

# WCU Milestones & Memories

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## 186 Years Ago

Gay and Church streets were the first roads paved in the Borough of West Chester.

## 145 Years Ago

The University was founded when the West Chester Normal School admitted its first class of 160 students on Sept. 25, 1871. Eight faculty members were hired to teach these students.



*Students on the Quad in a photo believed to be from 1938.*

## 90 Years Ago

West Chester State Normal School changed its name to the West Chester State Teachers College. Its original 10 acres of campus had expanded to about 60 acres, and its buildings were valued at around \$1 million in total.

## 50 Years Ago

The seeds of today's flourishing Center for International Programs were being sowed. A student "European Tour" traveled to Paris, Rome, London, Bonn and Heidelberg in 1966. Not surprisingly, the yearbook photo shows students attired in suits or dresses for their travels, despite the long travel time to Europe.

## 49 Years Ago

West Chester State College authorized the formation of fraternities and sororities. That same year, the college began to allow students 21 or older to live off campus.

## 40 Years Ago

Sykes Student Union opened. A major addition was completed in January of 1995.

## 35 Years Ago

The University's Quad was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings included in the historic district are Philips Memorial Building, Ruby Jones Hall, Recitation Hall,

and the Old Library. Except for Philips, these buildings are all constructed of native Chester County serpentine stone.