

Sesquicentennial Plan



ACADEMIC HALL dominated the Campus in this horse-and-buggy scene from 1875. Fire swept through the building in 1892, destroying all but the Columns.

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PADDLE LINES that persuaded freshmen to keep off Francis Quadrangle disbanded in 1948, when 400 fraternity brothers charged across the sacred grass and burned the aggies' paddles. In later years, fences and signs proclaiming "Stop! Your Feet Are Killing Me!" failed to protect the sod. The Quad went from hallowed turf to Campus shortcut crisscrossed by dirt paths.

What to do? For solutions to this and other issues regarding the Campus environment, Mizou officials are seeking guidance

from the Sesquicentennial Plan. Initiated in 1980, the ongoing plan examines use of Campus land and buildings for optimum efficiency and attractiveness.

Ideas for the Quad so far: Pavé the paths, add sunken crosswalks, or—however optimistic—prevent people from walking on the grass. A draft of the Sesquicentennial Plan, named in honor of the University's 150th anniversary coming up in 1989, appears on Pages 24 and 25.

The draft is an overall guide for develop-

ment, not a description of specific projects and design details. The crosswalks shown on Francis Quadrangle, for example, illustrate one option.

"MIZZO MUST PLAN carefully for the best use of every square foot of its land, because increased land holdings are not expected," says Duane Stucky, vice chancellor for administrative services. And outside consultants say the Campus suffers a facilities shortage of at least half a million square feet. To meet needs throughout Campus, more than 700 improvement projects are in process simultaneously at any one time.

But the plan is more than concrete and bricks. Note the amount of green areas—courtyards, playing fields and quadrangles. The ultimate goal: a coordinated environment that appeals to potential and current students and is conducive to teaching, research and support services.

"For a successful total Campus, building projects and adequate parking should be developed within a strong, handsome sequence of major open spaces and of major cross-Campus pedestrian pathways," says Jack Robinson, an independent consultant working with Mizou administrators and the Campus Planning Committee composed of students, faculty and staff. Robinson has designed campuses for the universities of Colorado, Chicago and Puerto Rico.

Mizou's plan, according to Robinson, builds on the architecture and topography of the best parts of Campus. When completed, projects should blend so well with existing buildings, sidewalks and malls that they appear to have been there from the start.

THE TREND toward a pedestrian Campus continues. Parking garages will go up as construction and green space claim surface lots in the heart of Campus. Two garages that together will accommodate 1,660 cars are being built near Jesse and Lefevre halls (see map). Construction began in May and is expected to be finished in a year. Providing convenient handicapped parking throughout Campus is a high priority.

"It's an ongoing process," Robinson says of the plan, which is funded by a variety of sources, both public and private. "New ideas always are welcome." Alumni may send comments to Dr. Neal Benjamin, chairman of the Campus Planning Committee, 1039 Engineering 15.

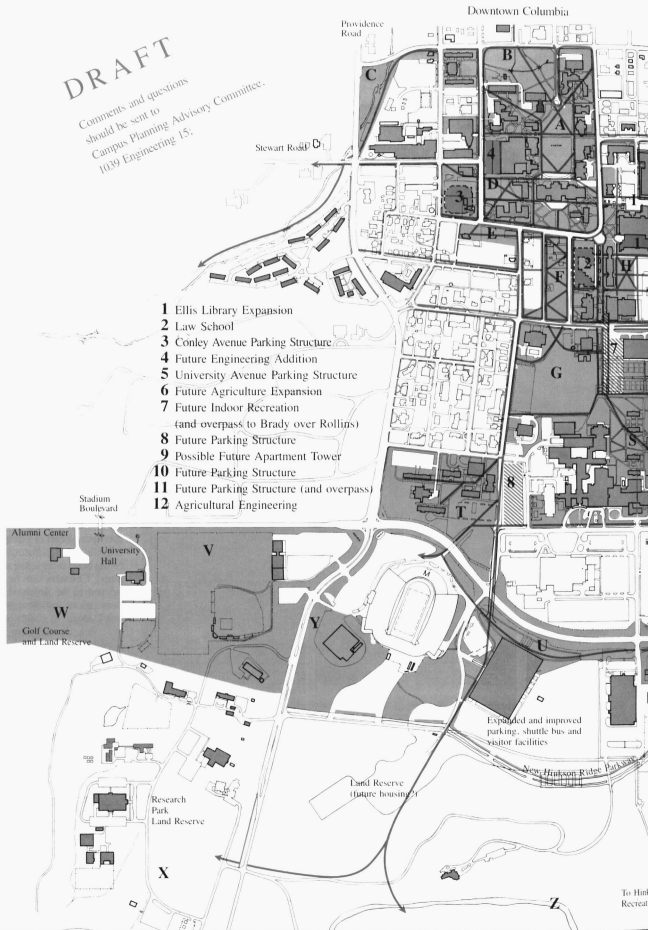
A videotape on the Sesquicentennial Plan was completed this spring. Alumni groups may obtain a copy by writing Duane Stucky, 110 Jesse Hall.

Planners held more than two dozen public hearings for the Campus and community during the past three years, and will present annual progress reports each spring. As it develops, the plan should be "consistent with University assumptions for limited funding, a limited construction program, a stable population and a permanent Campus of great importance," Robinson says.

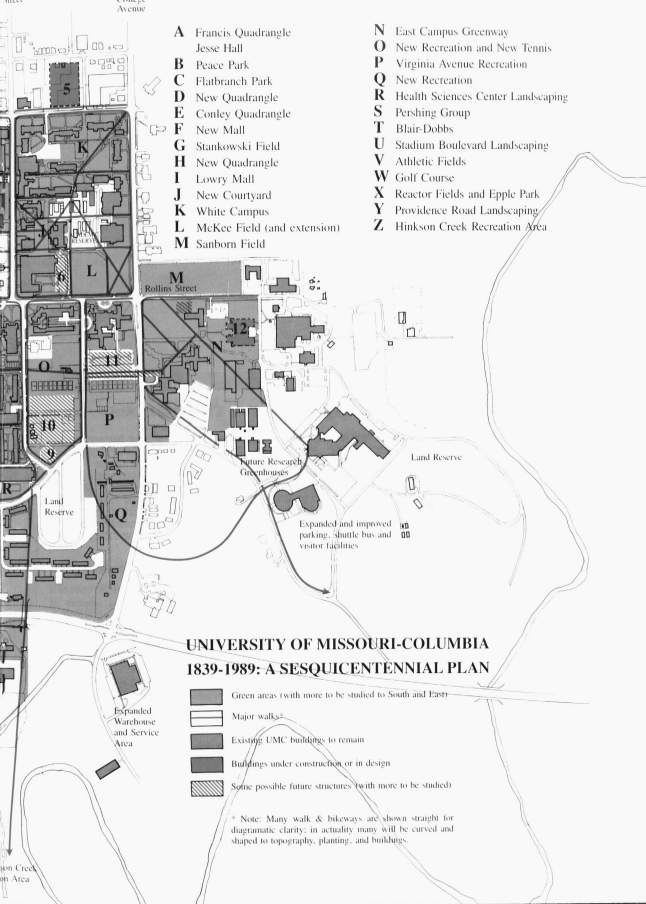
A spanking-new lawn for Francis Quadrangle will fit right in. □

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| A Francis Quadrangle | N East Campus Greenway |
| B Peace Park | O New Recreation and New Tennis |
| C Flatbranch Park | P Virginia Avenue Recreation |
| D New Quadrangle | Q New Recreation |
| E Conley Quadrangle | R Health Sciences Center Landscaping |
| F New Mall | S Pershing Group |
| G Stankowski Field | T Blair-Dobbs |
| H New Quadrangle | U Stadium Boulevard Landscaping |
| I Lowry Mall | V Athletic Fields |
| J New Courtyard | W Golf Course |
| K White Campus | X Reactor Fields and Apple Park |
| L McKee Field (and extension) | Y Providence Road Landscaping |
| M Sanborn Field | Z Hinkson Creek Recreation Area |



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA 1839-1989: A SESQUICENTENNIAL PLAN

-  Green areas (with more to be studied to South and East)
-  Major walkways
-  Existing UMC buildings to remain
-  Buildings under construction or in design
-  Some possible future structures (with more to be studied)

* Note: Many walk & bikeways are shown straight for diagrammatic clarity; in actuality many will be curved and shaped to topography, planting, and buildings.