

*A Year at the University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign*

*2008 Calendar*

*Photos by Kalev Leetaru*







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NATURAL HISTORY

1892



*Natural History Building*

Dedicated in 1892, the Natural History Building is one of 5 buildings on campus designed by Nathan Ricker. Its American High Victorian Gothic style was a welcome change from the architectural styles prevalent in the rest of campus.

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*Alma Mater and Final Four*

The Alma Mater, always a symbol of campus life, is occasionally decorated by students to mark major athletic or University events. As the University's basketball team made the Final Four in 2005, the Alma Mater showed her *Illini Spirit*.

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*Sheep Barn*

The venerable llama guarding the UI's sheep flock at the South Farms Sheep Barn. Built in 1912, the barn was razed to make way for the new iHotel.

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*Lincoln Hall*

A tribute to the President who signed the Morrill Land Grant Act into law, Lincoln Hall was approved in 1909 on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the man who made the University possible. There are 10 terra cotta panels on the building's exterior that depict scenes from Lincoln's life.

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*Auditorium / Foellinger Auditorium*

Foellinger Auditorium celebrated its 100th anniversary with great fanfare on September 29th. Built in 1907, it was designed by 1877 graduate Clarence H. Blackall and originally suffered from poor acoustics. It was nearly razed in the 1970's, but a private donation from Helene Foellinger in 1983 was used to restore the facility.

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*Homecoming*

The University of Illinois lays claim to having the longest-running collegiate homecoming celebration, first begun in 1910.

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*New Armory*

A few years after the Auditorium had been built, the student body had already outgrown it, and planning began on what was then called the New Armory (Kenny Gym was the main armory building at the time). Finished in 1912, it was used by the University's cadet regime, the largest in the country at the time.

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ALMA MATER

TO THY HAPPY CHILDREN  
OF THE FUTURE  
THOSE OF THE PAST  
SEND GREETINGS



*Alma Mater*

Unveiled Alumni Day 1929, Lorado Taft's Alma Mater sculpture originally resided behind the Auditorium, before being moved to its present spot in 1962. The motto carved on her granite base is known by all alumni: *To thy happy children of the future, those of the past send greetings.*

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# *About This Calendar*

The contents of this calendar were compiled from the UIPhotos and UIHistories projects, by Kalev Leetaru.

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## ***UIPhotos Project***

<http://uiphotos.ncsa.uiuc.edu/>

The UIPhotos project is a collection of more than 70,000 images of the UIUC campus, taken by Kalev Leetaru. These images, which cover every building and space on campus, provide a uniquely powerful visual time capsule of campus in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. Images on the site are free for personal download and non-commercial UI use. The site also features wallpapers, screen savers, eCards, calendars, and other UIUC-themed photo products for free download.

## ***UIHistories Project***

<http://uihistories.ncsa.uiuc.edu/>

The UIHistories project, which was Kalev Leetaru's senior undergraduate thesis, is the first comprehensive historical survey of the UIUC campus, covering the foundations of the University, offering insights into early student life, and providing historical biographies of all of the buildings, class gifts, memorials, and collections of campus. In March 2007, more than 30,000 pages of digitized historical material was added, including campus maps, building dedication proceedings, course catalogs, pictorial guides, and more, from the founding of the University through present day.

## ***UITours Project***

<http://uitours.ncsa.uiuc.edu/>

The UITours project brings the UIPhotos and UIHistories projects together to lead visitors upon a visual and historical tour of campus. The site serves as an introspective looking glass onto campus, reflecting on all that makes up this incredible institution.