IMPERATIVE VIII

Construct useful and aesthetically pleasing physical spaces.
BAYLOR IS MAKING IT A PRIORITY to enhance community by improving the physical environment. In addition to creating green spaces and walking malls along the axes of campus, Baylor will renovate the Student Union Building to provide more appropriate meeting venues for student groups, build the Stacy Riddle Forum, construct a new intramural fields complex for recreational activity, and create a Prayer Garden suitably located within our campus perimeter.

We will give increased attention to the aesthetic value of the campus, renovating the facades of buildings whose designs are dissonant with the rest of the campus and ensuring that the major entries to the campus, as well as streets, walking plazas, landscaping, and works of art form a place that promotes community.

In further recognition of the importance of physical space, parking facilities will be constructed at the perimeter of the campus to move vehicles more toward the edges of activity.

To provide service to the local community and increase interaction across generations, Baylor will further develop for leisure and academic use the corridor along both sides of the Brazos River and construct a Baylor Retirement Village. Finally, Baylor will continue to develop venues that enhance life on the campus and provide for major sports and other student life events.
Progress Summary

1. Create green spaces and walking malls
   In the summer of 2004, a number of parking lots were closed around campus to create more green space.

2. Renovate the existing Student Union Building or construct a new Student Union Building
   A proposal for the renovation and restoration of the Bill Daniel Student Center that will expand the building in its present location was submitted to the Strategic Planning Council. After deliberation, other alternatives such as the construction of a new Student Union Building are also being considered.

3. Build the Stacy Riddle Forum
   The Stacy Riddle Forum was opened in fall 2003 and is home to Baylor sororities.

4. Construct a new intramural fields complex
   The intramural fields complex was completed and ready for use in Fall 2003.

5. Create a prayer garden
   Three prayer gardens have been established on campus at the present time.

6. Renovate facades of buildings
   Yet to be initiated.

7. Increased attention to landscaping and works of art
   A number of green spaces have been added in the last three years. A great deal of attention is given to landscaping on all of the new major construction projects on campus.

8. Construct parking facilities at the perimeter of the campus
   The third of three new parking garages opened in Fall 2007.

9. Further develop the leisure and academic corridors along both sides of the Brazos River
   Yet to be initiated.

10. Construct a Baylor Retirement Village
    Yet to be initiated.
Progress in depth

**GOAL 1**
Create green spaces and walking malls

In the summer of 2004, a number of parking lots were closed around campus to create more green space. The following areas have been converted to lawns:
- Russell Hall Courtyard
- The lot between Russell Hall and Marrs-McLean Sciences
- The lot adjacent to Marrs-McLean Gym (Wilson-Jones Garden)
- The lot between Marrs-McLean Sciences and Marrs-McLean Gym
- The lot adjacent to Castellaw (near Rogers)

**GOAL 2**
Renovate the existing Student Union Building or construct a new Student Union Building

The proposed renovation/restoration of the Bill Daniel Student Center at Baylor University will expand the building in its present location and the outdoor paving and public gathering areas will be enhanced around the building.

Another alternative being considered is the construction of a new Student Union Building across from the McLane Student Life Center and reassigning the space in the Bill Daniel Student Center to other academic or student life purposes.

**GOAL 3**
Build the Stacy Riddle Forum

The Stacy Riddle Forum was opened in fall 2003 and is home to Baylor sororities. The two-story 51,000 square-foot building contains nine sorority suites/meeting rooms, a computer lab, a chapel and prayer room, and an apartment for the resident manager.

**GOAL 4**
Construct a new intramural fields complex

The intramural fields complex was completed and ready for use in fall 2003. It is located on La Salle directly across from the Ferrell Center.

**GOAL 5**
Create a prayer garden

Three prayer gardens have been established on campus at the present time:
- The first garden is adjacent to the community center at the North Village Residential Complex.
- The second garden was installed as part of the construction of the new Baylor Sciences Building.
- The third garden (Wilson-Jones Garden) is located just off of 5th street across from the Bear Habitat. This garden was a gift from the 2005 senior class.
A number of green spaces have been added in the last three years. A great deal of attention is given to landscaping on all of the new major construction projects on campus.

The Immortal 10 statue was completed and installed in summer 2007 and dedicated at Homecoming that fall. As part of this project various landscaping elements (lighting, walls, paving, etc.) were included to enhance the sculpture.

The Dutton Avenue office and parking facility was completed and opened for use in Fall 2003. Located at the corner of campus (University Parks and Dutton Avenue.), it has a parking capacity for 1,194 vehicles.

The East Campus parking facility was completed and opened for use in Fall 2004. Located at the corner of 3rd and Daughtrey Avenue., it has a parking capacity for 1,167 vehicles.

The 8th Street parking garage was completed and opened for use in Fall 2007. Located directly behind the Stacy Riddle Forum, it has a parking capacity of 780 vehicles.

There are no plans at the present time for development along the Brazos River.

There are no plans at the present time to renovate facades of buildings.

There are no plans at the present time for the construction of a Baylor Retirement Village.