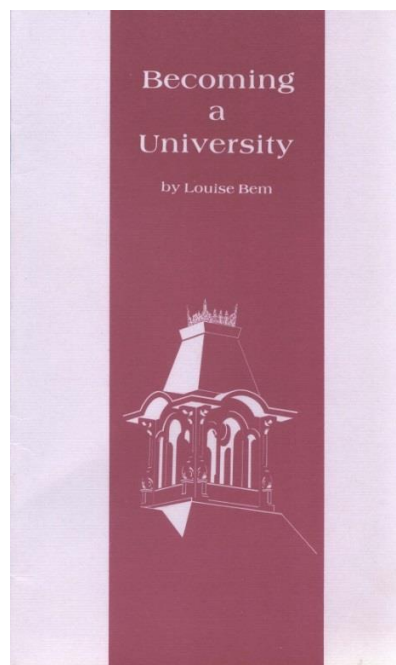




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Biographical Note

A native of Carrolltown, Pennsylvania – Louise Sharbaugh Bem (September 28, 1945 – March 29, 2021) was the daughter of Paul J. Sharbaugh and Pauline Cassidy Sharbaugh, and she graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania in 1963. She married Stanley J. Bem on March 19, 1966. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English in 1982, and a MA in History from IUP. In 1985-1986, she wrote the IUP pamphlet, [Becoming a University](#), marking 20 years since Indiana State College (ISC) became Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in 1965-1966. In addition to conducting research, Louise Bem was a graphic designer and owned Bem Enterprises. She was involved in the design of several publications for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission ([Manuscript Group 75](#)); including America's Industrial Heritage Project ([Manuscript Group 74](#)), and the Johnstown Flood Centennial.

Scope and Content Note

The Louise Bem Collection includes research, IUP publications, and the pamphlet *Becoming a University* by Louise Bem. In 1965, Indiana State College became Indiana University of Pennsylvania. This collection documents the steps IUP took towards University Status, and the first 20 years of being a university. The collection also contains research conducted by Louise Bem, publications designed by Bem Enterprises, and newspaper articles written by Louise Bem.

Provenance

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Restrictions

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Processor

Revision and rearrangement for the finding aid was provided by Special Collections.

Container List

Box 1 Louise Bem (24 folders)

1. Miscellaneous Research
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3. IUP Information
4. IUP Information
5. IUP Information
6. First draft of *Becoming a University*

7. Drafts of *Becoming a University*
8. Pamphlet: [Becoming a University](#) by Louise Bem, 1985-1986
9. Research Notes
10. Oral History Interviews about IUP History in preparation for writing *Becoming a University*: Audio Cassette Tapes (1980s) digitized
 - a. Tape 1: Merle Rife, IUP History Department, since 1950s
 - b. Tape 2: Nancy Newkirk, Dean of Women, 1965
 - Tape 3: Buchanan (1), 1985
 - Tape 4: Buchanan (2)
 - Tape 5: Dr. Richard Ray, IUP English Department
 - Tape 6: Dr. Dale Landon, IUP History Department
 - Tape 7: Edgar Moore, IUP History Department
 - Tape 8: Dr. Irwin Marcus, IUP History Department
 - Tape 9: Dr. Blair, IUP Student Teaching Coordinator, 1960s-1970s
 - Tape 10: Grounds Crew, 1950s-1960s
11. Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County: Walking Tour of Indiana – Philadelphia Street and Sixth Street
12. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission ([Manuscript Group 75](#)): Eliza Furnace
13. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission: Ghost Town Trail
14. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission: Comprehensive Management Plan, 1992 ([Manuscript Group 75](#))
15. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission: America's Industrial Heritage Project – Cultural Sites Fold-out Map ([Manuscript Group 74](#))
16. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission: America's Industrial Heritage Project ([Manuscript Group 74](#))
 - a. Indiana County Heritage Preservation Plan, 1990
 - b. Site Concept Plan: Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
 - c. Windber and Scalp Level Revitalization Plan
17. Johnstown Flood Centennial, 1889-1989 (1)
 - a. Johnstown Flood Survivors: Photographs
18. Johnstown Flood Centennial, 1889-1989 (2) including brochure designed by Louise Bem
19. Johnstown Flood Centennial, 1889-1989 (3)
 - a. A Teacher's Guide to Johnstown, 1800-1889
20. Johnstown Flood Centennial, 1889-1989 (4)
 - a. Centennial Reports, 1987-1989
21. Examples of Illustrations and Graphic Design in Publications from Bem Enterprises
 - a. Illustrations from Bem Enterprises for marketing and production management
 - b. ARIN Intermediate Unit 28: Annual Report, 1989-1990
 - c. The ESEA Chapter 1 Reading Program: Purchase Line School District
 - d. Geography is for Everyone: Planning and Organizing a Geography Fair, Pennsylvania Geographic Alliance, editor Dr. Ruth Shirey ([Manuscript Group 160](#))
22. Write-ups for Newspaper Articles by Louise Bem, 1980s
23. Newspaper Articles by Louise Bem
 - a. St. Mary's
 - b. Sadie Smith

24. Newspaper Articles in *Tribune-Review* by Louise Bem, 1981-1982
 - a. This 'N That