

Donaldson Brown



Donaldson Brown Hall is named for **Frank Donaldson Brown**. He was only 17 when he received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1902 at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute. He was among several alumni awarded the first Distinguished Alumni Citations by the University in 1959. He served as chair of VPI's first Alumni Fund in the 1930s.

He was a frequent benefactor to the University and the largest single contributor to the Continuing Education Center building fund. He served as an executive with General Motors and E.I. Du Pont. He died in 1965 at the age of 80.

Residence hall built: Donaldson Brown Hall consists of a section completed in 1968 and a section built in 1935. The building served as the Continuing Education Center, then the Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education until 1995, when the name was changed to Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center. It was renovated in summer 2005 and 2006 to become the Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown.

Construction firm: Carneal & Johnston

Dedication date: May 13, 1968

Donaldson Brown Hall Today

Community: Presidents

Type: Co-ed, predominantly single rooms with private baths, air-conditioned
Graduate and professional students

Number of residents: 115

Staff: Complex director: 1
Resident advisors: 3



References:

1902 *Bugle*.

University Archives of Virginia Tech, *Historical Data Book*, Section 6.5.

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