This scrapbook was created by Kenneth Shopen, Professor of Art, who taught at Navy Pier and at UICC from 1946 to 1965. He retired to paint in Vermont, where he continued his UIC connection as Professor Emeritus, 1965-1968. He is believed to have died around 1978.

Professor Shopen donated his scrapbook to the library in 1965 (UA 65-999).

Professor Shopen's scrapbook primarily focuses on events at Navy Pier's College of Engineering, department of architecture and art, and the Navy Pier Art Gallery, 1946-1953. The scrapbook includes photographs, programs, brochures, fliers and publicity items, and clippings from Chicago and Urbana newspapers and the Navy Pier student paper, the Pier Illini.

The scrapbook documents art gallery exhibits, some loaned by the Art Institute of Chicago and other museums, on themes such as modern art, watercolors, sculpture, stage design, interior design, and architecture. Events of special note include a traveling exhibit on William and George Fred Keck, architects whose work was featured at the Chicago World's Fair in 1934, and visits to Navy Pier by architects Marcel Breuer, August Perret, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Activities and accomplishments of Navy Pier students and faculty are documented in coverage of student and faculty exhibits and awards, and professional activities of faculty members, including Kenneth Shopen, Harold B. McEldowney, and Dean Randolph P. Hoelscher.

Other subjects of interest in the scrapbook include Navy Pier student life, the library, administrative changes, the purpose and future of the Chicago campus, and Navy Pier's early relations with the University administration in Urbana.

Photographs
Frank Lloyd Wright (UA 65-999-001 & 003)
Marcel Breuer, 1948 Nov (UA 65-999-002)
Art Gallery exhibits, 1949 (UA 65-999-004 thru 006 & 008)
Keck on Architecture - brochure cover (UA 65-999-007 neg)

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