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Final Project Captions (as written at the time of MPW1)

*Columbia Sign-*

In 1949 Columbia, Mo. had a resident population of approximately 20,000, with about 15,000 students enrolled in it’s three major colleges. Now, in 2014, Columbia has grown to a population of approximately 115,276 with MU alone reporting an enrollment total of 35,441.

*MU Columns-*

A traditional symbol of the University and a constant part of MU campus life is the row of six doric columns on the David R. Francis Quadrangle. Now, as well as in 1949, the columns serve as a popular spot to study or just enjoy a beautiful day for many locals. The columns were part of the first building erected on the campus, Academic Hall. The hall was built between 1840 and 1843 from the plans drawn up by A. Stephen Hills, the designer of the Missouri State Capitol. On Jan. 9, 1892 a fire caused by faulty wiring destroyed Academic Hall leaving behind only its limestone columns. Later, in August of 1893 the Board of Curators voted to remove the Columns, as they were considered dangerous and incongruous with future construction. However, supporters of the columns fought hard against the decision and won.

*Downtown View-*

The Eight and Broadway Historic District in downtown Columbia features three buildings, the Miller Building, Matthews Hardware and the Metropolitan Building, which were constructed in the late 1800’s to early 1900’s and only in 2003, were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, the area is home to several loft apartments and local businesses including: Sycamore, Peace Nook, Geisha Sushi Bar and Rally House.

*Downtown Columns-*

Four columns from the 1847 Boone County Court House end the downtown portion of 8th St., or the Avenue of the Columns, and align with their on campus MU counterpart. The current Boone County courthouse is the result of three major renovations. The original was built in 1828, but was only used for about 20 years. In 1845, the court appointed William Jewell as the commissioner for the second courthouse. The second courthouse was completed in 1847 with its columns aligning with those of Academic Hall at MU. When the third was built it was decided that the old columns of the second would be left.

*Water tower-*

Built in 1945, Walnut Tower enabled the city of Columbia to store up to a million gallons of water and the increased water pressure along with the placement of a greater number of fire hydrants provided the city with greater defenses against fire. Now, the tower is one of three that service the city.

*Singer-*

Columbia has been and continues to be a very musical city. Although the styles have changed from, bebop, big band, jazz and the beginnings of rock n’ roll to the modern rock, hip hop, EDM and indie genres the enthusiasm of the locals stays the same. Now, residents can fulfill almost any musical inclination at musical venues that range from the country Nash Vegas to the blues and jazz featured at The Bridge.

*The Shack-*

While still popular with MU students The Shack has undergone a transformation and relocation since 1949. A few of the original booths now reside in the MU Student Center as part of Mort’s in The Shack, an eatery run by the MU Campus Dining Services. The original version of The Shack, The Davis Tea Room, started up in 1921 at the current location of the Reynolds Alumni Center. The tearoom closed in 1933, but was reopened in the mid 1930’s as “Jack’s Shack” which eventually was shortened to “The Shack.” The Shack was characterized by its booths and walls filled with carved initials and graffiti. Many know The Shack from its connection to Mort Walker, the illustrator of the cartoon Beetle Bailey.

*Tiger Hotel-*

Houses preserve the past and make problems for the future. Columbia's housing ranges from modern, landscaped dwellings on Cliff Drive and Sunset Hill through the older two-story structures around the University and the still older houses in the northwest section; from the small new homes in the north east addition to the slums.

Clovers / Mo-X

The tempo of the town varies. Boradway and Highway 40 are busy places. Fast cars speed by the supermarkets and modern business buildings.