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The project that turned the quad between Library into a mound of dirt and orange plastic Brady Commons, Arts and Science and Ellis fencing has finally been completed.

The Brady Commons quad may look like its finished, but there's a lot left to do

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M.U. junior Bridget Parkhurst remembers when the area outside Brady Commons, Arts & Science and Ellis Library was dirt and gravel.

"They kept on having to put gravel down, and whenever it rained it would get all muddy and you'd end up with it all the way to your knees," Parkhurst said.

Parkhurst probably isn't the only student to have said this. The area has had a lot of foot traffic over the years. Parkhurst said rain and snow made crossing difficult, if not a chore, when she tried to get to class.

The idea to pave the area has not been a new one. In fact, plans

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were drawn nearly seven years ago, said Larry Edwards, associate director of campus facilities.

"We had students cutting across there, and so a plan was started by a group of students, staff and faculty to renovate the area," Ed-

wards said.

After an open forum that lasted nearly half a day, changes were incorporated into the master plan for campus. But the plans were delayed several years by a possibility of an expansion of the south side of Ellis Library. Edwards said a decision was made this year to renovate when it became apparent the Ellis addition was not going to happen soon.

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M.U. senior Rene Ramirez has already seen some of the changes.

"What they have now is better," he said. "It's a lot nicer looking than the gravel."