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Mr. Allan P. Nosworthy
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Dear Allan:

I am responding to your most recent letter regarding the documentation you requested. We have done further research and have discovered, contrary to our preliminary impression, that we can easily provide some of the University documents you requested. Consequently, I am responding by enclosing these documents without charge. You will find enclosed a copy of the Petition for Renaming Old Botany, submitted on December 14, 1989, to the University Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets, along with a copy of the minutes for that meeting. A search of files previously conducted by the current chair of the committee, Dr. Patricia Swan, indicated that there are no references to the naming of this building in other committee minutes.

You will also find enclosed the minutes of the Board of Regents meeting at which the naming of Catt Hall was approved; other minutes for Board of Regents meetings are available in the microfilm section of Parks Library. (Information on call numbers is enclosed.) You requested documentation submitted to the Board of Regents by employees of Iowa State University. I am enclosing copies of the materials submitted by Iowa State University to the Regents. To the extent that you are requesting documentation provided by the Board of Regents, you should address your request to the Board of Regents (Old Historical Building, East 12th and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319). We do not know whether Iowa State University employees provided information to the Regents at that time outside of official channels, but if such records exist, the Regents Office should have them.

You requested copies or an index of all documentation and persons consulted by Dr. Jischke in deciding not to reopen the decision to name Catt Hall. I am sure that you understand that it would be impossible to compile such lists since this matter has been an issue for over two and one-half years.

Dr. Jischke has indicated to me that he recalls reading the following documents.

- Chapter Six of Woman Suffrage by Federal Constitutional Amendment
- An essay written by Debra Marquardt
- Material provided by Jane Cox
- Copies of *Uhuru*
- Articles and opinions in the newspapers.

I believe that all of these are available in the Special Collections area of Parks Library. Please contact Becky Jordan in the library to gain access to these documents.

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As to your request for an exact date that Dr. Jischke made a decision to not investigate or reopen the naming process of Catt Hall, the question cannot be answered as posed. A better answer to the question is that Dr. Jischke has considered each argument for reopening the issues but has seen no reason to do so.

Sincerely,

Signatures have been redacted for privacy

Thomas L. Hill
Vice President for Student Affairs

Enc. Copy of petition dated 12/14/89 and minutes for the meeting
Material submitted by the University to the Board of Regents regarding the naming of Catt Hall
Copy of minutes for the Board of Regents meeting of June 27, 1990
Parks Library call numbers for the Board of Regents minutes

c: Mr. R. Wayne Richey
Dr. Martin C. Jischke
Dr. Patricia Swan

CHAPMAN CATT HALL PETITION

If historians are asked who are the most significant of Iowa State University's alumni, three names surface: George Washington Carver, Henry A. Wallace and Carrie Chapman Catt. There are, of course, many more but these three are the most frequently mentioned. Yet, on our campus today most people cannot identify the woman. Both men have buildings, scholarships and/or endowed chairs in their honor but Carrie Chapman Catt, who left her entire estate to her Alma Mater, has none of these.

It is time to correct this oversight; an appropriate beginning would be the dedication of a major campus building in Chapman Catt's honor. We propose that 'Old Botany' join the rank of its neighbors with an honored name. This should take place now rather than waiting indefinitely for interior renovations funding.

The possible future tenants of the building under discussion were consulted about the naming of the building and were unanimous in their enthusiastic acceptance of Chapman Catt Hall. Those contacted were William Kelly, Richard Van Iten (S&H administrative offices), Andrejs Plakans (Department of History), David Kline (Department of Philosophy) and Richard Mansbach (Department of Political Science). Given her educational background and accomplishments, all of these disciplines are relevant to her life.

One of the major objections has been: "If we name a building after Carrie Chapman Catt it would be called 'cathouse'." Suffice it to say that this does not justify a negative response and it would not be valid: the name would be Chapman Catt Hall. Carrie was most often referred to and signed her correspondence as Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

The following are just a few of Chapman Catt's accomplishments. She entered ISU in 1877, graduating three years later in 1880. While at the college, she established military exercises for women, gave the first oration by a female student and graduated as class valedictorian. She was the first woman to give the Commencement Address at ISU in 1921 and again in 1930. She went on to become Superintendent of Schools in the Mason City area followed a few years later by state, national and international suffrage work. She was President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association twice, first in 1900 succeeding her friend and mentor, Susan B. Anthony and second in 1915 taking her through to victory in 1920. She also founded the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance and became its first president. She received many awards including the Chi Omega, given to her at the White House by her friend Eleanor Roosevelt and she was voted one of the ten most admired women in the world numerous times. She was devoted to Iowa, where she had grown

up, and returned frequently. In 1936 she gave the dedication address at the Capitol in Des Moines for the placement of the pioneer suffragists plaque. She went on to found the Committee on the Cause and Cure of War and worked toward world peace until her death in 1947.

It is most appropriate that the University Archivist work jointly on this project with the League of Women Voters, the national organization that Mrs. Chapman Catt founded in 1920 after securing the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution. We hope the Naming of Buildings Committee will take this petition up immediately for consideration so that this woman who was honored by her public during her lifetime will take her proper place in history at her Alma Mater, which she loved dearly and never forgot. Let us not continue to forget her.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. For an overall view of her life and accomplishments, a videotape of a presentation given to the League of Women Voters in Ames is available at your request as well as additional files located in the University Archives in 403 Parks Library.

Laura Kline, University Archivist

Joyce Hertz, President League of Women Voters, Ames Chapter

William Kelly, Dean of the College of S&H

Richard Van Iten, Associate Dean of S&H

Andrejs Plakans, Chair of Dept. of History

David Kline, Chair of Dept. of Philosophy

Richard Mansbach, Chair of Dept. of Political Science

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets
December 14, 1989

VICE PROVOST
RESEARCH

Meeting was called to order by Chair Virgil S. Lagomarcino at 4:05 p.m. in the Conference Room of E262 Lagomarcino.

ATTENDANCE: George Burnet, Mary R. Kihl, Kenneth L. Larson, Virgil S. Lagomarcino, Phillip T. Pearson, Suzette M. Schmidt, Lois H. Tiffany, and Faye S. Yates.

GUESTS: Janice A. Beran and Judith A. Dolphin (representing League of Women Voters).

Members and guests were introduced.

Dean Lagomarcino reviewed the history of the committee and shared contents of 2 letters of November 30, 1989 and December 5, 1989 from President Gordon P. Eaton to him. The letters related to (1) suggestions President Eaton had received from several individuals/organizations to naming Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt and (2) the need to review the Operating Procedures for the naming of buildings and streets at Iowa State University before the committee considered recommending the naming of other buildings and streets, with the possible exception of a building named in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt. Chair Lagomarcino distributed the (1) 1973 Operating Procedures for the Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets and (2) compilation of the Names of Halls, Buildings, Streets, Residence Hall Houses and other facilities at Iowa State University. Following discussion, Dean Lagomarcino appointed Dr. Pearson, Dr. Burnet, and Dean Patricia B. Swan to serve on a subcommittee to review the 1973 Operating Procedures for possible revision and updating to accommodate needed changes and improvements in the procedures. All committee members were encouraged to review the document and send comments, suggestions, and/or points of view to the subcommittee members within the next month.

Dean Lagomarcino indicated that (1) not all buildings on campus need to be named in honor of individuals, (2) he was not a member of the Advisory Committee on the Naming of Buildings and Streets at the time Lagomarcino Hall was named, and (3) no further action would be taken on naming buildings and streets until the Operating Procedures were reviewed and revised or reaffirmed to fulfill current needs. Exception to this moratorium would be the consideration of naming Old Botany after Carrie Chapman Catt insofar as this request had been initiated by various individuals/organization several months ago.

Discussion pursued on the merits and feasibility of naming Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt. Questions were raised on the relationship of Ms. Catt with Old Botany, future use of Old Botany, funding for renovation of Old Botany, alternate choice of buildings to honor Ms. Catt, and possible reasons not to rename Old Botany.

MOTION: That to honor Carrie Chapman Catt, Old Botany be named after her once the building is renovated, and if it is not renovated an alternate building be so designated. (Yates and Schmidt).
PASSED.

The recommendation will be transmitted to President Eaton by Dean Lagomarcino.

Once the Operating Procedures for naming buildings and streets have been reviewed and approved and the moratorium for naming same has been lifted, the committee will consider new requests for committee action.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signatures have been redacted for privacy

Kenneth L. Larson
Designated Secretary

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With ENGINEERING ANIMATION, INC., for its use of approximately 514 square feet of office space (Suite 614) within the ISIS Center of the ISU Research Park for a six-month period beginning June 1, 1990, at a rate of \$425 per month;

With the IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE for the university's use of approximately 8,320 square feet of space within Elm Hall of the university's residence system continuously beginning July 1, 1990, at a rate of \$46,176 per year in accordance with the terms of the original executed agreement;

With the CITY OF AMES for the university's access to 10 megawatts of firm power effective July 1, 1990, through June 30, 1992, to meet the university's electrical load growth;

With the YMCA OF AMES for the university's use of "Easement A" and "Easement B" as legally described within the easement document for the placement of communication cables located generally east of the Applied Sciences Center and conveyed at no cost to the university;

With the CITY OF AMES for the city's use of land, more particularly described within the easement document, to serve for the placement of a transmission line at the Applied Sciences Center. This easement shall serve as a revision to an original easement entitled, "City of Ames Transmission Line Easement--Applied Sciences Center" dated June 1989. This easement will be conveyed to the City of Ames at the cost of \$1 and other considerations as outlined within the easement.

MOTION:

Regent Hatch moved to approve leases and easements, as presented. Regent Furgerson seconded the motion, and upon the roll being called, the following voted:
AYE: Berenstein, Fitzgibbon, Furgerson, Greig, Hatch, Pomerantz, Tyler, Westenfield, Williams.
NAY: None.
ABSENT: None.

NAMING OF BUILDING. The Board Office recommended the Board approve the request to rename Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt once the building is renovated.

Iowa State University officials requested approval to rename the Old Botany building in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt, a distinguished Iowa State University alumna and a leader in the Women's Suffrage Movement.

This request was made in anticipation that Old Botany will be renovated. The university currently has the Old Botany building renovation on its list of projects scheduled for renovation in fiscal year 1995.

Laura Kline, Iowa State University Archivist, discussed the chronology of the life of Carrie Chapman Catt.

Regent Hatch said she felt that a move of this nature could be planned in a more timely fashion to allow for Regents approval before university officials make a public announcement. She said it was handled very poorly.

MOTION:

Regent Fitzgibbon moved to approve the request to rename Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt once the building is renovated. Regent Berenstein seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 1991. The Board Office recommended the Board (1) Approve the Iowa State University general university final operating budget for fiscal year 1991:

General University	\$217,428,577
Agricultural & Home Econ. Exp. Station	26,486,462
Cooperative Extension Service	<u>24,494,689</u>
TOTAL	\$268,409,728

- (2) Approve the preliminary budget presented in March for the university residence system for fiscal year 1991.
- (3) Approve the final intercollegiate athletic council budget for fiscal year 1991.
- (4) Approve the final student health services budget for fiscal year 1991.

The changes from the preliminary operating budget include adjustments between salary categories due to using differential rates by employee class for calculating employee fringe benefits. Since several benefit components are not proportional to salary, benefits are a higher percentage of direct salaries for professional and scientific and merit staff than for faculty. A change to the budget system provided for more precise benefit calculations using prior year actual benefit rates by employee class and adjusting for anticipated cost increases. This change reduced the reported faculty budget line and increased professional and scientific and general service lines. This change does not affect budgeted positions but shows a more accurate reflection of fringe benefit costs. The other change noted by Iowa State University officials is a reduction of \$300,000 to the utility expenditure category and an increase in building repairs of \$300,000.

Naming of Building - Old Botany to be Named in Honor of Carrie Chapman Catt

Iowa State University
of Science and Technology

Des Moines, Iowa

June 27, 1990

Action Requested: Authorization requested to rename Old Botany in honor of
Carrie Chapman Catt

In anticipation of Old Botany being renovated we are requesting that it be
renamed in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt.

Carrie Chapman Catt was a distinguished Iowa State University alumna and a leader in the women's suffrage movement. She was President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association twice, first in 1900 succeeding her friend and mentor, Susan B. Anthony and second in 1915 taking her through to victory in 1920. She also founded the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance and became its first president. She received many awards including the Chi Omega, given to her at the White House by her friend Eleanor Roosevelt and she was voted one of the ten most admired women in the world numerous times. In 1936 she gave the dedication address at the Capitol in Des Moines for the placement of the pioneer suffragists plaque. She went on to found the Committee on the Cause and Cure of War and worked toward world peace until her death in 1947. She was devoted to Iowa, where she had grown up, and returned frequently. She entered ISU in 1877, graduating three years later in 1880. While at the college, she initiated the effort to establish military exercises for women, gave the first oration by a female student and graduated as class valedictorian. She was the first woman to give the commencement address at ISU in 1921 and again in 1930. She went on to become Superintendent of Schools in the Mason City area followed a few years later by state, national and international suffrage work.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Request to Rename Old Botany in Honor of Carrie Chapman Catt
Date: June 19, 1990

Recommended Action:

Approval of the request to rename Old Botany in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt once the building is renovated.

Highlights:

- o Iowa State University is requesting approval to rename the Old Botany building in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt, a distinguished Iowa State University alumna and a leader in the Women's Suffrage Movement.
- o This request is being made in anticipation that Old Botany will be renovated.
- o The university currently has the Old Botany building renovation on its list of projects scheduled for renovation in fiscal year 1995.

Background:

Iowa State University, in anticipation of Old Botany building being renovated, requests permission to rename the building in honor of Carrie Chapman Catt. Carrie Chapman Catt was a distinguished Iowa State University alumna and a leader in the Women's Suffrage Movement. She was president of the National American Women's Suffrage Association twice; first in 1900 succeeding her friend and mentor Susan B. Anthony, and second in 1915 taking her through to victory in 1920. She also founded the International Women's Suffrage Alliance and became its first president. She received many awards including the Chi Omega given to her at the White House by her friend Eleanor Roosevelt. She was voted one of the ten most admired women in the world numerous times.

The information submitted by ISU for the Five Year Capital Priority Plan indicates that the university will seek funding for the renovation of Old Botany Hall in fiscal year 1995. The information also indicates the university will seek an appropriation for \$2.5 million of the \$5 million total needed for the project, with the remaining \$2.5 million being considered a capital campaign match.

It should be noted that the university's press release dated 6/13/90 did not indicate the need for Board approval of this proposal to rename the facility resulting in some confusion regarding this proposal. It would be appropriate for future press releases of this type to note that the action is pending Board approval.

Signatures have been redacted for privacy

Robert J. Barak
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