

In 1929, only briar patches covered a 175-foot hill located on the western outskirts of Sioux City, Iowa. Two pioneers, Sister Mary Dominica Wieneke, major superior of the Sisters of St. Francis, and the Most Rev. Edmond Heelan, Bishop of the Diocese, envisioned that hill crowned with a Catholic college.

Sister Dominica and Bishop Heelan met on March 9, 1929 with members of the Sioux City business community who committed themselves to raising \$25,000 to support the establishment of a Catholic college for women in Sioux City.

After this initial community support, significant events followed in rapid succession. On September 18, 1930, the college, named Briar Cliff after the hill on which it is located, was dedicated. Four days later, 25 women started classes in Heelan Hall, the only building on campus.

In 1937, Briar Cliff's two-year education program was expanded to four years. Fifty-five men were admitted to the college in 1965. Coeducation was formalized in 1966 with admission of 150 full-time male students. The spring of 1980 saw the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Throughout the years, Briar Cliff's academic growth required an expanding physical plant. As time passed, more buildings appeared on the briar-covered hill: a four-story addition to Heelan Hall in 1948; the library and Chapel of Our Lady Of Grace in 1959; Alverno Hall, a women's residence hall, in 1964; a gymnasium in 1966; Toller Hall, a men's residence, in 1967; Noonan Hall in 1968; Newman Flanagan Center in 1982; the Baxter DiGiovanni Living/Learning Center in 1988; the renovation of Bishop Mueller Library in 1993; the Stark Student Center and the Saint Francis Center in 2000, and the McCoy Arnold Center in 2004.

The institution earned University status, effective June 1, 2001. While the mission of the University has not changed in more than 80 years, Briar Cliff continues to grow and expand, always placing the needs of the students first.

BOOKSTORE

Stark Student Center, 279-5416

The Eldon and Regina Roth Campus Bookstore carries many items, including books, school supplies for class projects, backpacks, BCU sportswear, memorabilia, gifts, cards, health products, and residence life supplies. The Bookstore also carries food, candy, and pop. Two weeks prior to the start of any term and during the first two weeks of a term, students may charge all bookstore items to their BCU student account. A current BCU photo ID is required for all account charges.

Our website is under construction www.cliffshop.com.

CAMPUS RECREATION and INTRAMURALS

Baxter Hall 300, 279-5221

The Recreation and Intramurals program provides students, employees, and alumni with a variety of fun activities for participants of all skill levels. Intramurals also serve as a great way to meet new people, learn new things, and develop interests in lifelong sports and games. A variety of team and individual activities are offered, including leagues and tournaments for Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Dodge ball, Soccer, Ping Pong, Pool and more! Look for notices from campus life staff announcing events and how to participate, or stay updated by checking out the Intramurals web page on BCYou.

LIBRARY/INFORMATION SERVICES

Mueller Library, 279-5449

The Library's homepage, <http://briarcliff.edu/library/library.aspx> is the best place to locate library information, including hours, policies, services, tutorials, the library catalog, and online databases. The more than 48 online databases may be accessed on and off campus with a Briar Cliff University account. There are seven online public access stations, three private study rooms, media viewing/listening area, curriculum lab, and a 16-seat computer lab/classroom with access to the Internet and typical office software programs. The book and audiovisual collection of about 100,000 items is housed on all three and a half floors.

NEWMAN FLANAGAN CENTER

The Newman Flanagan Center offers an indoor facility for athletics and recreation. The center has two basketball and volleyball courts, four badminton courts, one racquetball court, a jogging track, classrooms, and offices. All facilities are unavailable when an intercollegiate event is in process.

MCCOY ARNOLD CENTER

The McCoy Arnold Center offers an indoor facility for athletic and recreational needs of students. The center contains a basketball court, two volleyball courts, two badminton courts, one tennis court, a weight room and an athletic training room.