

SCRIBNER VILLAGE AND WEST CAMPUS

The topography of the land at the western part of the Jonsson Campus differs markedly from that of the rest of the main campus. There is a sharp drop of 50 feet from the level of Case Green to that of the lowest portion of Scribner Village, then a rise of 15 feet up to the lowest level of the Northwoods Village Apartments. This topography has several consequences.

First is the current Loop Road which drops downhill while making a sharp left turn (see A at right). Our proposed Loop Road Expansion eliminates that sharp turn and replaces it with a gradual loop to the left. (B)

Second, the changes in topography separate the apartments at both the existing Scribner Village and the new Northwoods Village from the core campus. This has its pros and cons. On the positive side, this feeling of separation gives those residents a feeling of independence as if they lived off campus. The major negative is that residents are somewhat inhibited from coming to the core campus for other than academic functions, and therefore tend to miss some aspects of student life.

We propose to ameliorate this condition by constructing a student commons at a major change in topography (C). Student Life programs in this facility will act as an after-class draw and elevators, particularly welcome in winter, will ease student circulation up and down.

A more safe and practical solution for student access to and from the Northwoods Village remains a challenge. Currently the Loop Road in this area has been reduced to one way traffic to allow students safer movement between their residences and the core campus.

The best solution should lie within the comprehensive and integrated design of this area's roadwork, the new Scribner Village residences, and the commons building. The type, orientation, and exact locations of crosswalks between Northwoods Village and the campus will be key. Exact road and building elevations may also generate opportunities for other physical connections between the Northwoods Village and Scribner Village's replacement.

