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In 1948 Bushnell Hospital in Brigham City, Utah was transformed into what would become the Intermountain Indian School, or, the "world's largest boarding school." The school opened its doors in January 1950 to five hundred Navajo students. Educational goals were to teach English and basic academic disciplines as well as vocational skills which, it was believed, would facilitate assimilation into mainstream America.

Today there is widespread interest in the school from former students, historians of educational practices, and those studying Native American assimilation policies. This collection provides access to a wide assortment of rare sources such as student publications, classroom material, publicity photos, and congressional correspondence.

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