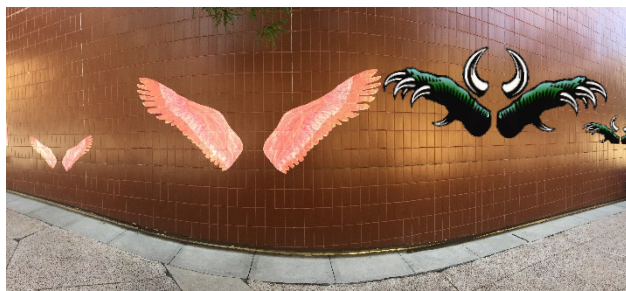


Hodag Claws Proposal



Proposed Location of the Hodag Claws



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Introduction

This year, artist Gabrielle Javier-Cerulli painted two pairs of flamingo wings at the top of State Street. These wings were in reference to the plastic flamingos placed on Bascom Hill in 1979, which caused the plastic flamingo to become Madison's official bird 30 years later in 2009.

These wings were intended to be used similar to the Badgers all over town, as something to pose with/in front of and take a picture, and possibly share it on social media. This intent was certainly fulfilled, and the wings have been receiving significant traffic. Due to the popularity of the wings, a second alternative with a similar connection to our community could be a welcome addition to State Street.

Proposal

For an alternative to the brightly colored flamingo wings, a differently styled piece of art, with the same purpose, is being proposed.

The Hodag is a mythical creature said to roam Northern Wisconsin, specifically the town of Rhinelander. Despite its fearsome appearance, the Hodag is a mischievous beast with many unique features and habits. Due to its lack of wings, its claws and horns would be placed on the wall in a similar fashion to the wings, with two sets of different sizes. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$1200, and if approved, could be completed by August 3rd, which is scheduled for the event entitled "Flamingo Friday."