

DATE: Jan. 9, 1975

TO: R. Forth
FROM: J. Levin
RE: Proposal for Textile Dept. Move

After considerable discussion, it was decided by the textile faculty that a move of the Textile Department from College Hall back to Campus, was imperative.

Briefly, the reasons for this decision, center around the following problems:

A. General plant inadequacy.

1. Isolation from Campus life and Media Center facilities.
2. Difficulty of getting needed repairs and improvements in a leased building.
3. Difficulty of scheduling the sharing of facilities and information with the Photography and Printing Departments. This is especially true in textile printing, where cooperation is desirable but distance is presently a severe deterrent.

B. Plant security.

1. The department feels it unwise to maintain a plant where women students must work long hours after class in a street front building which offers little security from assault and robbery. Providing a continuous guard and adequate telephone contact seems a prohibitive expense.

With the above in mind, we investigated potential campus quarters. We strongly request that the following locations be made available for Textile Department use. In general usage would be as follows:

- A. Studios 2A and 2B (Carriage House): Weaving I, II, & III and Special Studies. The size of this facility allows all weaving to be housed together; and additionally offers the possibility of a small graduate work space.
- B. Cafeteria: Printed Textiles I, II & III; and Special Studies. Resist Textiles I & II; and Special Studies. Spinning and dyeing workshop. These classes all require similar facilities (e.g., stove, blower vent, water, wash-out tubs) and each would integrate well with the other.
- C. Studio A2: Non-Loom I & II; and Special Studies. Basic textile design. Senior Seminar. Special rotating classes, such as costume, soft sculpture, tapestry, stitchery. Use of Studio A2 would allow these classes needed space and privacy. In the past, they have often met in space occupied by looms or printing tables, a situation that disallowed continuous use of the rooms for their intended purpose.

Ms. Guernonprez and I wish to thank you for the audience you provided us on Jan. 3, when we orally outlined the proposals presented above. We would be pleased to, at your request, prepare more detailed specifications for usage, necessary equipment, floor plans, and the facilitation of the transition from College Hall to our new quarters.

Sincerely,

J. Levin

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