

Staying Connected with Campus Services

This week's newsletter highlights several capital projects and the domino effect of office moves that result from new buildings coming on-line while others going off-line for renovation. The planning and execution of these moves is tremendous work that is handled by members of the Campus Planning and Project Management Services teams, and many others. Thanks for your well-coordinated and creative work.

Student Support Space

A long-time vision to consolidate student academic and wellness space has recently been realized on Berry Library's first floor.

A portion of this space—which served as swing space for the French and Italian departments during Dartmouth Hall renovations—recently opened to allow the Student Wellness and Academic Support offices to move in. These, combined with the Undergraduate Deans and Accessibility Offices, provide one-stop-shop space for undergraduate students.



The new student wellness space includes a tranquility room, kitchen, and relaxing activities.

This relocation of offices into Berry is having a cascading effect on other office moves as well. With the relocation of Student Wellness, the Office of Residential Life (ORL) will take over the entire third floor of Robinson Hall, space that was previously shared with Wellness.

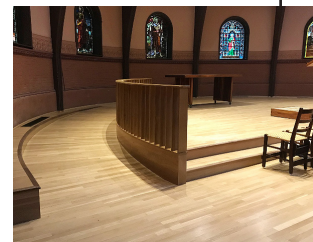
Project Manager Ted Manazir is managing these third-floor renovations for ORL's Greek Life and Housing offices. Housing Office employees, who distribute room keys to students, are particularly excited about this move to Robinson as it provides full accessibility via an elevator. Their previous location in the basement of North Mass was not accessible to all.

Costume Shop employees are thrilled with their temporary space in Sudikoff, space they call "the Tree House."



Rollins Chapel

Rollins Chapel, an historical building for multifaitah and community assembly, closed early in the pandemic when it became apparent that the building had no mechanical ventilation outside of opening windows.



Through close coordination of FO&M and Project Management Services teams, a project was planned with three goals in mind: to add mechanical ventilation, to improve energy efficiency by converting the building's heating system from steam to hot water, and to install radiant flooring as a way to add heat while preserving the historic nature of the building.

Thanks to Project Manager Todd Thompson who managed the improvements that will serve the building and its occupants for decades to come. Rollins reopens on Jan. 27.

Swing Space in Sudikoff

Last year's opening of the new Engineering & Computer Science (CS) Complex provided a home to CS faculty and staff who were previously located in Sudikoff.

This move provided enough swing space in Sudikoff to temporarily house the Theater and Music departments who vacated the Hopkins Center for upcoming renovations.

Integrally involved in the move was Music Department Administrator Sam Candon who wrote, "The Music Department's move to Sudikoff... was successful due to the efforts of many, especially [Project Manager] Jenna Gibbons. In all stages of our move, Jenna provided us with the guidance and expertise to have our department up and running successfully by the start of the winter term."

Thanks to Jenna and others who so capably handled this move.