

# FROM THE LIBRARY

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## Final stage of H-L renovations begins May 21, 2005

Spring is in the air and that means the approach of the final stage of H-L renovations. The summer's work will include asbestos abatement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor administrative areas of H-L Hall, as well as installation of a sprinkler system, new carpet and ceilings, and updated lighting throughout all portions of these two floors. In addition, to ensure protection from condensation problems on exterior building walls, Special Collections store rooms will be relocated to the interior of the building, installing compact shelving to increase storage capacity for rare books and manuscripts. Preparation for this work is similar to that undertaken this winter with all furniture on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, with the exception of the Special Collections area, removed and temporarily stored and shelving wrapped as protection against sprinkler system and ceiling installation.

### What this means for you:

- All 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor faculty study holders must remove all possessions before Thursday, May 19, 2005. Faculty studies with new lighting and ceilings will be ready for use at the beginning of the fall semester. We will notify you of the exact date.
- Student study carrel holders must clear out study carrels by 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21, 2005, the final day of spring semester exams.
- All collections on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, including books with call numbers DA through LT will be unavailable from 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> until late in August. If you will need any portion of these collections during the summer for research or preparation of reserves or classes, please bring a list of needed titles or classification areas to Phyllis McQuaide at the circulation desk. We will reshelve these selected titles on another floor to ensure access throughout the renovations.
- Please submit your fall semester reserves as early as possible. Neither Library staff nor faculty will have access to library materials shelved on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors until late August. Library staff will be busy in August getting the building back in shape for the start of classes and your help in submitting reserves as early as possible is greatly appreciated.
- Special Collections & Archives will provide uninterrupted service throughout the renovation period: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The Library will be open regular summer hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

We apologize for this inconvenience through the renovation process and thank you for your patience. Please do not hesitate to contact Judy Montgomery at [jmontgom@bowdoin.edu](mailto:jmontgom@bowdoin.edu) or ext. 3749, or Sherrie Bergman at [sbergman@bowdoin.edu](mailto:sbergman@bowdoin.edu) or ext. 3281 if you have any questions regarding the renovations or any of the information described above. We hope the renovations will improve library spaces for student and faculty members.

