

Exhibit Number: 14

The following exhibit is several assorted documents that exceeds the 10-page limit therefore it cannot be scanned. A small portion has been scanned to aid in your research for information. The exhibit is on file at the Montana Historical Society and can be viewed there.

EXHIBIT 14
DATE 2/15/05
HR 540

February 14th, 2005

**Long Range Planning Appropriations Subcommittee
P.O. Box 200400
Helena, MT
59620-0400**

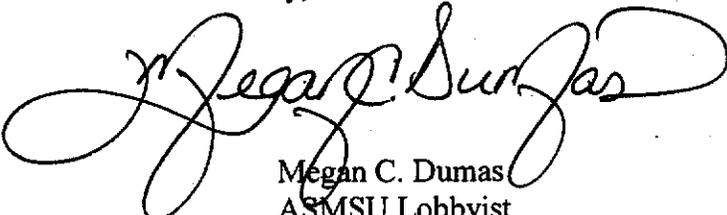
Members of the Committee,

My name is Megan C. Dumas, and I am the student lobbyist for the Associated Students of Montana State University. I stand here today in support of the amendment of Gaines Hall renovation's being added to the bonded bill for higher education brought forth by Representative Sue Dickenson. As a representative of 12,003 students, many of whom have classes in Gaines each and every day, and others who have periodically passed through Gaines for a class or lecture, I have done extensive research as well as talked to a number of students to address the many concerns with Gaines Hall. They are clear to see. Not one student I spoke with didn't have one concern or another with the building, and each seemed to have a story or support to follow their concern. I have attached with my testimony a number of letters from students in all different majors across campus who wanted to express their support of Gaines Hall renovation.

Speaking for myself as a former student who had classes in Gaines Hall, I too can relate to all these concerns. Though my only class in Gaines was a general Chemistry class, I have also used Gaines Hall for tests and lectures in my years at MSU. The lecture hall, though it fits 300 students, is hard to hear in, difficult to see, and has poor audio/visual aides. The renovation would help to create a better learning atmosphere for all the students at Montana State who do use Gaines Hall on a regular basis as well as those who have one or two classes or a lecture in the building. This project is important to all our students of all majors and we urge your support.

I thank you so much for your time and support and urge you to add the Gaines Hall renovation to HB540.

Sincerely,



Megan C. Dumas
ASMSU Lobbyist

February 14th, 2005

Dear Long Range Planning:

Hello, my name is Jana McCreary, and I am writing in response to the renovation of Gaines Hall. I urge you to renovate Gaines Hall. One day in class in Gaines Hall, the roof started to leak in the seminar room. The water was literally leaking on some of the students and this is not acceptable. I urge you to put Gaines Hall on the bonded bill and take care of these concerns for the good of the students.

Thank you for your time.

Jana McCreary

1-406-994-2933

February 12th, 2005

Long Range Planning Appropriation Subcommittee
P.O. Box 200400
Helena, MT
59620-0400

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing today in support of the Gaines Hall renovation project. Gaines Hall is a facility that the MSU community can no longer let fall into further disrepair. As a university committed to research at both the undergraduate and graduate level we have a responsibility to be actively engaged in keeping up repairs and updating our facilities, or face the possibility of handicapping our graduates for years to come. The improvements that are made to this facility and others around our campus will only help solidify MSU and the State of Montana reputation as a leader in research and committed to education.

Thank you for your attention,

Jacob Becker
MSU-Bozeman



February 14, 2005

Long Range Planning Committee:

It is with this letter that I would like to express my support for the renovation of Gaines Hall to be placed on HB 540. As a senator for the Associated Students of Montana State University, I feel that it is my duty to support a safe learning environment for those whom I represent. This building has long been in need of renovations for the continued safety of the more than 3,000 students, faculty, and staff of Montana State University who use this building daily. Please help continue to keep Montana State University a safe and secure place to learn and work by adding the Gaines Hall renovation to HB 540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Pasque". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael A.A. Pasque
Senator - ASMSU



14 February 2005

ASMSU
MSU Bozeman
P.O. Box 174200
Bozeman, MT 59717

Honorable Jack Wells and Montana Lawmakers
Long-range Planning Committee
PO Box 200400
Helena, MT 59620-0400

Dear Representative Wells and Montana Lawmakers:

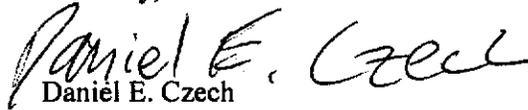
I am expressing my support the Gaines Hall renovation (House Bill 540). This bill should pass because the building is in a state of disrepair and is utilized by many students. House Bill 540 should also pass since the main lecture hall is the largest on campus and is in poor condition.

Over three-thousand students use this building per; however, there are several issues. For example, the building's systems are outmoded and are not up to code concerning ventilation and exhaust. The laboratories have a poor suitability for current classes--some cabinets are over 80-years-old. Even unabated asbestos is an issue with this building!

Additionally, Gaines Hall houses the largest lecture-hall on campus. This room is used by many different colleges and departments including College of Business, the Chemistry Department, Political Science, etc. The acoustics are wanting, the lighting is poor, and the seats are worn. The conditions make for a significantly inferior learning-environment.

Montana Lawmakers, I urge you to pass House Bill 540 concerning the renovation of Gaines Hall. It is a necessary part of campus, and without this facility, Montana State University--Bozeman will surely suffer. I look forward to the successful passing of this bill.

Sincerely,


Daniel E. Czech
Student Senator

February 12th, 2005

Long Range Planning Subcommittee

Members of the Committee :

As a senior at Montana State University and a Liberal Studies major, I have surprisingly had many classes in Gaines Hall. All of these classes, I noticed many problems with the building. Within the lecture halls, lighting is poor, and often times it is difficult to hear what the professors are saying. This is my sixth year at Montana State University, and since my first year, I could see the benefits of renovating this building, now, six years later, the concerns are even greater. I urge the Gaines Hall renovation and thank you for your time.

Travis Uffelman

Long Range Building Appropriations Subcommittee

February 9th, 2005

To Whom it May Concern :

Members of the committee, my name is Scott Aspenlieder and I am a senior in Bio-Resource Engineering. In my career as a student at Montana State University I have had class upon class in Gaines Hall. It came to my attention that the renovation of Gaines Hall was not included on the bonded bill this session. After having been a student in this building, I urge your support of the addition of Gaines Hall to this bill.

Sincerely,

Scott Aspenlieder

1-406-790-0431

February 10th, 2005

P.O. Box 200400
Helena, MT
59620-0400

To Whom It May Concern :

I am a senior at Montana State University in Civil Engineering. Being in Engineering, I took many classes in Gaines Hall in my freshman and sophomore years and from time to time still have classes in there now. The concerns are obvious and need to be addressed. I would like to express my support for the Gaines Hall renovation being added to the HB540 bonded bill for higher education. I thank you for your time and again urge your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Heikens

February 12th, 2005

Long Range Planning Appropriations Subcommittee :

My name is Darren Fike and I am student at Montana State University. As a student, and a Civil Engineering major, I have encountered Gaines Hall many times. The renovation of Gaines Hall is clearly needed and would help with the classes and laboratories for the students of Montana State University. I thank you for your time and urge your support of the Gaines Hall Renovation.

Sincerely,

Darren Fike

February 10th, 2005

Long Range Planning Appropriation Subcommittee
P.O. Box 200400
Helena, MT
59620-0400

Members of the Committee :

My name is Casey Schreiner and I'm a senior at Montana State University. As a Bio - Med student , I have had numerous classes, both lecture and lab, in Gaines Hall. I fully understand all the concerns that go along with the need for renovation of Gaines. Though I will not be privy to the changes as I will graduate before they occur, I feel it is vital for the students to come that the renovation is funded. Thank you for your time and again, I urge the addition of Gaines Hall renovation to the bonded bill.

Sincerely,

Casey Schreiner