



Office of Community Affairs

August 31, 1988

Alan Lazarus
Chairperson, WPC Art Department
Ben Shahn

Dear Al,

The refurbishing of the public rooms in Hobart Manor to conform to their original use will substantially change the nature of activities occurring in the building. Hobart Manor will continue to accommodate:

1. Small sit down dinners in the family dining room for approximately 30 people,
2. Small meetings and conferences in the library or game room for approximately 18 people,
3. Informal lectures and concerts in the living room for approximately 30 people, and
4. Large stand-up receptions in all of the upstairs rooms for approximately 150 people.

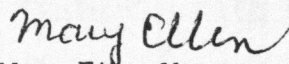
The College's development effort will be enhanced, in some ways, by having an elegant manor house as a showcase for the institution's interaction with the public. However, the loss of Hobart as a unique place to host large scale community events suggests a need to define an equally dynamic facility to accommodate large development oriented activities. The Domed Court in Ben Shahn would serve that purpose well. Its unique design and scale make it an ideal location to host those events than can no longer take place in Hobart Manor.

Improvements in the Court's acoustical, electrical and ventilation systems and the addition of a small kitchen would provide year round use of the space for both academic and community development functions. Events such as the Jefferson, Science and Management Lecture Luncheons, Wayne Chamber Orchestra Donor Dessert Receptions, fund raising efforts being planned in conjunction with the restoration of Hobart Manor, events related to specific exhibits in the Gallery, and recognition luncheons and dinners for scholarship donors and other contributors are a few of the activities that would take on an added sense of excitement and importance if held in the Domed Court.

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I hope that School of Arts and Communication will consider submitting a proposal to upgrade the facility and thus expand the potential use of the Domed Court for both academic and development activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ellen".

Mary Ellen Kramer
Director of Community Affairs

cc: Tim Fanning
Dennis Santillo