FORMAL GARDENS

The Formal Gardens had their beginnings in 1947. Mr. Bryan Thompson began remaking the area north of College Avenue (University) in conjunction with the plans for the new Student Union Building. Much of Mr. Thompson's initial work on the Formal Gardens was completed during the 1947 and 1948 school years.

The Formal Gardens were originally located according to the plans for the new Student Union Building. When the building was moved north to avoid conflict with the Chemistry Building (now Paul Miller Journalism and Broadcasting), the result was that the Gardens were constructed off-center with the Union tower. The resulting asymmetry has been corrected with this restoration.

The Gardens before you are the result of a cooperative effort between the Student Government Association and Physical Plant Services in recapturing the essence of the dream. We are thankful to the many donors that have freely given to bring about this restoration.

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