

Building Information in the "Notes toward a Catalog of the Buildings and Landscapes of Dartmouth College," an alphabetical list of ca. 450 buildings and spaces dating to the Log Hut (1770), has a clickable map. Or search the site.

Views of Dartmouth College comprise hundreds of postcards and historic photos 1880-1965.

October 2003 Email Your Campus News and Rumors

-Lebanon residents have appealed the town planning board's approval of the Sachem project, which includes construction of new housing and the Rugby Clubhouse. The Clubhouse may have to wait until 2005 or later to open.

September 2003

-To control pedestrians better, the school is giving the Senior Fence an ell shape this month by moving part of it to the south end of the Green, on the same corner, as a press release explains. The original part of the fence dates to the turn of the century (the earlier, practical 1836 fence came down in 1893). In 1899, students suggested that a second fence for sitting on should occupy the west side of the Green, indicating that a slightly earlier Senior Fence existed ("Such a [new] fence would not detract from the value of the senior fence which has never met purpose for which it was designed," The Dartmouth [20 April 28, 1899]: 449) and a view of ca. 1914 shows the original or the replacement, a double row of fences south of the middle of the west side of the Green. Plaques indicate that donors later extended that fence southward to give it its present form.

September 2003

-Perhaps the most architecturally-interesting news is the announcement that the school is selecting an architect for a new arts building, presumably in the vicinity of the Hood and Clement.

-The College has given the go-ahead to begin building the Kemeny Center for the math department as well as an adjoining building for a group of academic institutes, according to President Wright. Construction on the NoMa dormitories and dining hall will begin by the fall of 2004. The addition to Sudikoff also will get underway.

August 2003

- -The South Block redevelopment project is accellerating; the school's Real Estate site plans more information.
- -Plenty of projects are in the works, all summarized in the most recent master plan (June 2002): highlights include the design work pending for a modular addition to Sudikoff and the evaluation of sites behind Fayerweather Row for a Commons House.
- -The school currently is planning the long-suffering Rugby Clubhouse for Sachem Field, as the master plan associates it with the Sachem Village Redevelopment.

July 2003

- The Dartmouth is reporting that the College soon will relocate the Senior Fence south to the corner of Main and Wheelock. Surely they don't mean it's being moved, rather just extended?
- The College proposes to redevelop the block south of East South Street with new office and apartment buildings, The Dartmouth reports. No report on the school's plans for preservation of the nineteenth century houses it owns on the block is available.

May 2003

-The Town voted down the amendments.

-Backlash: Some Town residents propose to amend the town's zoning ordinances to tighten limits on College construction: institutional buildings within 300 feet of a residential district would be limited to 45 feet in height (Warrant Article 8) and set back at least 30 feet (Article 10); and parking facilities for 20 or more vehicles adjoining residential districts would be set back a sprawl-inducing 75 feet from the districts (Article 9). The Town's own Planning Board is asking voters to defeat the amendments, as does Provost Scherr in his letter to the Planning Board. The reduced limits would prohibit new construction from adopting the siting of such existing buildings as the Memorial Field stands, the College notes in a press release. The Dartmouth also has a report. Voting takes place May 13.

-Among the projects slowed but not halted by the downturn is the Life Sciences building at the north end of campus on College Street: "As currently conceived, the structure would provide a new anchor to the northern entrance to campus as well as a key building for the medical school," writes Provost Scherr in his letter to the Planning Board.

April 2003

-St. Thomas Episcopal Church is significantly altering the interior of its Gothic F.C. Withers-designed building (1874-1876) as well as adding a basement outside the building's footprint, according to to The Dartmouth.

November 2002

-The Professors Lord House and the President Lord House have been moved from North College Street to spots farther up Lyme Road to make way for a graduate-student housing complex on the west side of North College.

October 2002

-Provost Scherr, quoted in an article in The Dartmouth, notes that the school expects to demolish North Fairbanks Hall eventually. The building was built in 1925 as a preparatory school gymnasium opposite Webster Ave. and was moved to its current site in 1963.

- -The school is building a new house for Phi Tau in front of its old one, The Dartmouth reports. The old building, designed by D.W. Redfield for Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity and built in 1927-1928, will be demolished,
- -The downturn has slowed construction, but according to an update from Provost Scherr, but the College still is pursuing projects including the Academic Centers north of Carson Hall on North Main; Kemeny Hall on North Main, which requires moving Phi Tau; an addition to Sudikoff Hall; an addition to the south of Cummings Hall atop the existing road; and an addition to the Child Care center.
- -The facilities plan, "Dartmouth and the Upper Valley: A Special College and a Special Place" is on line and describes several interesting projects apparently not yet settled on, most notably a A "Commons House" behind Dartmouth Row that will provide social spaces. Others include the renovation of Thayer Dining Hall for social and performance spaces; a Tuck residence hall adjacent Whittemore; 145 residential units in Grasse Road faculty/staff housing; 200 apartment units in Rivercrest, north of campus; and a parking garage south of Cummings for 750+ cars.

September 2002

Forever New" include proposals for new buildings, including a Hopkins Center expansion and a Tuck School dormitory. older news and rumors >>

-The Facilities and Physical Infrastructure and Student Life sections of the new strategic plan, "Dartmouth College:

November 2003 Site Updates

-The Persistence of "Wah-hoo-wah," Dartmouth's "Indian Yell," at the University of Virginia [.pdf] added.

September 2003 -Four views, including a view of Tuck Drive and two of the Smith & Sons operation in White River (making Hanover

Crackers and Dartmouth Chocolates) added to Views of Dartmouth College.

May 2003 -Fifteen views, including a Class of 1904 portrait and an unusual patented foldout card added to Views of Dartmouth

College.

December 2002

-Dartmouth's New North Campus Master Plan (2001) added.

July 2002 This page redesigned.

June 2002

better versions. February 2002

-"Rants" and "Topics" removed with pages describing individual buildings in Rich Appendix B, in preparation for

-New version of the list of buildings and projects outside of Hanover designed by Charles Alonzo Rich available for

download (PDF). December 2001

-Link to Jonathan Good's "Proposal for a Heraldic Coat of Arms for Dartmouth College" added to Links.

November 2001

-Five new views including an image of the Tri-Kap House that stood on Silsby's site, and two College Hall interiors...

March 2001

 Request for information on Paterson, N.J. architect Fred Wesley Wentworth '87... -Twelve new views including the Dragon Hall that once stood next to Wilson...

older site updates >>

DArch is one view of the architecture of Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, U.S.A. The site began with

some essays in May 1995 and received the buildings catalog in 1996 and the Rich thesis in 1998. A need for a Dartmouth monograph exists. While books about Columbia (Mastering McKim's Plan, 1998), Stanford

Site Information

(The Founders and the Architects, 1976) and Amherst ("The Consecrated Eminence," 1951) are readily available, no detailed architectural history of the country's sixth-oldest campus has been written. The campus contains one of the country's most important collegiate groupings, Dartmouth Row, and comprises some of the largest accumulations of the work of three American architects: Ammi Burnham Young, Charles Alonzo Rich and Jens Fredrick Larson. As an architectural center of New England, the campus also features works by John Lyman Faxon; John Russell Pope; Pier Luigi Nervi; Wallace Harrison; S.O.M.; S.B.R.A.; Gwathmey-Siegel; Charles Moore, Centerbrook; Atkin, Olshin, Lawson-Bell & Associates; Venturi, Scott Brown & Associates; Robert A.M. Stern; and soon Moore Ruble Yudell, among others. Please cite this site as:

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Features

Dartmouth's New North Campus Master Plan (2001): A major expansion is carrying the late-1990s construction to the old hospital site and may see three dorms and a large dining hall constructed by Moore Ruble Yudell.

All that Remains of Lewiston, Vermont: Once Dartmouth's gateway to the world, destroyed for the Interstate in 1967, now what is left is mostly owned by the College just across the bridge.

Charles Alonzo Rich Builds the New Dartmouth, 1893-1914: The architect Charles Rich '75 expanded the campus at the turn of the century with two dozen buildings that still form the core of the school. Includes a list of his works in Hanover and a gazetteer of hundreds of works elsewhere [pdf] around the country.

John Russell Pope's Master Plan for Dartmouth: During 1922 and 1923 Pope, later designer of the Jefferson Memorial and the National Gallery of Art, created a master plan for Dartmouth. Architect Otto Eggers rendered ten plates including a new chapel proposal.

Halls, Tombs and Houses: Student Society Architecture at Dartmouth: Societies have represented themselves architecturally from the 1780s. Farewell to the MHMH: The College demolished the

1893 Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and its

largest additions. Snapshots document the Hospital's demise, including a panoramic view of what remained. New Hampshire College: The Land-Grant School in

Hanover: The precursor to U.N.H. began in Hanover

remnants of its campus survive. Possible Land Swap Would Give Hanover High to Dartmouth: Hanover's middle school (1924) and high school (1936) and their fields are adjacent the College's athletic complex and would have made

noteworthy acquisitions.

in cooperation with Dartmouth in 1867; a few

Criticism

Some Points regarding Berry Library's Design: A look at the debate surrounding V.S.B.A.'s new library, includes a panoramic view of the block where the new Ravine Quadrangle is to go.

Sprawl and Hanover: A look at density, functional segregation, and College-sanctioned sprawl, includes one possible master plan.

A Plea for the Shower Towers: Preservation of Place in the History of Computing: The unloved Kiewit and Bradley-Gerry Halls are being demolished; this is a proposal for the preservation of their history. Includes a "virtual monument".

The Thel Controversy: Beverly Pepper's 1977 sculpture Thel is the jagged tumble of white pyramids on the lawn southwest of Fairchild. Should it stay or should it go? Voice your opinion.

Hopland: Proposals for Hanover's bustling SoWhee district.

Other

Request for Information on Fred Wesley Wentworth: F.W. Wentworth '87 was a prominent architect in Paterson, New Jersey and may have designed the Psi Upsilon Fraternity House in Hanover.

The Charter: Indexed text of Dartmouth's charter, with annotations.

The Indian Yell [.pdf]: The Alma Mater at the University of Virginia is controversial, but not because it includes "wah-hoo-wah," a taboo at the school where it originated.

Links: Dartmouth history and architecture along with some other college and university campus web sites.