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Dear Chairman Danenbarger:

I have these suggestions regarding the Hays library that you, the faculty and the architect may wish to consider:

The roof has an unfinished look; not that I want fringe on top, of course.

It would save money in construction, maintenance and operation if there were no windows except on the front. With modern air conditioning and lighting windows are unnecessary.

Should not the offices and specialized collections be on the second floor rather than the first? Less weight. Minimize stair traffic and noise. More convenience for students.

While I realize that the interior easily may be rearranged, and that is one of the virtues of the plan, I wonder if the central desk should not be placed on both floors so that it have better control of the main exit; view of the exits would now seem to be blocked.

I also wonder if the traffic flow and work flow have been worked out in the area of the index? Certainly the Hays librarian must have some other ideas on this layout.

Cordially,

cc: President Cunningham
Dr. Bickford