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Restoration of Old College in 1917 resulted in the distinguished structure of present day. Repairs on the inside uncovered a number of books that had fallen between the walls when the library had been located in the attic of Old College.

Constructed in 1833, the "Oratory" was the only building on campus and served as chapel, auditorium, library, classroom, and dormitory. Renovation in 1917 produced the distinct design that was renamed Old College. Still in use, Old College symbolizes the rich tradition borne by the university over the past one hundred fifty years.

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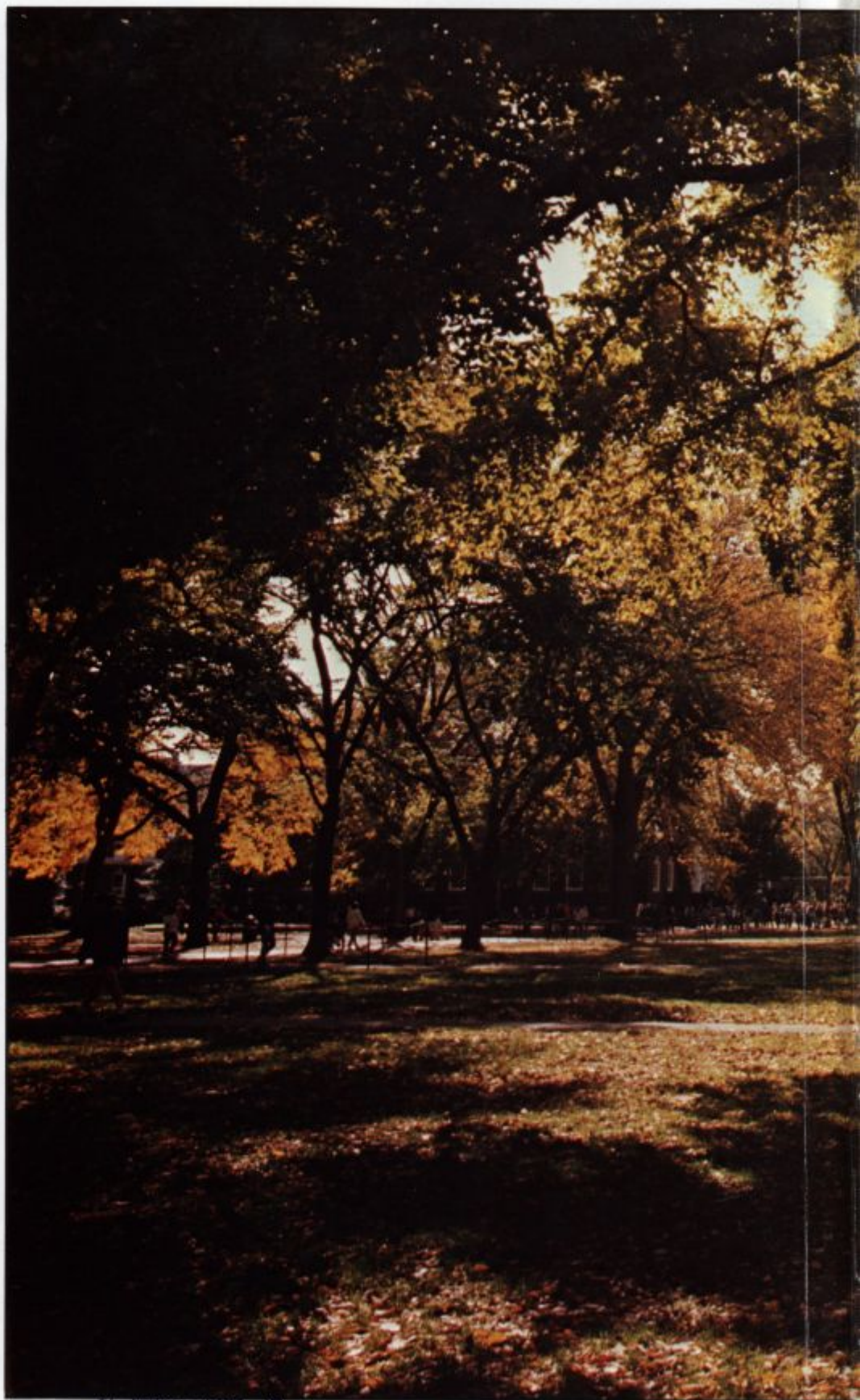
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With Change Comes Growth . . .



The "Green" as it appeared in 1924. Wolf Hall, Harter Hall, and Memorial Library began the Mall. The tiny twigs lining the walks have grown into today's stately elms.

Expanding enrollment allowed the university to look south of Main St. for growth. Pressed for space, the alumni directed the endowment drive of 1913. Coupled with private donations and faculty salary gifts, this endowment drive provided the funding necessary to purchase the 40 acre "Green" and to construct Harter Hall and Wolf Hall in 1917. Now considered the old part of campus, at the time of construction these buildings served to ease the strain on the "Oratory" and permitted the renovation of Old College. Mitchell Hall was built in 1930, encircling the green, and forming the outline of what is presently recognized as the Mall.



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... And With Growth Comes the



Anniversary ceremonies in 1933 make a familiar picture. Professor George L. Shuster leads the Board of Trustees followed by Professor R.W. Heim leading the faculty.

Celebration of the 150th Anniversary played a major role in this year's campus activities. Ceremonies throughout the year highlighted by an honorary degree presented to Vice-President George Bush, took on an historical perspective. The Anniversary was also incorporated into other activities such as Community Day and Commencement.

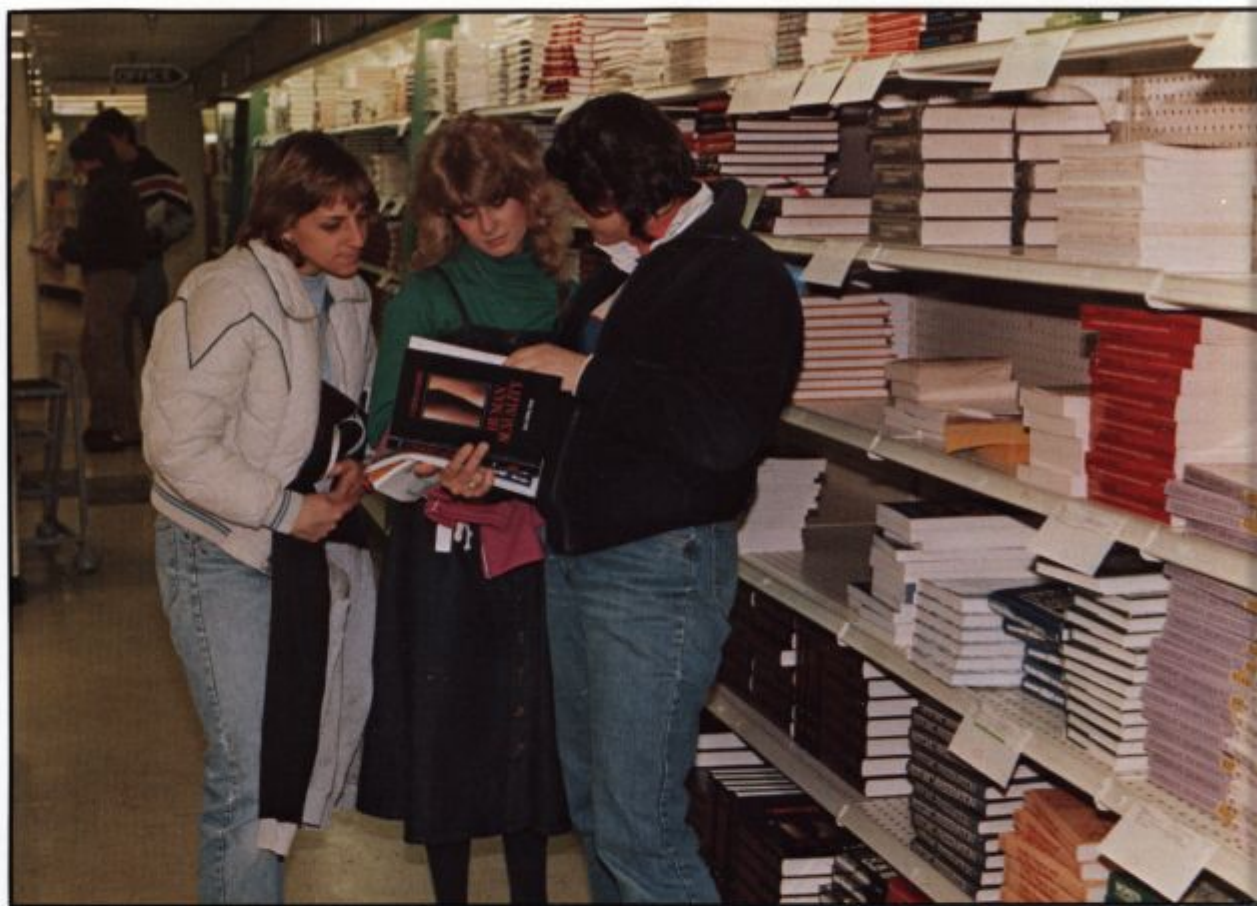
Other events included the opening of a new engineering building and the start of construction for an addition to Morris Library. This growth and renovation emphasized the fact that while the University reflected upon the past, it still moved to improve the future.



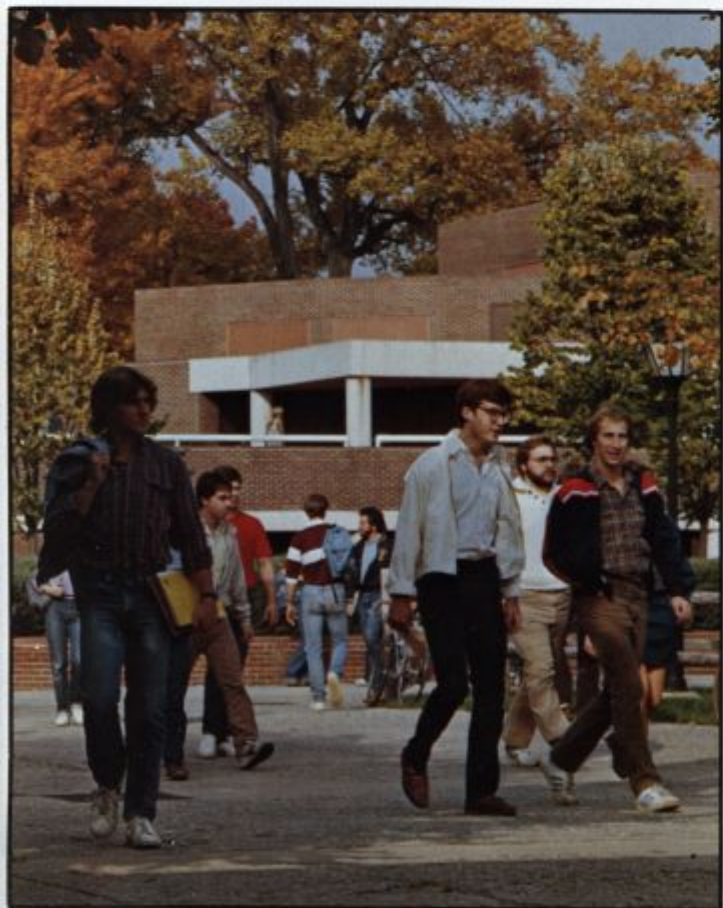
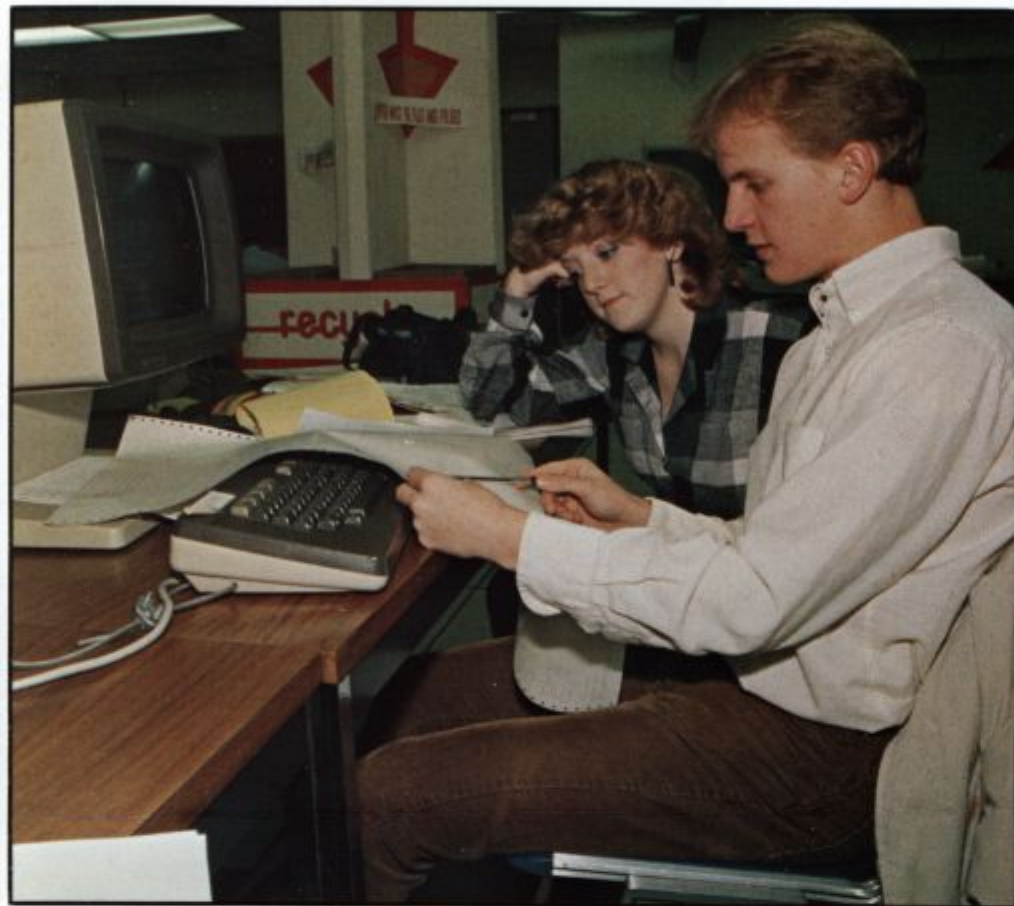
Future



From A Lone Student, To An Entire



Community



Memorial Library as it appeared in 1940. Over the years the library has been located in Old College, Recitation Hall, Alumni Hall, Rees Hall, Memorial Hall, and its present location of Morris Library.

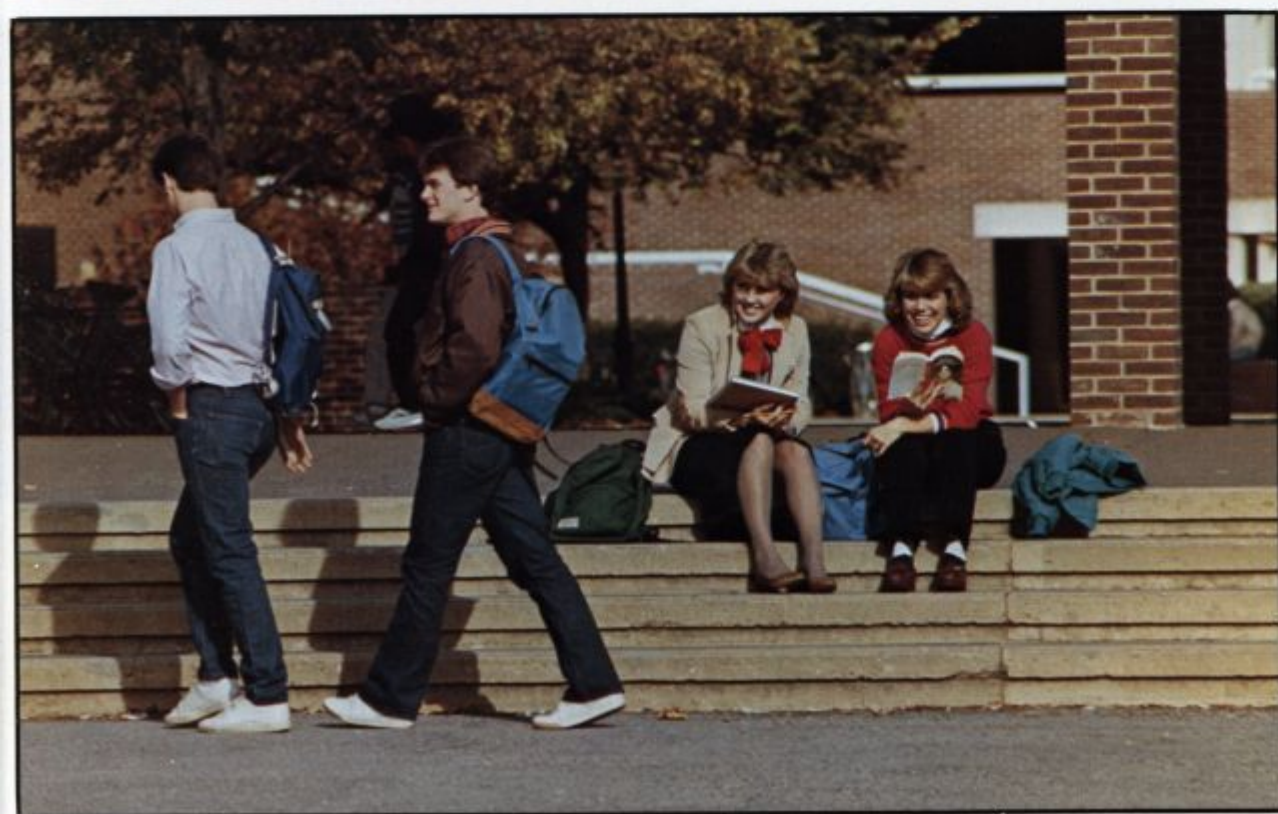
Education is the common bond that attaches the university community. The buildings have changed, the faculty has grown, the campus has expanded, and today's students are certainly not the same as yesterday's, but academic ideals have been a steady factor at the university. From one registered student for the fall semester of 1833, the present undergraduate enrollment has grown to more than 12,000 students. Curriculum has expanded to include courses in data management and computer science.

A College Matures



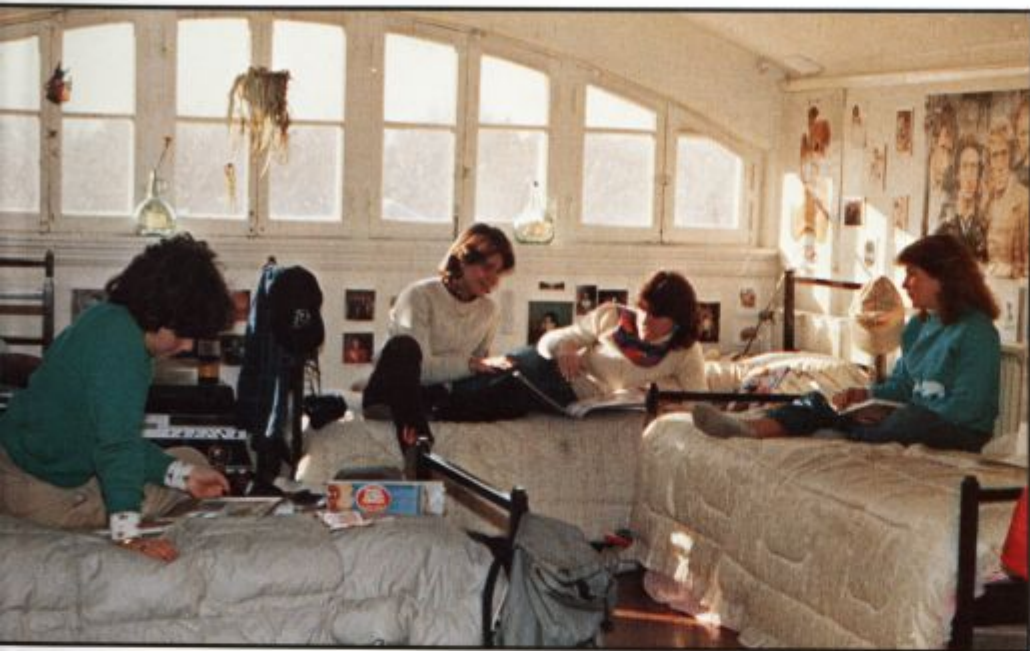
Campus sponsored dances, such as this one during 1951, became popular following the return of coeducation in 1945. This fun-loving couple kicks up their heels in Hartshorn Gym.

Coeducation at the University of Delaware was introduced by President Purnell in 1872. Concerns over curriculum modifications and student indiscretion caused friction among the Board of Trustees, which led to the end of coeducation in 1885. A Women's College was formed in 1914 that kept all female classes, meals, and lodging on South Central campus, separate from the university. The Women's College and the university were finally merged in 1945 to create the coeducational environment that is currently enjoyed.





More Than A Room, A Home

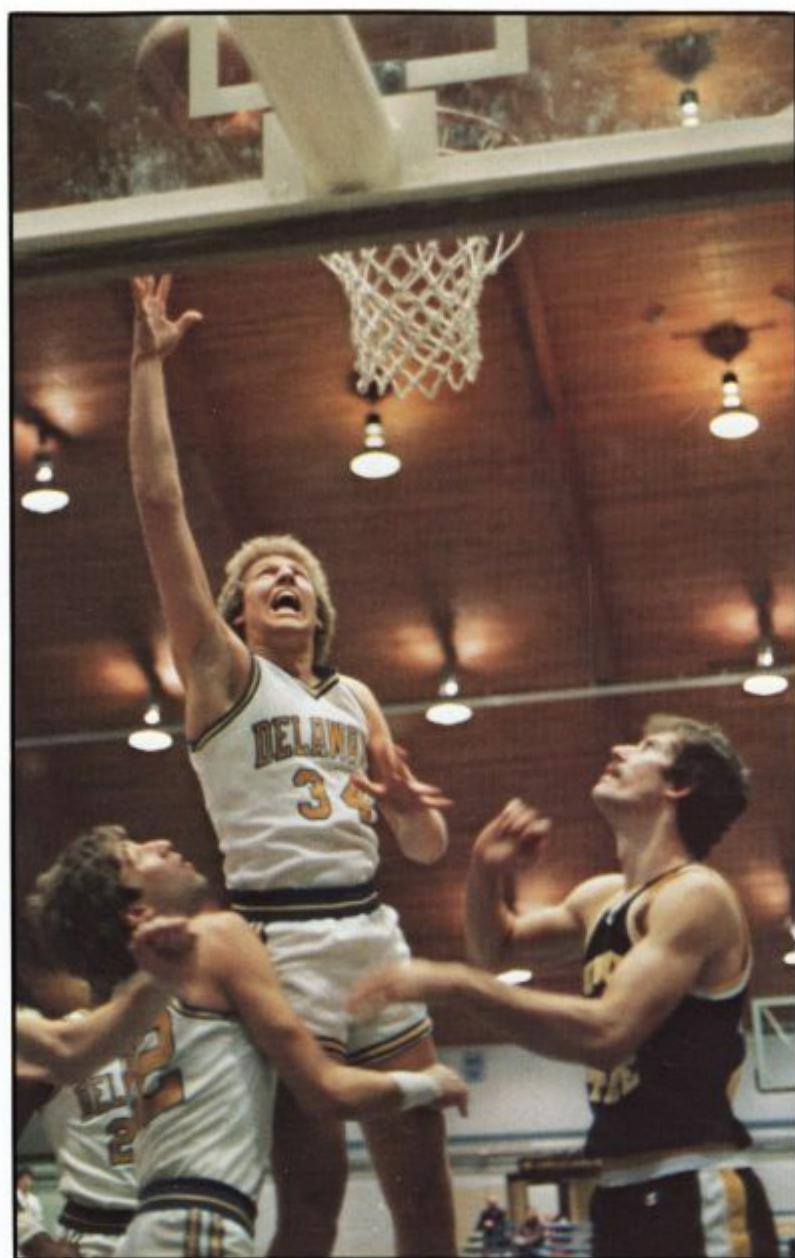


These residents of Warner Hall strike a familiar pose in 1953. Warner was constructed in 1914 and served as the sole building in the Women's College until the construction of Robinson Hall.



A study of the residence halls on campus reveals a commitment to both traditional and modern architecture. Halls such as Harter and Squire are steeped in history, while the imposing outline of the Towers looms north of campus as a reminder of the present.

An Ongoing Tradition

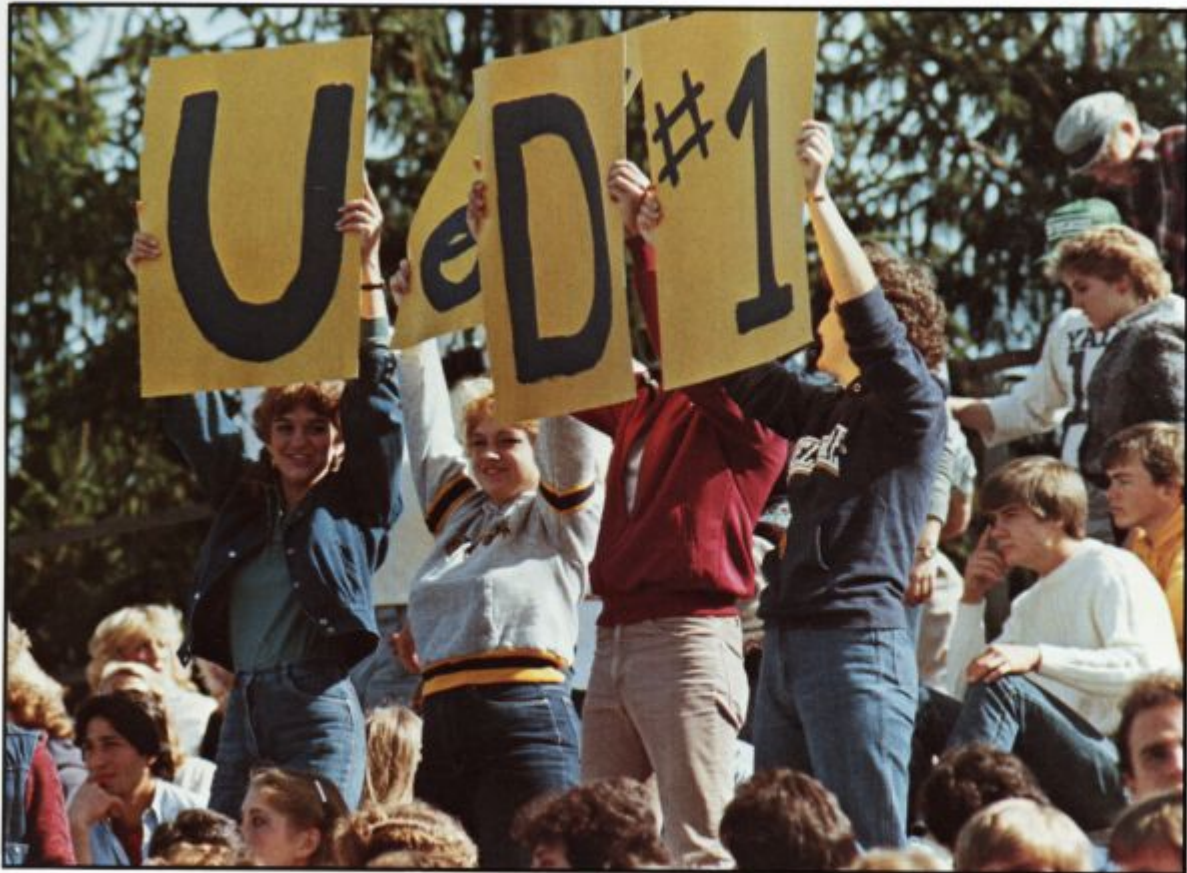


Athletics have grown from a rough diamond next to Frazier Field and swimming in White Clay Creek to present facilities including the Delaware Field House, Hartshorn Gym and the Carpenter Sports Building. Sports vary from the organization of the Blue Hen football team, to the havoc of an impromptu mud football game on Harrington beach. Intramurals, racquetball, and aerobics provide the opportunity for all students to exercise. Local sports fans received a special treat during this year's baseball season: they were able to travel I-95 to either city in the Baltimore vs. Philadelphia World Series.



Students take time out for a tug-of-war on the green of South Central campus during 1952.





Priceless Leisure Moments



Streaking became the fad in 1974, and on one spring Thursday in March the campus took to the streets. Over 500 streakers scurried down Main Street touching off a riot and an ensuing month-long curfew imposed by City Council.

Rigorous as class schedules may be, a true student will always find time to relax. Be it the modern tailgate bash at Delaware Stadium or the old time fad of swallowing a few goldfish on a Saturday afternoon, campus life provides an excellent opportunity to interact with others, or simply have a peaceful moment alone.

