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 mason-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 STRKE

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.

OCT 29

BiCo Students go on strike in response to the death of Walter Wallace Jr and ongoing racism within the institutions

NOV

Bryn Mawr Strike Collective releases their first draft of demands (7) NOV 6

The college responds to the strike and strike demands (8)

NOV 6

First Sit-In. Held outside Old Library (9)

NOV 9

The first teach-in "Imagining Radical Access" is held. The Strike Teach-In team would go on to organize multiple teach-ins for everyday of the strike

NOV 9

President Cassidy addresses the school, stating "our community is being torn apart by a lack of cooperative action and, more seriously, by a lack of respect for one another as individuals and by actions that have no place on this campus." (10)

NOV

A sit-in outside of Goodhart is organized in response to President Cassidy's email accusing the strike of bullying and tearing the community apart.

NOV 1

Haverford Strike ends, Bryn Mawr's continues. Town Hall with administration, students, staff, and faculty is held.

NOV 13

Town Hall where President Cassidy, Dean Walters, and Provost Harte state that they will step down if they don't meet the demands.

NOV 14

Sit-in at Taylor Drive

NOV 16

*SOMETIME BETWEEN NOV 7TH-

9TH, FACULTY ARE TOLD TO

START TEACHING AGAIN. SUPPORTIVE PROFESSORS HOLD

CLASS AS A TIME TO DISCUSS THE

STRIKE WHILE OTHERS THREATEN STUDENTS THAT CONTINUE TO

President Cassidy apologizes for her email accusing the strike of bullying and tearing the community apart

2020 STRKE CONT

NOV 16

The administration releases their response to each of the strike demands (11) **NOV 17**

Town Hall to discuss the college's response to the strike demands.

NOV 18

The Strike Coalition releases their report card on the administration's response to the demands 10V 19

The Strike Ends. "On Normalcy" is published.

"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