

Mizzou: Then & Now

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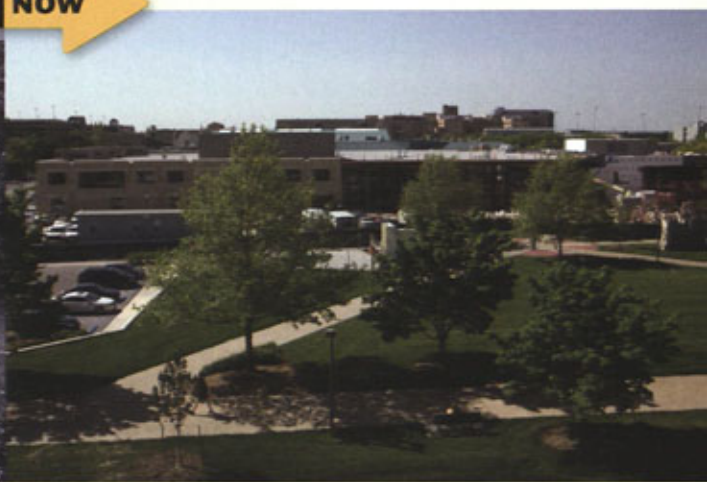
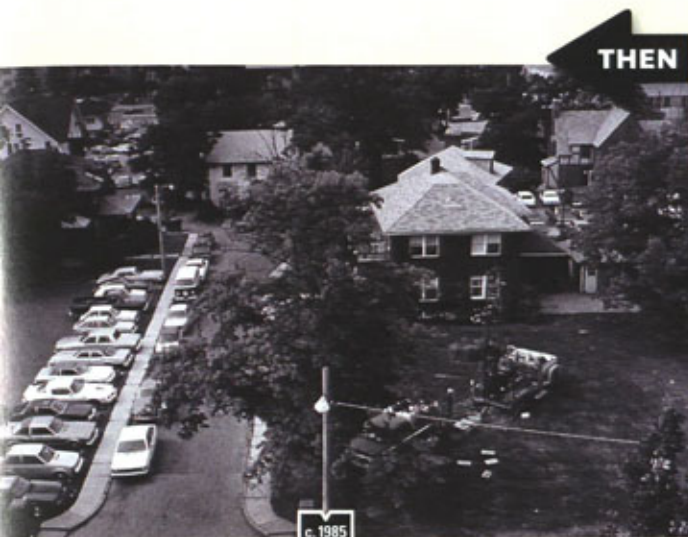
Lowry Street, top, was a city street until 1981, when it was closed and reconstructed as a pedestrian mall linking the red and white campuses. University Bookstore operated at this location for 90 years. MU purchased the building in January 1999 and began renovating it for use as the Student Success Center in August 2000. The \$2.3 million renovation was completed August 2001.

The Columns. Jesse Hall. Memorial Union. When years and miles separate alumni from the University of Missouri, sentimental Tigers may daydream of these architectural icons. But with roughly 16.5 million square feet and an ever-changing landscape, your Mizzou memories probably include a number of perspectives unique to your time in Columbia.

Whether you graduated in the post-GI Bill 1940s, the happening 1970s or the new millennium, you've witnessed a slice of Mizzou's steady metamorphosis. Panoramic walkways and gardens now embellish every corner, new facilities have sprouted, older buildings have been renovated and entire blocks have been bulldozed and beautified.

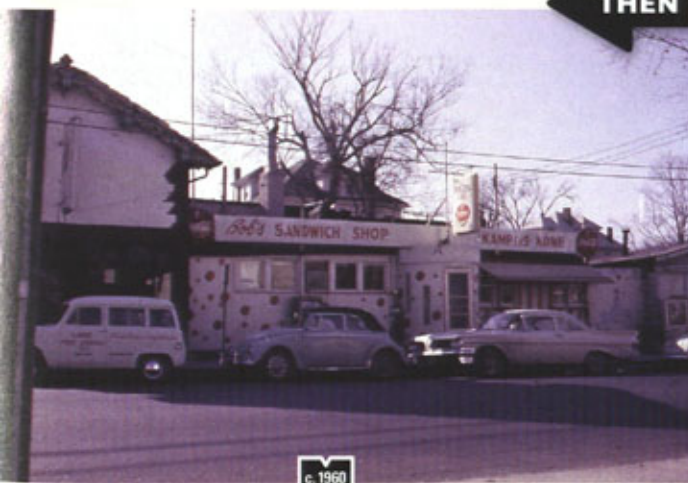
Gary Smith, M Ed '65, EdD '71, admissions director emeritus who worked at MU for 33 years, enjoys walking down memory lane — but he prefers present-day Conley Avenue, Hitt Street or Rollins Road.

"In terms of campus environment, I can't think of anything I miss," Smith says. "If I think I miss something, I realize that I like what's here now so much more."



Many faculty members, students and staff lived in private residences on Kuhlman Court off Hitt Street west of Memorial Union. Mizzou purchased the properties in 1984 and razed them to expand Ellis Library and create a courtyard between the library and Brady Commons.

The area is again in transition as the new Student Center nears completion. University Bookstore, on the corner of Hitt Street and Rollins Road, opened in January 2009, and the Student Center's restaurant atrium opens in August 2010. The entire Student Center will be complete fall semester 2010.



This photo shows a strip of shops on Conley Avenue south of Jesse Hall, including the Italian Village, formerly Gaebler's Black and Gold, left, and The Trolley Car. Over the years, the street was also home to Whizz Records, Middle Earth gift shop, Campus Jewelers, Sad Sacks (an army surplus store) and The Shack.

Conceived by former master-planning consultant Jack Robinson and named for the late Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, who was killed in a plane crash in 2000, Carnahan Quadrangle is formed by Cornell Hall (above), Tiger Plaza, Strickland Hall, Hulston Hall and Reynolds Alumni Center.

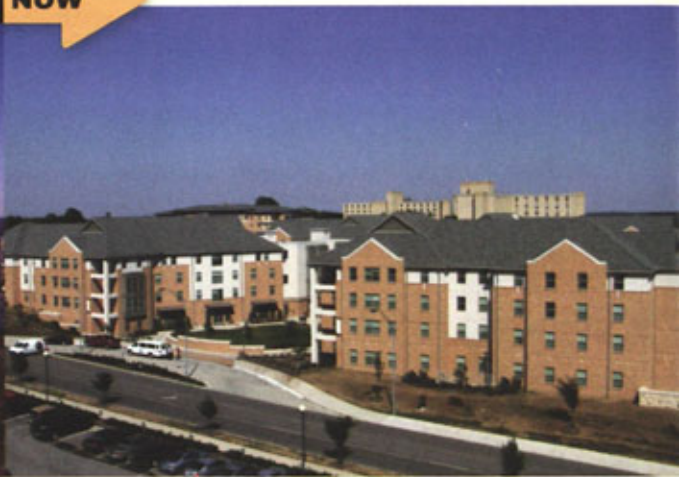
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Even recent graduates remember the popular tennis and basketball courts near the intersection of Rollins Road and College Avenue.



Virginia Avenue Housing and Plaza 900 dining hall were completed in 2004. Campus housing has expanded and improved as enrollment records continue to be set.

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This photo shows a southeast view from the third floor of Jesse Hall. To the upper left is Tate Hall — currently under renovation — which formerly housed the School of Law and now is home to the English department. To the right is a temporary building, a common solution to post-World War II space issues due to the enrollment boom. Parking was available just outside Jesse Hall's south doors.



In 2006, Mizzou added 17 containers of seasonal annual plants to the landscape. Wide walkways, shaded benches and a botanical bounty delight the senses around Mizzou's main administrative building, Jesse Hall.

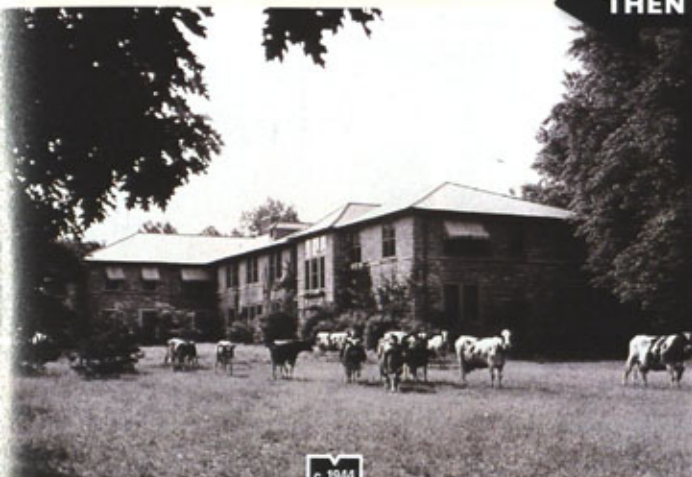
Of course, the nature of nostalgia means many former students may fondly remember swimming at the Natatorium or returning from class to Pneumonia Gulch. But for every Kuhlman Court that has been demolished, there's a new Carnahan Quadrangle improving the view.

Perry Chapman, MU master planning consultant, credits his predecessor Jack Robinson for the University of Missouri's more cohesive look. Put into effect in 1982, the campus master plan signaled a departure from buildings as "objects in space," which were popular in the

1960s, toward objects that define the space between them.

"Historically, the Francis Quadrangle is the gold standard," says Chapman, who has held his position since 1998 and retires in June 2010. "Newer spaces such as Hulston Hall, Reynolds Alumni Center and

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c. 1944

In the 1940s, the grounds near Eckles Hall were known as the Dairy Lawn when cattle grazed outside the front door.



The cows (and their descendants) would be pleased to know that Eckles Hall now houses Buck's Ice Cream Place, makers of Tiger Stripe ice cream.

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Since 1982, campus master planners have made a concerted effort to reduce unsightly surface parking at the University of Missouri. The Klein sisters owned the apartment in the center, surrounded by gravel parking lots.



Today Carnahan Quadrangle showcases six theme gardens funded by private donors. In 2008, President Barack Obama spoke on the lawn while campaigning.

Cornell Hall have been built to shape the Carnahan Quad. And ultimately, we expect that Strickland Hall (formerly the General Classroom Building) will be expanded to do the same thing."

Carnahan Quadrangle has arguably undergone the most dramatic transforma-

tion of any campus area, but as the photographs show, aspects of numerous spaces at Mizzou have been upgraded over the years. Anyone who has flipped through old volumes of the *Savitar* has experienced the wonderment of a campus perpetually in flux.

Mizzou's pride in its classic beauty is written into the alma mater, just as its status as a world-class research university is part of the mission statement. For generations of Tigers, those ideas honor "then" and advance "now." ■