Yearbook Collection, 1900-2014.  
M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries,  
University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the  
Yearbooks Collection).

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## Historical Note

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The earliest copy of the yearbook in our possession is from 1900, and was titled the "Neon." It went through several name changes including "The Senior Book" and "Our Book" until the name "Pedagogue" was chosen in 1913. The "Pedagogue" unlike the other renditions of the yearbook, included more than just simple photographs and names of faculty and students, like some earlier editions had. Each club was represented with a photograph and a list of their

members, as well as advertisements for institutions that had contributed to the published of the book. This format has not varied.

The yearbook remained under the name "Pedagogue" until 1963 when it was renamed the "Torch." This name change coincided with the beginning of the construction of the new uptown campus. It was an important part of the first edition of the "Torch" since the campus population had been growing rapidly, and this was remarked on in the yearbook itself. In the 1970s there were multiple editions of the "Torch" which were used as stumps in which the students made political statements or protests. The 1972 copy had photographs of a Vietnamese child's head printed multiple times on each page, intermingled with the photographs of the students. Copies such as this would focus heavily on the level of campus unrest at the University at Albany, as well as across the country. The "Torch" continues to be the published year book for SUNY Albany

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection is made up of the yearbooks for the New York State Normal College, the New York State College for Teachers, and the State University of New York at Albany, and encompasses the years 1900-2014. For the first ten years there are only copies for the years 1900 and 1904, though proceeding after that every published copy up to 2014 is in our collection. Student editors also published a yearbook again in 2022 although this one does not contain traditional "senior portraits."

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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Collection is arranged chronologically based on the publication year of the book.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives

### Revision Description

EAD file created Encoded in EAD by Erik Stolarski 2014 2016 October 13

### Processing Information

Processed in 2016 by unprocessed.

### Acquisition Information

All items in this collection were transferred to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

### Access

Anyone is welcome to visit our Reading Room during normal hours and view the yearbooks. The only exception is the 1974 Torch which is restricted due to the presence of personally identifiable information.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- College yearbooks
- College Students
- UAlbany Student Groups
- School yearbooks

## Content warning

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The department's yearbooks date back to 1900, and each of these student publications reflects the time in which it was published. Yearbooks may contain derogatory images and harmful language that do not reflect the current values of the University Libraries or the University at Albany, SUNY. These yearbooks also document challenging topics that respective editors elected to cover. This material may be distressing or of concern for researchers.

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Neon, 1900 <u>Physical Description</u> : 105 vol. <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Volume 1
Yearbook, 1904 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Volume 2
Our Book, 1911 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Representative Online Object</a>	Volume 3
Senior Book, 1912 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Volume 4
Pedagogue, 1913 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Volume 5
Pedagogue, 1914 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Representative Online Object</a>	Volume 6
Pedagogue, 1915 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Representative Online Object</a>	Volume 7
Pedagogue, 1916 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Representative Online Object</a>	Volume 8
Pedagogue, 1917 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Representative Online Object</a>	Volume 9
Pedagogue, 1918	Volume 10

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Pedagogue, 1921 Volume 13

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Pedagogue, 1923 Volume 15

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Pedagogue, 1924 Volume 16

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Pedagogue, 1925 Volume 17

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Pedagogue, 1926 Volume 18

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Pedagogue, 1927 Volume 19

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Pedagogue, 1933 Volume 25

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Pedagogue, 1942 Volume 34

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Torch, 1969 Volume 61

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Torch, 1970 Volume 62

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Torch, 1971 Volume 63

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Torch, 1972 Volume 64

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**Biographical / Historical**

The 1972 Torch was edited by Ronald Simmons, a gay Black man whose deep involvement in LGBTQ+ activism began during his time as a student at UAlbany from 1968-1972. The Torch was independently produced but funded from the Student Association. When the book was released in April 1972 there was considerable opposition to the inclusion of provocatively graphic images of a deceased Vietnamese man among the senior portraits. The Student Association disavowed the book and froze the Torch budget. Student leaders called the book "a catastrophe" that offended people and exerted

more control over the next editor who had to agree to certain guidelines before the yearbook budget was unfrozen.

After earning two graduate degrees at UAlbany in the 1970s, Ronald Simmons completed his doctorate at Howard University in 1987 and became a pivotal figure in Washington D.C.'s gay and lesbian activist community as it confronted HIV and AIDS. He became involved in several Black LGBT activist efforts and groundbreaking organizations such as the National Coalition of Black Gays and the DC Coalition of Black Lesbian and Gay Men. Following his own HIV diagnosis in 1990, Dr. Simmons became Executive Director of Us Helping Us, a pioneering Black gay men's health organization from 1992 to 2016.

## Scope and Contents

The 1972 Torch yearbook is a curated collection of photography and text capturing student life on campus, including discussions of sex and depictions of drug use. It documents or discusses protests to the state's response to the Attica uprising, environmentalism, poverty in Albany, feminism, gay and lesbian liberation.

## Content warning

This item contains graphic images from the Vietnam War that may be unsettling or distressing to viewers. These images were intentionally provocative, intended as a political statement against the war.

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Torch, 1973

Volume 65

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## Content warning

This item contains depictions of blackface, nudity, drug use, and obscene gestures. Some of these representations reflect the prejudices and biases or the culture of the time in which they were created and may be offensive or distressing. We present this material as part of the historical record, not as an endorsement of the views or behavior it contains. The 1972 Torch yearbook was controversial when published. The addition of a January 10, 1973 Times-Union opinion column in the 1973 Torch about the 1972 yearbook calling it a "printed abortion" and claiming that it was met with "opposition from many of the students" suggests that some of images on the pages immediately following, involving nudity and drug use, may have been deliberately included as a response from the 1973 editors.

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Torch, 1974

Conditions Governing Access:

Volume 66

**Conditions Governing Access**

The 1974 Torch is restricted due to the presence of personally identifiable information. Students identified themselves using personally identifiable information as a form of protest. Please consult an archivist for more details on viewing this item.

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Torch, 1975 Volume 67

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Torch Cover, 1976 Volume 68

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Torch Volume 1, 1976 Volume 68

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Torch, 1977 Volume 69

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Torch, 1978 Volume 70

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Torch, 1983 Volume 75

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Torch, 1999

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Torch, 2000

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Torch, 2001

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Torch, 2002

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Torch, 2013

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Torch, 2022

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