

The Athenaeum Project

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Possible major facilities projects:

- **"The A³ Museum" ("art, archeology, anthropology")**
- **"The Center for Humanistic Studies"**
- **"The Center for Liberal Learning"**
- **"The Athenaeum"**
- **"An Undergraduate Rackham"**

What are our needs?

Museums:

- Art
- Kelsey
- Anthropology

Undergraduate Education:

- State-of-the-art Classrooms
- Lecture Halls
- Multimedia Facilities
- Counseling Space
- UG Programs (International)
- A major visible presence!!!

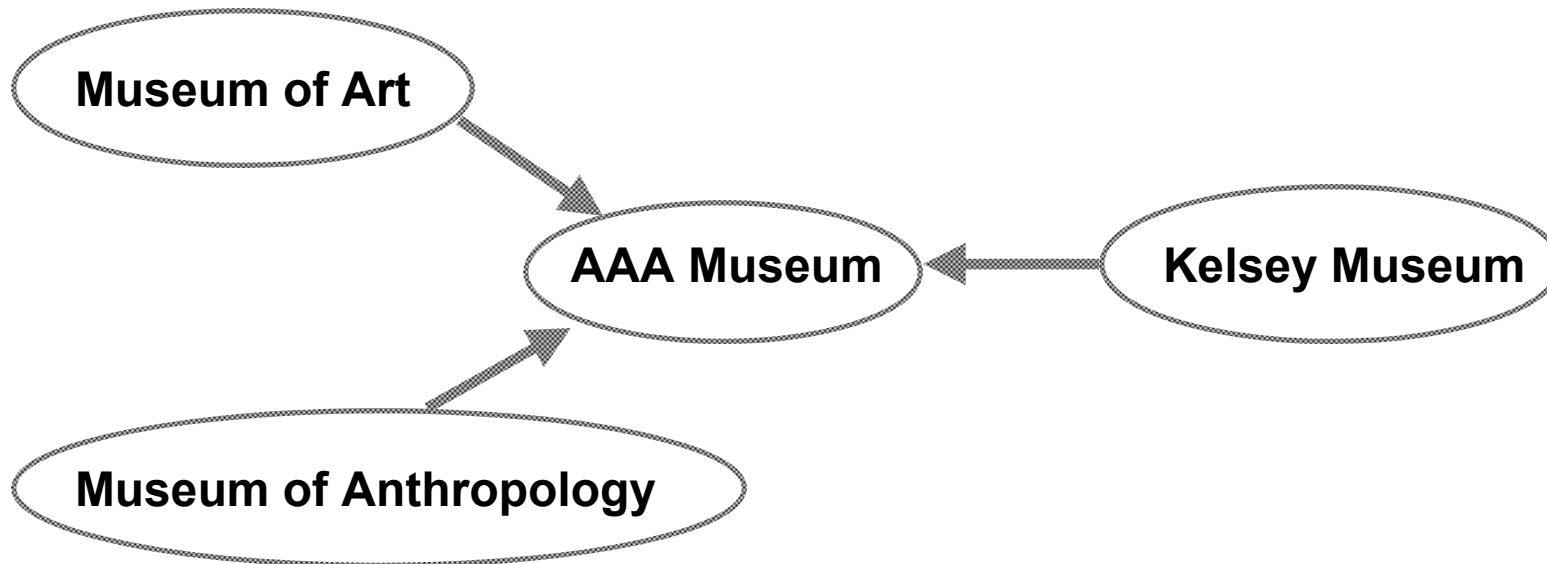
General Central Campus Needs:

- Exhibition Galleries
- "Gathering Spaces"
- "Entertainment Spaces"
- Parking
- Good architecture!!!

Programs:

- Institute of Humanities
- International Studies

Concept #1: "Art-Archeology-Anthropology Museum"

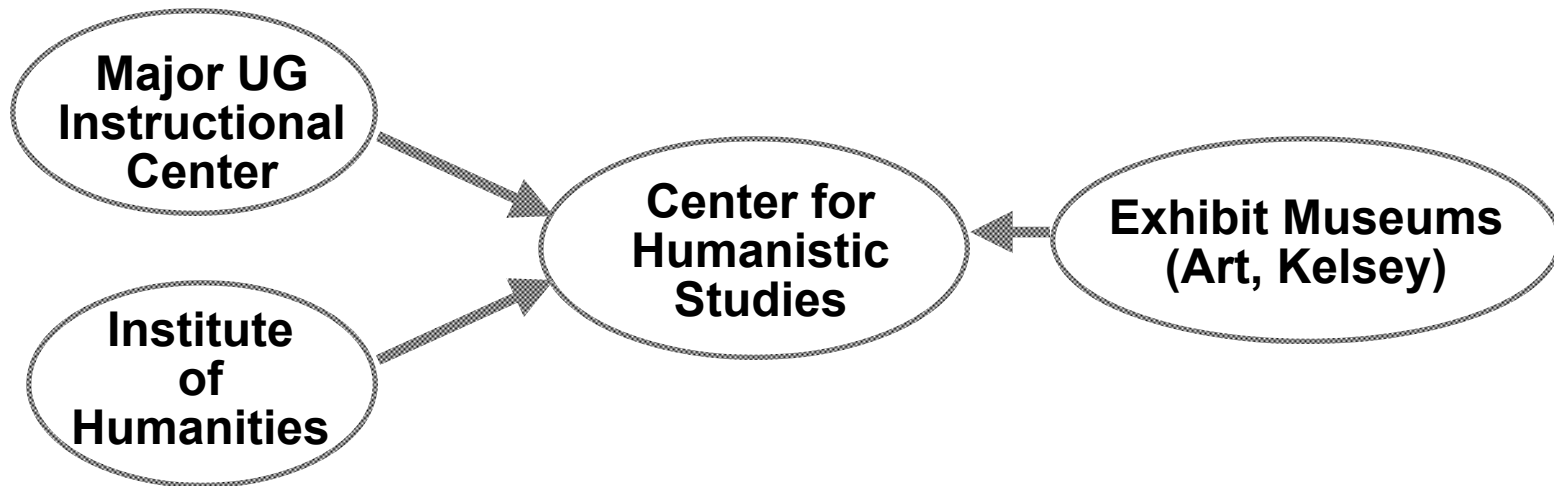


Functions: Archives, Research, Exhibition
(analogous to Sackler Museum at Harvard)

Problems:

- geographically awkward
- administrative nightmare
- sidetrack Kelsey and Anthropology projects
- little grassroots support (particularly from LSA)

Concept #2: "Center for Humanistic Studies"



Functions: Teaching, exhibition, scholarship, gathering, performance
(the "humanities" equivalent of Harvard Science Center)

Advantages:

- undergraduate focus ==> strong LS&A support
- important symbol of UM commitment to UG education
- weave collections into instruction

Disadvantages: archive space? research space? Kelsey?

Site #1:

- Advantages:**
- central location for "visitors"
 - axis with Rackham (graduate vs undergraduate)
 - "entry" building to campus

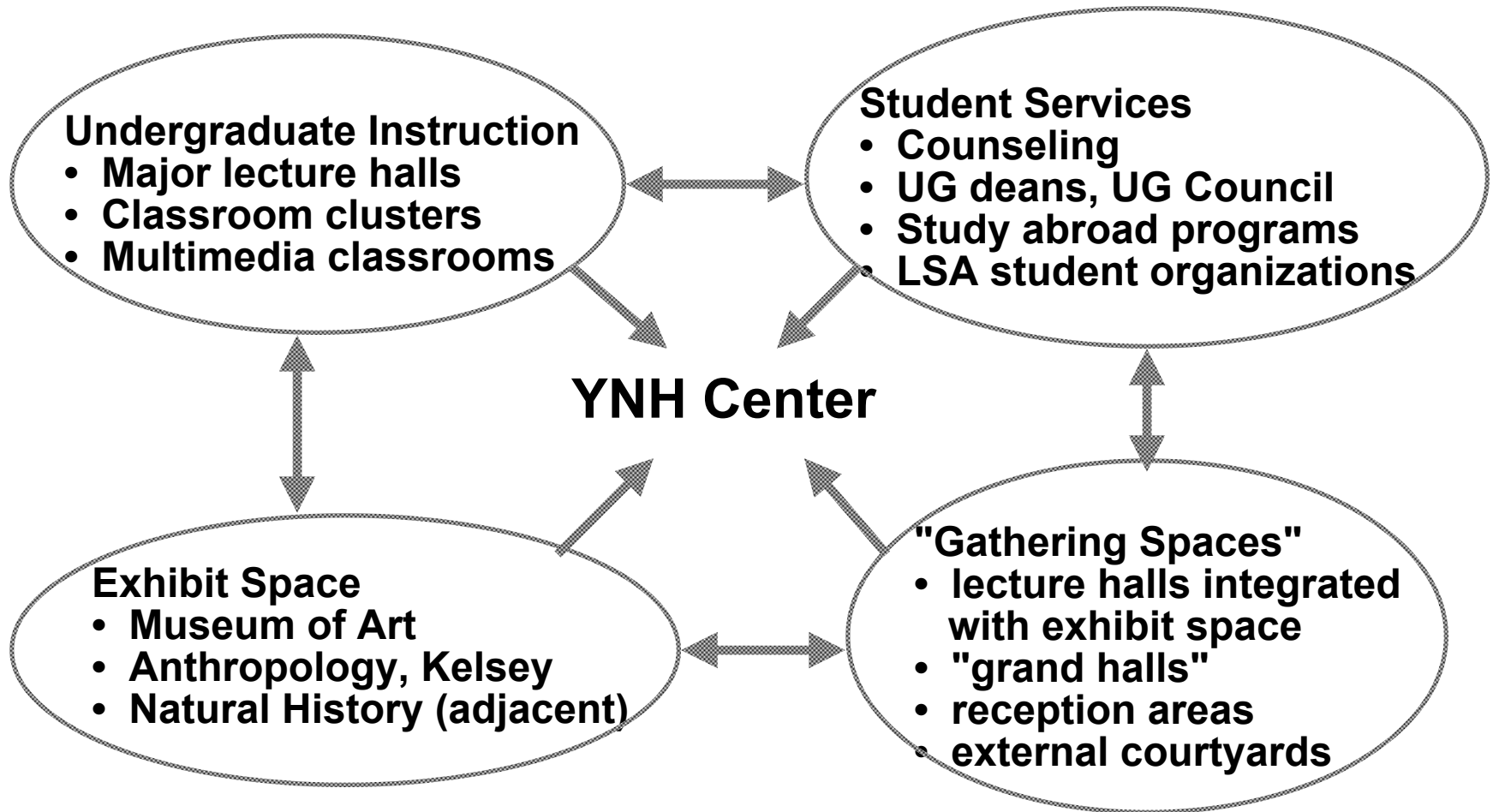
- Problems:**
- parking
 - not central to undergraduate programs
 - constrained (small) site

Site #2

- Advantages:**
- central location for undergraduate programs
 - proximity to undergraduate residence halls
 - center of performance/exhibition spaces
 - proximity to Anthropology, Natural History
 - only remaining large site on Central Campus (estimated 500,000 nsf available)
 - easy public access from Washtenaw/Huron
 - planned expansion of parking deck

Linkages

The "Your Name Here" Center for Undergraduate Education



The "YNH" Scholars Program

Objective: A \$100 M of endowment fund to support merit-based four-year scholarships designed to attract to Michigan students with unusual potential for leadership.

Purpose: To provide a Michigan education to the next generation of leadership...from across the state, throughout the nation, and around the world.

Criteria: Academic achievement, leadership in extracurricular activities, community service, and other evidence of unusual discipline, motivation, and creativity.

Possible Elements

- a cluster of buildings
(multiple "naming" opportunities)
- extensive courtyards and plazas
- adjacent (or underground) parking deck
- bridges to Medical Campus and Hill Dorms
- possible plaza built over Washtenaw/Huron

Next Steps

April 10: Campaign Steering Committee Meeting

Goal: 1-2 page prospectus

June 7: Presidential Advisory Committee Meeting

Goal: draft prospectus