

- * The gymnasium also is historically significant. It represents the contributions of the first director of the UT women's athletic department. Anna Hiss arrived at the University of Texas in 1918 and served 36 years. During her tenure she organized and led one of the most innovative athletic programs in the country. The design of this gymnasium reflects her personal interest in the building. She traveled around the country at her own expense to collect ideas and information that led to a first-rate facility.
- * The 1931 gymnasium, designed by Herbert M. Greene with input from Hiss, became an enduring model for women's gymnasia throughout the country.

The Texas Historical Commission encourages the consideration of the Anna Hiss Gymnasium in its current planning efforts. We wish to go on record noting that the removal of the building may be an unfortunate attempt to accommodate campus growth. Partial removal is at best a poor compromise. In all accounts, we encourage the University of Texas at Austin to consider the significance of historic buildings and their environs in future development and planning on the campus.

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