

An Exploration of the Cultural Influences of the University of Saskatchewan on Varsity View

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Motivation

- Varsity View Local Area Plan: Final Report (2014)
 - *“Heritage and history of Varsity View includes ties to the University of Saskatchewan and Royal University Hospital.”*
 - *“Varsity View is affected by the University of Saskatchewan and Royal University Hospital.”*
 - *“Varsity View can be characterized by diverse housing stock, university students, and a mature urban forest.”*
- Neighbourhood of Higher Learning (Wilson, 2006)
 - *“...the neighbourhood indicates the great influence the university must have had on the area’s development.”*
 - *“The neighbourhood’s proximity to the UofS is one of the defining features of the neighbourhood...”*

What are the cultural
influences of the
University of
Saskatchewan on Varsity
View?

Because of its close proximity to Varsity View, the University of Saskatchewan has had profound and lasting cultural influences on the neighbourhood's development.

Varsity View: Evolution of the Physical Space

1914



City of Saskatoon Archives, City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Board of Trade, June 1914.

1927



Image courtesy City of Saskatoon Archives 1103-01-004_1927.

Ca. 1940



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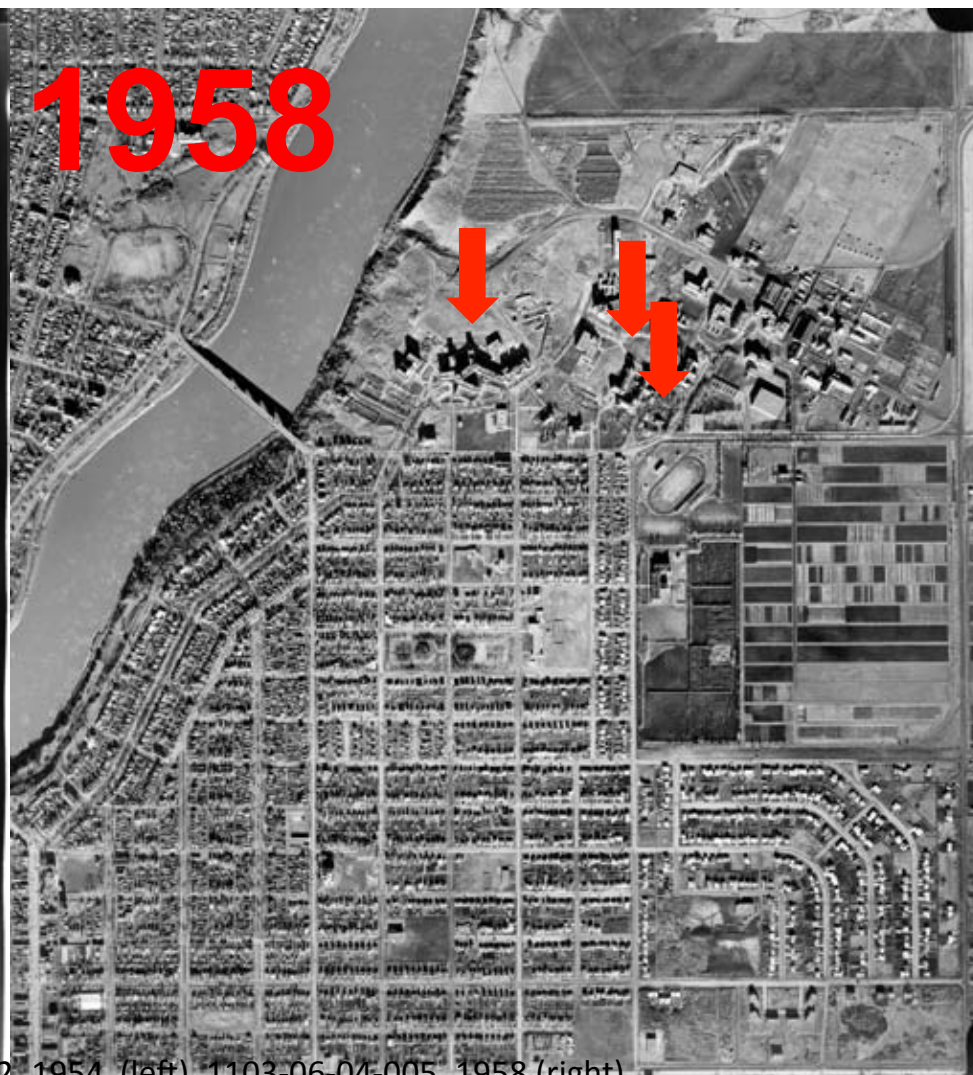


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1968



City of Saskatoon Archives, City of Saskatoon, Planning and Building Department, December 1968.

1977



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1989



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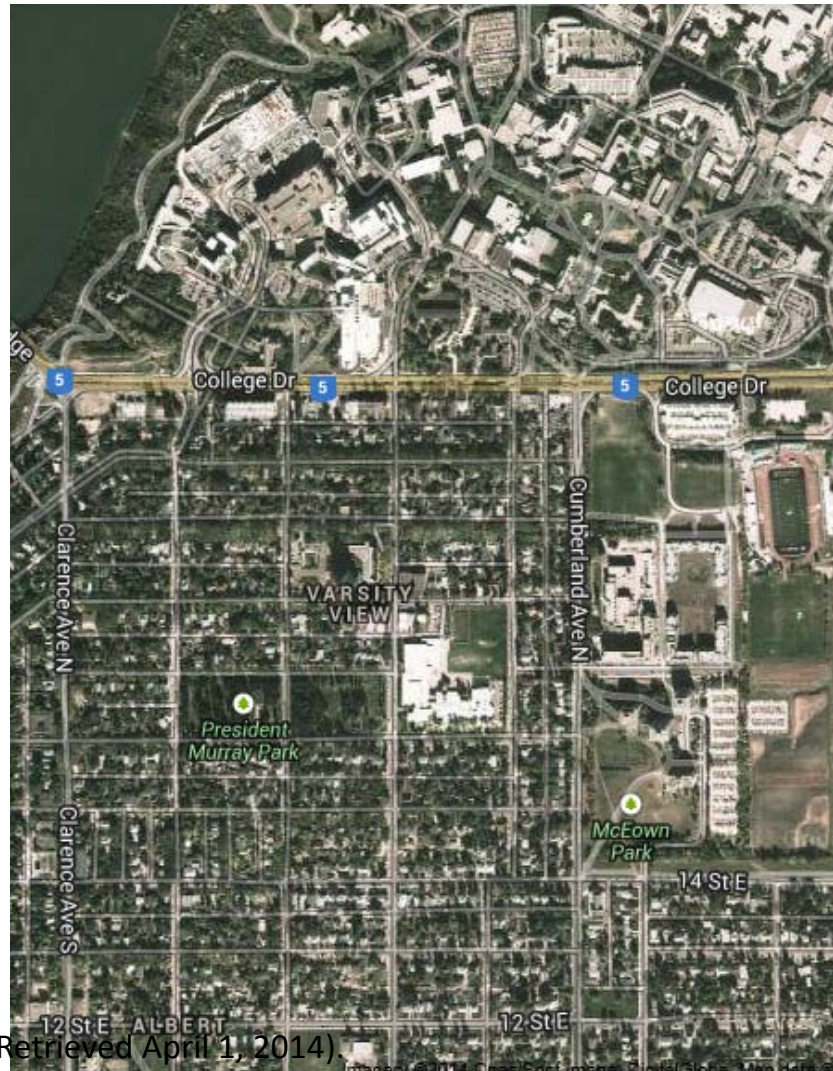


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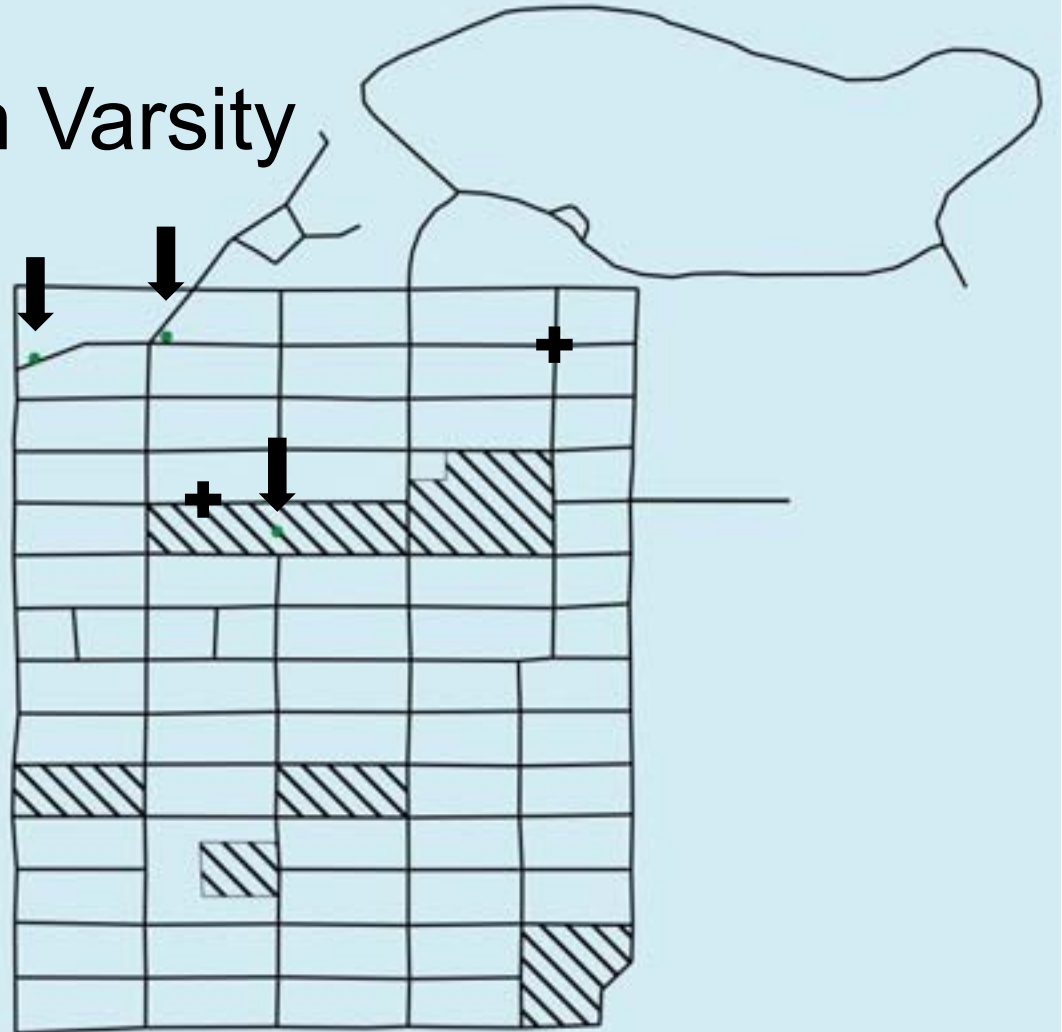
Community Profile

- Based on the City of Saskatoon's 2011 neighbourhood profile for Varsity View:
 - ~60 % age 20-29
 - 63 % non-family household structure
 - 59 % rent
 - 52.3 % have university degrees
 - 74.6 % of students attend the University of Saskatchewan

Varsity View: Space as a Conversation

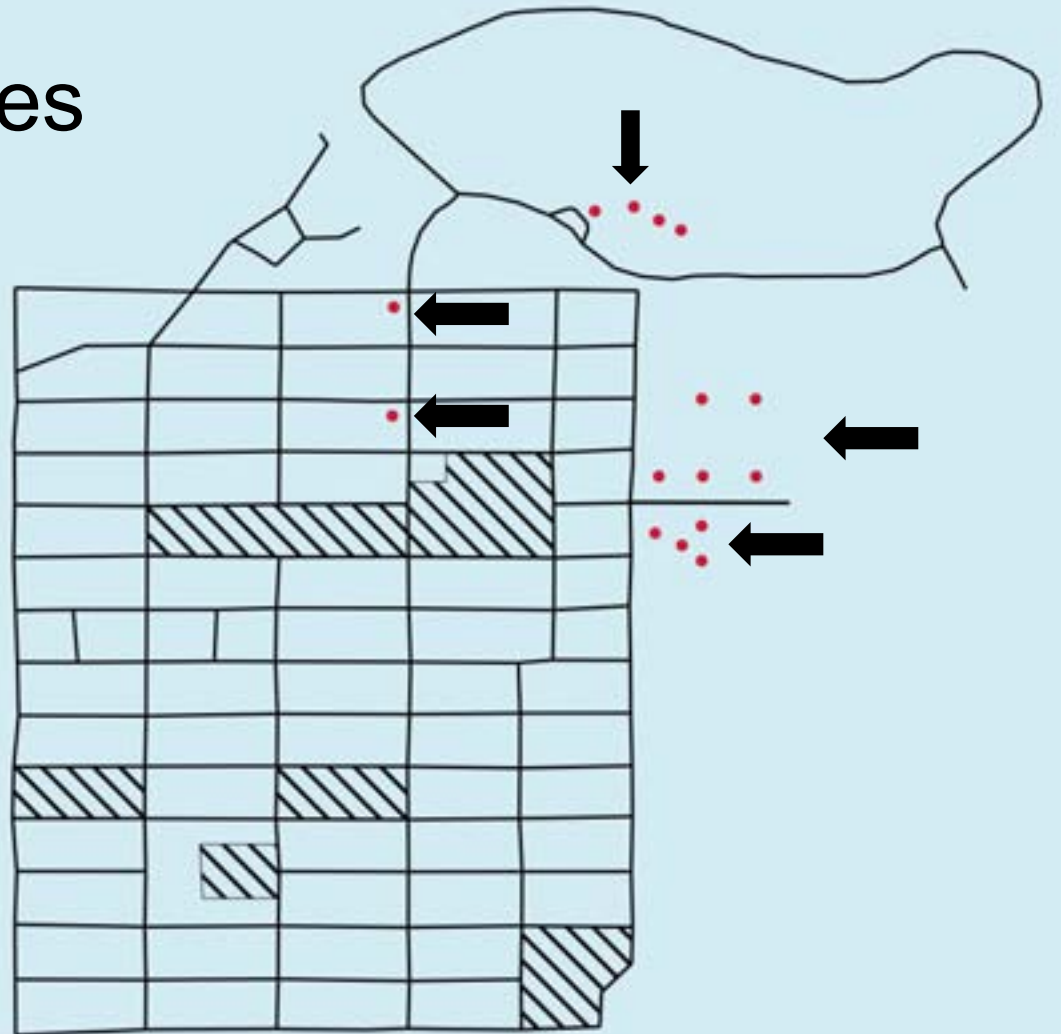
UofS Influences in Varsity View

- From left to right
 - 1011 University Drive
 - 1101 Elliott Street
 - President Murray Park



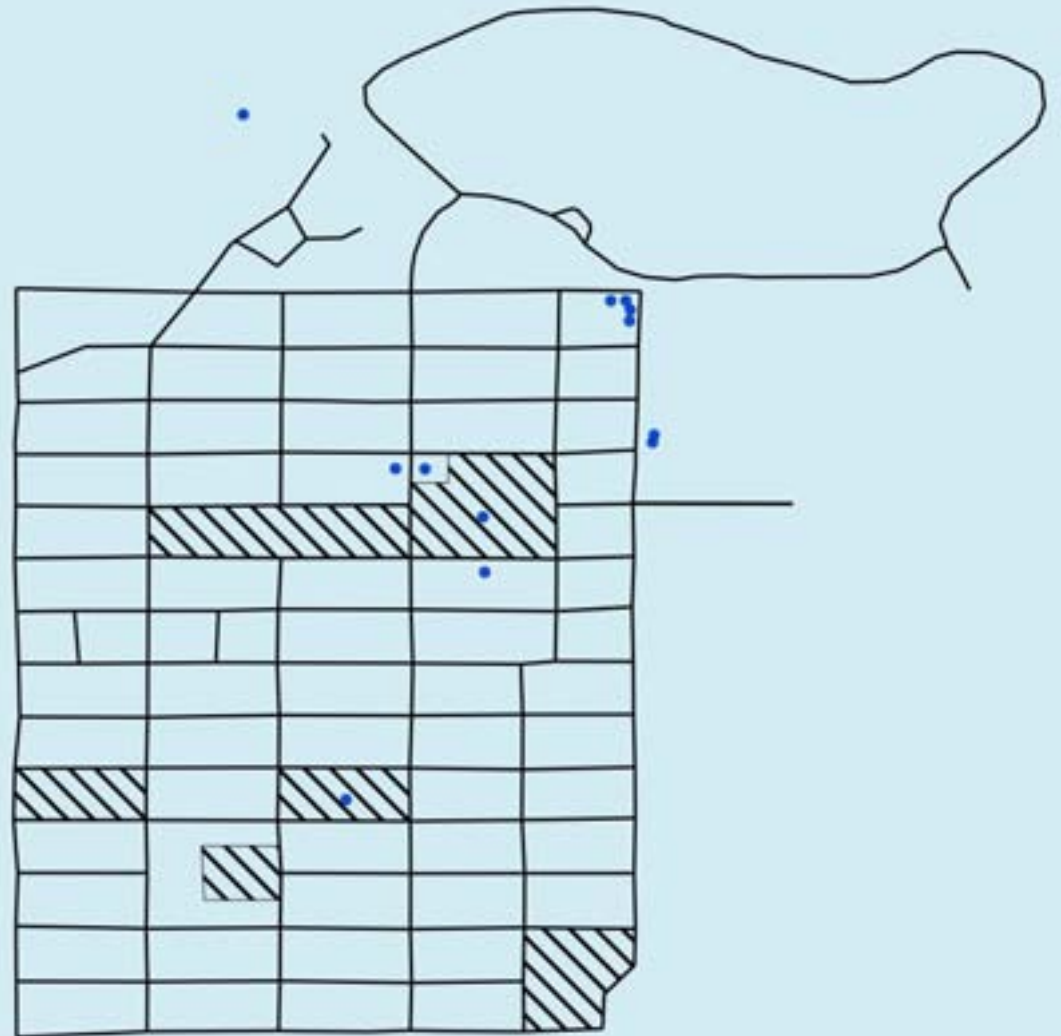
Student Residences

- From left to right
 - Sheptytsky Institute
 - Mohyla Institute
 - Voyageur Place
 - McEown Park
 - College Quarter & Graduate House



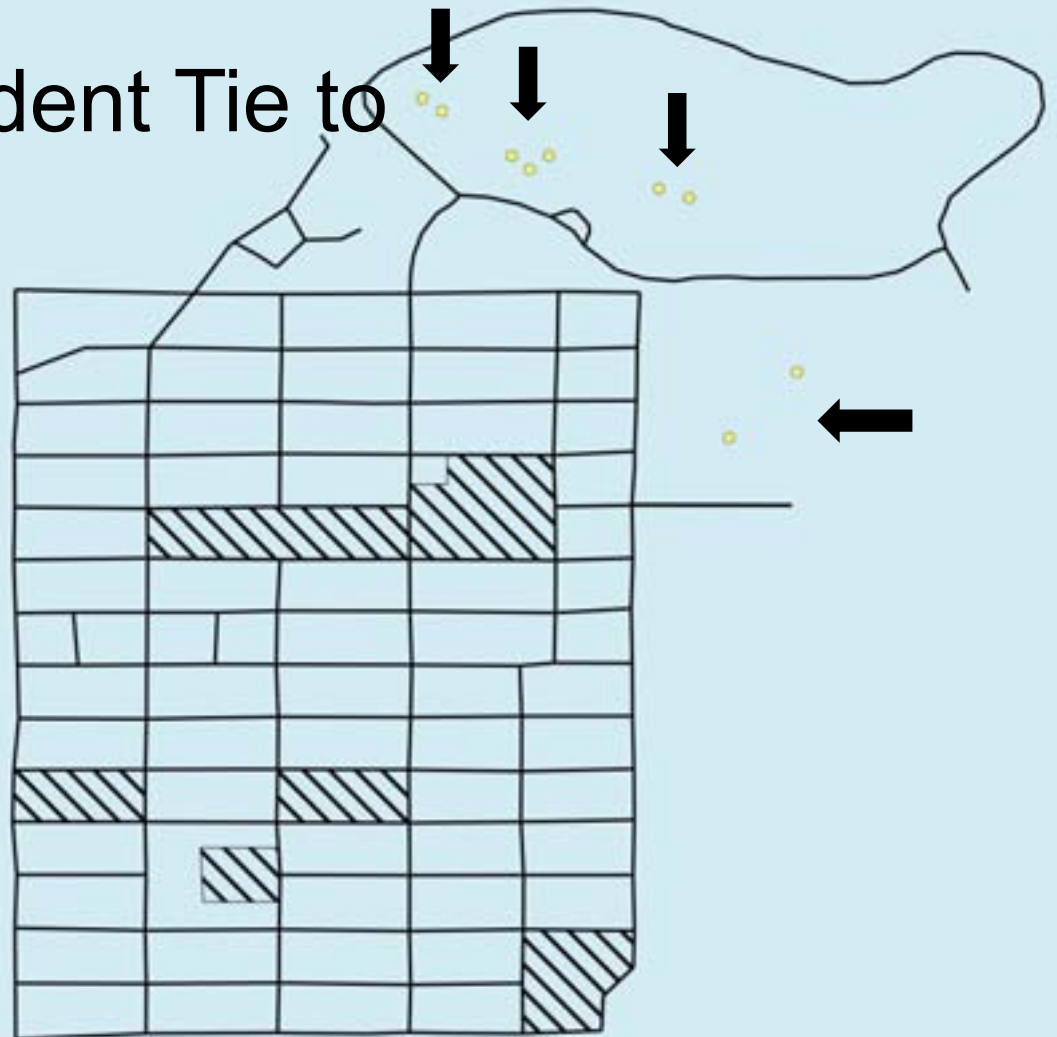
Student Presence

- From left to right
 - Royal University Hospital
 - Bishop Murray High School
 - Luther Tower
 - Brunskill Pharmacy
 - Brunskill School
 - Alvin Buckwold Early Childhood Development Program / Kinsmen Children's Centre
 - Starbucks
 - Dairy Queen
 - Subway
 - Alexander's Restaurant & Bar
 - USSU Childcare Centre
 - UofS Language Centre



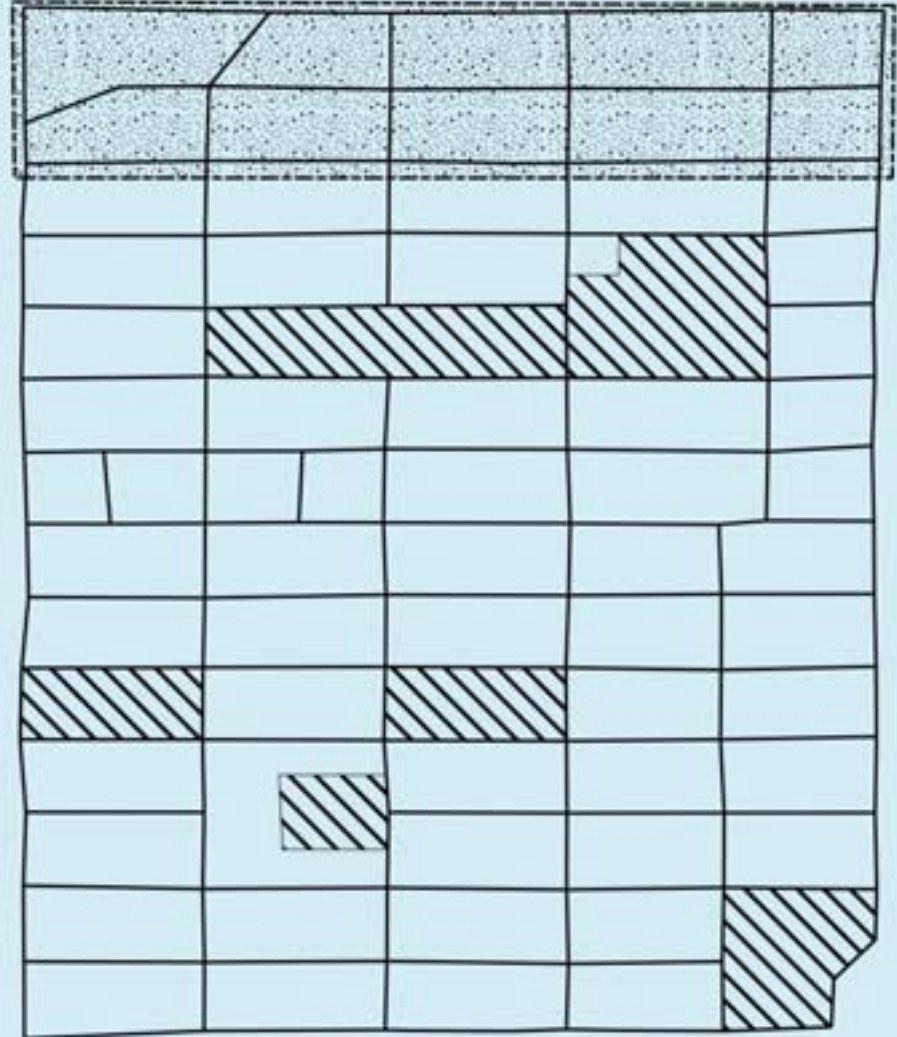
Varsity View Resident Tie to the UofS

- From left to right
 - Arts building
 - Place Riel Student Centre:
 - The Bowl
 - Peter MacKinnon building
 - College Quarter Master Plan
 - Griffiths Stadium



University Ghetto

- Border:
 - Clarence Avenue S
 - College Drive
 - Cumberland Avenue S
 - Osler Street



Cultural Ties Between the UofS and Varsity View



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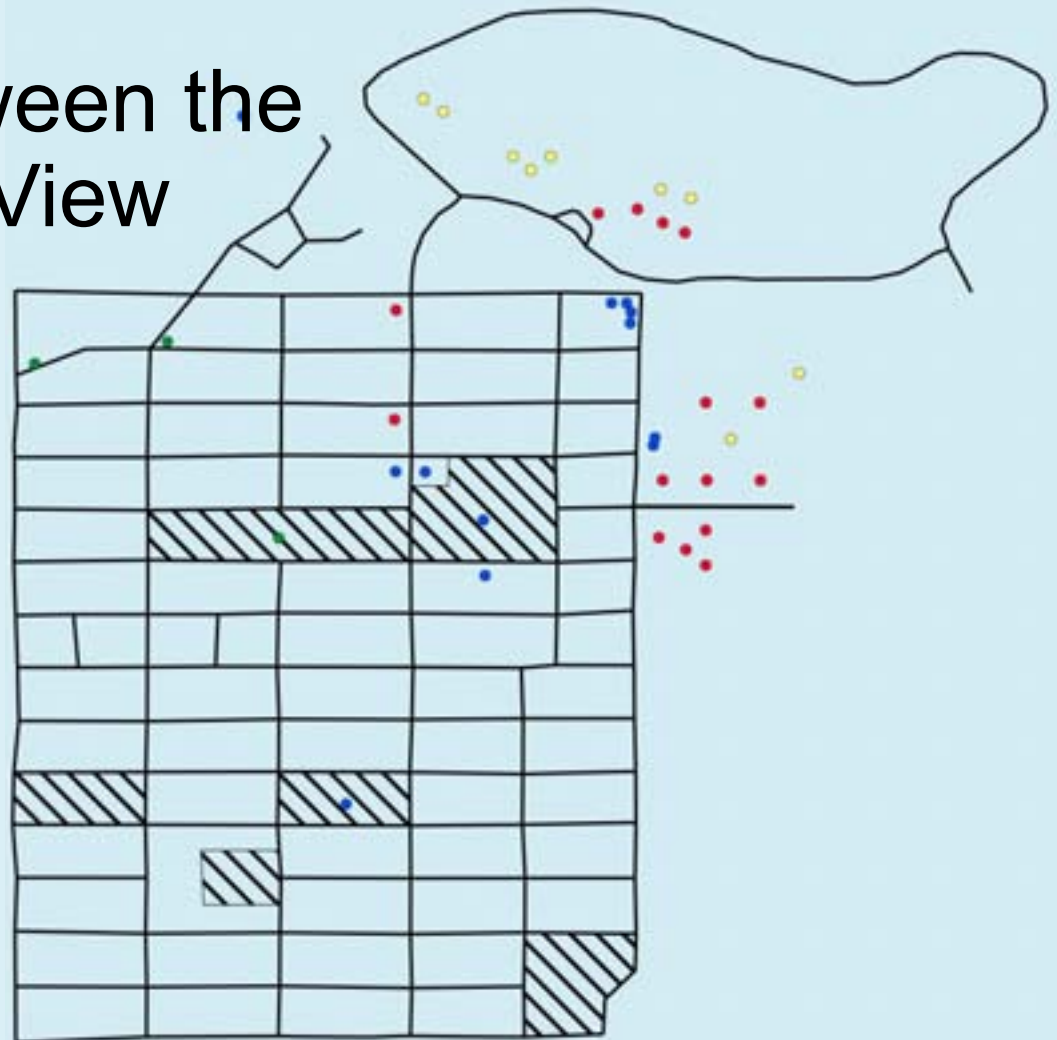
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Conclusion

- There are indeed cultural influences, both tangible and intangible in Varsity View
 - Intangible hard to quantify and measure
 - **Further investigation is needed**
- Limitations
 - Availability of information
 - Broad thesis statement and research question
 - Scheduling
 - Interviews
 - Time

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