

North Side Expansion

Life on the North Side of North Central during 1970-1989

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Kiekhofler Hall/Koten Chapel

Before the literal merging of the Garrett and Evangelical Theology Seminary, the Kiekhofler/Koten building, built in 1913, served as a center for administration for the Evangelical Theology Seminary campus. When the ETS put it up for sale after moving to Evanston, it became part of the ETS property purchase of 1976. In, 1979 a ceremony of dedication to the building was held on September 30th. There, it was officially dedicated after Margaret and Roy Koten who were alumni and consistent supporters of North Central. It is also known as Kiekhofler Hall and was utilized as a College Student Services Center after its purchase. From there, the chapel was also used for religious activities hosted by the college and religious clubs as well.

Figure 1.7: KIMMEL: SECOND FLOOR 1980-81

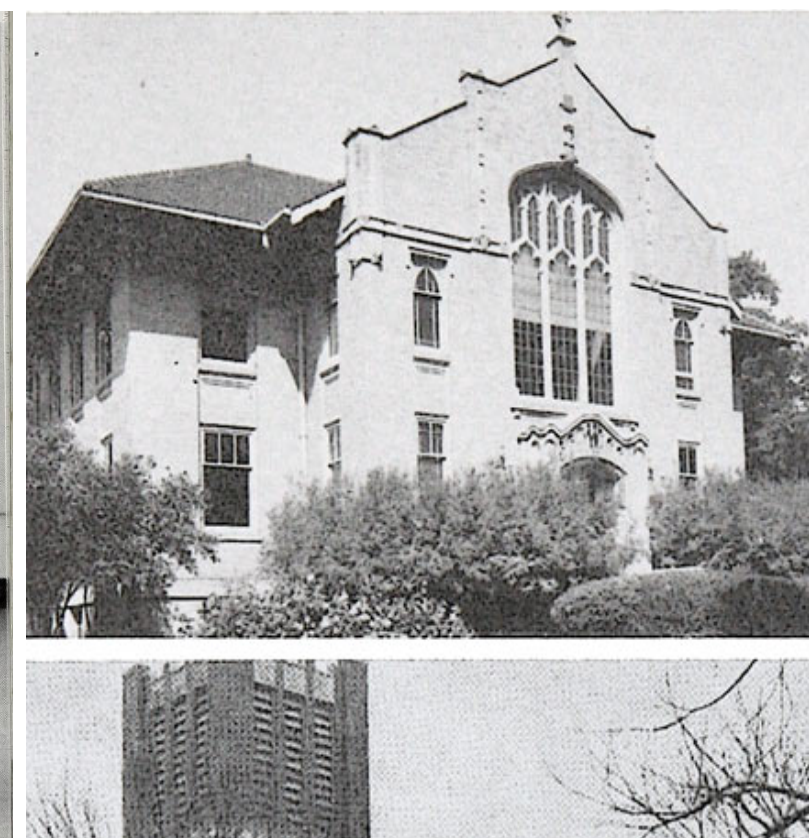
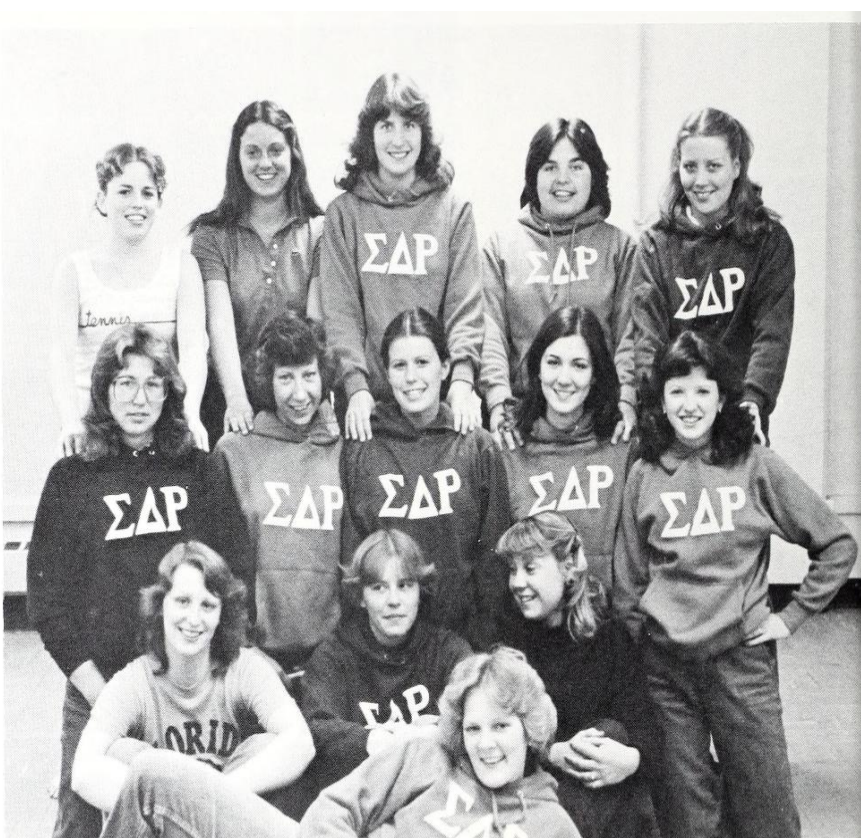


Figure 1.6: Main Building of ETS, 1961



Figure 1.5: Koten Dedication Ceremony article; NCC Now

Seybert & Kimmel Hall

Considering that both buildings were built as part of Evangelical Theology Seminary, not much of its inside activity exists in school records before its purchase. But once they were integrated into the college, there was no shortage of college spirit and activity. From creating theme songs Seybert Hall, to Haunted Houses in the basement of Kimmel, the ETS residence halls became lively focuses for living and cocurricular activity. They also, especially Kimmel Hall, were perfect for housing the influx of non-traditional students. Kimmel rooms normally included kitchenettes and enough living space to house a small family, and both halls were right down the street from Larrance Academic Center, which hosted much of the Weekend College programs, which helped full-time working students get an education while financially supporting their family.

Introduction

After being connected of the Evangelical Theology Seminary for so long, it's stunning In 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged with the Methodist Church, loosening previously strong ties with the EUB congregations. It set the precedent for the eventual departure of the ETS in 1974 to Evanston, leaving a large chunk of property immediately North of campus behind. Of these buildings include Kiekhofler Hall, which gets turned into a chapel and admission and financial aid office, Seybert Hall and Kimmel Hall, both which become residence halls, and Larrance Academic Center, housing the Center for Continuing Education for nontraditional students at the time. But what occurred in these buildings before the move of the ETS? How have these buildings been utilized since their purchase and dedications? My research as shown today is mean to analyze and answer these questions to the best of my ability.

Larrance Academic Center (picture)

Larrance Academic Center was built in 1967 and primarily used for classes by the Seminary. Once the ETS purchase occurred, renovations were invested and the building wasn't dedicated until October 21st, 1982. The dedication went to Leona and Kenneth Larrance, who was also chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time, as recognition for their patronage, leadership, and imprint on the history of the college. From there, LAC was anointed as the Center for Continuing Education with support from the business faculty and, therefore, specialized in Academic programs for nontraditional students. Some of these include the Master of Business Administration degree, and Master of Education. To further support these students. Weekend College, a program developed in 1981, became focused in LAC which totaled to about 178 students during Winter term of 1983. The Academic Center also began hosting numerous workshops once it was dedicated. From a "How to Survive in College" series of workshops, to "Personal Color Palette" workshops, most hosted by the Center for Continuing Education.

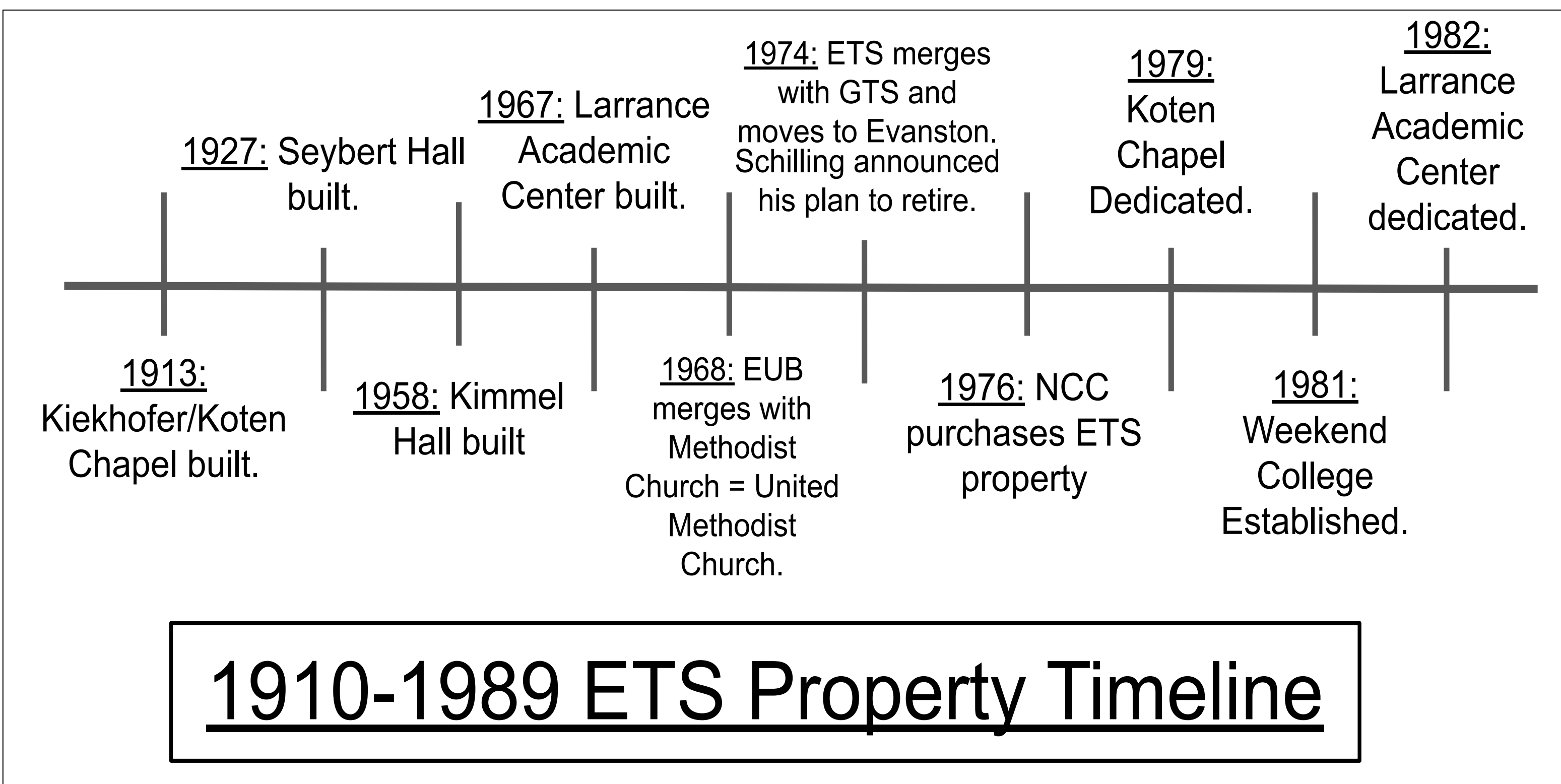


Figure 1.1: 1910-1989 ETS Property Timeline

Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETS)

The ETS and the College held close ties both geographically and financially for more than 100 years before they moved to Evanston in 1974. The Seminary symbolizes the Evangelical roots North Central has from as far back as when it was still Plainfield College. Without the ETS, the North Central likely wouldn't have existed, so the leaving of the Seminary is more impactful and emotional as well as the purchase of the property once they left. But this also gave the College the opportunity to provide facilities for its non-traditional student population and properly nurture their education.

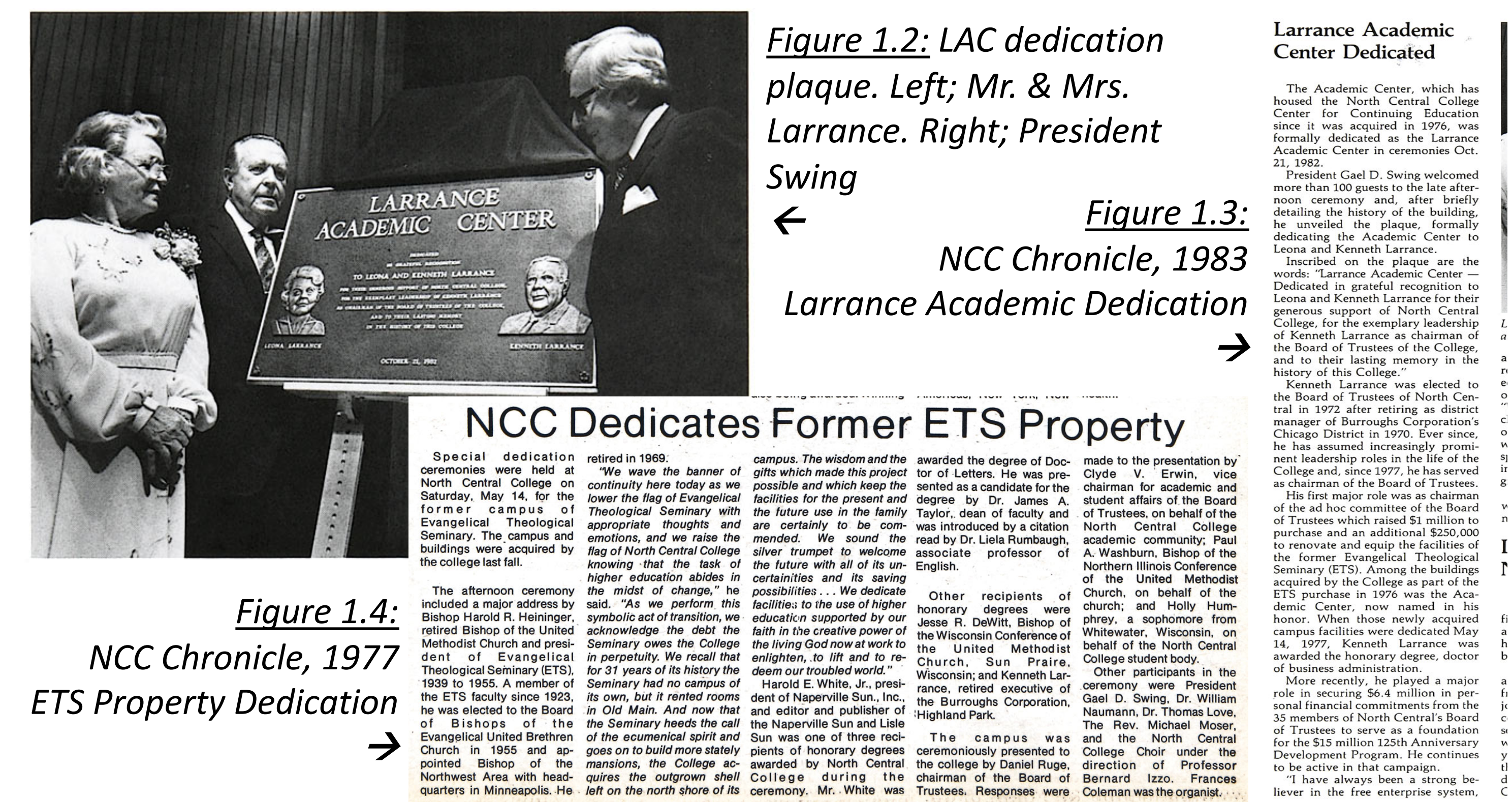


Figure 1.2: LAC dedication plaque. Left; Mr. & Mrs. Larrance. Right; President Swing. Figure 1.3: NCC Chronicle, 1983 Larrance Academic Dedication. Figure 1.4: NCC Chronicle, 1977 ETS Property Dedication.

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