

**Eastern Illinois University  
Archives and Manuscripts**

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**Hobart Franklin Heller Collection  
Boxes 1 and 2**

**Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3  
Approximate number of items: 1,500**

**Scope and Content**

This series of records consists of documents pertaining to University activities, with very little material of a personal nature. The majority of the records are correspondence dealing with various University matters. Also represented are programs from important University events and a few photographs. Records in this series extend from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Arrangement of this series is by type of record, and within each folder (usually) by chronological order. In their original state the records were in some semblance of order, however slight rearrangement was necessary to facilitate access to the material.

**Appraisal**

As part of the Eastern Illinois University Manuscript Collection, the Heller records contribute considerable value to the University Archives. They document much of the administrative activities at Eastern, particularly communication between the President and the Vice President of Instruction, a position which Heller held for six years.

These records are no longer needed for administrative purposes, however they have research and historical value. The records contain information about administrative issues, organizational restructuring, and campus events, such as building dedications and inaugural ceremonies.

### **Hobart Franklin Heller**

Hobart Franklin Heller was born on September 23, 1901, in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, to Nathan and Frances (Keen) Heller. He married Hilda Albertson. They had no children.

Heller earned a B.S. degree at Gettysburg College in 1924, an M.A. at Columbia University in 1931, and a Ph.D. at Columbia in 1940. He taught high school mathematics before joining the faculty at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College as a Professor of Mathematics in 1931.

Dr. Heller served as Dean of Men from 1934-1942, Dean of the College from 1942-1961, concurrently acting as Math Department Chair from 1944-47. In 1961 he became the first Vice President for Instruction, a position he held until his retirement in 1967.

During World War II Heller was one of several Eastern faculty members to become a ground school instructor for the Navy pilot training program which was started in July 1942.

In his thirty-six years of employment at Eastern, Heller was on many committees including the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and was chairman of Task Force A for the Illinois Statewide Articulation Conference for two-year and four-year colleges.

After retirement from Eastern he and his wife returned to their home state of Pennsylvania, where he continued to work in higher education. He spent two years at the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction as an Assistant to the Commission of Higher Education; was Acting Dean of the Graduate School at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, for one year; and served in a part-time advisory capacity at Bloomsburg State College.

In 1977 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Eastern. He died on March 4, 1981, at his home in Berwick, Pennsylvania.

## Description of Collection

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	
1	1-36	Correspondence. Doudna. August 1956 – September 1967. Memos relating to University affairs.
	37-39	Speeches. 1949-1974. (Folder 37 includes a list of contents created by H. F. Heller)
	40	Transcript. President Buzzard Tribute. May 1, 1956.
	41	Program. Convocation honoring President Buzzard/Unveiling of Buzzard Portrait. "Convocation honoring the first twenty years of the Buzzard administration, October 3, 1953. The general plan for the day, the official program, the text of the remarks and introductions of the chairman of the convocation." H.F. Heller
	42	Programs. Dedications of Booth Library (May 27, 1950), Lantz Gymnasium (Oct. 18, 1953), and Burgner Acres (May 4, 1963). "Program of dedication of Lantz Gymnasium (now McAfee), October 18, 1953." H.F. Heller
	43	Programs. Homecoming 1953 and Chapel Service October 17, 1953.
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	45	Reports. Space Study and Survey of Building Use. Submitted to Committee on Future Enrollment, Joint Council on Higher Education. 1956. (Written by H. F. Heller).
2	1	Correspondence. Committee of Fifteen. March 1951-Oct. 1964.
	2-13	Minutes. Committee of Fifteen. Sept. 1950-Jan. 1965. (Folder 2 includes indexes for: May 10, 1961-May 16, 1962; June 6, 1962-May 8, 1963; May 15, 1963-May 13, 1964). "A file of minutes of the Committee of 15, 1950-55 and part of 56. File begins with the third or fourth meeting of the Committee." H.F. Heller
	14-15	Reports. Committee of Fifteen. "Some miscellaneous reports of Committee; in particular, a file on the campus high school matter, a plan of operation of the "temporary" Committee of 15. Also – list of members 1950-56." H.F. Heller



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2	16	Correspondence. Panther Lair. Fund raising for Panther sculpture in Union, 1960; copy of Eastern Alumnus article featuring a history of the Panther Lair, list of names and addresses of former Panther lair Men, and photographs. "Garland—I'm putting in your keeping this historical material on the Lair. Will you see that eventually it is deposited in the archives in the library." (H.F. Heller 10/18/67)
	17	Correspondence. Eastern News Controversy of 1959. "This sealed envelope contains personal analysis of the controversy. It is sealed because frank reference is made to some individuals now living and active on the campus. It is filed herewith with a request that the seal be respected until 1975, with any opening prior to that time subject to my specific approval, and opening after that time by a research worker qualified to make objective study and ethical in personal references." (H.F. Heller Oct. 26, 1967) "Related to the "News" controversy of 1959. Newspaper clippings, a personal analysis, material related to the editor, some personal notes, other miscellaneous material." (H.F. Heller 10/18/67)
	18	News clippings. Eastern News Controversy of 1959.
	19	Report. American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Evaluation. 1953-54. "Draft copy of the Evaluation Schedule prepared by various faculty committees for the AACTE Evaluation in 1953-54. Committee lists and instructions." (H.F. Heller 10/17/67)
	20	Student Dissent. 1967.
	21	Inauguration. Doudna. 1957. "Inauguration of President Doudna – committee assignments, program, invitation, etc." (H.F. Heller 10/18/67)
	22	Report. Proposal for the Degree, M.S. in Ed. 1951. "Original documents proposing to the Board the program for the degree M.S. in Ed. Jan. 22, 1951. The "ditto" pages give the general outline and requirements for the degree, together with a brief statement of philosophy. The mimeographed material is a request for approval of courses as submitted Dec. 14, 1951." (H.F. Heller 10/17/67)
	23	Correspondence. English Department Controversy. 1965. "Some memos pertinent to a sudden move in the Department of English to "freeze out" of policy matters the lower ranking members of the department." (H.F. Heller 11/1/67)
	24	Correspondence. Portraits of Miss McKinney, Miss Weller, and Miss Ford. 1957-58. "Some correspondence etc. related to the portraits of Miss McKinney, Miss Weller, Miss Ford which hang in the three residence halls bearing their names." (H.F. Heller 10/18/67)



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2	25	<p>News clippings and Correspondence. Chicago Tribune series on Illinois State Universities.</p> <p>"A series of articles on the Illinois Schools written by reporter Joseph Ator in 1958, together with some correspondence with Ator on the Stevenson article." H.F. Heller</p>
	26	<p>Programs. Building Dedications (Ford-Weller-McKinney Halls, University Union, Fine Arts Center, Robert G. Buzzard School) and Lincoln-Douglas Debate Centennial. September 1958.</p> <p>"Dedication of Ford, McKinney, Weller, Buzzard Sept. 18, 1958. Also program of centennial of Lincoln-Douglas debate." (H.F. Heller 10/19/67)</p>
	27	<p>Obituary. Alexander Briggs (contractor who completed Old Main). February 14, 1924.</p>
	28	<p>Correspondence. Portrait of Dr. E. H. Taylor (includes one photograph of Dr. Taylor with Kappa Mu Epsilon). June 1948-August 1949.</p> <p>"In 1948 a small group sponsored by Alexander Summers and Hobart Heller undertook to collect money and have a portrait of Dr. Edson H. Taylor painted. The contents of this envelope include lists of donors, and many letters of appreciation of Mr. Taylor from alumni. The artist was Mrs. M.C. Talbott of 1626 Broadway, Mattoon. The portrait was presented to the college in October, 1949, and hung in the corridor of Old Main. The packet also contains a stenographic record of a Homecoming chapel, Oct. 17, 1953, at which Mr. Taylor spoke." H.F. Heller</p>
	29	<p>Correspondence. Andrews Memorial Record Collection. 1944-45.</p> <p>"Shortly after the death of Franklyn Andrews in 1944 Mr. Seymour and Mr. Heller drafted a letter to former editors and business managers of the News to raise money to buy Andrews' record collection and give it to the College. This packet contains letters written by former students who sent contributions. The record collection, consisting of albums, 78 rpm, was housed for a time in a cabinet in the music dept. in Old Main, then transferred to the Booth Library Listening room in 1950, with the room named The Andrews Room." H.F. Heller</p>
	30	<p>Correspondence. Internal Administration. March 1950-Nov. 1967.</p>
	31-33	<p>Correspondence. English Proficiency Requirement. Jan. 1963-Oct. 1967.</p>
	34	<p>Correspondence University Catalogue. Jan. 1959-Nov. 1966.</p>
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