A page in time: Once a parking lot, now a park By Michel Prévost, University of Ottawa chief archivist

A beautiful green park today graces the front of Tabaret Hall, the symbol of the University of Ottawa for over a century. It always so, however prior to 1967, the space was a large parking lot for staff and students. The wrought-iron fence opposite Tabaret on Cumberland Street was wide open, and drivers could park right up to the foot of the giant front staircase. Drivers appreciated this lot, because in a matter of minutes, they could be inside the central administration building or any of the neighbouring buildings.

However, maintenance staff did not share this enthusiasm. On rainy days, and whenever there was a thaw, the unpaved lot would turn into a veritable swamp. The floors of Tabaret Hall would quickly become a mess, with people entering with their dirty footwear.

highlight the exceptional neoclassical stone building, built between 1904 and 1931.

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