

# UW-Stout Landmark Walking Tour



## Stout Archives

The UW-Stout Archives is on the 5th floor of the Robert S. Swanson Library and Learning Center. The Archives maintains a variety of print and digital records that document the people, places, and events on our campus since 1891. You can view our student newspaper, our yearbook, and many other records in the Archives' digital collections:

**<https://library.uwstout.edu/UWStoutDigitalCollections>**

Stout's Archivists are happy to assist you with locating information about our campus or adding some of objects from your time on campus to the collections of the UW-Stout Archives. Please contact us at **[archives@uwstout.edu](mailto:archives@uwstout.edu)** for more information.



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# Historical Buildings & Landmarks

## The Memorial Student Center 1

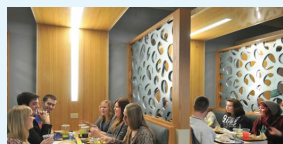
The current Memorial Student Center was completed in 1986. It is named in honor of Stout community members who died as a consequence of military service.



Memorial Student Center features including the fireplace mantle, 2nd floor stained glass, and first floor lounge woodwork were salvaged from Stout's President's Home, which stood at Broadway Street and 4th Avenue and housed Presidents Harvey, Nelson, Fryklund, and Micheels.



The wooden panels in many of the booths and study areas were once bowling alley lanes.



## The South Lawn Arboretum 2



The Woodland Spire, a Corten steel sculpture by Robert Gehrke (1997), represents the interplay between humans and nature.



The rock garden provides a restful, meditative space for students. One of the large rocks serves as a memorial for those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.



The original bell from Bowman Hall's clocktower stands in a student-designed monument. This bell went silent in the early 1930s, and the crack is still visible. It was replaced by a set of five functioning bells in 1997.

## Libraries & Dorms 3



This image shows south campus in 1961. You are standing near the center of this view. Much of the campus we know it was single family homes until the 1960s.



UW-Stout has had five different libraries over time. You are standing between the current and former campus libraries. The current library features a large collection of student artwork.



The original dorms housed female students and stood on north campus by the lake. Stout later added men's dorms and co-ed dorms. The largest number of dorms were added just south of where you are standing to accommodate incoming members of the Baby Boomer generation.

## Central Campus 4



The silver curved sculpture on the south end of Fryklund Hall is "WYSIWYG," by Anne Allardyce. The title means, "What you see is what you get," and symbolizes the unique perspectives of each individual.



The prickly pear cacti on the south side of the sidewalk are native to Wisconsin and bloom each June.



Inside the Atrium of Sorensen Hall is "Aerial Garden X" by Carol Adams. The sculpture turns with the building's air currents.

## Mid-Century Milestones 5



The brick colonnade along the west side of the sidewalk marks the former site of Ray Hall (1914-1996). Stout's industrial trades courses took place in this

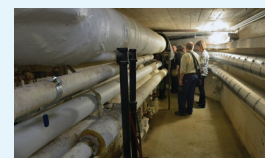
building, and many complete homes were constructed in its shops



This 1959 photo shows the west entrance to the former MSC (now known as Comm Tech).



Just inside the west entrance is a terrazzo medallion depicting Bowman Hall.



As you walk between Bowman and Harvey Halls, you walk across an underground steam tunnel. While the tunnel is no longer open to the public, you can peek at the tunnel through the double doors at Harvey Hall Room 60C.

## Clocktower Plaza 6



Here's a shot of the Stout campus in 1895. At the time, Stout was known

as the Stout Manual Training Schools. Our institution was essentially an experimental integration of manual training skills into the standard K-12 curriculum of the Menomonie School District. This specialized integration was funded and envisioned by our founder, the local lumber heir, James Huff Stout.



The photo above shows campus in 1895. The building to the right housed the classrooms for Menomonie primary and secondary students. The building with the clocktower housed specialized laboratories for coursework in cooking, sewing, woodworking, metalworking, and artwork. A bridge joined the buildings for easy access.



This 1891 photo shows our original campus building, which stood at the corner of Broadway and Main streets. Stout has grown so much since its founding, but its commitment to excellence in applied learning has stood the test of time.