The artifact analysis

Archive research center is the storehouse that keeps historical and memorial materials of University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC). The materials involve miscellaneous items such as socks and hats. Expecting to find some useful artifacts related to aviation fraternity, AHP I visited Archive research center and the main library but there was nothing related to AHP. (That is perhaps because of the short history and the small size of the club) So, I instead, researched on Institute of Aviation In UIUC and I could find unexpected amount of information.

Through the online Archives database, I picked two categories regarding Institute of Aviation. I was not able to access one course because the lady working in the archives center could not find it; it was not on the shelf where it should be. The other source was about Leslie A. Bryan who contributed to Institute of Aviation of UIUC greater than anybody in the university’s history. In the box I received, there were some scraps of newsletters published in 1960s and the Aviation technology books and papers that he wrote. Skimming the papers and books in the box, I realized how important he was in UIUC’s Institute of Aviation history.

Leslie A. Byran distinguished himself in many fields; education, aviation, athletics and community services. He was a professor of management and director of the Institute of Aviation at the University of Illinois from 1946 to 1968. He was also a member of the Athletic Association Board of Directors at UIUC from 1951 to 1968 and served as its vice president from 1952 to 1954. Before he came to U of I, he had been a professor of transportation at Syracuse University and also a track coach and athletic
director. At UIUC, he managed the major expansion of the university aviation program.

There should be more contribution of Leslie A. Bryan that I could not find, but the contributions I found was great enough to determine who he was. Since I’ve been the Archive research center just once, I will need to go there more times to find enough information for the final paper.