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### A Unique Combination

Looking around the University of Delaware campus, observers could see many different things. Some saw groups of friends gathering for an afternoon on Harrington Beach. Others saw the stately elegance of the Mall. Still others saw caring professors who encouraged academic excellence from their students.

These varying “views of Delaware” exist because of the university’s unique combination of the rich traditions of the school’s history and the diversity of its present. Delaware has definitely come a long way since its founding many years ago. State-of-the-art computers sit in turn-of-the-century buildings. 1990’s students attend co-ed classes with students from all over the world, in classrooms built for white male Delaware residents.

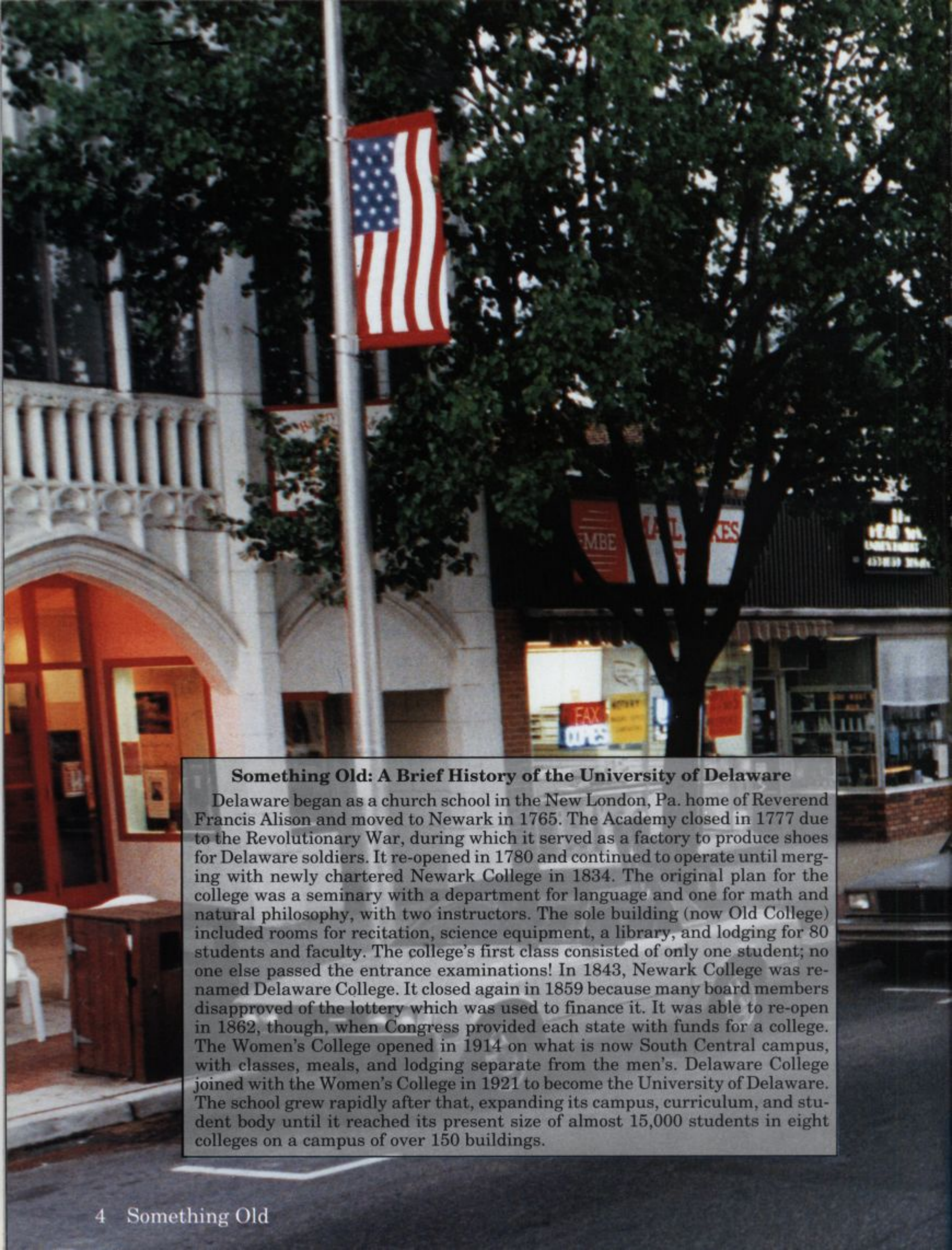
But in some ways, as the cliché goes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Education was and still is the bond uniting the university community. Throughout changes in the buildings, the growth of the student body, and various social and political movements, academic ideals have remained a steadying factor at the university.





Now the home of the English department, Memorial Hall was built in 1923 as the university's library. Over the years, the library has been located in the attic of Old College, Recitation Hall, Alumni Hall, Rees Hall, Memorial Hall, and its current location of Morris Library.





### **Something Old: A Brief History of the University of Delaware**

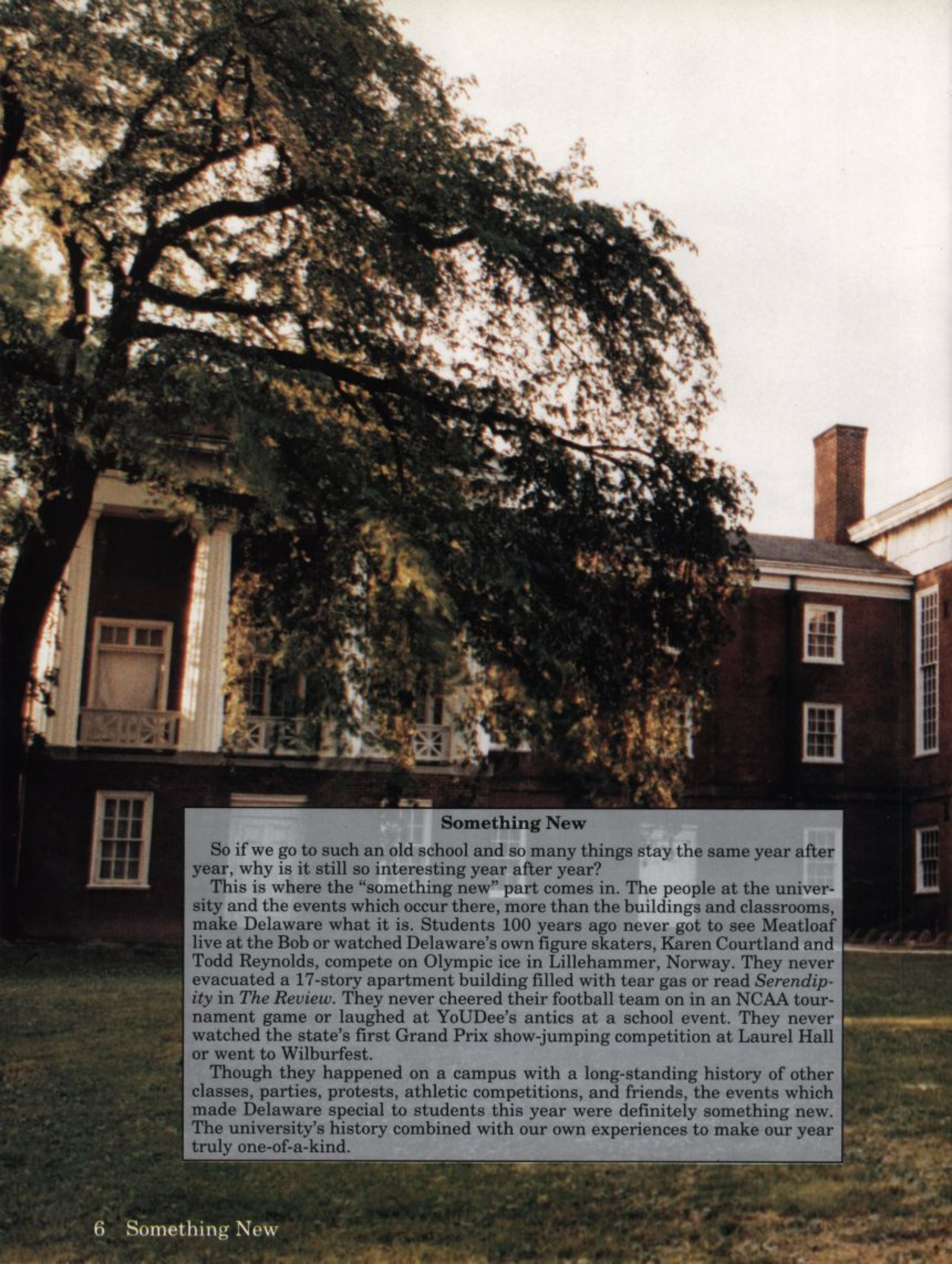
Delaware began as a church school in the New London, Pa. home of Reverend Francis Alison and moved to Newark in 1765. The Academy closed in 1777 due to the Revolutionary War, during which it served as a factory to produce shoes for Delaware soldiers. It re-opened in 1780 and continued to operate until merging with newly chartered Newark College in 1834. The original plan for the college was a seminary with a department for language and one for math and natural philosophy, with two instructors. The sole building (now Old College) included rooms for recitation, science equipment, a library, and lodging for 80 students and faculty. The college's first class consisted of only one student; no one else passed the entrance examinations! In 1843, Newark College was renamed Delaware College. It closed again in 1859 because many board members disapproved of the lottery which was used to finance it. It was able to re-open in 1862, though, when Congress provided each state with funds for a college. The Women's College opened in 1914 on what is now South Central campus, with classes, meals, and lodging separate from the men's. Delaware College joined with the Women's College in 1921 to become the University of Delaware. The school grew rapidly after that, expanding its campus, curriculum, and student body until it reached its present size of almost 15,000 students in eight colleges on a campus of over 150 buildings.





Main Street at Delaware is just that — the main street. Although horsedrawn carriages have given way to automobiles, Main Street has always been a gathering place for Delaware students. Students today can find just about anything there, from a notebook to a CD or just a place for friends to hang out.





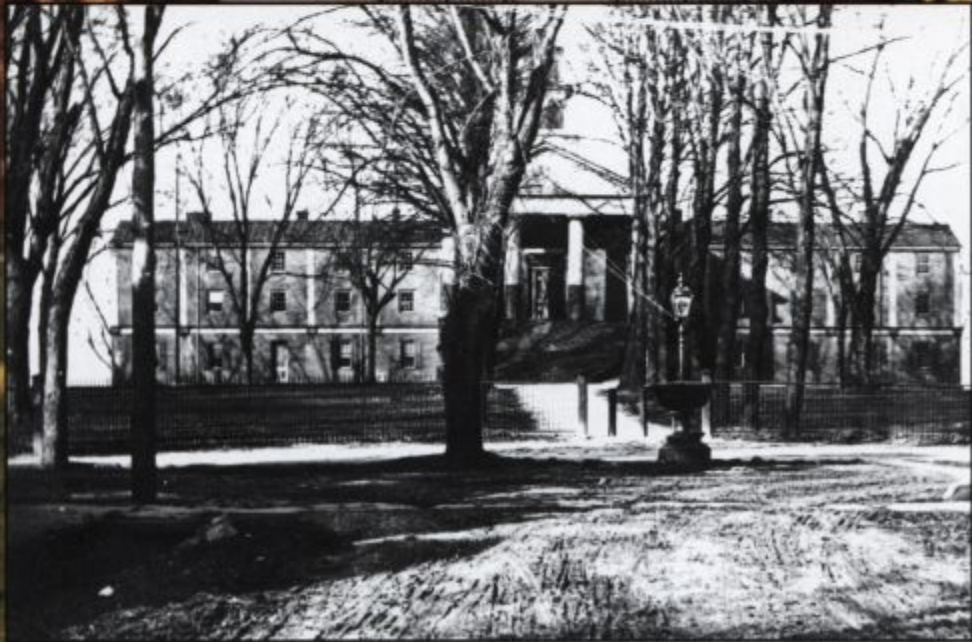
### Something New

So if we go to such an old school and so many things stay the same year after year, why is it still so interesting year after year?

This is where the “something new” part comes in. The people at the university and the events which occur there, more than the buildings and classrooms, make Delaware what it is. Students 100 years ago never got to see Meatloaf live at the Bob or watched Delaware’s own figure skaters, Karen Courtland and Todd Reynolds, compete on Olympic ice in Lillehammer, Norway. They never evacuated a 17-story apartment building filled with tear gas or read *Serendipity* in *The Review*. They never cheered their football team on in an NCAA tournament game or laughed at YoUDEe’s antics at a school event. They never watched the state’s first Grand Prix show-jumping competition at Laurel Hall or went to Wilburfest.

Though they happened on a campus with a long-standing history of other classes, parties, protests, athletic competitions, and friends, the events which made Delaware special to students this year were definitely something new. The university’s history combined with our own experiences to make our year truly one-of-a-kind.





Constructed in 1833, the Oratory (now Old College) was originally the only building on campus and served as chapel, library, classroom, and dormitory. When the building was renovated in 1917, the columns on the wings were added and the cupola was removed from the roof.