

McLean County Museum of History

Dorothy Siebert—Softball Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1966 - 1974
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Donation of Siebert family
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

History

Dorothy Anna Siebert was born October 6, 1933, in Congerville to Henry and Louise McBurney Siebert. She graduated from Normal Community High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Physical Education at Illinois State University. She was a long-time educator in Atlanta, IL and Normal, IL. She coached girls golf and cheerleading for many years. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and was active in church activities. She was the first to receive an Ironman Award for service to Normal Community High School. Dorothy Siebert passed away on March 12, 2014, in Normal, at the age of 80.

Scope

This collection came to the Museum by way of donation from the Siebert family in March 2024. The donation consisted of a three-ring binder, titled "Happiness is Softball," compiled by Dorothy Sibert. The Museum removed the binder's pages and placed them in folders, separating them by team or season. The pages and items were kept in the same order as they appeared in the scrapbook.

The collection contains various newspaper clippings, color photographs, schedules, and rosters of two women's fastpitch softball teams Sibert played for—the Carlock Comets (1966-1968) and Bloomington Bearcats (1969-1972).

Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 Museum gift agreement for Sibert scrapbook, March 8, 2024.
- 1.2 Description of scrapbook contents, 1 p.
- 1.3 Email exchange, Jeff Collins and Museum Librarian Bill Kemp, March 2024, regarding donation and Siebert family.
- 1.4 Cover page from scrapbook, "Happiness Is Softball," with Snoopy from Peanuts.
- 1.5 Dorothy Anna Siebert, obituary, Pantagraph, March 16, 2014.

Folder 2: Carlock Comets 1966 – 1968

- 2.1 Uniform Patch for Central Illinois Women's league, Carlock Comets
- 2.2 Team Membership and Travel Identification form, June 30, 1967, 1 p., with team photograph.
- 2.3 Carlock Comets, handwritten list of players, with contact information, no date, 1 p.
- 2.4 Carlock Comets Women's Softball Team Roster of 1968, type script, 1 p.
- 2.5 Carlock Comets Softball Schedule and list of managers [1968], 1 p.
- 2.6 General Division of Central Illinois Women's League Softball, 1968, schedule of games, 3 pp.
- 2.7 Carlock Comets Ball Team, handwritten, no date, 1 p.

Folder 3: 1969 Bloomington Bearcats

- 3.1 Scrapbook page labeled "1969," with two newspaper clippings and five photographs—individual players and team.

- 3.2 Scrapbook page with three newspaper articles, including "Pekin Lettes Defeat Bloomington," *Pantagraph*, June 18, 1969.

Folder 4: 1970 Bearcats Season

- 4.1 "1970," Bloomington Bearcats Softball Schedule, mimeograph with extensive handwritten notation.
- 4.2 Eight Team A.S.A. Double Elimination Tournament, June 29-July 13, mimeograph with many handwritten additions.
- 4.3 Scrapbook page with two articles: "4 Games on Gals' Meet Slate Tonight" July 24, 1970, and "Hampton Near-Perfect" undated, both *Daily Dispatch*, Moline, IL.
- 4.4 Scrapbook page with two photos of the Bearcats team, and article from *Daily Dispatch*, Moline, IL, July 25, 1970.
- 4.5 Photo of the Bearcats.
- 4.6 Scrapbook page, "Bearcats Find Enjoyment, Competition in Girls' Softball," with two news photos, *Pantagraph*, August 2, 1970.

Folder 5: 1971 Bearcats Season

- 5.1 "1971," Bloomington Bearcats 1971 schedule, mimeograph with many handwritten notes.
- 5.2 Scrapbook page, two *Pantagraph* photos of Bearcats players, 1970.
- 5.3 Bloomington Bearcats 1971 statistics.
- 5.4 Pocket schedule, 1971 Bearcats.
- 5.5 Scrapbook page, "Five former Indianettes play for Bearcats" with two photos, *The Daily Leader*, July 13, 1971.
- 5.6 Scrapbook page with 12 recaps of Bearcats seasons, May-June 1971.
- 5.7 "Lettes Vs. Bearcats" June 15, 1971, and "Lettes Win; Play in Pekin Tonight" June 26, 1971, from *Peoria Journal Star*.
- 5.8 Scrapbook page with 13 newspaper clippings of Bearcats season, June-July 1971.
- 5.9 "Quincy Jets Prevail at Workman Tourney" *Kewanee Star Courier*, July 6, 1971. Reverse side holds three color photos of the Bearcats team and two players.
- 5.10 Two team photos.
- 5.11 "Bearcats meet challenge of rough schedule" with three photographs, *Pantagraph*, July 14, 1971, 2 pp.

Folder 6: 1972 Bearcats Season

- 6.1 "1972," Bloomington Bearcats 1972 Schedule, pocket schedule.
- 6.2 Bloomington Bearcats 1972 Schedule, mimeograph sheet, heavily annotated
- 6.3 Two pages, front and back of 18 newspaper clippings with game results, May 21-July 16.
- 6.4 Three mimeographed sheets of player statistics, Killus and Siebert highlighted.
- 6.5 Scrapbook page with 3 photos, one group and two individuals.
- 6.6 Bloomington Bearcats 1972 players statistics, Killus and Siebert highlighted.
- 6.7 Bearcats team photo, 1973.
- 6.8 "25 Years Ago," recap of Bearcats game with Shelbyville at O'Neil Park, *Pantagraph*, June 29, 1997.

Folder 7: Vicki Killus, Umpire

- 7.1 "Lady Ump Killus Advocates 'Separate But Equal' Programs," Peoria *Journal Star*, July 27, 1974 (original clipping and copy).
- 7.2 "Onarga woman turns umpire" *The Daily Journal*, August 2, 1974, and three more news articles, 2 pp.