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Building Heights

I would like to see more taller buildings. Taller building require less land and can be multi-use which also allows for walking and reduces the need for commuting. Instead of building ten buildings of 5 stories build one building of 50 stories. The campus is far enough from the capitol to avoid the height restriction. Create more multi-use buildings so that people can live on campus and walk to work. An example of this type of building is 100 Wisconsin Avenue. My favorite buildings are Van Hise Hall, Van Vleck Hall, Geology, Union South and Wendt Library. My least favorite buildings are Memorial Union, Science Hall and Music Hall. --Jeffrey Kraus-Yao

Keep Memorial Library

I attended UW in the early 90s and when I return to Madison for visits, I'm always struck by just how different it looks each time. I'm all in favor of knocking down some of the larger, uglier buildings, but I was very sad to see Memorial Library on the list of buildings we hate. I found Memorial to be one of the more (to me, anyway) vital buildings on campus and always felt it had a rather organic feel to it with its location across from the Bookstore and near to both State Street, the Union, parking, and bus lines. I know the interiors and the cages are perhaps a bit dated and the building is drafty, but please do NOT relocate the library. And if you must rebuild in the spot, please make sure it fits the general "feel" of the area its in. Just my 2 cents worth. --Kirstin Bloy

Mopeds

Rethink the moped parking STALL idea! Make AREAs not stalls! Stalls - reduce the total amount of parking available! Ask the building occupants for areas to choose carefully the areas for parking. -- Duane Barnes

Pedestrian Bridge Roof

Add roofs/covers to concrete walkways over University Avenue and over Park Street at bottom of Bascom Hill. Roofs would reduce ice created by packed snow, reducing need for salt which is hard on concrete, and reducing melting which refreezes and causes cracks in surface. Life of pedestrian bridge surface would be extended and walkways would be safer during the winter. --Joyce Crim

Pedestrian Crossings

Pedestrian traffic crossing University Ave. should be encouraged to cross on east side of intersection, while pedestrian traffic crossing Johnson St. should be encouraged to cross on the west side of the intersection. --Duane Barnes

Sidewalk Placement

When new buildings are put up, don't put sidewalks in until definite traffic patterns to & from the buildings are established through the grass and landscape afterwards. --Duane Barnes

Sustainability

On behalf of Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG), I would like to agrue for a more sustainable, renewable and energy efficient campus master plan. With a finite resourse of oil, this campus needs to look at alternative energy sources now. To save an enormous amount of energy, new buildings need to pass certain LEED standards. LEED standards are a criteria of environmental protocol that ensures healthy, energy efficient "green" buildings. WISPIRG is specfically working on the Campus Climate Challenge. This Challenge calls for the university to decrease their global green house emissions by 2% each year so that by 2050 we're 90% below 2005 levels. This is an attainable request and will allow this campus to be more environmentally friendly. The decrease in global emissions will give the university incentives to find new energy sources such as; solar power, wind power, biomass, biodiesel and natural gas. I want to meet with the Vice Chancellor Bazzell and lay out!

of strategy of research for the semester. In a time of depleting fossil fuel sources and substantive harm to the environemt, the time is now to invest is sustainable, renewable and engergy efficeint technologies. Please contact me if you'd be willing to have a meeting with me or my student group. Thanks for your time --Casey Dickinson, WISPIRG