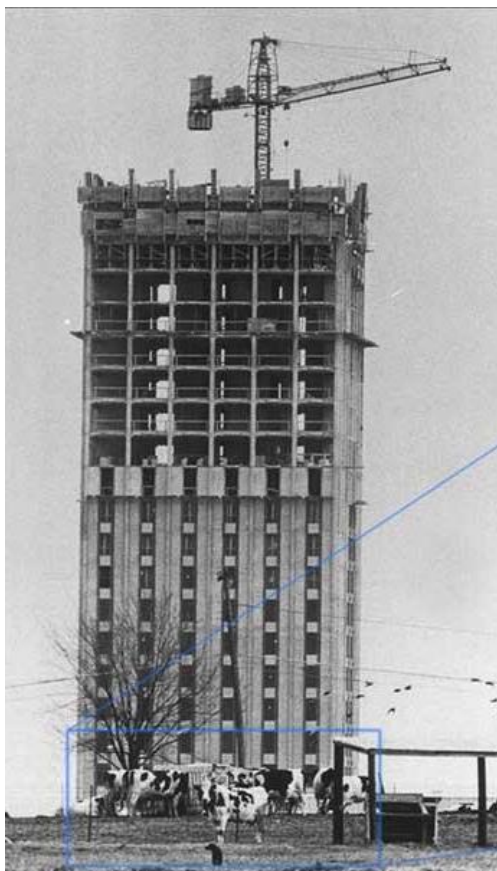


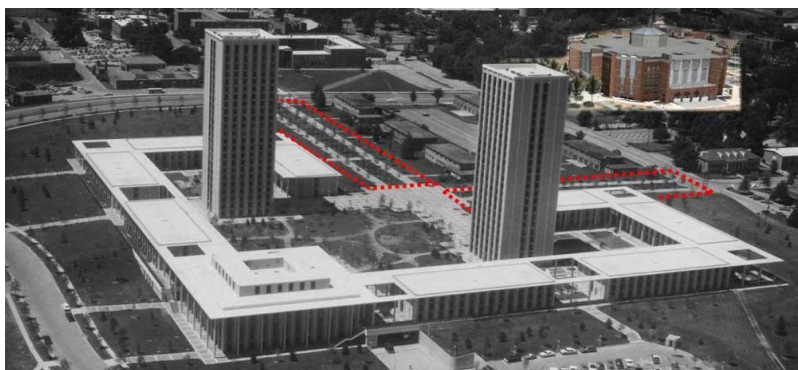
*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*

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Wayback Wednesday – The Kirwan Blanding Complex and its Iconic Tree Corridors

With the demolition of the Kirwan Blanding Complex in its final stages, today’s look back at our Facilities focuses on this area and the living legacy of the complex that will anchor the coming transformation of this part of campus. The complex was completed in 1968 and was designed by renowned architect Edward Durell Stone. One tower and four of the eight “low rise” dorms were named in honor of Albert D. Kirwan. He was the coach of the wildcat football team from 1938-1944 and served briefly as the seventh President of UK in 1968. The second tower and remaining low rises were named for Sarah Gibson Blanding. Blanding was a native of KY, born in 1898, who coached the women’s basketball team from 1919-1922 while she was a student and played on the team in 1923 as a senior for coach A.B. Happy Chandler. In 1929 she became the dean of women at UK. At the time of construction the area was still actively used by the College of Agriculture’s dairy program, as you can tell from the spectators in the picture at left. The two prominent tree-lined walks, also known as allées, were planted during construction (below left, outlined in red) and featured about 100 young willow oak trees. These trees, now more than 50 years old (below right) will remain as a living legacy of the complex and will be a central feature of the coming transformation of this area.



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