



# Renovation News

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## *Butler Library Renovation*

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### *Columbia's New Undergraduate Library*

**Phase 2 renovation will begin in January 1998 and is expected to take 30 months to complete.**

During this period Butler's second floor, the heart of the new Undergraduate Library, the third floor, which will house additional undergraduate study space as well as Reference and Information Services, and stack tiers 3-6 will be transformed. The Undergraduate Library will be completed when the fourth floor is renovated in Phase 3. It is anticipated that some of the second floor's newly renovated spaces will be open to library users in Fall '98. The enhanced and expanded library services that will be available to undergraduates in the renovated Butler are described in the following paragraphs by Ree DeDonato, Undergraduate Librarian.

#### *Service Enhancements: College Reserves, Media, Computing, and Library Instruction*

For undergraduates, especially first-year and sophomore students, Butler is the most heavily used of Columbia's 20 plus campus libraries. College Reserves, the 24-hour study area (a.k.a. College Library), and the AcIS computer cluster, all on the second floor, are perhaps the most popular services.

To be a Columbia undergraduate is to line up to use College Reserves; to spend any number of late nights studying in the

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### **March/April in Brief**

- Installation of future power and data jacks and communications closets on the second floor
- Completion of first floor west construction
- Installation of telecommunications infrastructure, room 524
- Completion of electrical risers, all stack tiers
- Installation of new lighting and safety systems on stack tier 2
- Planning for Phase 2 including surveys and probes on second and third floors

24-hour College Library Reading Room; to be lucky and find one of the 8 power Macs available at midnight in the AcIS computer room when that end-of-semester paper is due; or to discover that you **did** not learn everything you need to know about CLIO searching during a Logic and Rhetoric library instruction session. Renovation will allow us to redesign the reserves service area to better handle the turnover of two-hour loans and serve students more efficiently. We will add copiers and more than double the number of terminals for lookups in CLIO, CLIO Plus, LibraryWeb, and ColumbiaNet. The current AcIS computer cluster will be expanded and relocated nearer the entrance to Butler. Behind the scenes, the reserves stacks will benefit from improved layout and lighting, enabling staff to retrieve items more quickly.

**One of the most exciting features of the new undergraduate library will be the creation of a Media Viewing Center.** Located in the current reserves staff workroom, the Media Center will include facilities for audio, video, CD-ROM, and other media. Videos are currently shelved in reserves and appear in CLIO as "Butler Media" and as "Butler Media Reserves." Another important boost for undergraduate services will be three new instructional spaces on the second floor to support the integration of curriculum-related presentations on electronic library resources, such as digitized images for the Core's Art Hum and on-line texts in Contemporary Civilization or Lit Hum. Two of these classrooms, equipped so that hands-on training can be a routine part of library instruction, will double as computer labs when not in use for classes. The third space will seat 60 people for multimedia library presentations. As Phase 2 renovation continues on the third floor, another collaborative classroom/lab will be created next to ETS (the Electronic Text Service), which will relocate from the fifth floor to expanded space on the third floor.

## *Study Space and Collections*

Today, the College Library Reading Room is the primary study area for undergraduates in Butler, and along with the AcIS computer cluster, is the only 24-hour library space available to students. Those large, wood tables seem to march down the College Reading Room, with an assortment of chairs and a paucity of electrical outlets for laptops. Twenty-four-hours a day you can find undergraduates studying alone or in small groups, reading reserve materials, writing papers, or using the single ColumbiaNet terminal to surf the Internet and World Wide Web.

**Renovation will literally transform the entire second floor of Butler, opening almost all of it to 24-hour use.** Several reading rooms will wrap around the second floor and be designed with mixed use in mind—combinations of individual study carrels, small group study tables, collaborative computer carrels, and even some soft seating for relaxed study. Similar undergraduate study and collection spaces will be created on the third floor (in the current Periodicals and Browsing Reading Rooms) as well as on the fourth floor in areas now occupied by Burgess-Carpenter. Connectivity will be maximized throughout the new spaces and seating will be doubled.

**The new undergraduate library will provide an interdisciplinary collection of four-week circulating items emphasizing support of the lower division undergraduate curriculum.** Since late 1995, this evolving collection has been taking shape from the existing materials in the College Library, Burgess-Carpenter, and multiple copies formerly on reserve. Over time, these three collections will be merged into a single collection to be shelved on the second, third, and fourth floors. All books will be fully cataloged in CLIO. Thousands of books

have already been entered into CLIO (the location displays as "College (U)"). These books, along with newly purchased materials, are currently shelved in the College Reading Room. A small "College Study" collection including several dictionaries, encyclopedias, and other reference-type resources has been permanently located in the College Reading Room. By the end of 1997, the Philosophy Reading Room will become part of the Undergraduate Library, and the current College and Philosophy shelves will be nearly filled with over 20,000 volumes. Shelving much of the undergraduate collection in the second floor reading rooms will provide students 24-hour access to a great deal of material for in-library use. The new shelving sequence for the second, third, and fourth floors is being planned now.

While the focus of the Butler Library renovation project is to modernize, expand, and improve library services for the twenty-first century, we also recognize the importance of the library as a meeting place through the creation of the second-floor Lounge. Here library users will be able to consume food and beverages while studying, working on a laptop, checking e-mail, or socializing. We look forward, with you, to the new Undergraduate Library.

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We look forward to the successful completion of this project and appreciate your patience.