Guide to the Barat College Blueprint collection

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Barat College Blueprint collection
Dates: circa 1940-1956
Creator: Hill, Rosalie Clifton
Quantity: 1 oversize folder
Summary: This collection contains blueprints for Barat College's Old Main building and buildings added in the 1950s.
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Historical Note

For nearly forty years, what was known as "Old Main" was the sole building on the Barat College campus in Lake Forest, Illinois. Built in 1904, the building was home to the Seminary of the Sacred Heart. Barat College was incorporated in 1918, and dormitories and the Chapel were added to Old Main in the 1920s. The Old Main building served both the Sacred Heart Academy and Barat College until 1961. By the 1940s, with rising attendance, improvements were needed for the building. Science laboratories and classrooms were added to the fourth floor. The library was relocated to a larger space in the building. Designed by Alphonse M. Schmitt, the new library was ready for use in November 1942. During the 1950s, six new
buildings were added to the Barat College campus. These buildings included the Gymnasium and Theatre (named the Hilton Building and completed in Fall 1956) and the Dormitory and Dining Hall (named Stuart Dining Hall and Conference Center. Students began moving into the dormitory in October 1957).

Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill served as the Superior Vicar of the Religious of the Sacred Heart during the expansion of Barat College in the 1950s. Hill was the highest authority for decisions made at RSCJ schools and building construction. She therefore would have had input into construction of the Barat College additions. Additionally, Mother Hill founded the San Diego College for Women and was integral to the design of the College. Mother Hill may have utilized Barat College blueprints for College for Women and College for Men design inspiration.
Administrative Information

Preferred citation

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Custodial History

These blueprints were mailed from Barat College and Convent of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, Ill. to Reverend Mother Hill San Diego College for Women in an envelope postmarked November 7, 1956.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Ashley Toutain in December 2019.

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Sacred Heart Academy and Barat College Lake Forest, Illinois, circa 1940

[Architectural drawings of the ground floor through the fifth floor. Drawn for Alphonse M. Schmitt by M.A. Kranyecz.]

Barat Gymnasium and Theatre, 1954 September 7

2 pages ; 26 x 17 in.
Barat College Dormitory, 1956 November 06
9 pages ; 37 x 27 in.

[Loebl Schlossman and Bennett architects.]