

## ALL-GLASS ADDITION

# Council OKs renovation of Denison art building

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GRANVILLE — The Granville Village Council voted 3-2 last night to affirm the original plan for Denison University's century-old art building, which was criticized by five residents who said the proposed renovations are too modern.

Denison could not agree with residents on a second set of plans for Cleveland Hall, which is slated for an all-glass addition to accompany its brick and white-columned facade.

Along with interior renovations to the building, the addition is part of a \$14 million face-lift that was supposed to start after commencement in May.

Granville's planning commission approved the plans on Feb. 26, but neighbors promptly objected because the addition did not fit in with the prevailing Victorian architecture of the neighborhood.

Denison can begin construction once it receives a building permit. The university hopes to start work before the end of summer.

"We're pleased that the council upheld the decision of the planning commission," said Denison President Dale Knobel, after the council's vote.

Beyer Blinde Belle, the New York City company that designed the addition, is noted for the refurbishing of Grand Central Station and the lobby of the Empire State Building, said Maxwell Pau, the project architect for Cleveland Hall.

Two council members abstained from voting, citing conflicts of interest.

The 3-2 vote left a sour taste with critics.

"I feel bad for those who live by the addition," said Barbara Franks, who wants to open a restaurant in Granville. "Now they're the ones who have to look out at it."

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