Walk through history

Signs make KU history easy to find

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Kansas University students better watch their step along Jayhawk Boulevard.
If they're not careful, they could trip over some history.

The Historic Mount Oread Fund, a Lawrence organization dedicated to preserving the history of the KU campus, has marked 10 campus buildings with bronze plaques that are designed to be noticed.

Karen Gould, past president of the Historic Mount Oread Fund, said the plaques were put in place during the spring semester. The signs indicate the year the buildings were opened and the original architects.

Katie Armitage, a past vice president of the group, said the Historic Mount Oread Fund didn't want to put too much information on the plaques. However, pamphlets detailing the building's histories are available on campus and at student orientation.

The group, which Gould said is dedicated to "preserving the architectural heritage of KU," designed a 20-minute walking tour of campus that highlights KU's oldest buildings.

The following "Walk Along Historic Jayhawk Boulevard" was designed by the Historic Mount Oread Fund.

— Spooner Hall opened in 1894 as Spooner Library and was the
Bronze plaques supplied by the Historic Mount Oread Fund mark the opening dates and architects for Dyche Hall and nine other historical buildings on the Kansas University campus. The plaques were installed during the spring semester.

— Bailey Hall, built for chemistry and pharmacy classes and laboratories, opened in 1900.

— From 1878 to 1919. Designed by John Stanton, it was renamed in 1979. The statue in front of Lip-