In 1931 the Forestry Building, originally built as a temporary structure for the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, was dedicated to make way for the new student union building, the Husky Union Building (HUB) or “HUB”. In its early days, the HUB was a well-loved place for students to hang out and socialize. In the 1950s, the HUB was expanded and renovated, and it remains a central gathering place for students to this day. The HUB has undergone several renovations and additions over the years, but retains its original character and charm.

In 1930 the Olmsted brothers of Brookline, Massachusetts were paid a thousand dollars to create a master plan for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which was held in Seattle. The plan included a series of interconnected parks and gardens, including the popular Myrtle Edwards Park, which is still a popular spot for Seattle residents today.

In 1932 the UW Medicinal Herb Garden, or “Ye Olde Drug Garden”, as it was called in the 60s, was created in 1913 on one acre and aunt west side of the Stadium. It is now a 10,000 square foot garden located in the north part of campus, on the west side of Burke-Gilman Trail. The garden was established to promote the use of medicinal herbs and to provide a place for students to learn about the history and uses of these plants. The garden has since expanded and now includes over 70 different crops including quinoa, squash, maize and climbing beans.

The UW Medicinal Herb Garden is one of many projects that have taken place on the UW campus over the years. Other notable projects include the establishment of the Seattle Union Gospel Mission in 1903, the construction of the University of Washington’s first campus building, cherry trees in Montlake, and the construction of the University of Washington’s first football stadium, Montlake Stadium, in 1917.