

= Briarcliff College =

Briarcliff College was a women 's college in Briarcliff Manor , New York . The school was founded in 1903 at the Briarcliff Lodge . After Walter W. Law donated land for the college , it ran at its location on Elm Road in Briarcliff until 1977 , closing due to low enrollment and financial problems . In the same year , its campus was purchased by Pace University , which now operates it as part of its Pleasantville campus .

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Mrs. Dow 's School for Girls was founded in 1903 at the Briarcliff Lodge ; two years later , Walter W. Law gave Mary Elizabeth Dow 35 acres (14 ha) and built the Châteauesque Dow Hall (Harold Van Buren Magonigle was its architect) . Dow retired in 1919 and Edith Cooper Hartmann began running the school with a two @-@ year postgraduate course ; the school became a junior college in 1933 . Briarcliff remained a junior college until 1957 , shortly before the presidency of Charles E. Adkins and when it began awarding four @-@ year bachelor 's degrees . The school library , which had 5 @,@ 500 volumes in 1942 , expanded to about 20 @,@ 000 in 1960 . By the time of its closing , it had about 300 students .

The school prospered from 1942 to 1961 under President Clara Tead , who had a number of accomplished trustees , including Carl Carmer , Norman Cousins , Barrett Clark , Thomas K. Finletter , William Zorach , and Lyman Bryson . Tead 's husband Ordway Tead served as chairman of the board of trustees . The school gradually improved its academic scope and standing , and was registered with the State Education Department and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in 1944 . In 1951 , the Board of Regents authorized the college to grant Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees . The following year , the Army Map Service selected the college as the only one in the country for professional training in cartography .

In 1944 , Shelton House , a building across Elm Road , was purchased as a dormitory , and a classroom and office wing was dedicated in 1951 . In 1955 , after Howard Deering Johnson joined the board of trustees , the dormitory Howard Johnson Hall was built . From 1963 , Briarcliff College rapidly expanded , constructing two dormitories , the fine arts and humanities building , the Woodward Science Building , and a 600 @-@ seat dining hall . In 1964 , the college began offering the Bachelor of Arts and of Sciences degrees . The Center for Hudson Valley Archaeology was opened in 1964 . Enrollment at the college jumped from around 300 to over 500 from 1960 to 1964 ; by 1967 , enrollment was at 623 , with 240 freshmen . During the Vietnam War , students protested US involvement , and Adkins and trustees resigned ; James E. Stewart became president . In 1969 , twelve students , led by student president Edie Cullen , stole the college mimeograph machines and gave nine demands to the college . The next day , around 50 students participated in a 48 @-@ hour sit @-@ in at Dow Hall . Josiah Bunting III became president in 1973 and Pace University and New York Medical College of Valhalla began leasing campus buildings . The college had 350 students in 1977 , and students enjoyed half @-@ empty dormitory buildings .

With the growing popularity of coeducation in the 1970s , Briarcliff found itself struggling to survive . President Josiah Bunting III leaving for Hampden @-@ Sydney College in spring 1977 contributed to the problems the college was having . Rather than continue to struggle , the college 's trustees voted to sell the campus to Pace University , a New York City @-@ based institution . Rather than merge Briarcliff with Pace , the trustees attempted to reach a collaboration agreement with Bennett College , a junior women 's college in nearby Millbrook which was also struggling with low enrollment . The plan did not work , however , and Briarcliff College was sold to Pace in April 1977 for \$ 5 @.@ 2 million (\$ 20 @.@ 3 million in 2015) after both Briarcliff and Bennett entered bankruptcy .

In 1988 , the Hastings Center moved to Tead Hall , the school 's library ; the organization later moved to the town of Garrison .

The original Mrs. Dow 's School building remains as the co @-@ ed residence hall Dow Hall at Pace University . Residents of Briarcliff Manor were initially pleased to have another educational

institution at the site , although Pace illegally turned its 188 @-@ spot parking lot into an 800 @-@ spot one , and allowed an extensive number of cars to be parked on the neighboring streets . The village and school eventually reached a compromise .

Pace operates the site as part of its Pleasantville campus , centered on Choate House . The site currently has nine buildings with a combined 330 @,@ 308 square feet (30 @,@ 686 @.@ 6 m2) , with sizes from 13 @,@ 041 to 111 @,@ 915 square feet . The buildings are used for offices , student housing , dining , recreation and education . The campus ' 37 acres (0 @.@ 1 km2) also includes tennis courts and ball fields . The Pleasantville site is about 3 miles (4 @.@ 8 km) away from the Briarcliff College site . In an effort to consolidate Pace University 's Westchester campuses into a single location , Pace University put the site up for sale in 2015 .

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