

Welcome

Pete Millier, Director, Mizzou Botanic Garden

Invocation

Larry McMullen, President, Friends of the
Mizzou Botanic Garden

Cheryl Hudson, Customer Relations
Coordinator, U.S. Postal Service

Present The Colors, Mizzou Army ROTC

Cindy Bolles, Columbia Postmaster,
U.S. Postal Service

Presentation to Honor Flight

Linda Russell-Whitworth, Boone County
Chapter President, Mizzou Alumni Association

Remarks

Bill Janocha, Assistant to Mort Walker

Richard Wallace, Chancellor Emeritus,
University of Missouri

David Martin, District Manager,
U.S. Postal Service

Unveiling

Reception

A limited number of commemorative cachets available.



Beetle Bailey Stamp Unveiling at Mizzou

Beetle Bailey at Mizzou



The Beetle Bailey Sculpture Garden at the University of Missouri is a long-standing tribute to Mizzou's favorite comic-strip artist Mort Walker and The Shack, a popular student hangout from the 1920s until it closed in 1984.

Walker (BA '48), creator of Beetle Bailey, hung out at The Shack and used it as a model for Beetle's hangout, too. The structure burned Oct. 31, 1988, and Reynolds Alumni Center stands today at Conley and Maryland avenues.

The sculpture, designed by Walker and created with help from his son, Neal, was unveiled Oct. 23, 1992, during Homecoming celebrations. Walker often inscribes names of college buddies on Beetle's comic-strip booth, so it is fitting that the sculpture is covered in etched alumni initials, signatures and messages. Alumni donations, along with contributions

from Walker and his publisher King Features, helped make the Beetle Bailey sculpture garden possible.

The garden surrounding the statue sets off and defines the space for visitors. Skyline honeylocust (*Gleditsia tricanthus* 'Skyline') creates a shady border to the west and boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens* 'Green Velvet'), switch grass (*Panicum virgatum* 'Rahbraun'),



Sixty years is a long time to hide from your superior and avoid work, but somehow Beetle Bailey has managed to do just that.

The military comic strip with universal appeal celebrates its 60th birthday on Sept. 4, and is one of five First Class postage stamps in the Sunday Funnies series released July 16. The Beetle Bailey stamp features possibly the laziest man in the Army smiling calmly as Sgt. Snorkel loses his cool. Others include Calvin & Hobbes, Archie, Garfield, and Dennis the Menace.

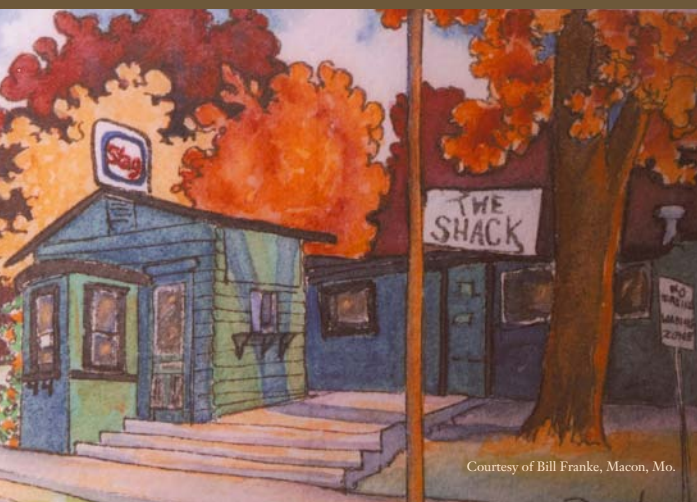
Mort Walker's legendary loafing comic-strip character Spider was named for Walker's fraternity brother at Mizzou. There was already one popular comic-strip character named Spider, so Walker was told to change his name.

fountain grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides* "Hameln") and maiden grass (*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Kleine Fountain') are some of the plants on the stone-outcropping-lined mounds framing Beetle Bailey to the east and south.

A favorite activity here is to sit with Beetle and imagine past campus life in The Shack while also taking in the present flow of student and campus activity, enjoying Mizzou Botanic Garden on the Carnahan Quadrangle and the south side of Jesse Hall.

He chose Beetle and added Bailey, his editor's last name.

Originally, the strip didn't sell well, but then the Korean War began. Beetle wandered into a recruiting office, and, once in uniform, the strip became quite popular. Most of the humor revolves around the inept characters stationed at Camp Swampy, inspired by Camp Crowder, south of Neosho, Mo., where Walker had been stationed while in the Army.



Courtesy of Bill Franke, Macon, Mo.



Courtesy of Special Collections, University of Missouri