

## Yale Mall

Landscape Architect	Campbell, Okuma, & Perkins
Date of Construction	Late 1980s through Early 1990s
Name Origin	Named after Yale Boulevard
Primary Materials	Water Feature, Concrete Walks, Grass at side yards; Trees & Shrubs; Wooden Portal



**Figure 38: Yale Mall Entry Portal Looking North**

### Historical Significance

Yale Mall was once Yale Boulevard, a major north-south thoroughfare through campus. The 1946 Campus Plan by John Gaw Meem refers to the street Villagra Avenue. The mall developed in three different stages: (1) the north end of the mall was designed around the pre-existing “Center of the Universe” (Figure 39); (2) the center portion marks the intersection of Yale Mall and the pedestrian way that connects with Cornell Mall to the east—marked by a fountain called “Tribute to Mother Earth” with obelisks designed by Youn Ja Johnson (Figure 40); (3) the south end of Yale Mall distinguished by a large, wooden portal with Spanish-Pueblo Revival detailing (Figure 38). Mature London Plane trees line the mall from the portal north to the fountain.

### Character Defining Features

- Open space extension of Yale Boulevard
- The density and general location of trees
- Intersection with east-west pedestrian walk from the east
- Fountain: “Tribute to Mother Earth” by Youn Ja Johnson
- Sculpture: “Center of the Universe” by Bruce Nauman

### Important Views of this Setting

- Approach to mall from intersection of Yale and Central
- Approaches from Duck Pond