15 New Views of Vintage Columbia

Postcard collector Brewster Moseley ’76TC shares some of his favorite campus scenes.

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Back in college, Brewster Moseley ’76TC began exchanging postcards with a friend. Their running gag was to send the weirdest, funniest cards they could find. Today, Moseley, a writer and photographer living in Idaho, is a deltiologist — a collector of postcards. Dominating his collection are vintage Columbia cards from the late 1800s to the mid-1940s. “While not exaggerated or humorous,” Moseley says, “these cards certainly evoke — for me at least — beautiful, nostalgic memories.”

Low Library
Butler Library (previously "South Hall")
The athletic field
A tennis court on campus
Aerial views
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BUILDING. NEW YORK.
Looking east
The trolley along Broadway
Columbian University, New York City.

Teachers College
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