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Rockefeller Hall.
Owl Gateway.

The main entrance to the College Grounds.
THE M. CAREY THOMAS LIBRARY

The library, the gift of the friends, graduates and students of the college, was begun April, 1903 and completed in February, 1907. From the date of its completion to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the College in November, 1935, it was called the Donors' Library; on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the College it was re-named the M. Carey Thomas Library. It is built of gray stone in the Jacobean Gothic style of architecture of the period of 1630 and forms three sides of a closed quadrangle. The main building, devoted to the library proper, faces east and is opposite and parallel to Taylor Hall at a distance of about fifty yards; the principal entrances of the two buildings face each other and are connected by a broad cement path. The east front is one hundred and seventy-four feet long and contains a three-story stack with accommodation for eighty-eight thousand volumes and above this a large reading-room with desks for one hundred and thirty-six readers, each screened to a height of two feet to secure privacy to the reader. Beyond the reading-room on the south side are the offices of the Department of Social Economy and Social Research. On the north side is the art seminary, containing collections of photographs, vases and coins. The main building contains the Stack, the Reference Book Room, the Reserved Book Room, the New Book Room, the Carola Woerishoffer Memorial Room, the Newspaper and Magazine Room, the office of the Dean of the Graduate School, three professors' offices and three cloak rooms. The wings of the building, running symmetrically about two hundred feet in length from the north and south ends of the main building, contain fourteen seminary rooms and thirty-two professors' offices. The books needed for graduate study and research are kept in the seminary rooms and graduate lectures are held in them. The seminaries are arranged as follows: Art and Archaeology, Greek, Latin, English, Education, German, French and Italian and Spanish, Semitic Languages and Philosophy in the north wing; Mathematics, History, Economics, Carola Woerishoffer Department of Social Economy and Social Research and the Psychology seminary in the south wing where are also the offices of the librarians and cataloguers. The total book capacity of the library is 115,000 volumes. The building is absolutely fireproof. Professors' offices for the two senior professors in each department adjoin the seminary rooms. There is also one general lecture room accommodating forty-two students.

On the first floor of the south wing the Department of Experimental Psychology has two large laboratories, one for general work and one for research. The basement of the north wing contains three professors' offices and fireproof safe rooms for the records and archives of the college. The quadrangular court enclosed by the building is surrounded by cloisters and in the centre of the grass enclosure is a fountain, the gift of the class of 1901.

The library is open on week-days from 8 a. m. till 10 p. m. and on Sundays from 9 a. m. till 10 p. m.
The Library
East Front from The Gardens
Merion Hall, Denbigh Hall, Pembroke Hall East, Pembroke Hall West and Rockefeller Hall are the five undergraduate halls of residence and provide accommodation for 344 students. Each of these halls is under the charge of a resident warden who is usually a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. The management and table are as far as possible the same. The buildings are built of stone and contain single rooms, suites of three rooms to be occupied by two students and suites of two rooms to be occupied by one student. Every student has a separate bedroom.

In addition, Wyndham, purchased by the Trustees of Bryn Mawr College in 1926 and situated directly opposite Pembroke West, is available as a dormitory for seventeen students. It is under the charge of a resident warden. As many of the bedrooms are very large, in some cases two students share a room. There are both single and double rooms, some with dressing rooms, and one single room with a private bath.

Radnor Hall is the graduate hall of residence and provides accommodations for 57 graduate students. It is under the charge of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Students are expected to provide their own rugs, towels and curtains but in every other respect the rooms are completely furnished. There is provided for each student, in addition to the usual bedroom furniture, a bookcase, a study table, an armchair and an electric reading lamp. In Rockefeller Hall there are stationary washtubs with hot and cold water in every bedroom. There are open fireplaces in most of the studies and in many single rooms, but the rooms are sufficiently heated by currents of air passing over steam-heated pipes. The air is changed every ten minutes and the temperature is regulated by an electric thermostat in each room. Electric light is available in every room.

The charge for board is $100 a year. The charge for rooms is $100 a year for graduate students and $200 a year and upwards for undergraduate students.

These charges for board and residence do not include the fee for tuition, which is $500 a year for undergraduate and $250 a year for graduate students.

The entire cost of tuition, board and residence in any hall, is therefore $1,100 a year and upwards for undergraduate students according to the room occupied and $750 a year for graduate students. In certain cases undergraduates are awarded by the College a room at $100, making the total of major expenses for the academic year $1000. This payment includes all expenses of furnishing, service, light and heating, except open fires. No part whatever need be taken by the students in the care of their own rooms. The students' personal washing will be done by any laundry approved by the college, for one dollar a dozen or about $16.00 a half-year for one dozen pieces weekly. Accommodation is provided for students wishing to remain in residence during the Christmas and Easter vacations.

The room rent and the fee for tuition must be paid in advance at the beginning of each academic year. Half the charge for board must be paid in advance at the beginning of each semester. No reduction of the charges for tuition and room rent can be made on account of absence, illness, or dismissal during the currency of a semester, term or year or for any other reason whatsoever and no refunding will be made on account of any of said causes in case of a payment in advance. In case of prolonged illness and absence from the college extending over six weeks or more, there will be a proportionate reduction in the charge for board.

The health of the students is under Dr. Olga Cushing Leary, College Physician, who may be consulted by the students free of charge. Dr. Frederick G. Sharpless of Rosemont, Pa., acts as general medical consultant.

The infirmary fee of $25.00 paid by each resident undergraduate and each resident graduate student entitles each student to be cared for in the infirmary for seven days (not necessarily consecutive) during the year and to attendance by the college physicians during this time and to nursing, provided her illness is not infectious. It also entitles her to the services of the nurses employed by the college during
other temporary illness, provided one of the regular nurses is free at the time. In the case of an illness of longer duration and also in the case of all diseases of an infectious character the student must meet, or in case of two or more students with the same infectious disease, must share the expense of the special nurse, the infirmary fees which are $3.00 a day and also hospital or sanitarium charges should she be removed from the college by order of the college physician. All further fees must be paid by the student.

A special nurse for one student costs approximately $8.30 per day or $58.10 per week, which includes nurse's fee, board and laundry. In contagious cases which require a special nurse the fee required by the nurse is $1.00 per day extra. Accordingly in such cases the cost to the student is increased by the extra fee paid the nurse. When a student has not an infectious disease the infirmary fee of $3.00 per day will include the nurse's fee provided it is possible for one of the college nurses to care for the student. The fees of the consulting physicians and surgeons and other specialists recommended by the college will be furnished on request.

All communications concerning the health of the students from parents and guardians, outside physicians and others should be addressed to the Dean of the College, who will excuse students for absence before and after vacations on account of serious illness and from attendance on academic work during the time that they are in the infirmary or seriously ill at home. Any student who becomes ill when away from the college is asked to send word immediately to the Dean of the College.

As the demand for rooms is very great, application should be made as long as possible in advance. In case the candidate for admission is uncertain in which year she may wish to enter she may apply for two consecutive years. Plans of the buildings with prices of rooms may be found under the description of each hall.

Every application for a room or suite of rooms to be reserved, whether made by a student already in residence or by a candidate for admission to the college, must be accompanied by a deposit of ten dollars, otherwise the application is not registered. The amount of this deposit will be deducted from the rent if the room or suite of rooms assigned is occupied by the applicant. The deposit is never refunded.

Every applicant who reserves a room after the first of September or who fails to withdraw her application by that date even though she does not occupy the room at all or vacates it during the college year prevents some other student from obtaining accommodation and consequently admission to the college; therefore, unless formal notice of withdrawal of application for the ensuing academic year is received by the Secretary and Registrar of the College by the first of September the applicant is responsible for the rent for the whole year of the room or suite of rooms assigned to her or for a minimum rent of two hundred dollars (for graduate students one hundred dollars) in case a definite assignment has not been made. The charges for room rent are not subject to remission or deduction unless the College re-rents the room. The applicant is not entitled to dispose of the rooms thus left vacant.

The College reserves the right to exclude at any time students whose conduct or academic standing it regards as undesirable and in such cases the fees due or which may have been paid in advance to the College will not be refunded or remitted in whole or in part. In case of emergency the College reserves the right to assume all responsibility.

The business administration of the College is carried on through the Business Office in the basement of Rockefeller Hall.

In the music wing of Goodhart Hall are music-rooms. A charge of seven dollars a semester is made for the use of a piano for an hour a day throughout the college year.

In all the halls there are tea pantries fitted with gas stoves where the students may make tea and cook in chafing dishes.

In Goodhart Hall there is a club-room for non-resident students.

The Bell Telephone Company maintains telephone pay stations in each of the halls of residence, the library, the infirmary and the gymnasium, by means of which the students may be communicated with at any time. Near the college are a Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company office, an American Railway Express office, a United States post office and two banks.
MERION HALL

Merion Hall was the first hall of residence opened and was completed in 1885. It is built of Fairmount stone, has its separate kitchens and dining hall, provides accommodation for fifty-seven students and is under the charge of a resident Warden, Miss Mary Eliot Frothingham, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. It contains a drawing-room, a students’ sitting-room, a warden's suite, thirty-two single rooms, one single suite and twelve suites of two bedrooms and a study to be occupied by two students.
MERION HALL

RENTS OF ROOMS

* $100 a year, the single rooms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 36, 43, 44, 45, 48, 66, 67, 69.
$200 a year, the single rooms 3, 10 and half of the suite of three rooms 53-57.
$250 a year, the single rooms 4, 22, 24, 38, 50, 52, half of one of the suites of three rooms 29-33, 35-39, 59-63.
$300 a year, the half of one of the suites of three rooms 23-27, 26-30, 47-51, 54-58, 60-64, 68-72.
$350 a year, the single rooms 71 and 73.
$400 a year, the single suite 32-34 and the single room 46.
$500 a year, the half of one of the suites of three rooms 41, A and B; 65, A and B and the single room 74.
The entire charge for tuition, board and residence in Merion Hall is $1000 a year and upwards according to the room occupied.

* Rooms at the $100 rent will be assigned only to students who have applied for financial aid.
RADNOR HALL

Radnor Hall was the second hall of residence opened and was completed in 1887. It is built of stone, has its separate kitchens and dining hall. It has been remodeled to form a graduate hall of residence and has accommodation for fifty-seven graduate students. It is under the charge of the Dean of the Graduate School, Professor Eunice Morgan Schenck, assisted by the Senior Resident, Miss Vesta McCully Sonne, a graduate of Mills College. It contains an apartment for the Dean, a drawing-room, a students' sitting-room, one single suite and fifty-six single rooms.
RADNOR HALL

RENTS OF ROOMS

All graduate rooms rent at $100 a year.
DENBIGH HALL

Denbigh Hall was the third hall of residence opened and was completed in 1891. It is built of stone, has its separate kitchens and dining hall, provides accommodation for seventy-one students and is under the charge of a resident Warden, Miss Frances Polly Jones, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. It contains a drawing-room, a students' sitting-room, a warden's suite, forty-seven single rooms of different sizes and twelve suites of rooms comprising each two bedrooms and a study to be occupied by two students.
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West Front from the Campus

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DENBIGH HALL

RENTS OF ROOMS

* $100 a year, the single rooms 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 89, 85, 86, 87, 88.

$200 a year, the single rooms 11, 26, 29, 32, 33, 54, 69, 72, 74, 76.

$250 a year, the single rooms 38, 41, 44, 52 and half of the suite of three rooms 46-50.

$300 a year, the single rooms 2, 37, 39, 73, 75, 77, 78 and half of one of the suites of three rooms 5-9, 43-47, 49-53, 55-59.

$350 a year, half of one of the suites of three rooms 4-8, 83-84.

$400 a year, half of one of the suites of three rooms 10-14, 16-20 and the single room 42.

$450 a year, the single room 40 and half of one of the suites of three rooms 15-17, 34-35, 56-58.

The entire charge for tuition, board and residence in Denbigh Hall is $1000 a year and upwards.

* Rooms at the $100 rent will be assigned only to students who have applied for financial aid
PEMBROKE HALL

Pembroke Hall West and Pembroke Hall East were the fourth and fifth in order of opening of the halls of residence of Bryn Mawr College. Like the other halls they are built of gray stone. The central tower contains the dining hall, kitchens and servants' quarters common to both halls. Pembroke West, which was opened in February, 1894, provides accommodation for sixty-three students. Pembroke East, which was opened in the autumn of 1894, provides accommodation for seventy-one students. Both halls are under the charge of resident Wardens, Miss Josephine McCulloch Fisher, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College, who lives in Pembroke East and Miss Dorothy Walsh, a graduate of the University of British Columbia, who lives in Pembroke West.
Pembroke Gateway and Pembroke Hall East.
North Front from the Campus.
The entire charge for tuition, board and residence in Pembroke Hall is $1000 a year and upwards.

* Rooms at the $100 rent will be assigned only to students who have applied for financial aid.
ROCKEFELLER HALL

Rockefeller Hall, the gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, opened in April, 1904, is the sixth in order of opening of the halls of residence of Bryn Mawr College; it is built of gray stone and is of fireproof construction. It adjoins Pembroke Hall West and its central tower, known as the Owl Gate, forms the main footpath entrance to the college. It provides accommodation for eighty-two students and is under the charge of a resident Warden, Miss Esther Comegys, a graduate of Wellesley College.

It contains a drawing-room, a students' sitting-room, a warden's suite, thirty-nine single rooms of different sizes (one of these with private bath), thirty-nine single suites comprising a sitting-room and bedroom each for one student and two suites of three rooms, a sitting-room and two bedrooms, to be occupied by two students. There are stationary washstands with hot and cold water in every bedroom. There are open fireplaces in all the studies and in many single rooms.
ROCKEFELLER HALL

RENTS OF ROOMS

* $100 a year, the single rooms 8, 36, 37, 38, 39, 50, 62, 66, Alumnae Rooms A and B, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77.

$200 a year, the single rooms 2, 3, 5, 11, 22, 26, 30, 43, 44, 45, 51, 71.

$250 a year, the single rooms 32, 40, 46, half of the suite of three rooms 35 A-B.

$300 a year, the single rooms 14, 17, 27, 56, 57, 68, the single suites 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 18, 19, 48, 54, 59 and half of the suite of three rooms 41, A and B.

$350 a year, the single suites 20, 21, 23, 25, 49, 52, 60, 63, 67.

$400 a year, the single suites, 24, 64 and the single room with private bath 40 A.

$450 a year, the single suites 7, 13, 31, 47, 53, 61, 65.

$500 a year, the single suites 15, 16, 28, 29, 33, 55, 58, 69.

$550 a year, the single suites 1, 34, 42.

The entire charge for tuition, board and residence in Rockefeller Hall is $1000 a year and upwards.

* Rooms at the $100 rent will be assigned only to students who have applied for financial aid.
Wyndham, purchased by the Trustees of Bryn Mawr College in July, 1926, is being used temporarily as a hall of residence. Standing in its own grounds of seven acres, it is situated directly opposite Pembroke West. Built of stone, it is a building of beauty and distinction. It provides accommodation for seventeen students and is under the charge of a resident Warden, Miss Jeannette Elizabeth LeSaulnier, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. It contains a large music room, three drawing rooms, a warden’s suite, two double bedrooms each with a dressing room, two single bedrooms each with a dressing room, one single bedroom with private bath, four double bedrooms and two single bedrooms. Students living in Wyndham take their meals in the Pembroke Dining Room.

Rents of Rooms

$300 a year, the single rooms 9, 11.
$400 a year, half of the double room 8.
$450 a year, half of the double room 10.
$500 a year, half of the double room 5, half of the double room 6 and the single room with private bath 7.
$550 a year, the single rooms (each with a dressing room) 1 and 3 and half of the double rooms (each with a dressing room) 2 and 4.

The entire charge for tuition, board and residence in Wyndham is $1200 a year and upwards, according to the room occupied.