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Varner Memorial Garden nears completion

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Construction work on Varner Memorial Garden, located at the west entrance of Varner Hall, is nearing completion and should be ready by the beginning of fall semester. Besides replacing the deteriorated concrete in the courtyard, new landscaping will help increase the visibility of the entrance to Varner Recital Hall.

"The work on the garden is scheduled to be completed by August 30," said Rusty Postlewate, associate vice president for facilities management. "The new concrete will provide a nice, even walking surface, and the flowers, shrubs and small trees we plant will make that side of Varner Hall a much more inviting area than it was in the past. We're also making additions to the concrete seat wall."

A marble sculpture entitled "Resound" by Ann Arbor-based artist Sharon Que also will be placed in the courtyard. Installation of the sculpture will be made in stages, beginning with work on the concrete base supports on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Que has exhibited her artwork in the Detroit area over the past 17 years and is represented locally by Lemberg Gallery in Ferndale.

The courtyard garden, which was dedicated during the **Founders' Day** celebration on April 17, will serve as a remembrance of Woody Varner, who served as OU's first chancellor from 1959-70. The garden reflects his lifelong interest in agriculture and gardening and the university's commitment to the arts through educational and professional programming.

SUMMARY

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