

# News

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## SXU adjunct professor honors 50th anniversary of children's annex in Irish Castle

Errol Magidson, Ed.D., adjunct professor of psychology, spent more than 600 hours on research about the Irish Castle at 102nd and Longwood Drive. In honor of the castle's 125th anniversary in 2011, he is working on a documentary tentatively called *Our Castle on the Hill: The History of the Irish Castle and Its Keepers*.

Magidson found that many of the legends and lore about the Irish Castle are just those, legends and lore. One legend says that the builder, Robert C. Givins, had the castle built as a gift for his Irish sweetheart he met on a trip to his native Ireland but that she died before the castle was completed. The real history is as fascinating as the myths associated with the castle. The castle has served as a residence for three family owners, including the Givins', the Burdett's and the Siemens'. The Chicago Female College once resided there and the last and current castle keeper is [Beverly Unitarian Church](#).



In honor of the 50th anniversary of the children's annex of the castle, which has served as a center for religious education and as one of our community's premiere nonsectarian preschools, Magidson is giving a multi-media presentation at the castle on Sunday, May 2 at 11:45 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

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