

Frieze to be replaced with new residence hall

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studios, classrooms, seminar rooms or a small auditorium in the same building. Residential suites and academic offices would be separate, but they would most likely share a marketplace-style dining hall. These common spaces are meant to facilitate random or “serendipitous” interaction between students and faculty, Harper said.

The new hall would not be restricted to film and video majors, Harper said, but it might attract students with similar interests.

As for the departments currently housed in the Frieze Building, their fates will vary. The theater and dance departments will move in 2006 to the Walgreen Drama Center — still in construction — and Arthur Miller Theater on North Campus. The University administration was considering this move before it chose the Frieze Building as the site of the new hall.

By moving the two departments to North Campus, they will be closer to the School of Music, their umbrella college.

The Provost’s Office will make relocation plans for the other affected units: Film and Video, Communication Studies, The Center for Judaic Studies, Near Eastern Studies, Asian Languages

and Cultures and Linguistics.

There are no definite plans yet to replace the smaller, intimate theaters in the Frieze — both the Arena and Trueblood theaters — but some administrators have mentioned having a similar space in the new hall.

University Housing Director Carole Henry said the administration is now remaining flexible to a number of ideas. But Coleman’s task force of residential life will meet Sunday to discuss some preliminary concepts.

“We’re building not just for today but for the future,” Henry said.

The new hall will be paid for by University Housing and the central administration, both of which operate as separate entities. Housing will pay for residential portions and the administration will fund the academic spaces.

The University considered several locations in choosing the new hall, including the parking lot between West Quad and Blimpy Burger and various spots on North Campus.

But Coleman said the Frieze Building was ideal because of its proximity to the shops on State Street and academic buildings.

It was meant to signal to students that expanding housing is an important issue in her presidency, she said.