#### **Campus Remembered**

Texas A&M, the state's first public institution of higher education, was opened on October 4, 1876 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Historic Resources Imaging Laboratory College of Architecture Texas A&M University

### history of project

As part of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the Historic Resources Imaging Lab, College of Architecture, proposed to identify and mark significant buildings on campus, with plaques that explain their history.

The aim of this marker program is to guide future campus planning options to understand the historical buildings and their significance for the campus. The program was also to include development of a walking tour for the historic central campus.































#### sense of place

The significance of the built environment is actually the combination of buildings, landscape features, and the spaces they define.

This is especially true of university campuses. How is a campus defined? By the **buildings...**but are you only on campus when you are in a building?

#### NO!

The campus is a **PLACE**, not simply defined by buildings, but by the **SPACES** defined by these buildings.



### The Quadrangle

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#### area A



# Agricultural Quadrangle





## **Academic/Cushing**

#### area B



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# SulRoss/Academic Core

area C



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#### **Military Walk**



**Military Walk** 



## **Rudder Fountain**

#### area D



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#### The Campus Remembered ...and Understood

•Memories of the Texas A&M University central historic campus are derived from the spaces and the elements that define them, as well as the activities that have taken place there.

•Defining elements may be roads and paths, buildings, and landscape features

•The meaning of these spaces to the campus culture can easily be lost.

•The purpose of this project is to identify the major spaces on the central historic campus, and to encourage their enhancement

•In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the campus architecturally and culturally significant buildings will be marked and indicated on a walking tour pamphlet so that alumni may **remember**, students may **learn**, and visitors may **appreciate** them.