

AGORA HOUSE (NOW SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER)



Year Built: 1901

“In accordance with the general policy recommended in the report of the committee on society houses and subsequently adopted by the Trustees, four societies have received permission to build [*Shakespeare Society, Phi Sigma, Zeta Alpha, Tau Zeta Epsilon*]. This report provided for ‘the erection of any building or buildings suitable for meetings, literary or social, and at such moderate cost as not to entail embarrassment upon the Trustees or loss to the societies in case it should become necessary, in the remote future, for the Trustees to use otherwise the sites upon which they may be located; always provided that any permission to use land is temporary, and subject to withdrawal by the Trustees, and that such permission shall never be construed to be anything more than a license for such use during the pleasure of the Corporation, and that the title to any structures placed upon its land shall rest absolutely in the Corporation, without restriction upon their control or use thereof as future events may show to be wise.’” – Annual Report of the President of Wellesley College (1898)

“On Friday night, November 15, the Agora of Wellesley College, will celebrate its birthday with a party in the new house.” – The Wellesley News: November 14, 1901

Cornerstone was laid in June 1901. – Wellesley Legenda (1939)