

Frieze Building to go

Old Ann Arbor High will be demolished for U-M dorm

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The University of Michigan has decided to demolish the Frieze Building, the former Ann Arbor High School, to make way for a new 500-student residence hall that will include academic space.

The prime piece of real estate, in downtown Ann Arbor at the northwest corner of U-M's central campus, will allow the university to create a "beautiful gateway to campus." U-M President Mary Sue Coleman said Wednesday in announcing the site for the new dormitory.

U-M officials have discussed building a new dorm for the last several years. Coleman recently announced that the project would be a priority and the innovative design would merge academic space with living space.

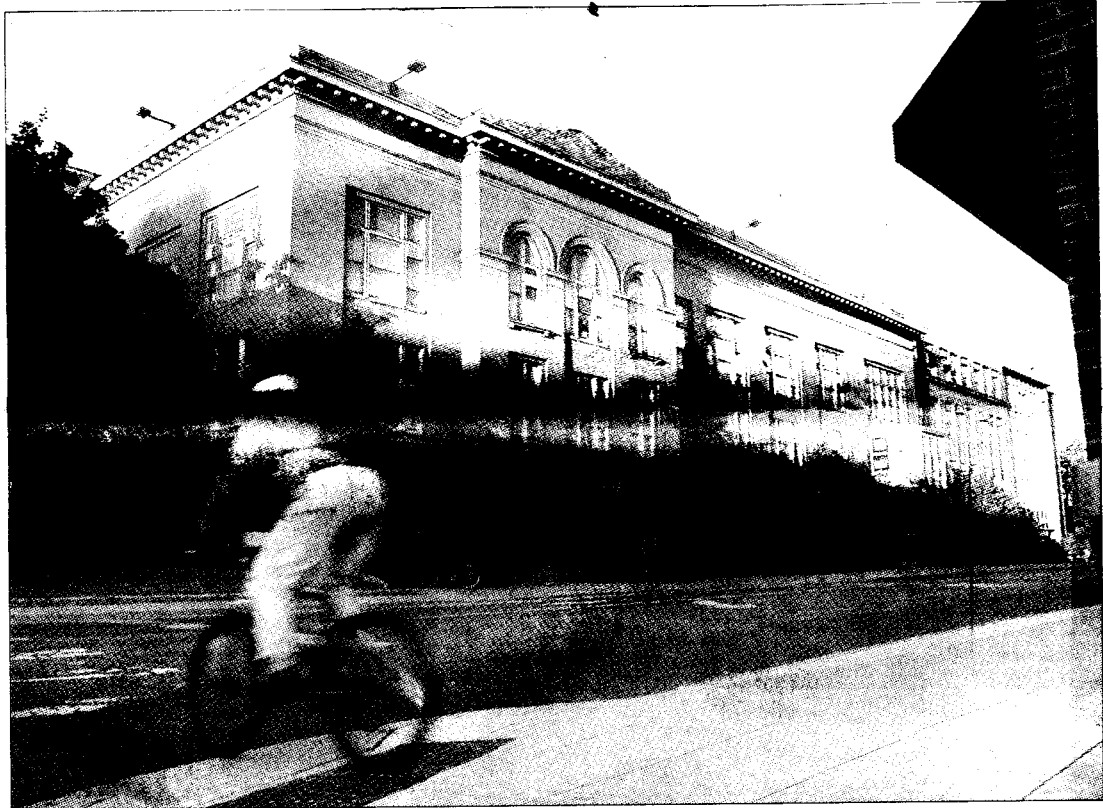
The Frieze Building location was one of two finalists for the dorm site, U-M officials said, but they wouldn't identify the other location.

Expected to be completed by 2008, it will be the first new dorm built by U-M since 1967.

No cost estimate has been set yet, although U-M officials recently estimated that a plan to build a new dorm and improve five existing residence halls over the next 10 years would cost between \$250 million and \$280 million. The new residence hall proposal, with financial details and an architect, will be presented to the U-M Board of Regents in December, Coleman said.

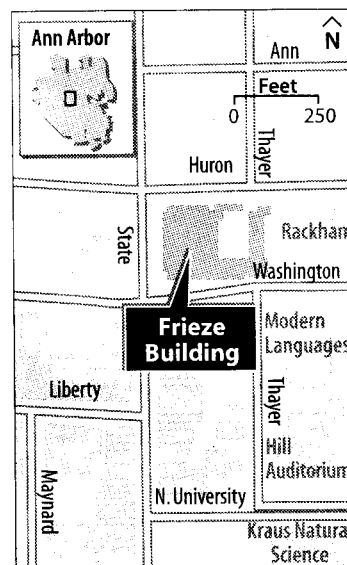
The Frieze Building, finished in 1907 and expanded at least twice over the years, takes up much of a city block at 105 S. State St. It is bordered by Huron Street on the north, State on the west and Washington on the south.

It was the only site left on U-M's central campus large enough to accommodate the construction of at least 500 beds for upperclassmen in suite-style configurations, with students sharing semi-private bathrooms. In addition, the new



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The University of Michigan's Frieze Building, built a century ago as Ann Arbor High School, is scheduled to be demolished to make room for a new dormitory.



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building will include a significant amount of new academic spaces and dining facilities.

Coleman appointed U-M Provost Paul Courant and Vice President for Student Affairs

Frieze frame

■ The building was constructed as Ann Arbor High School in 1907 and included a small Carnegie Library.

■ After nearly 50 years of use as a high school, the building was purchased by the University of Michigan in 1956. The high school moved to the current location of Pioneer High; the library moved to its current location at Fifth and William streets.

■ U-M named the building after Henry S. Frieze, a university administrator who served as interim U-M president from 1869-71.

■ The building was expanded at least twice, once when it was Ann Arbor High and again when U-M bought it.

■ U-M now wants to demolish the building, except for the library portion, and build a new dorm and academic building on the site.

Royster Harper to oversee the project.

"I envision this space as a magnet location on campus - creating a density of activity, including dining options - that will be available day and night for students and faculty," Coleman said in a memo to Courant and

Harper. "Shared spaces might include meeting rooms, production facilities, studios, classrooms, seminar rooms or a small auditorium - spaces that can be used by faculty and students together or individually,

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