



Aerial photograph of the University of Chicago campus showing the site of the world's first self-sustaining chain reaction in the center of the lower part of Stagg Athletic Field (marked by a dot). Also shown is the block (shaded in white) where the University proposes to erect a building to memorialize the chain reaction.

Courtesy University of Chicago





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HISTORIC  
First Self-Sustaining Nuclear Reaction Site

AND/OR COMMON  
Stagg Field

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN  
Chicago

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Illinois

COUNTY  
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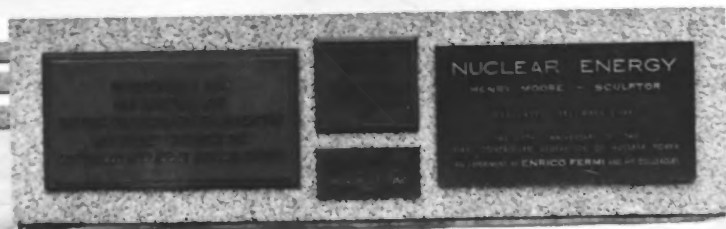
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The west stands of Stagg Field stood where the tennis courts are in the foreground of the photograph. The grass plot between the tennis courts marks the location of the squash-rackets court in the old stands.





**"NUCLEAR ENERGY", BY HENRY MOORE, COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CONTROLLED NUCLEAR CHAIN REACTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.**



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Henry Moore's "Nuclear Energy" taken from South Ellis Street

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West Stands at Stagg Field housed the first reactor.



First Self-Sustaining Nuclear Reaction Site  
University of Chicago` Campus  
Stagg Field Stands, seen in this photo, now  
demolished, site marked by memorial sculpture  
by Henry Moore