
Guide to the Barat College Blueprint collection

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Barat College Blueprint collection

Date (inclusive): circa 1940-1956

Collection number: USDSC_2019_006

Creator: Hill, Rosalie Clifton

Extent: 1 oversize folder

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Abstract: This collection contains blueprints for Barat College's Old Main building and buildings added in the 1950s.

Languages: English

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 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.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains blueprints of the Sacred Heart Academy and Barat College ("Old Main") building, the Barat Gymnasium and Theatre building, and the Barat College Dormitory.

Arrangement

Blueprints are arranged chronologically.

Access

This collection is open for research.

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 2019.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Hill, Rosalie Clifton, 1878-1964

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Barat College

Loebl Schlossman and Bennett

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Lake Forest (Ill.)

Subjects and Indexing Terms

architectural drawings (visual works)

blueprints (reprographic copies)

Box/Folder: Map
Case Drawer 5 / 3

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

Physical Description: 5 pages ; 34 x 25 in.

Scope and Content Note

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

Box/Folder: Map
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Barat Gymnasium and Theatre 1954 September 7

Physical Description: 2 pages ; 26 x 17 in.

Scope and Content Note

[Loebl Schlossman and Bennett architects.]

Box/Folder: Map
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Barat College Dormitory 1956 November 06

Physical Description: 9 pages ; 37 x 27 in.

Scope and Content Note

[Loebl Schlossman and Bennett architects.]