



Marilyn Scandrett

Featured on the far right of the mural,
wearing a yellow top

Marilyn Lee Scandrett was born in Pittsburg, KS in 1923. Her father had worked for several small Kansas newspapers before getting hired by the Associated Press, which brought the family to Kansas City. Marilyn attended Southwest High School, where she worked for the school's newspaper, *The Trail*. On November 9, 1939, while working for *The Trail*, Marilyn attended a press event at the Hotel Muehlebach with first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt told reporters that she would only give one interview, and after scanning the crowd, chose Marilyn. Marilyn's interview with the first lady appeared in *The Trail* and included her opinions on World War II, whether *The Grapes of Wrath* should be banned from high schools, and the proper ending time for high-school parties.

In the fall of 1940, Marilyn became a student at UKC and joined the staff of the *University News* newspaper. Presumably, Quintanilla met Marilyn while reporting on the progress of the murals and invited her to become the model for one of the *Three Graces* featured on this mural. At one point, Marilyn transferred to Washburn University in Topeka, KS, where she graduated in 1944. She eventually settled in San Antonio, TX, where she owned an antique store and worked as a real estate agent. She passed away in 2013.

Sources: *Nickerson Argosy Newspaper*, 20 Sept. 1923; *Southwest Trail Newspaper*, 9 Nov. 1939; Correspondence with Michael Getty, cousin of Marilyn Scandrett.