

## **Drake's Fantastic Voyage through Time!**

May, 1882

First commencement is held at Drake University. The first graduate is named James E. Denton, who received the BD degree.

1885

Baseball becomes the University's first varsity sport, followed by football and track.

1890s

First international students, from England, Canada, Australia, China, Japan and the Philippines, enroll.

1891

First Drake field meet features a bicycle race.

1893

Drake organizes its athletic program and enters intercollegiate competition.

September, 1904

Tuition is \$54 per year: \$19 for the fall quarter, \$18 for the winter and \$17 for the spring.

1905

Drake women organize a basketball team, with uniforms that are stipulated to be full blouses with puffy sleeves, and pleated bloomers long enough to snap below the knee. First Dean of Women Mary Carpenter later bans the team as "not appropriate for women."

April 23, 1910

First Drake Relays is held in a blizzard.

1912

The University stages its first Homecoming, featured events include a barbecue and circus.

April 1917

Drake responds to WWI by replacing women's physical education with Red Cross classes and inaugurating a men's training program under the auspices of the Iowa National Guard.

1920

Spurred by a housing crisis, the University allows social fraternities and sororities to use Greek letter emblems and affiliate with national offices.

1922

Drake Relays expand to a two-day event.

October, 1925

The Drake Stadium opens with seating for 18,000.

November 10, 1931

Drake's long-awaited women's dormitory — later to become Morehouse Residence Hall — opens for occupancy. It's the first on-campus student residence built since 1881.

1939

New men's dorm is completed, which includes a student union in the basement that's dubbed "The Kennel." The new student center permits smoking, the first official campus recognition of the "new fad."

1946 "Temporary" war surplus buildings are acquired to accommodate the postwar enrollment boom.

Fall, 1957

Drake Bulldog is christened "Spike" at Homecoming.

September, 1968

Master of business administration degree program is initiated.

1972

The new Harmon Fine Arts Center, the largest building on campus, and at \$6.1 million dollars the most expensive, gives the University a modern performing arts facility. Band rehearsals no longer need to be held in the 1890s livery stable.

March, 1973

Drake purchases Farley's Super Market at 28<sup>th</sup> and Forest Avenue. It becomes the Studio Arts Hall.

1985

In the final football meeting between the two schools, Drake upsets Iowa State 20-17.

1992

The William A. Knapp Center, a multipurpose sports facility opens.

1994

The recently remodeled Sheslow Auditorium hosts a special edition of the ABC-TV news program "Nightline." Ted Koppel and guests discuss the press' handling of the Whitewater investigation of President Clinton.

2003

Tom Davis, who coached Boston College, Stanford and Iowa into the NCAA basketball tournament, is lured out of retirement to coach the University's men's basketball team. In 2007, he turned the job over to his son, Keno.

2006 Drake begins celebrations in honor of 125 years of education in Des Moines.