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## Development of Bryn Mawr Campus of The American College

1957 - Property Search begun (for move to suburbs)

Reported to Board by Special Committee 3/25/57

Evaluate whether to:

- 1) Acquire property
- 2) Center City Building
- 3) Old estate and ground in

Purchase of the Denny property in St. Davids turned down

1959 - Purchased 266 Bryn Mawr Avenue (11.15 acres)  
One of firsts properties looked at but had moved on to others  
because of legal complications

1960 - Construction begun, Huebner Hall designed by architectural firm of Mitchell/Giurgola (A young firm, Huebner Hall was one of their first projects and this year (1980) the firm won competition to design Australia's Parliament House in Canberra, Australia

Grounds were developed under direction of Harry Wood (Horticultural Consultant for Swartmore College who had worked on the estate when it was owned by Stanley Flagg)

1961 - Huebner Hall opened (Moved in March: Dedication June)

1963 - Carriage House and one acre bought and 50 foot strip to give access to Vauclain Road.

1964 - (May 28) Board approved conversion of former estate carriage house to provide maximum permanent usefulness to the College and other organizations for dining/conference facilities and quarters for custodian

1965 - (May 27) Dedicatation of Myrick Pavilion

1966 - (January 28) Agreement for Mitchell/Giurgola to draw-up long-range plan for development of The American College campus

1966<sup>?</sup> - Seiler property acquired for \$135,000. (4 acres land, \$65,000; two buildings, \$70,000)

1967 - (March 28) Agreement with Institute

1967/68 - West basement of Huebner Hall renovated to provide additional space for Institute

1968 - (October 28) Reese Lake dedicated. Plans presented to Board in May 1968 while Mr. Reese was alive.

- 1968 - Adult Learning Research Laboratory approved by Board in principle.
- 1969 - (February) First Mitchell/Giurgola drawings presented for Adult Learning Research Laboratory
- 1970 (February) Turner Construction Company awarded construction contract
- 1970 (June) construction begun (delayed by strike) with completion scheduled for January 1972 (Radnor Township sewer ban delayed completion)
- 1972 - Wister Property acquired - 7.0 acres
- 1973 - New road built across top of campus
- 1973 - (April) Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters moved out
- 1977 - Board approved purchase of 9.276 acres of Ca<sup>h</sup>ter Property
- 1978 - McCahan Hall renovated (summer) to house Communications and Development Offices

#### General Services Building

- 1977 Authorization from Board of Trustees to proceed with General Services Building; construction
- 1977 (Sept) Contract awarded to Joseph R. Farrell
- 1978 (Sept) Awarded contract to Farrell. Construction for General Services Building begun
- 1979 (July) General Services Building occupied

#### Graduate Studies Center

- 1977 Graduate Studies Center authorized by Board of Trustees
- 1978 (Dec. 8) Approved construction loan and permanent MORT GSC
- 1978 (Feb.) Approved additional cost
- 1979 (April) Construction begun with Daniel J. Keating Company contractor
- 1981 (July/August) Anticipated occupancy of Graduate Studies Center

## AWARDS

Huebner Hall - Best building of the decade (1960s)

Foundation Hall - Gold Medal for design concept, Honor award by American Institute of Architects

9/27/74 Horticulture - Pennsylvania Horticulture Society and greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Landscape Horticulture Award for investment in planting and tree maintenance and in so doing attained goal of a partnership with nature.

Property Search begun

Reported to Board - by Special Committee

3/25/57 at noon

- 1/ Acquire property @ Penn
- 2/ Center City Bldg
- 3/ Old estate + ground in suburbs

Purchase Denny Property - to  
turned down

1954 - 266 Bryn Mawr Ave purchased 11.15 acres  
one of first properties looked at  
more to others because of legal complications

Develop - Bryn Mawr

Bldg - 12/6

grounds - Harry Wood

July 60

3/61 HH opened  
Construction - May 1960  
CPCU society out - Dec 1962

1963 Old farmhouse and one acre bought

Also 50' strip

5/28/64 - Board approved to convert the former  
estate Carriage House to the maximum permanent usefulness  
to the College and other organizations for dining-conference  
facilities and quarters for a custodian  
Dedicated 5/27/65

10.8 acres land - ~~four~~ <sup>four</sup> ~~plus~~ <sup>plus</sup> 50' strip  
adjacent to Center

First purchase of land to be operated solely  
by Colbye

1/25/66 - heavy Range plan agreement entered into  
between R/G and Colbye

2/10/67 - Sister property acquired - \$135,000 { land \$65,000  
bldg 70,000  
4 acres w 2 bldgs

3/28/67 - Institutional agreement executed w taxing authority

1967/68 - West basement renovated to offices for Justice

10/28/68 - Rocco Lake dedicated  
Plans reviewed @ Board mtg in July Aug 68  
while for Rocco also

~~7/10/69~~ <sup>1968</sup>  
Feb 1969 - ALRC approved by Board in principle  
First R/G drawings

Feb 1970 - Contract awarded to Turner  
Construction started 6/22/70 delay by strike  
Completion for Jan 1972  
Sewer Box

~~Foot~~  
 Trucks added to Campus  
 1972- winter property acquired 7.0 acres  
 1973- New road

April 1973 - Institute moved out

Bldg + Grounds Awards  
 HH best decade  
 KP Horticulture award  
 FH ~~Gold~~ Gold medal design concept  
 Howe Award AIA

9/27/74 Penn Horticultural Soc + Greater Phila Coll  
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 and in so doing had attained its goal of a  
 partnership with Nature

McCahaw Hall - renovated in summer 1978 to  
house Communications and Development offices

### General Services Building

Authorization to proceed from Board of Trustees -

May 1977

Construction contract - Joseph R. Farrell

Construction begun - October 1978

Occupancy - July 1979

### Graduate Studies Center

Construction contract - Daniel J. Keating Co.

Construction begun - April 1979

Substantial construction to be completed

by April 1, 1981

Occupancy expected by July/August '81



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