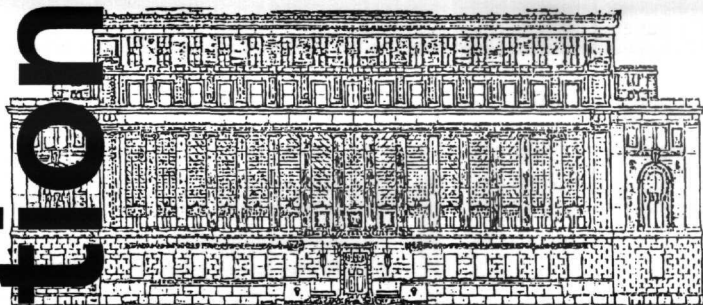


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Phase 1 Wrap Up . . . Phase 2 Gear Up

—The Best Is Yet to Come . . .

Completing Phase 1

Butler Renovation Phase 1 construction (July 1995–December 1997) continues in November and December with the completion of the electrical risers in the stack core and final resolution of outstanding punch list items. Testing and turnover of new machinery for the mechanical systems is also underway.

Preparing for Phase 2

While Phase 1 is being wrapped up, preparation for Phase 2 construction has begun. Phase 2 renovation of the second and third floors plus stack levels 3–6 is scheduled to begin in January 1998 and end in June 2000. This fall, a wide variety of investigations are being conducted to help determine the best materials and methods for Phase 2 construction. Small patches of the floor must be chopped up to confirm the space available in the floor for power and data feeds. Sample installations, or mock ups, are used to review light fixtures, floor tile, and fan coil units. Some of these samples remain in place in the College and Philosophy Reading Rooms. A representative section of each of the four species of wood in the reading rooms (teak, pine, oak, cherry) will be refinished, so that the desired stain can be selected.

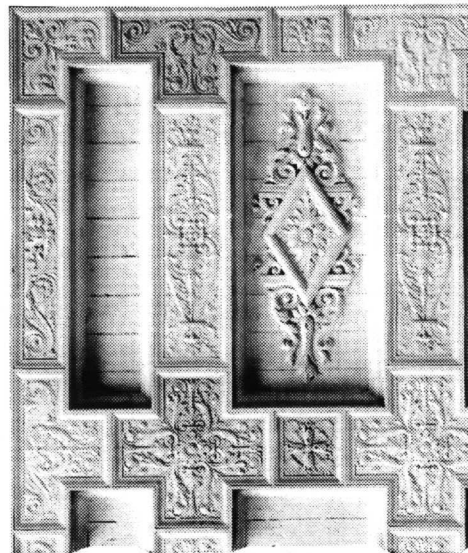
In addition to visible, sometimes disruptive preparations for Phase 2, the construction team is developing a detailed construction sequencing plan and move schedule, completing construction drawings and evaluating subcontractors. Staff have been relocated to the first floor, leaving Rooms 230–233 and

201–203 vacant and ready for construction. The rooms on the north (campus) side of Butler will be among the first finished, comprising the new lounge and coffee bar, expanded AcIS lab, collaborative classroom, and a new undergraduate reading room. At the end of the Fall '97 semester, Interlibrary Loan will relocate from the second floor to Room 505. The Library Information Office (LIO) will remain where it is, until it relocates to the opposite side of the Main Lobby next spring. All other public service departments will remain where they are through the Spring '98 semester.

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November/December in Brief

- Preparation for Phase 2 continues, including surveys, probes, mock ups, and sample finishes on second and third floors
- Completion of Phase 1 electrical risers
- Resolution of Phase 1 punch list
- Second floor west hallway closes December 19; access the west elevator via the College Reading Room.



Original architectural details like the plaster ceiling in Room 202 above will be restored during the renovation.

Construction Begins

To take advantage of the holiday hiatus, preliminary demolition and removal of asbestos-containing materials will begin in the empty rooms in December. All asbestos removals will be supervised by Omega Environmental Services, Inc. and the Columbia Office of Environmental Health and Safety to assure that air quality is maintained at all times. Results of air quality testing will be posted in the lobby daily.

Although it will be impossible to renovate the second and third floors without some inconvenience to library users, construction will be carefully planned to take full advantage of nonpeak periods during the academic year such as holidays, summers, and intersessions whenever possible.

From time to time there will be changes in circulation patterns on the lower floors of Butler due to construction activity. For example, in late December 1997 the second floor west hall will be closed so work can proceed in that area. Access to the east elevators will not change, but access to the west elevator will be via the College Reading Room. All collections and services will remain open throughout the renovation. Most service areas such as Course Reserves, Reference, and Circulation will move to temporary locations later in Phase 2. Any relocations or

occasional unavoidable restrictions to collection access will be publicized well in advance.

As Phase 2 construction gets underway, library users may prefer to study in reading rooms farther from the noise and disruption, such as the Main Reading Room and rooms on the fourth and sixth floors. Comfortable study space is also located on the renovated stack level 2.

College Collection Temporarily Relocated to Burgess

To provide space for the books now shelved in the College Reading Room, temporary shelving will be installed this January in Room 412, the current Burgess lounge. The College book collection will be merged with the Burgess books in May, when the College Reading Room closes for renovation. Signs will be posted describing all collection merges and shifts that are necessary to make way for construction.

Looking Ahead to Spring

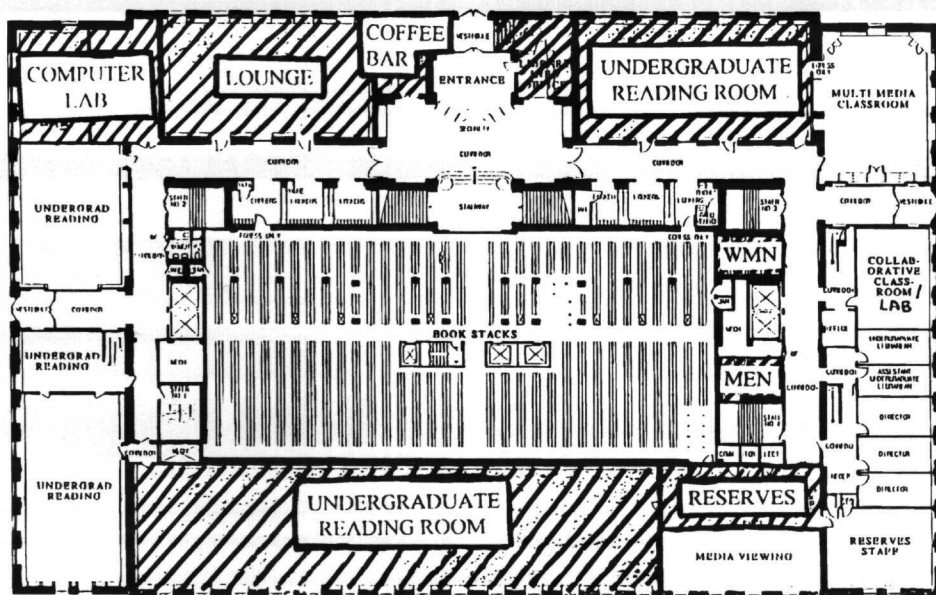
When students return for the Spring '98 semester, Phase 2 construction will be well underway in the now vacant rooms on the second floor, the Main Lobby, and along the south side of the third floor. Midway through the term the LIO will relocate to its new space across the Main Lobby from its current location. At the end of the Spring '98 semester, the AcIS lab will close, Course Reserves will relocate temporarily to

the fourth floor, and the College and Philosophy Reading Rooms will close to prepare for an ambitious summer construction schedule that also includes the gut renovation of the men's rooms on the second and third floors and the ladies' rooms on the second floor. Stack levels 3 and 4 will also be renovated during the summer of 1998.

For details on the Phase 2 plans and the new Undergraduate Library, see previous issues of *Renovation News*. Watch for more on interior finishes and refurbishment in future issues of *Renovation News*. E-mail your request for back issues to locascio@columbia.edu.

Stay in touch

Read about "This Week's Work" in the main lobby and second floor elevator waiting areas. Watch for signs indicating scheduled work in specific areas, relocated services and collections, and revised circulation patterns.



Plan of Level 200 spaces opening Fall '98 (shaded areas).

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Every effort will be made to keep interruptions to a minimum. We all look forward to the successful completion of this project and appreciate your patience with the construction.