Ward-Belmont College (Nashville, Tenn.)
WARD-BELMONT

Ward-Belmont is rich in her heritage of ideals and traditions from Ward’s Seminary, founded in 1865, and from Belmont College, established in 1890. Both of these institutions deserved the fine reputations they bore.

The union of Ward’s Seminary and Belmont College in 1913 as Ward-Belmont resulted in enriched purposes and more abundant facilities. The school’s purposes are reflected in the academic buildings, Acklen Hall, the dormitories, Club Village and the campus surroundings. All bespeak a fine academic and social tradition of more than three generations.

Location

Nashville, located in the hills of Middle Tennessee and readily accessible by plane and railroad, has long been known as a city of education and culture. It is an ideal home for students. Within a few minutes walk of the campus is the nationally recognized University Center, composed of Vanderbilt University with its college and various professional schools, George Peabody College and Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

Alumnae

In the course of the years more than twenty-five thousand women in the United States and foreign countries have attended
Ward-Belmont. Many of them have become famous in music, drama, art, literature, education and the professions. There are many active alumnae clubs throughout the country.

**Ward-Belmont Today**

Ward-Belmont is comprised of the Junior College, the Preparatory School, the Conservatory of Music and the Schools of Art and Dancing. The academic standards are uniformly high. The College and Preparatory School are members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The College is also a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges. The Conservatory is a junior college member of the National Association of Schools of Music; and the School of Art holds a chapter membership in the American Federation of Arts. Graduates enter the leading senior colleges, universities, conservatories and art schools and make enviable records.
BUILDINGS AND CAMPUS

The nucleus of the school is the old Acklen residence, "Belmont," an unusual ante bellum adaption of Italian architecture. Grouped around this historic center of an old Southern estate are the buildings that have been added at intervals. These are arranged in a large quadrangle with the west side open. On the north are Fidelity, North Front, South Front, Founders and Acklen halls. On the east are three residence halls, Heron, Pembroke and Malt; on the south, Blanton Hall and the gymnasium. Among the other buildings on the campus are the Preparatory School, the Day Student Club, the infirmary, the conservatory practice building and the extensive group of unique houses known as Club Village. Heat is supplied by a central plant. Several buildings adjacent to the campus are owned by the school and used for various purposes. One houses the home economics department; another, the conservatory of music; another, the art school; several are faculty and staff residences, etc.

The quadrangle and Club Village are landscaped in keeping with the original plans of "Belmont." There are numerous wrought iron summer houses, marble statues, cast metal pieces of statuary, flower beds, ornamental trees, shrubbery, a fountain, walks, swings, benches and so forth. See "Story of Ward-Belmont" and Milestones for various views.

There are about twenty-eight acres in the campus.
FOUNDERS HALL

Floors 5, 4 and 3 -- Dormitories: 57 double rooms, 6 of which have connecting baths, 3 single rooms. Elaborate new marble tile shower and bath facilities throughout, installed in 1948.

Furnishings
1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair, 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room.
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and 2 double floor plugs in each room.
New heat exchangers (1948) for heating hot water.
Freight elevators.
Extensive storage facilities in attic.
Each floor separated by fire partitions. 2 separate fire proof stair wells constructed in 1948.

Floor 2 -- The small Corinthian dining room accommodates approximately 200 people. Above this dining room is a sun deck covering the entire room. The large dining room accommodates approximately 400 people. The two dining rooms are connected with French doors. Both dining rooms are furnished with tables, chairs, serving tables, curtains, linens, time clock, etc. Full supply of regular linens with necessary changes, silver and china for everyday use. A complete change of china and linen for formal meals and banquets.
Kitchens, bakery, salad and dairy products room, walk-in refrigerator, large hand-in refrigerator. The kitchens are completely equipped with new gas ranges, gas deep fat frying facilities, automatic dish washing machine, glass washing machine, steam pressure cookers, etc. - all necessary utensils and equipment for handling a full school. All of the gas equipment was new in 1947. The bakery is equipped with large mixing machines and new gas ovens (1947).

Floor 1 -- Very large walk-in refrigeration units completely remodeled in 1948.

Vegetable preparation room.
Canned goods storage space.
Deep freeze.
Flak ice machine.
Locker rooms and lounge rooms for colored men.
Locker rooms and lounge rooms for colored women.
Dieticians office.
Full concrete floor throughout the first floor.
NORTH FRONT

Floors 3 and 4 -- Dormitories: 26 double rooms, 7 single rooms. Elaborate new marble tile shower and bath facilities installed in 1948.

Furnishings

1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair, 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room.
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and 2 double floor plugs in each room.
New heat exchangers (1948) for heating hot water.
Extensive storage facilities in attic.

Floor 2 -- Y. W. C. A. Chapel and balcony to auditorium.
Balcony seats some 150 people.

Floor 1 -- Auditorium (or chapel) with storage and property rooms. Stage has new curtain and extensive curtain equipment installed in 1948. 1 large 3 manual concert pipe organ. 2 full sized concert Steinway grand pianos. Main floor seats some 800. One studio with teaching pianos east of the auditorium.
FIDELITY HALL

Floors 3, 4 and 5 -- Dormitories: 34 double rooms, 12 of which have connecting or private baths. 25 single rooms, 11 of which have connecting or private baths. Elaborate new marble tile shower and bath facilities throughout, installed in 1948.

Furnishings

1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair and 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room.
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and with 2 double floor plugs in each room.
New heat exchangers (1948) for heating hot water.

Second Floor -- former location of the conservatory of music. Recently partially remodeled for faculty quarters. 6 double rooms, 13 single rooms. Adequate lavatory and bath facilities.

First Floor -
Partial concrete basement.
Freight elevator.
Extensive storage facilities in attic.
Each floor separated by fire partitions. 2 separate fire proof stair wells constructed in 1948.
ACKLEN HALL (SOUTH FRONT)

Floor 3 -- Bedrooms for faculty and staff; 6 single bedrooms (1 with private bath) 2 double bedrooms. Adequate hall bath facilities.

Floor 2 -- Extensive parlors and original banquet hall, all furnished in keeping with the dignity and beauty of the old Acklen estate. Bohemian glass in windows and transoms. Located here are also the Alumnae offices, offices for the Dean of Students and her assistants. Faculty-staff living room, 2 large double rooms with private baths for guests. See "Story of Ward-Belmont" for interior views.

Floor 1 -- Post office and package rooms, post boxes for students and faculty, telephone exchange, book store, linen storage and linen repair rooms, house keeping supply room, maintenance repair room, head porter's office, banquet china storage room, dry cleaning and laundry office, large music class room.
Floors 4, 3 and 2 -- Dormitories: 38 double rooms, 20 single rooms, each with either a private or connecting bath.

Furnishings

1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair and 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and with 2 double floor plugs in each room.

Each floor separated by fire partitions and fire doors (1950)
2 separate fire proof stair wells.

Floor 1 -- The secretarial school with all necessary equipment including 20 typewriters all new in 1947 and since then under regular service contract. Office for the head of the department.

Tea Room

Accommodates some 300 people comfortably. This operation is completely separate from that of the main dining rooms, although the Tea Room is located in an adjacent building. There are ample facilities: tables, chairs, china, silverware, cooking utensils, gas ranges, refrigeration, deep freeze, store rooms, dishwashing machine, etc.
PEMBROKE HALL

Floors 4, 3 and 2 -- Dormitories: 40 double rooms, 30 single rooms, each with a private or connecting bath.

Furnishings

1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair, and 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room.
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and with 2 double floor plugs in each room.

Each floor separated by fire partitions and fire doors (1950).
2 separate fire-proof stair wells.

Floor 1 -- Publication offices, self-service laundry, large club room for college seniors with piano and other suitable furnishings. Remainder of first floor is storage space.
FLOORS 4, 3 AND 2 -- DORMITORIES: 40 double rooms, 30 single rooms, each with a private or connecting bath.

Furnishings

1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair, and 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room.
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and with 2 double floor plugs in each room.
Each floor separated by fire partitions and fire doors (1950).
2 separate fire-proof stair wells.

Floor 1 -- Publication offices, self-service laundry, large club room for college seniors with piano and other suitable furnishings.
Remainder of first floor is storage space.
HAIL HALL

Floors 4, 3 and 2 -- Dormitories: 44 double rooms, 6 single rooms, each with private or connecting bath.

Furnishings

1 bed, 1 chest of drawers, 1 chair and 1 study table for each occupant.
Venetian blinds throughout.
Electric drinking fountains.
At least 1 rug for each room.
Building recently remodeled with new switch boxes and with 2 double floor plugs in each room.

Each floor separated by fire partitions and fire doors (1950).
2 separate fire-proof stair wells.

Extensive storage space in attic.

Floor 1 -- Club room with usual equipment. Preparatory school library with books, tables, chairs, florescent lighting, etc. In the summer of 1950 a new concrete floor covered with mastic tile was laid. The library was completely redone. Also on the first floor are the offices of the Principal of the Preparatory School and 4 class rooms.
The ground floor contains:

(1) The general chemistry laboratory with stainless steel sinks, equipment and locker space for some 125 students.
(2) Qualitative and quantitative and analytic laboratory. Separate balance room.

Both chemistry laboratories have all necessary equipment for standard chemical experiments.

(3) Large glass storage room, a metal storage room, an acid room, etc.

(4) 2 Biology laboratories with necessary equipment, including some 30 high powered microscopes.

(5) Biological material storage room.

(6) Chemistry lecture room.

(7) Office of the head of the Chemistry Department.

(8) Biology lecture room.

(9) Office for biology instructors.

(10) Mimeograph room.

(11) Mailing room and office supply storage.

(12) Projection room equipped with 16 millimeter sound projector purchased in 1948.

(13) Faculty lounge.

(14) Faculty offices.

(15) Men's lavatory.

New fluorescent lighting was installed on this floor in 1949. Drinking fountains throughout the building are serviced by a central refrigeration unit.
Floor 2:

(1) Offices
   (a) Academic Dean - two
   (b) Registrar - two
   (c) Dean of Admissions - two
   (d) President
   (e) Treasurer and Business Manager

(2) 6 large class rooms with movable seats, teacher's desks, two blackboards, storage closets, etc.

(3) College library. Some 15,000 volumes in open stacks, reading tables and chairs for some 100 students.

(4) Browsing room, especially furnished with a collection of suitable books, each part of the audio-visual aid program. The library has various slides and 2 projectors, one purchased in 1950.

New florescent lighting in all offices, class rooms, installed in 1948. Ample lavatory facilities.

Floor 3:

(1) 14 regular class rooms, movable chairs, teacher's desks and chairs, new blackboards, etc.

(2) Large speech studio with recording machine, small stage, etc.

Ample lavatory facilities.

Floor 4:

(1) 2 large class rooms with movable seats, teacher's desks, blackboards, etc.

(2) 2 large art studios with extensive office space in addition.

(3) Wash rooms, storage rooms, etc.
The gymnasium building is a complete unit. On the main floor are two gymnasium rooms -- one ninety by fifty feet, for general activity; the other, fifty by twenty-eight feet, equipped for special exercises. On this floor are also the offices and an examining room. A spectators’ balcony surrounds the main gymnasium. On the balcony floor are recitation rooms and the dance studio. On the ground floor are four bowling alleys, an instructor’s office, a shampoo room, lockers, dressing rooms and showers.

The swimming pool is in a separate building adjoining the gymnasium. It is twenty-three by fifty feet, is constructed of white tile and surrounded by a balcony. A glass roof gives added light. The water is constantly filtered and sterilized by the use of ultra-violet rays.
POWER HOUSE

A battery of 3 Erie City and 1 Ames boilers for steam and heating hot water for the campus. The boilers operate on a 125 lb. pressure.

Extensive repair shops for plumbing and heating equipment. In 1948 a new concrete and block addition was made for paint and carpenter shops, totaling in all some 3,500 sq. ft. The carpenter shop has the usual electric woodworking equipment.

A new water distribution system consisting of main lines to the principal buildings was installed in 1947. Also, a completely new electric distribution system with new poles and transformers was put in in 1947. This last more than doubled the electric capacity of the various buildings.
MUSIC PRACTICE BUILDING

(1) One small two manual pipe organ.

(2) 12 practice rooms, each with piano.
The tower houses the carillon, composed of bells cast in England. The building and bells are insured (80¢ co-insurance basis) for $15,000. The first three floors are used for storage.
Full concrete basement with one daylight classroom (at present not in use.)

Floor 2 -- Day student club rooms and bath. Suitably furnished.

Floor 3 -- Textile and clothing laboratories, office and classrooms. Built-in cupboards, sewing machines, cutting tables, chairs and other equipment.

Floor 4 -- Foods and Nutrition. Electric gas ranges, electric refrigerators, modern sinks and cupboards, cooking equipment, china and silver, classroom, office, etc.
PREPARATORY SCHOOL CLASSROOM BUILDING
East Belmont Circle

6 large classrooms with usual equipment and bath facilities.
INIRMARY
1812 East Belmont

Floors 2, 3 and 4:

12 rooms
4 baths
2 large porches on rear
1 examining room with usual equipment
1 electric drinking fountain
1 kitchen with electric range, electric refrigerator,
    modern sink
Full concrete basement - electric hot water heater
SCHOOL OF ART
1811 West Belmont

Floors 2 and 3 -- 9 rooms and bath. Equipped for art studios -- easels, chairs, benches, display boards, etc.

Floor 4 -- Unfinished.

Floor 1 -- Complete concrete basement with janitor's living quarters.

2 car block garage in rear.
CLUB VILLAGE

Club Village is composed of ten houses especially designed and built for the Ward-Belmont social clubs. It is a unit in itself and occupies the south portion of the main campus. The clubs are: Anti-Pandora, Twentieth Century, Del Vers, Trik, Penta Tau, X. L., Osiron, Agora, A.K., and F.F. The houses are fully equipped for all the various student activities and club entertaining. Each has, for example, a large formal club room with fireplace, a music room, a game room, balcony and kitchen. Each room is elaborately furnished for its particular purposes. The formal club room has large comfortable davenports, lounge chairs, tables, rugs, lamps, draperies, combination radio and record playing instrument, portable folding chairs, and the like. The kitchen has china, silver, a gas range, built in cupboards and cooking equipment. In the game room is a ping pong table, etc. There are extensive lavatory facilities and suitable closet space in each house. Each club also has a large flagstone porch. Some have two.
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 1
The Anti-Pandora Club

(See p. 47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 2
The Twentieth Century Club
(See p. 47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE

No. 3

The Del Vero Club

(See p.47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 4
The Tri K. Club

(See p.47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 5
The Penta Tau Club

(See p.47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 6
The X. L. Club

(See p. 47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 7
The Osiron Club

(See p. 47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 8
The Agora Club

(See p.47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 9
The A. E. Club

(See p. 47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
CLUB VILLAGE
No. 10
The P. F. Club

(See p. 47 for description of furnishings and equipment)
WARD-BELMONT STABLES

Stalls for 18 horses, teak rooms, sulkies, 18 gaited horses, jumping equipment. Extensive hay and grain storage facilities; also, tractor and wagons.
RIDING RING
East Belmont Circle
Turf 'N TANBARK CLUB

Club rooms for the riding students. Rest of residence used for storage purposes.
Concrete tennis court with concrete volley court in background in the rear of Pembroke Hall.
The two Lay-Kold courts in foreground were built in the fall of 1950 at a cost of some $6,000. The other courts are asphalt, all weather construction.
GOLF DRIVING RANGE

Cutting rose gardens at left.
Part of the portable bleachers for games and horse show.
WEST HOCKEY OR BASEBALL FIELD
MAINTENANCE BUILDING
(Rear of 1809 West Belmont)

Concrete floor with solid brick walls. Extensive over-head storage. Bath.
Garages in rear of vacant lot owned by school at 1807 West Belmont.

CAMPUS RESIDENCE

7 rooms, on central heating and hot water.
CAMPUS RESIDENCE

6 rooms and bath. On campus. Hot water system.
PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE
2015 - 15th Avenue South

Floor 1 - Full concrete basement and fire proof garage.

Floors 2 and 3 - 11 rooms and sleeping porch. 2 1/2 baths.
2010 BELMONT BOULEVARD

A two apartment dwelling.
DUPLEX RESIDENCE AT 1504 BERNARD

One apartment, 6 rooms and bath.
One apartment, 3 rooms and bath.
Completely re-decorated in December 1950.
Two car block garage.
GENERAL SUMMARY

Total number of buildings 36
Total sleeping rooms in dormitories
(exclusive of infirmary, clubs, residences, etc.) 338
Bed accommodations for 579
Approximate number of beds in dormitories 579
Approximate number of chairs in dormitories 579
Approximate number of rugs in dormitories 370

Sheets, bed spreads, pillow cases, towels, table cloths, napkins, silverware, china, etc., to accommodate the above number of people with complete changes for laundry. (This is exclusive of the furnishings in Club Village.)

All the above applies only to resident students and faculty.

The facilities in the nature of classrooms, laboratories, music, art, gymnasium, and physical education, club and dining, in addition to accommodating the 579 resident students and faculty also comfortably serve 300 full-time day students and some 300 part-time students of various ages in the Conservatory of Music, School of Art and School of Dancing, making over-all accommodations for some 1179 students and faculty. Many of the single rooms in the dormitories are large enough to be used as double rooms, which would permit a considerable expansion of these facilities beyond 1179 students and faculty, which the dining room and other facilities could easily take care of.

While there has been no formal appraisal of the school property recently, some idea of its value is shown by the fact that
the school carries $1,623,600.00 in insurance on its improvements and $343,950.00 insurance on equipment, furniture, and supplies, such as glassware, linens, chinaware, etc. All of this is in addition to the bare real estate, which alone is extremely valuable.