The library was in the basement of Jones Hall. We outgrew it and the student use was very heavy. The faculty and the Trustees were brought together and it was decided to build a new library. I had talked to Mr. Everell S. Collins of Portland, who had been a Trustee at the University of Puget Sound for many years and who actually saved the University in its very great financial difficulty in its early days. The Collins library was designed to house eighty-thousand books with a very unusual expansion factor to take care of four hundred periodicals. It was designed in such a way that a reading room was on the lower floor. There was a balcony which allowed the housing of an unusually large number of books. There was a second floor, a third floor, and an attic. This was built with the idea that it would have an unusual expansion factor and the attic could be finished; which it was before it had been used very long. There was a special room for audiovisual aids. There were also special rooms for honoring different people. Senator Walter S. Davis, a University professor of history for twenty-eight years, the McCormick room - which is the Board of Trustee Room - was named for Mr. W. L. McCormick, Weyerhaueser Timber Company secretary and Trustee at the College of Puget Sound from 1919 to 1952. He was the son of R. L. McCormick, Weyerhaueser Vice-President and University Trustee from 1908 to 1911. It is interesting to note now that Dr. McCormick is a member of the Board of Trustees, a PhD in special physics and carries on the tradition. It is rumored that Dr. McCormick's grandmother was
invited to be a member of the Board of Trustees but decided not to serve. It is unusual to have a fourth generation Trustee on a University board.

There was also a room named for Mr. Henry Shaw who was an outstanding Trustee for forty years. There was also a room named for Mrs. Roger Peck (Gertrude), who was a friend of the University of Puget Sound and did much to aid in the Tacoma Art League and the Women's University League.

The Collins Memorial Library originally had seating room for six hundred students and the original cost of the first library was one-half million dollars. Mr. Collins intended to leave the University of Puget Sound one-half million dollars. His original will left $100,000 but his new will which was unsigned at his death left one-half million. His son, Truman Collins was a very good personal friend and he called me after the death and said that his father had really meant for us to have one-half million dollars and for that reason, even though it would cost them considerable from a tax standpoint, they would give the University the half-million which Mr. Collins had intended.

Mr. Collins was a very avid Methodist. He studied the polity of the Methodist Church particularly as it related to missionaries. He discovered that missionaries returning from the foreign field did not have any pension funds so he started a special Collin's Pension Fund for return missionaries. As of
today there are twenty-three million dollars in the fund to take care of returning missionaries.

In the design of the Collins library, the architect gave us a rather oblong building without too much decoration. In conferences with him, I said it had to be beautiful as well as practical and useful. We had many conferences. One night I was thinking about it as I went to sleep and in the middle of the night I suddenly awakened and remembered that as a student at Oxford University I had ridden my bicycle through Magdalen College Towers on many occasions. The interior tower had a very beautiful design and I thought that this would be the kind of design we could use on the tower. I got up and got my book of Oxford, took it to the architect and he said it would fit perfectly. So the Tower of the Collins Library is a modified copy of the interior tower at Magdalen College.

It soon proved with the large enrollment that we were crowded for space and the new addition was added. This new addition cost 2.7 million dollars including furniture and fixtures. It was structured in such a way that it could join on to the original Collins Library. We had a wing on the back with the understanding that we could add an addition when it was needed. Careful attention had been paid to the location of the Kilworth Chapel so that there would be room enough for the chapel and at the same time room enough for the new addition which we had contemplated when it was built. The new addition would allow for five times as many volumes as the original and also allowed
for many, many more student stations. There are 675 study positions at the present time. It was so designed with a very heavy foundation and walls so that five more stories can be added if it is ever necessary to take care of the library needs and research facilities of the University.

When Dr. Phibbs came he asked me how he could take care of the added faculty members and I mentioned the fact that we had designed the library in such a way that the second floor could be made into offices for the faculty temporarily until such time as the library needs would crowd them out. Also it was hoped, at that time there would be a new administration building which would take care of the needs of the faculty offices. For about $100,000 this change was made and there are many faculty offices on the second floor of the new wing.

There is also a very excellent audio-visual department, and a very excellent series of carrels which allow for private study for graduate students. When I was a graduate school, I had a special carrel of my own to work on my Master's degree, my honor's thesis, and my Ph.D. thesis and it was so outstanding that I had been dreaming of having that kind of facility when this building was built.

There is a rare book room. There is a room memorializing Dr. Shelmadine, who was a very much beloved professor of Far East history. There is a room honoring Reverend and Mrs. Peter Misner, who are graduates of the University and have been very kind in their financial support
of the various programs of the University. There is a suite of offices for the Chancellor on the lower floor of the new library as well as many other facilities which were designed and brought into being by the very excellent planning of the Librarian, Desmond Taylor.

The tower of the library has a carillon given by Mr. William Washington Kilworth, who was Chairman of the Board for many years, in honor and memory of his brother, Howard Kilworth. It rings the hours. For many years there were special carillon concerts on Sunday afternoon and it rings the hour changes for the classes having a small part of the Westminster chime ten minutes before the hour and then the Westminster chime on the hour.

Mr. Collins granddaughter, Diane Collins attended the University of Puget Sound and trained herself to be a primary teacher. She now teaches in the Portland school system.
Mr. Everell S. Collins was a very dear friend of the University of Puget Sound for many years and it is a fitting tribute that the academic heart of the University, the library, should be named in his memory.

My first acquaintance with Mr. Collins occurred when I was invited by Dr. Guy Goodsell, who was the minister of First Methodist Church in Portland, to occupy his pulpit. This was about six weeks after I had arrived at Willamette University, in September of 1937. Dr. Goodsell, who was a very congenial man and a wonderful friend, told me to notice the family sitting on the right hand side, just under the balcony by the post, the Collins Family, and I remember the son, Truman, the daughter Grace (Mrs. Goudy), Mrs. Collins and Mr. Collins were there. He was a tall, very thin man, thin hair and he had an elongated face. During my sermon, it appeared that he was asleep, and I remember making a mental note to myself that I must not be very good that morning as the congregation was going to sleep! I watched and all of a sudden he opened up his right eye and it dawned on me that he was not asleep but just sitting their resting while he was listening. About three weeks later, at a reception at the president's residence at Willamette University, I met the Collins family. Mr. Collins came up and said he appreciated my sermon very much and hoped I would enjoy my days at Willamette. I saw them from time to time at the various University functions, for he was very much interested in Willamette. I think Truman, Grace and Alton had all gone to Willamette and graduated there. Dr. Bruce Baxter was President of Willamette and saw to it on several occasions that I was seated next to Mr. Collins and on one or two
occasions sent me to Portland with specific messages for Mr. Collins.

As Willamette approached its 100th anniversary, I was asked to thank Mr. Collins for his association with Willamette and mention the fact that there was a centennial fund which was being raised. I appreciated very much the opportunity to visit with him in their main offices in Portland.

In our conversation, he mentioned to me that he had been on the Board of Trustees at the College of Puget Sound as well as Willamette, and his first association with the College of Puget Sound was in 1903. He said that the College of Puget Sound, like many other schools, had had exceedingly difficult times and there were periods when it appeared as though the school would not continue.

Later, in checking the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the College of Puget Sound, I found that there were several entries where the trustees had met to determine whether or not the school should continue and in one or two instances, it reads: "Mr. Collins, who attended the meeting and had not spoken, said, 'You only need $6,000 to continue for another year. I will give $3,000 if you will raise $3,000.'" It says with great joy the trustees accepted Mr. Collins' challenge and voted to continue the school. I think on three different occasions in the history of the University of Puget Sound it was Mr. Collins' wise judgment and also his challenges which kept the College of Puget Sound in existence.

His idea of challenging people to match dollar-for-dollar his gifts was a common practice with Mr. Collins. He did it with Willamette and he also did it with the College of Puget Sound. Because of his unusual interest in the Methodist Church and because of his outstanding interest in the mission program of the Church, he made a study and found that the missionaries returning from the
mission fields often had no pensions. So he set up a program with the Board of Foreign Missions that he would match dollar-for-dollar all money which came out of the Pacific Northwest Methodism (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska), and this would be used to endow the Pension Fund for the missionaries.

(As an aside, I am on the Audit Committee of the United Methodist Church and at the last audit meeting in November of 1977, there was $21 million in this fund and most of it came from the Collins family. Mrs. Grace Goudy is on the Pension Board, as is Mr. Collins' grandson, Alan Goudy, and they both now attend the meetings.)

Mr. Collins had a very great admiration for Dr. Todd. He knew Dr. Todd when he was a field man and vice president of Willamette University, raising money for Willamette University in the Oregon Conference. He was also on the Board of Trustees when Dr. Todd was elected to the presidency of the College of Puget Sound and they had a very strong and lifelong friendship. Dr. Todd always referred to him in his correspondence as "Brother Collins" and to Mrs. Collins as "Sister Collins". Many years later, Mr. Collins' son, Truman, at lunch one day told me that of all the people who solicited money from his Father, Dr. and Mrs. Todd were the only two who were ever invited to the Collins home for dinner and to stay overnight. There was a very close, warm and personal relationship which remained until the very end of both of their lives.

Dr. Todd went to Portland on a good many occasions and Mr. Collins took him to lunch. On one of these occasions, Dr. Todd discussed the possibility of Mr. Collins building a library on the campus. Mr. Collins said he had some basic interest, and on the basis of this, the preliminary sketches were drawn. It was
mainly the core of the library, which included the charging desk and other necessary facilities and one wing. It was hoped that this could be built for $100,000 and this was the amount that Dr. Todd and Mr. Collins talked about. Mr. Collins very definitely said that he was genuinely interested and authorized Dr. Todd to proceed with the drawings and other studies necessary to bring the project to fulfillment.

In his discussions with Dr. Todd, Mr. Collins suggested that his gift be used as a challenge, and Dr. Todd said in his correspondence that he would hope Mr. Collins' $100,000 could be used as a challenge for the College to raise $150,000 to be used to build a men's dormitory and for another unit on the women's dormitory, each unit costing approximately $75,000.

The promise was never actually put in writing and was never actually structured because of a reticence on the part of Mr. Collins. Dr. Todd could not understand this and mentioned it to me on several occasions. There was a letter from Mr. Collins asking Dr. Todd to put in writing exactly how the monies would be used and how large the building would be and other details. Dr. Todd's four-page single-spaced letter is a very interesting answer to this inquiry. However, after some weeks, again Mr. Collins wrote and said that he hoped Dr. Todd would give a further breakdown on how the money would be used and what the total gift would do for the College. He also said that, while he hoped this could be a challenge to raise $150,000, his gift would not be contingent upon them doing this.

Subsequently, the reason for Mr. Collins' delay was the fact that he was in the process of writing a new will. One of his family members had made what he thought was an unwise investment, and he said that he would not sign a new will until that member of the family had recouped the losses of his investment. Inasmuch as this was not possible to be done, the new will was never signed, although it stated that $100,000 was to come to the College of Puget Sound for the construction of a
library. After Mr. Collins' untimely death in 1940, a letter was received from his son, Truman, (which was very difficult for him to write) saying that in conference with their attorneys there had been some question concerning the possible gift to the College of Puget Sound and would Dr. Todd come to Portland to see him. At this time, it was revealed that the will had never been signed and, while the money was definitely earmarked in the new will for the College, it was not a part of the estate's gifts. However, Mr. Truman Collins said they knew the intent of Mr. E. S. Collins and that the Collins family would carry out his wishes and make the gift of $100,000, even though there would have to be taxes on that part of the estate, which would have been tax free had it been definitely structured. On that basis, Dr. Todd could proceed, but when he retired in 1942, there was no possibility of building a library because of the War. However, it gave us a chance to get all the input from students, faculty, trustees and librarians concerning the construction of the Collins Library.

Considerable time was spent designing the new library. We wanted to have distinct beauty and yet practical aspects. We designed a reading room on both sides of the main door where the charging desk was located; there was a balcony so that there could be very large usage of storage space for books there. It was designed in the shape of a T with the idea that some day another addition would be put on the back of the T making an H out of the building. There was some difficulty with the architect in the design because it came out somewhat of a square building. I said to him that I wanted it to be a very beautiful building and, therefore, it was necessary to spend considerable time in detail and design. After about four or five towers had been drafted, I suddenly awakened one night and remembered
how I had ridden my bicycle at Oxford in the inner quadrangle of Magdalen College and the tower there was simply beautiful. I got up and looked at my handbook of Oxford and the next day took the picture to the architect and he said, "This is it. It will fit perfectly." So the tower on the Everell S. Collins Library is a modified copy of the inner tower of Magdalen College by the Isis River in Oxford.

There was to be a trustee room named for Mr. McCormick who was on our Board of Trustees for many years and whose mother gave the final gift to meet the James Hill Challenge. There were rare book rooms and a room for archives, student lounge and other rooms which were planned in the original design of the library.

In the master campus plan, the library was placed so that the Campus Green would be in front of it, Jones Hall would be to the left as you stood at the front, and another building would be on the right. Dr. Todd and the original architects had hoped that what is the contemporary girls' playing field would one day house an auditorium, which could be used both by the City and by the College, with the understanding that adequate parking could be on Union Avenue, parking areas by what is now Thompson Hall, and overflow parking could be in the area by the fieldhouse.

The building was so located that the addition (which has been constructed since) could be on the back of the building and add to its beauty and usefulness. When this addition was made in 1972, it was constructed with a foundation so that it could go five stories high, although there are only three stories at the present time.

In the original design of the building, the architect, and those predicting enrollments, said they were sure the building would adequately take care of the
College's needs until the year 2000. However, it was learned in 1970, because of the onrush of students after the War, that it would be inadequate and needed the addition.

Mr. Collins and Dr. Todd thought that the building could be built for $100,000 but its actual cost when it was constructed in a much larger way than either had envisioned was $495,000.

Ground was broken on and there was a student assembly and the Adelphian Concert Choir sang and the Bishop offered prayer. The Collins Family attended the dedication on and they were seemingly very pleased with the building. It was a joy to work with Mr. Truman Collins during the time of the building, and he wrote a letter to me saying that when we needed the money it would be available.

Mr. Truman Collins was a most unusual man and, like his father, he was very much interested in the Methodist Church and its programs and continued the matching program for the Mission Pension Fund. He was very proud of Willamette University and the family gave the major portion of the Collins Library on the Willamette campus.

After the very untimely death of Mr. Truman Collins, the family gave the Truman Collins Law Center at Willamette University where the law school is housed and where the Moot Courts are held.

Truman Collins was always most congenial to me and wrote to me from time to time suggesting that I let him know when I planned to be in Portland so we could have lunch together. He was very much interested in the total picture of the Church and asked many questions concerning the Church, the impact and
productivity and leadership of various bishops, the Church's mission program and its outreach around the world, the evaluation of missionary input, and particularly Christian higher education.

He often asked me questions concerning schools like the College of Pacific, Willamette University, Albion College, Ohio Wesleyan, Pacific Lutheran and other schools like George Fox College, Pacific University, etc. It was always interesting to talk with him because he was well informed, his questions were very timely and very meaningful and I counted him one of the outstanding men I have ever known.

During the War he was in the Navy and he was assigned to the base in Seattle. It was interesting that Norton Clapp, who was on our Board of Trustees, was on the top floor of the building and Truman Collins was on about the eighth floor. I used to see them both when I went to Seattle, and both of them were very instrumental in the development of the College of Puget Sound.

At the death of Mr. Truman Collins, his estate was set up in the Collins Foundation. It was very interesting that the State of Oregon had a law that said that the disbursements of a foundation in Oregon must be made within the State, so money which had been given by the Collins family to the College of Puget Sound was now limited. However, Mrs. Goudy, who has been very friendly, and Mr. Alton Collins, who was on our Board of Trustees for many years, have given money through the Ostrander Construction Company, which was the Ostrander Timber Company and located in the State of Washington. They also gave money to the University through some of their holdings which were in Malaysia and they were one of the three symposia, with George Atkinson and Company and one other, to do the bonding for much of the construction which was in Vietnam during the war there.
Through the years the Collins Family have been most helpful to the College and often gave gifts of thirty, forty and fifty thousand dollars a year, and have given as they could.

I was pleased to take Dr. Phibbs to Portland where we were taken to lunch at the Arlington Club by Mrs. Goudy, Alton Collins, Mrs. Truman Collins. Mrs. Goudy emphasized the fact that she sincerely hoped that the University of Puget Sound would maintain its strong ties with the Methodist Church.

In the evolution of time, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Goudy (Alan) has now become the President of the Collins Pine Company, the Collins Holding Company, the Ostrander Construction Company and is also President of the Foundation. Alan is a young man about thirty-five and is a very astute business man as well as a very able leader. He is a graduate of Willamette University and, of course, has a continuing basic interest in the life of the University of Puget Sound.

Mr. Alton Collins who was on our Board of Trustees for many years was not able to attend during the war because of travel restrictions and because of the heavy burden which he carried. He asked to be relieved of his trusteeship some years ago. We were very pleased when his daughter, Diane, registered at the University of Puget Sound and went here four years, training to be a kindergarten and primary school teacher. She was very interested in Kappa Phi, which is the national Methodist women’s sorority, and was one of its key members while she attended here. She is now a teacher in the Vancouver area and, though she has been invited to have an active part in both the alumni association and the trustees of the University of Puget Sound, she has not found it possible to serve because of the lack of time.

When the library building was finished in 1954, Mr. Warren Perry was librarian
at that time and he organized the removal of the books from the basement of Jones Hall to the new library. It was very carefully done and exceedingly well organized. We declared a student holiday and asked the students to help us. Because it was in the rainy season of the year, we built a tunnel from the back door of Jones Hall to the front door of the library and covered it with canvas. The books were taken off the shelves systematically, put in book carrying plastic boxes about thirty inches long and twenty-four inches wide, and carried on carts from Jones to the library and unloaded at the exact same spot on the shelves there. The townspeople turned out to help and so did the trustees. There are some interesting pictures in the archives of the various townspeople pushing carts and of the trustees pushing carts. The move was made in the better part of a day and lunch was served to those who helped as well as dinner in the evening. The students were exceedingly pleased, as were all of us. There had been about 50,000 volumes in the library in the basement of Jones Hall. The new library allowed us to expand until at the present time there are approximately 230,000 volumes.

After the original library was outgrown, we set up a campaign to raise money for the addition, which was started in 1972 and completed in 1974.