

BMC STUDENT RESISTANCE

1970

March 12: A group of 35 Black students and 45 white students marched to visit President McBride with a list of demands (1)

1972

February 28th: Sisterhood* issues a demand for Perry House to become a Black Cultural Center

1972

March 8th: President Wofford promises Sisterhood* Perry House

1988

Spring: "the Bryn Mawr Minority Coalition printed a petition in the College News calling for mobilization against racism and classism in course curricula." (2)

1988

April 8th: Demands released in the College News includes better pay for dining hall and housekeeping staff (3)

1988

November 14th: In reaction to the minority coalition's forum, racist and Anti-Semitic graffiti is written in Great Hall and Campus Center

1998

Kwanza Price, a student at BMC raises concerns about the structural integrity of Perry House (4)

2012

The college deems Perry House inhospitable due to the lack of upkeep. Perry House is closed and the announcement begins a long and arduous student campaign to get Perry House reinstated.

2014

White students in Radnor display the confederate flag and draw the masonic-dixie line outside of their dorm. The college's response is said to have been unsupportive

2015

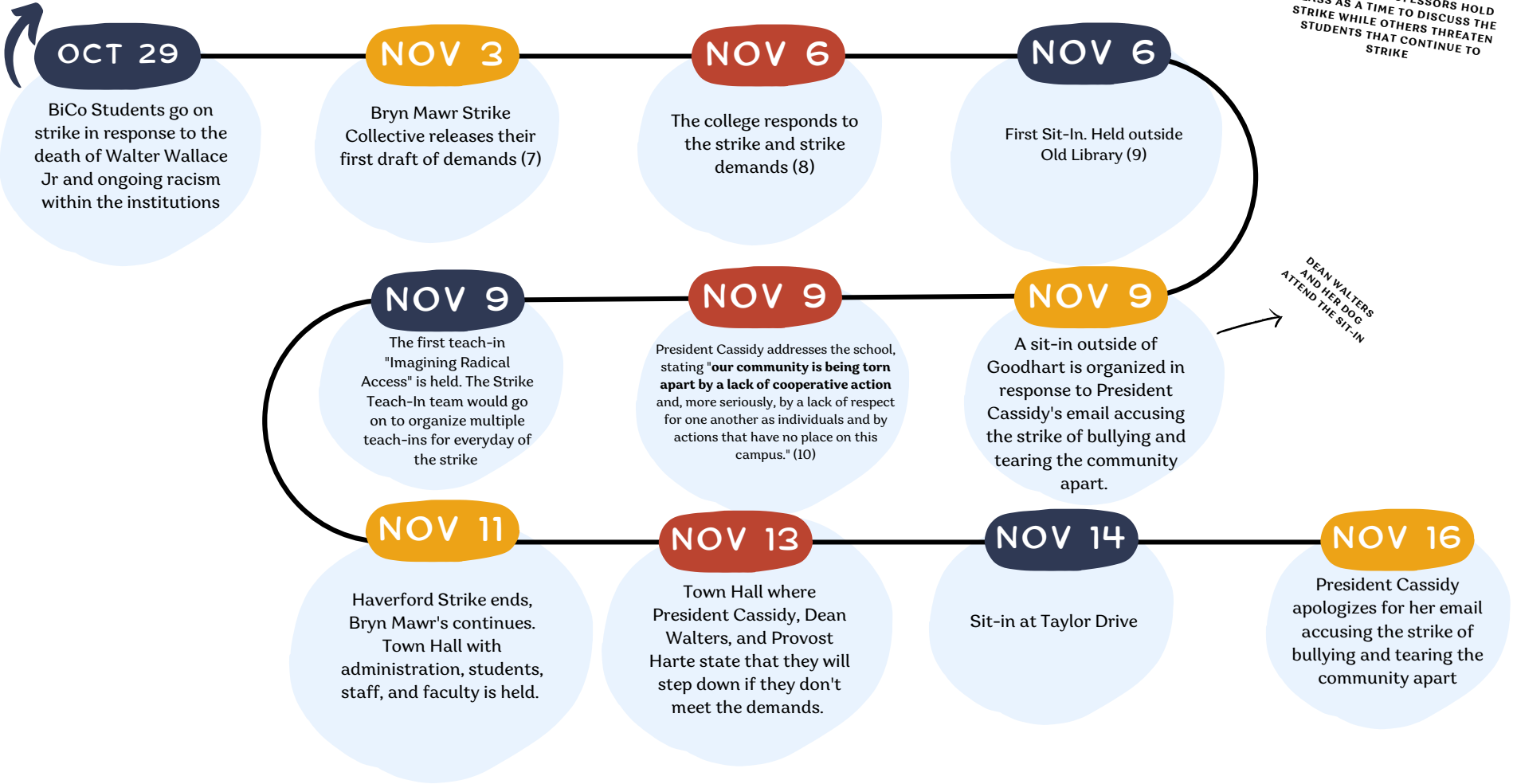
Students release demands including "Perry House will **not** be demolished" and renaming "Thomas Hall" (5)

2018

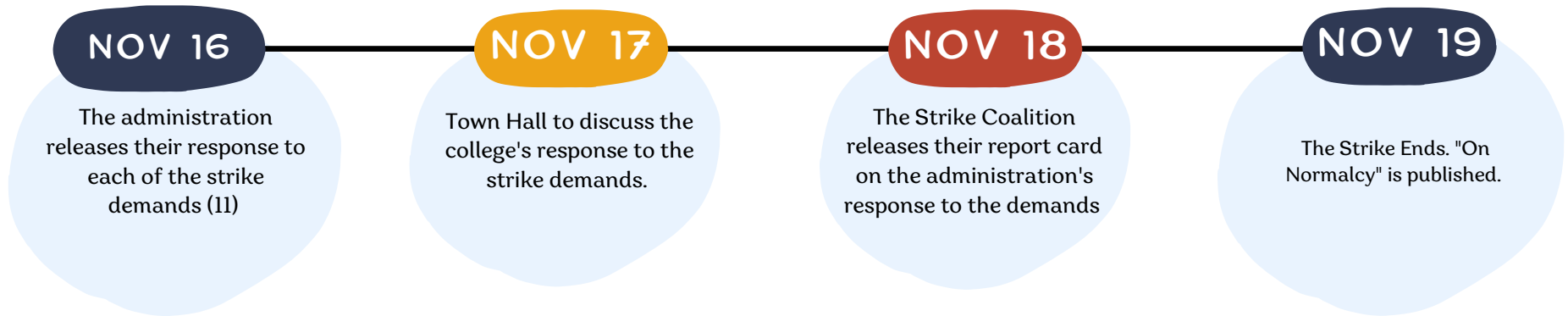
Mass student protests to change the name of Thomas Hall and remove her inscription. (6)

2020 STRIKE

WHILE THE CATALYST FOR THE STRIKE WAS HC PRESIDENT RAYMOND'S EMAIL STATING STUDENTS SHOULD NOT PROTEST BECAUSE IT WILL DO NOTHING, THE STRIKE WAS ALWAYS MORE THAN A RESPONSE TO AN EMAIL, NO MATTER HOW TERRIBLE THE EMAIL WAS.



2020 STRIKE CONT



"This strike was a response to the legacy of trauma and anguish and the historic lack of sympathy, true productivity, and an adequate response from the College. Through this strike, we have collaborated with students, faculty, staff, and alums. We have researched theories, policies, realities, and practices to inform our own methods, structures, and documents. The collective held town halls to hear and to engage the College in all discourse, produced educational opportunities for all members of the College to attend, and reimagined the structures that perpetuate racism, white supremacy, and other systemic inequities. Although the strike has come to an end, we urge all of you to join us as we transform from the Bryn Mawr Strike Collective into the Bryn Mawr Black Student Liberatory Coalition."

All referenced materials can be found in the exhibit