In 1960, students staged a silent protest in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library. Students were upset that the library closed at 10:00 p.m. and asked that it stay open an hour longer. Since their requests were not being seriously considered, the students decided to take a slightly more aggressive stance on the issue. When the bell rang to indicate the closing of the building, the students stayed in their seats and lit candles. 518 students signed a petition to keep the library open for that additional hour.