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A house that was formerly in the location of the Jayhawker Towers now stands at 2424 Orchard Lane. It was moved away from campus in the 1960s after the Endowment Association acquired the land the house occupied.

## House survives off Hill

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Gov. Bill Graves recently approved the demolition of three houses in the Oread neighborhood to make room for two scholarship halls. But University of Kansas expansion into neighborhoods is not a new practice.

Sally Postma, 1946 KU graduate, said the Jayhawker Towers were located where her college home used to be.

However, her old house remains intact, but in a different location at 2424 Orchard Lane.

Postma has lived in Lawrence her entire life. She said the landscape of the University had changed more than just the Towers being in her old neighborhood.

"When I was young, I

belonged to a bicycle club and we biked out there from KU," Postma said. "It was way out in the country, believe it or not."

Postma said her mother had the seven-level house built in 1941, right before the start of World War II.

"The house was almost not built," Postma said. "We got the materials right before the war. Otherwise, we wouldn't have been able to get the materials."

The war effort would have put a hold on citizens' abilities to get materials such as copper because the United States needed the materials for the war effort.

No residence halls were anywhere on campus when Postma attended the University. She lived at home while attending the University.

Steve Jansen, Lawrence historian, said the neighborhood

looked like it would be a mainstay until the Endowment Association acquired the land the house occupied in the 1960s. The University finished work on the Towers in Sept. 1969.

Postma said she had thought the neighborhood would have lasted longer. Postma said her mother sold the house before the University made the decision to buy the land.

She said she was glad the people who owned the house moved it to its current location after her mother sold it.

"I was married in that house," Postma said.

Jansen said the University had to run itself like a business so it could grow, and sometimes the University had to infringe on neighborhoods.

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