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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Kentucky	
COUNTY: Madison	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 19 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
University Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Central University (University Hall)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
University Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond, Kentucky

STATE Kentucky	CODE 21	COUNTY: Madison	CODE 151
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Eastern Kentucky University

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lancaster Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE: Kentucky	CODE 21
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Madison County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE: Kentucky	CODE 21
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

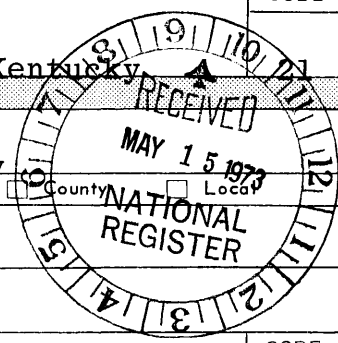
DATE OF SURVEY: **1971** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kentucky Heritage Commission

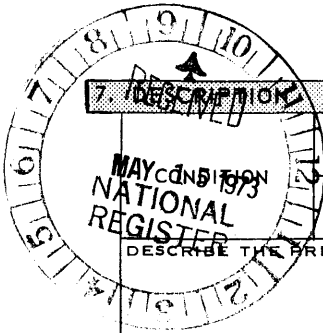
STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort	STATE: Kentucky	CODE 21
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7. DESCRIPTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)		(Check One)		(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Central University Building, designed by noted Kentucky architect, Cincinnatus G. Shryock, was completed in 1874. It is constructed of handmade brick, burned in a kiln that was located about fifty yards west of the building.

Originally Old Central University had 12 classrooms, 3 offices and an auditorium. The auditorium (located on what are now the top two floors) had a balcony and a seating capacity of about 400. In 1936, in Three Decades of Progress, J.T.Dorris stated "the main building now called University Hall was a four story structure containing the chapel, library, laboratories and classrooms. It was built in 1874 at a cost of about \$30,000 and even now is one of the handsomest buildings on Eastern's campus."

In Walters Collegiate Institute and the Founding of Eastern (1964), Richard A. Edwards mentioned that "the original front of University Building faced Lancaster Avenue. Over the front door is a stone marker bearing the date 1874, and the school motto, 'Lex-Rex---Crux-Lux'" (The law is our king, the cross is our light). This entrance, which is on the northwest side, has stone steps leading to an arched entranceway. The door, which is recessed about four feet, has four panels, two of glass above and two of wood; it is topped by a large rectangular four-paned glass transom. The portico of this entrance has four Corinthian columns and four applied Corinthian pilasters resting upon high stone bases and supporting a denticulated pedimented entablature. Period lighting fixtures are to the right and left of the door. There are four other entrances, one on the southwest, two on the southeast (one of which is a basement entrance under the stairs that ascend to the main floor), and the present main entrance, which is on the north-east side. The present main entrance has a Colossal Order Corinthian portico. Set upon high brick and stone bases are four Corinthian columns that support a denticulated railed roof. The main entrance has a double metal and glass door that is surmounted by an attractive recessed glass transom. On either side of the door are two tall Corinthian applied columns and a period lighting fixture. The present front facade is unsymmetrical; there are three bays to the left of the door and two to the right. The windows of the bottom three floors (including the basement) are rectangular, with six panes in each of the two sashes. The windows of the basement have wells that are topped by iron grates. The windows of the top floor are arched, and also have six panes of glass in each sash. Originally there were wooden hoodmolds above the windows of the top three floors, however, they had deteriorated and were

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SIGNIFICANCE

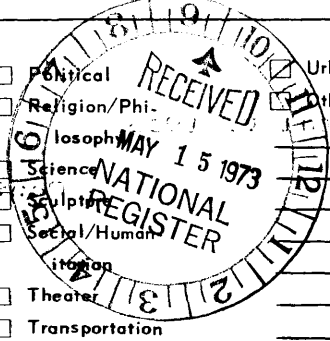
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1874

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human Interaction | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old Central University Building was designed by noted Kentucky architect, Cincinnatus G. Shryock, and completed in 1874. Of the eight buildings of Central University, only this building, which is the oldest, survives.

In August, 1861, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America split over issues of the Civil War, with the southern states forming the Presbyterian Church of the Confederate States of America. However, even though there were serious differences among them during the war, the Presbyterians of Kentucky did not separate until 1866-67, with court decisions in 1871-72 giving the Church property in Kentucky to the Northern Synod. Since Centre College in Danville, Kentucky was included in the Church property, by 1872-73 the alumni of Centre College who had sympathized with the Confederacy, organized the Alumni Association of Central University to work in conjunction with the Southern Synod to establish an educational institution equal to Centre College.

Although Anchorage, Bardstown, Paris, and Danville were bidding to be chosen as the site of Central University, the citizens of Richmond, Kentucky gave evidence of having the most interest---before 1872 they had subscribed \$30,000 toward its founding, and eventually pledged nearly half of the total \$220,000 subscribed.

According to J.T. and Maude Weaver Dorris in Glimpses of Historic Madison County Kentucky, "Central University was planned on a large scale. Its charter provided for a liberal Arts College, a College of Law, and a University High School in Richmond, five other high schools elsewhere, and colleges of Medicine and Dentistry in Louisville. A seminary to train ministers was also allowed."

In Walters Collegiate Institute and the Founding of Eastern, Richard A. Edwards noted, "when Central University opened its doors in 1874, a preparatory school was organized with more students than the college had. The Preparatory Department, as

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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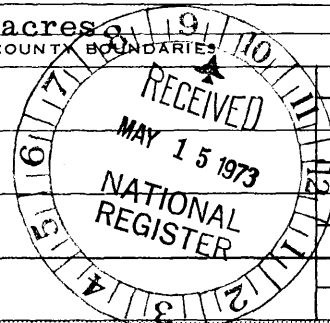
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 10 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Robert R. Martin, President

ORGANIZATION: Eastern Kentucky University DATE: March 1, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Mrs. Simeon Willis

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date May 4, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6 14 73

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7. Description

removed during renovation of the building in 1961.

At each corner and between each vertical row of windows, are applied brick pilasters supporting Corinthian capitals, above which is a handsome dentiled cornice.

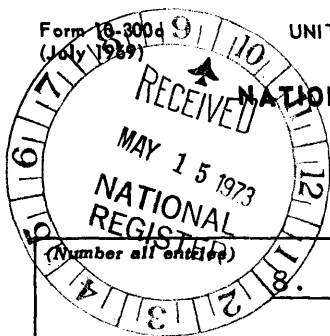
Old Central University was renovated in 1961 at a cost of approximately \$250,000. The only significant change that was made to the exterior was removal of wooden hoodmolds. The interior was altered to make classrooms and offices.

Presently there are five offices and two restrooms on the basement level; four classrooms and two offices on the first floor; four classrooms, three offices and two restrooms on the second floor, and four classrooms, three offices and a stairway leading to the attic on the third floor. All of the rooms have high ceilings, excellent lighting and are quite spacious. There are two stairways that connect the four floors; one stairway is at the southwest and the other at the northwest entrance. A central corridor runs the length of each floor.

Although Old Central University is almost a hundred years old, its condition is excellent and it continues to serve the needs of the academic community, its originally intended purpose.



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8. Significance (1st Continuation)

it was officially known, was at first housed in University Building and classes were taught by the regular college faculty."

In Glimpses of Historic Madison County, Kentucky the Dorrises evaluated Central University: "During its 27 years of existence the University ranked with other Southern higher institutions of learning. Its equipment was hardly satisfactory, but its faculty was well prepared, several holding the degree of doctor of philosophy. Even the master's degree was conferred by the liberal arts college in Richmond. The size of graduating classes in the college ranged from 4 in 1876 to 25 in 1898....The college of law ceased to exist in a few years, but was revived in 1897. The total number of graduates from the liberal arts college was 302." In the 1890's Central University became coeducational; the first woman graduated in 1894.

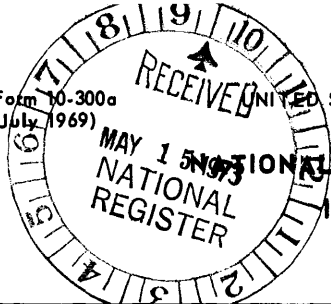
The extracurricular activities offered by Central University were similar to those offered by other colleges of the period--- fraternities, clubs, publications, a military unit, and athletics, in which Centre College was its greatest rival. Central University also had a small natural history museum.

According to the Dorrises, "the largest enrollments in Richmond were 217 in 1891-92 and 210 in 1893-94, after which attendance decreased. The medical and dental schools were self supporting, and the University High Schools located in Richmond, and Middlesboro, as the preparatory schools were generally called, got along better than the Central School at Richmond.

Central University was plagued by financial problems throughout its existence. The people of Richmond had subscribed over \$100,000, but only \$68,000 of this was actually collected. A total of nearly \$500,000 was subscribed, but the entire amount collected from every source was only \$104,000. The financial panics of 1873 and 1893 undoubtedly reduced the amount that people were able to contribute to the school.

In 1901, Central University united with Centre College, Danville Kentucky. The college in Danville was to be The Central University of Kentucky, and was to assume all obligations of both schools (in 1918 the name Centre College was restored by the Legislature).

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Although Central University was gone, its physical plant, consisting of eight buildings remained. Walters Collegiate Institute, a private secondary school, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church was located there between 1901 and 1906. All classwork at the Walters Collegiate Institute was conducted in the University Building. The curriculum was classical and the enrollment averaged between 65 and 75. One of the trustees of Walters was James B. McCreary who was twice elected Governor of Kentucky, serving from 1875-79 and 1911-15, and who served in the U.S. Senate from 1902-1909. While in Congress, he was the author of the act establishing the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Another trustee was Jere A. Sullivan, a State Legislator who authored the act creating free public high schools, and was a founder of Eastern.

In 1906 the State Legislature was in the process of establishing a state normal school; Bowling Green and Richmond were in competition concerning the location of the school, since both had physical plants to offer. In a compromise measure, both sites were chosen and on March 21, 1906 Governor J.C.W. Beckham signed the necessary legislation. Governor Beckham had attended Central University and many of those people responsible for the establishment of Eastern Kentucky State Normal school were graduates of Central University.

In 1906 the Trustees of Walters Collegiate Institute turned over most of their property to the newly created Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Model High School (which, as part of the Normal School continued the work of Walters Collegiate Institute).

When the auditorium of Old Central University was still in existence, famous speakers who addressed audiences there included noted abolitionist Cassius Clay's brother, Brutus J. Clay, who was Minister to Switzerland, 1905-1910, and Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal and winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

Distinguished alumni who have crossed the threshold of the Old Central University Building include Governor J.C.W. Beckham (who attended Central University for two years); Earle Combs, New York Yankees Outfielder elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame; Brigadier General Adriel Williams, U.S. Air Force; Dr. Karl Schilling, attache of the U.S. Embassy in the Scandinavian area; and Dr. Robert M. Worthington, Associate Commissioner of Education, Washington D.C.; James B. McCreary, U.S. Senator and twice Governor of Kentucky received the degree of Doctor of Laws

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in 1891 in University Building, and he served as advisor to Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity which met in University Building in 1900.

Since 1906 Old Central University has housed departments of both the high school and college which have altered their names slightly several times over the years and are now known as Model Laboratory School and Eastern Kentucky University. Presently Eastern Kentucky University offers both undergraduate and graduate programs to some 14,000 students of which 10,000 are enrolled on campus and 4,000 in off-campus extension programs. The University's reputation as a teacher-training institute is widespread. More than 70 percent of the 20,000 graduates have entered the teaching profession.

For many years Old Central University Building was the center of educational, cultural and social life of the community. As the oldest building on campus it will play an important role in Eastern Kentucky University's celebration of its Centennial of Higher Education to be held on the campus in 1974. It is the seed of the growing University which has surrounded and engulfed it.



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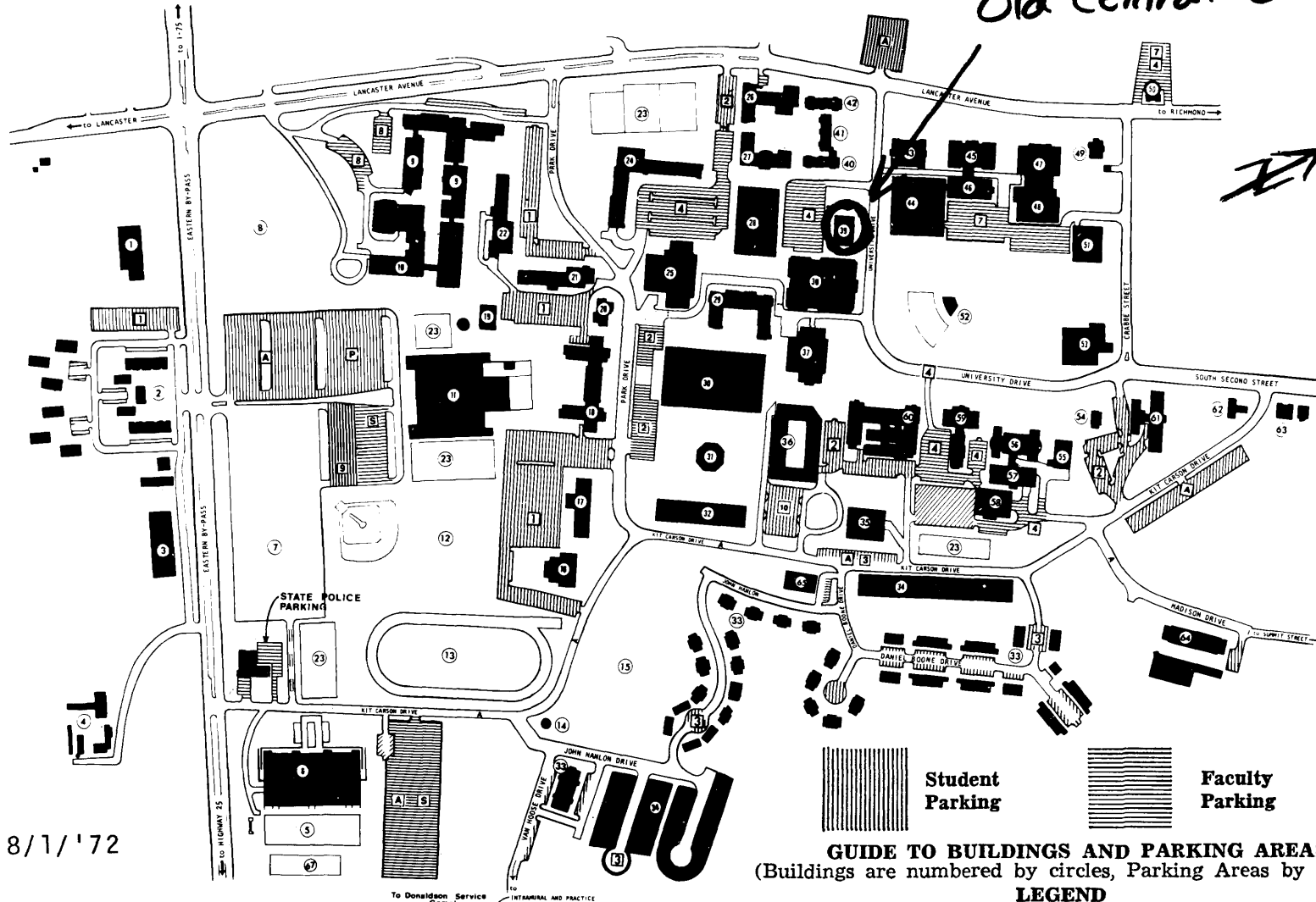
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Old Central University



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GUIDE TO BUILDINGS AND PARKING AREAS (Buildings are numbered by circles, Parking Areas by squares)

LEGEND

1. William Keene Hall, Phase 1, Men's Dormitory Complex
2. Vickers Village
3. A. B. Carter Building
4. University Farm and Steland Dairy Center
5. Hanger Football Field
6. Robert B. Begley Building
7. Parking, Marching, Physical Education Area
8. Model Lab School—Athletic Field
9. Donovan Building, Model Lab School Radio-TV Center
11. Alumni Coliseum
12. Turkey Hughes Baseball Field
13. Track and Practice Football Field
14. Smith Park Observatory
15. Gertrude Hood Women's Athletic Field

16. Commonwealth Hall, Men
17. Palmer Hall, Men
18. Todd and Dupree Halls, Men
19. Jouvra Rifle Range
20. Ellendale Hall
21. O'Donnell Hall, Men
22. Mattox Hall, Men
23. Tennis Courts
24. Martin Hall, Men
25. Weaver Health Building
26. Earle Combs Hall, Men
27. Keith Hall, Women
28. Bert Combs Building
29. McGregor Hall, Women
30. Powell University Center
31. Meditation Chapel
32. William L. Wallace Building

33. Married Student Housing
34. Trailer Courts
35. Sidney Clay Hall, Women
36. Case Hall, Women
37. Keen Johnson Student Union Building
38. John Grant Crabbe Library
39. University Building
40. Miller Hall, Men
41. Beckhan Hall, Men
42. McCreary Hall, Men
43. Cammack Building
44. Moore Building
45. Roark Building
46. Memorial Science Building
47. Coates Administration Building And Hiram Brock Auditorium
48. Jones Building, Administration Building Annex
49. Blanton House, The President's House

50. Mary F. Richards Alumni House
51. Foster Music Building
52. Van Peursem Music Pavillion
53. Burrier Building
54. Turley House
55. Heating Plant
56. Fitzpatrick Arts Building
57. Gibson Addition
58. Ault Service Building
59. Sullivan Hall, Women
60. Burnam Hall, Women
61. Walters Hall, Women
62. Methodist Student Center
63. Baptist Student Center
64. Brown Telford Hall, Phase 1 Women's Dormitory Complex
65. Brewer Building
66. Intramural and Practice Football Fields

