

or that it wouldn't be subject to periodic revision (as would only be right for such a dynamic institution), but only that it should be well-thought out, well in advance, and that deviations from the accepted plan should have to be well-justified.

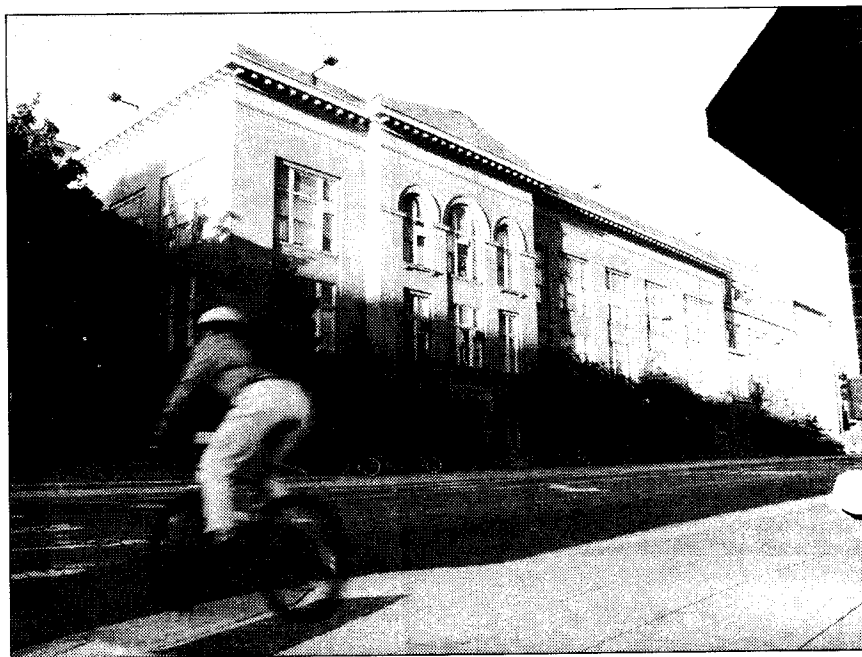
Such a plan would outline which buildings and spaces on campus should be preserved in perpetuity as important touchstones of the past (as the current plan begins to do), provide for the beautification, maintenance, and timely rehabilitation of existing campus resources as necessary, and provide for the logical growth and thoughtful integration of the campus with the surrounding communities and environment. The plan should also identify sites that provide exciting opportunities for creative new construction, such as the parking lots at Thompson, Division and Packard streets.

Development of sites like these can provide for the growth of the university, help to mitigate the unseemly edge conditions on the fringes of the campus, provide a sense of place that is much lacking in many such locations and provide a gateway experience for those entering the campus.

These are all the sorts of issues a well-considered master plan should address, and the present plan provides a good starting place for doing so.

By renewing the university's commitment to historic preservation (starting with the Frieze Building) and to master planning, President Coleman can ensure that she will leave a truly honorable legacy to the university and the state of Michigan, for which the university community and the citizens of the state would owe her a debt of gratitude for generations to come.

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