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Biographical Note
Louise Sharbaugh Bem graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania in 1963. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in 1982. 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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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
   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


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

   a. A Teacher’s Guide to Johnstown, 1800-1889


21. Examples of Illustrations and Graphic Design in Publications from Bem Enterprises
   a. Illustrations from Bem Enterprises for marketing and production management
   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

   a. This ‘N That