

Office of the Provost

Annual Report: Space Committee 2002-03

This report summarizes the concrete steps taken during 2002-03 regarding specific major space projects.

2002-03 Actions:

- The **Life Sciences Building** is being constructed in response to tremendous growth in life sciences education and research at Brown. The Life Sciences Building will provide a home for the Department of Neuroscience and much of the Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry. Outfitted with over 50 new laboratories and covering 168,000 square feet, it will support the work of faculty members, research staff, post-doctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students and provide an essential resource for undergraduate education. The LSB is scheduled to be completed in January, 2006.
- **70 Ship Street** is a former jewelry manufacturing building located in the Downtown Historic District which the University plans to renovate as a laboratory building. The 70 Ship Street site represents an additional 105,000 gross square feet of laboratory space that we hope to occupy in the fall of 2004. This facility will house laboratory research in molecular medicine, including genetics, genomics, proteomics, structural biology, pharmacology, and pathology, providing a coherent multidisciplinary continuum from basic genetic and molecular research to development of tools for clinical care. It will house faculty drawn from four departments (Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry; Molecular Microbiology and Immunology; Molecular Pharmacology, Physiology and Biotechnology; and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine) and build on and stimulate further collaborations with hospital based faculty in the jewelry district.

Note: The Life Sciences Building and the 70 Ship Street facility together represent an increase of approximately 75% in our life sciences research space and the first major investment in new research space for the University in over 12 years. These research facilities offer an extraordinary opportunity to support fully the research capacity of our faculty and academic programs in this area.

- A full interior renovation of **Horace Mann** will make way for relocation of the **Graduate School** offices and create new space for the **Vice President for Research** and his staff. The new location, at the center of the campus, supports the Academic Enrichment Initiatives in graduate education and research. This project will be completed in December, 2003.

- Based on the recommendation of the Academic Priorities Committee, the University is creating a **Humanities Research Center**. Space in **Alumnae Hall** has been identified as the initial location for the Humanities Research Center. Renovation planning is currently underway and the project is scheduled for completion by fall, 2004.
- Fifteen thousand square feet of new shop space at **50 John Street** was assigned to the Department of **Theatre, Speech and Dance** and the **Theatre Consortium**. The facility, which will be equipped as a professional shop, will support set design and construction for the Department's mainstage productions--an essential co-curricular part of the undergraduate program, as well as Consortium MFA students' projects, in an integrated and collaborative creative space. The new shop will be available to the department and Consortium next year.
- Over the next year and a half, **Computer Science** will significantly expand its presence in the **CIT**, occupying the third floor and portions of the first floors, in addition to its current space on floors 4 and 5. **CIS** will move a large part of its operation to Davol Square next fall, freeing up space for growth in the numbers of faculty and graduate students in Computer Science, providing space for the new initiative in Computational Biology and creating new research labs that bring together undergraduates, graduate students and faculty. A second phase move is planned for '04 and the total project is to be completed by January '05.
- The first floor of **Manning Hall** will be renovated as a display space and extension of the **Haffenreffer Museum**. This new exhibition space will bring to the center of campus rotating exhibitions from the collections maintained at the Bristol facility. The renovation will be completed in time for Commencement '04.
- A full interior renovation of **Hill House**, 135 Thayer Street, began last year and will be completed by the end of the year. Hill House will provide **Modern Culture and Media** with production, teaching, editing, and archival space, including a black-box production studio and a classroom, to complement the academic and administrative offices at 155 George Street.
- The **Cabinet Building** (68 Waterman Street) will be the home of the **Population Studies Training Center** by next summer. The full interior renovation of the Cabinet Building includes faculty and administrative offices, computer facilities, a seminar room, a reading room and graduate student space for the interdisciplinary research center.

- Offices and labs for new faculty have been built or renovated:
 - Rochambeau House: Hispanic Studies
 - Giddings House: Anthropology.
 - Barus and Holley: Physics and Engineering
 - GeoChem: Geology
 - Metcalf: Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences, Neuroscience, Brain Science
 - Wilbour Hall: Classics (Epigraphy)

- Renovations to **Rites and Reason Theatre**, in the Department of **Africana Studies** (155 Angell Street), will improve the performance space as well as the theatre support spaces. These renovations to Churchill House will be completed later this Fall.

- **Library Annex Facility**: The renovation of **10 Park Lane** as an off-campus library storage facility will allow us eventually to move 1.5 million volumes from on-campus libraries and the Harvard Book Depository, which in turn will provide expanded program space in the libraries. A portion of Graphic Services has also moved to 10 Park Lane to free up the Cabinet Building for PSTC. The construction work at 10 Park Lane is to be completed in Fall, '04; the process of moving volumes into storage will take several years to complete.

- A new building at **295 Lloyd Avenue** will house shop and office space for **Facilities Management** and allow them to move out of the temporary and rented space they occupied last year because their previous location was in the footprint of the Life Sciences Building. The project will be completed this fall.

- **Handicapped access** to University Hall was completed in Spring, '03. Handicapped access improvements to Rockefeller and Sciences Libraries are proceeding this fall.

- **TF Green** has been renovated as the **Student Activities Center** for Performing Arts. The building will now feature a renovated black box theater, a small theater, dance studios and practice rooms.

- A new **fitness facility** was created in the **Bear's Lair** (Graduate Center) in February to expand fitness opportunities for undergraduate students.

- To support the University's efforts to increase research activities, additional space will be created in the **Brown Office Building** for the **Office of Research Administration**. This will be completed by November, 2003.

- This summer the kitchen of the **Faculty Club** was renovated, updating the food preparation equipment.

- The **Office of Summer Studies** and the **Brown Learning Community** will move to the 3rd and 4th floors of the **Graduate Center**. This move will allow the **Center for the Study of Human Development** and research programs in the **Department of Education** (Arts/Literacy; Institute for Elementary and Secondary Education) to move into **131 and 133 Waterman Street** in January.
- The complete renovation and expansion of **Hillel**, on Brown Street, is scheduled for completion in Winter, 03-04. Although not a Brown-sponsored project, this new facility will also benefit the Brown community.