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THE ERLANGEN STUDENT KARZER

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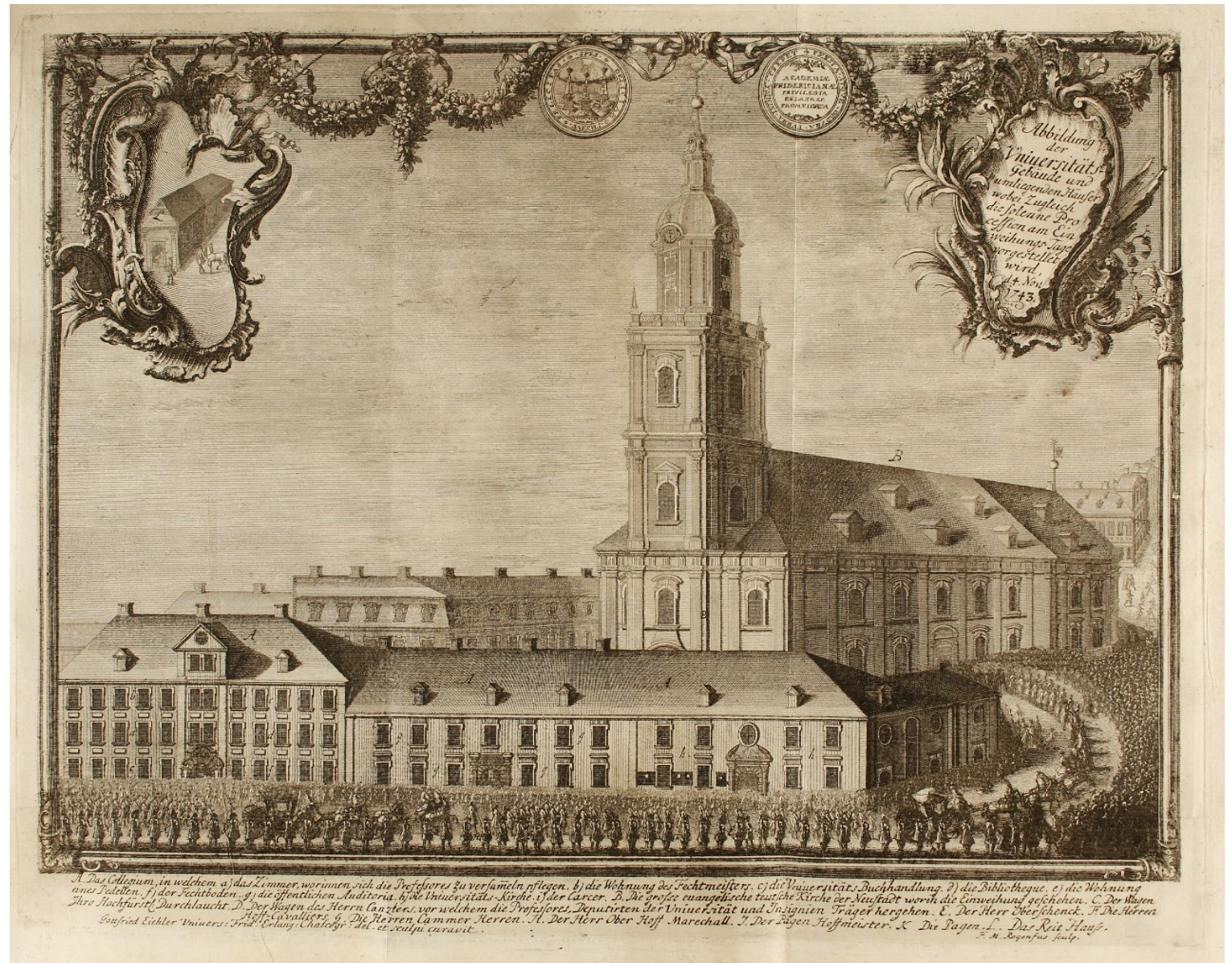
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The Erlangen Karzer until 1838

- 1743 Foundation of the university
Establishment of the first Karzer in the university building,
the so called „*Neumayers Burg*“
- After 1784 another Karzer over the Anatomical Theatre
- 1828 Transfer of the Karzer into the *Redoutenhaus*

The former university building from 1743 to 1825

(FAU University Archive, engraving in Johann Wilhelm Gadendam's history of the founding of the university after a drawing by the university engraver Gottfried Eichler)



The Karzer
„Neumayers
Burg“ in the
former
university
building in an
Album
amicorum
around 1780

(FAU University Library)



The *Redoutenhaus* of the Erlangen residence

(FAU University Library, part of a plan of the Erlangen residence by Johann Baptist Homann, around 1721)



The Erlangen Karzer from 1839 onwards

- 1705 Construction of the water tower as a water reservoir for the fountains in the margraval residence park
- 1818 Handover to the university after the death of the last margravine
- 1838 Transfer of the Karzer into the water tower
- 1898 Transfer of the Karzer to the attic of the Geological Institute in the park of the Erlangen residence
- 1913 Abolition of the Karzer punishment

Highly idealized
view of the
Erlangen
residence in the
second half of
the 18th century,
on the right the
water tower (the
later Karzer
building)

(FAU University Library, copperplate
engraving, probably based on a
drawing by Paul Decker the Elder)



Park of the
Erlangen
residence in an
Album amicorum
around 1775, on
the right the
water tower

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City view of
Erlangen in an
Album amicorum
around 1800, in
the middle above
the horse's head
the water tower

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Former Castle Church and later Geological Institute, last station of the Karzer from 1898 to 1913

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Tradition of the Karzer in the water tower

- 1839 Establishment in the water tower until 1898
 Remaining of a Karzer room from this epoch time until today
- 1919 Use of the tower as a local history museum
- 1962 Conversion as a bratwurst restaurant
- 2003 Restoration and new use as a music school til today

Water tower with the Karzer housed in it, around 1870

(Erlangen City Archives)



Karzer in the water tower

(FAU University Archive,
Foto: Erich Malter)



Karzer in the water tower

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The water tower nowadays

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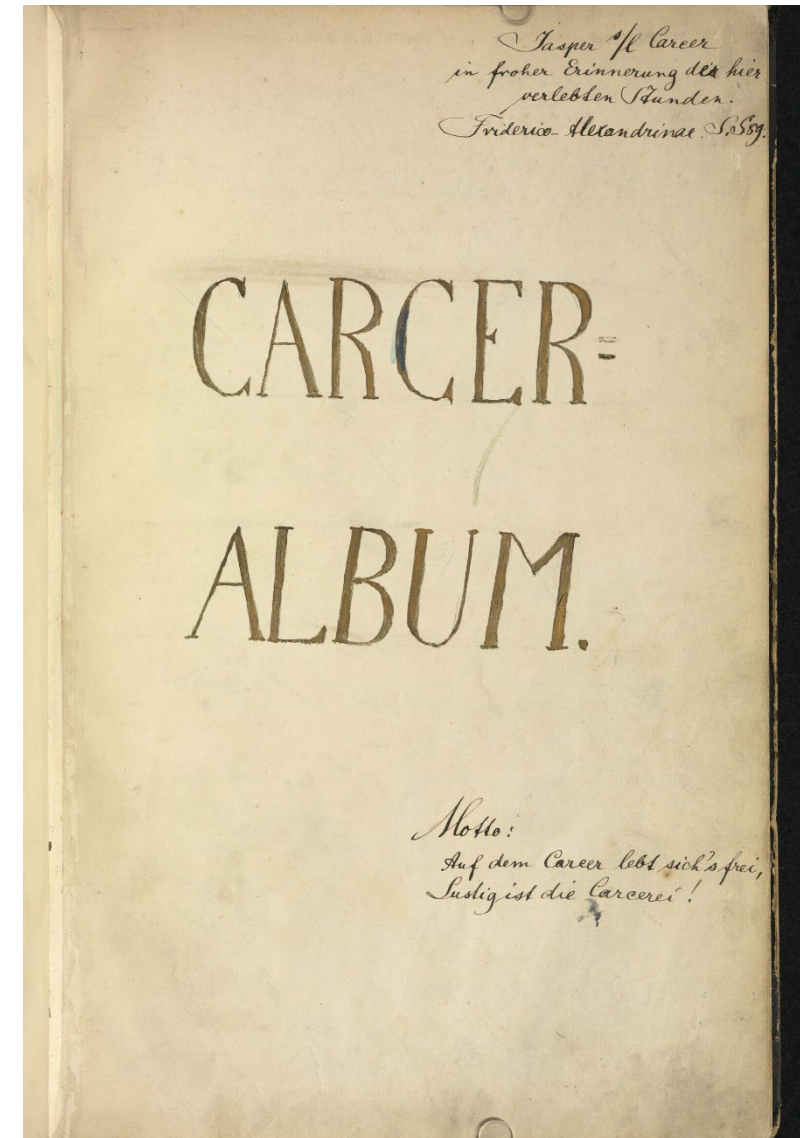
Numerous archival
records of the Student
Karzer, the disciplinary
authority and the
punishment of students
(FAU University Archive)



The Erlangen *Carcer-Album*,
viewable online at:

<https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:bvb:29-bv047674569-2>

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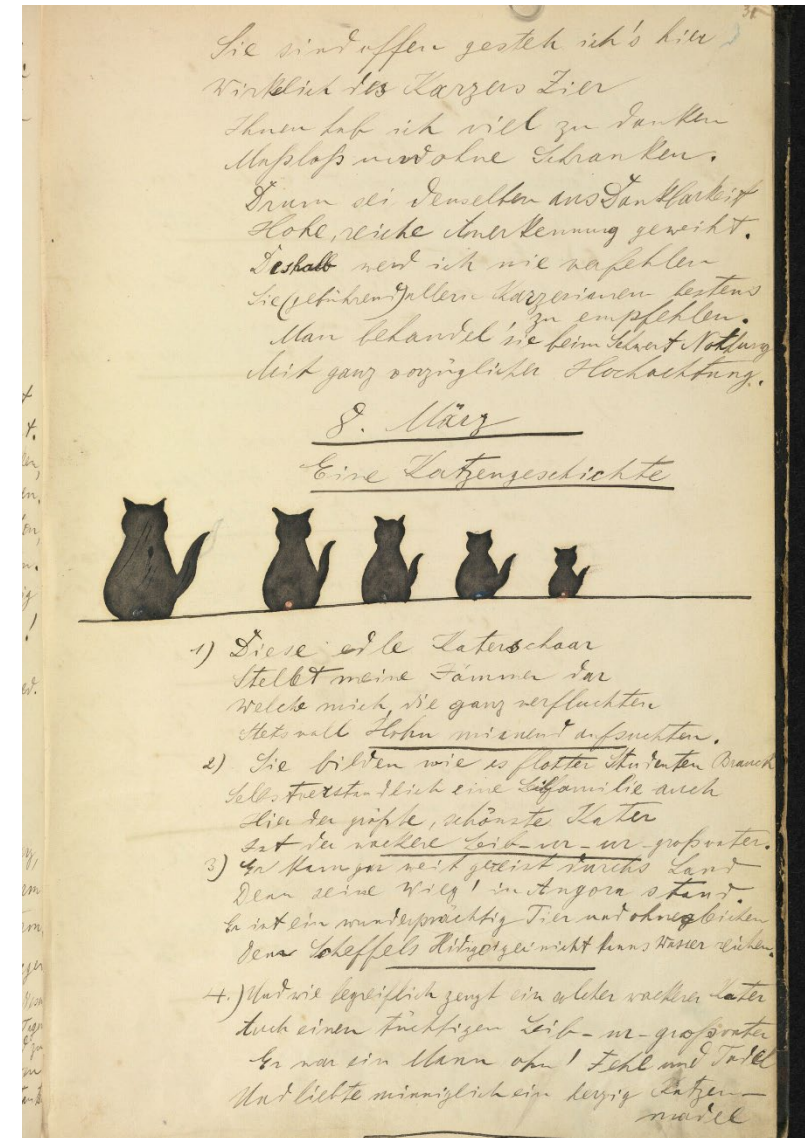
Example from the *Carcer-Album*: Ferdinand Fischer

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Example from the *Carcer-Album* and the Karzer drawings: Oskar Bartz

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Thank you!



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