

As Recognized by Spring 2002

Staff and Client Needs

Office Proximity

Offices separate from collections

Space

- Reading Room
- Additional Office Space
- Work/Preservation Space
- Special Events Space
- Display Space

Collection Needs

- Stacks Space
- Temperature and Humidity **Controlled Stacks**
- Initial Processing Room



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Pre-Bond Referendum (November 2000)

 Discussions with architects – mid to late 19th century style • Exploration - Construction of temperature and humidity con trolled space

Suite Ingradients (Planning)

 History Collections Reading **Room-** Plan not carried out because plans for new building began

Post-Referendum Planning (Plans for new building)

• Previous Plans - Elements incorporated into new plans

• Exploration - of other campuses for ideas

 Research – Search to find suitable interior fittings and to determine current collection space recommendations

 Discussions with Architects **Plans for 5-room History Suite** Plans for closed stacks and lab Plans for adjacent circulating stacks

Plans for adjacent special events space-with terrace

Plans for freezer room

Discussions with Master Cabinet Designer

Discussions with Interior Designer



Credits

Dr. Dorothy Spencer, Library Director Charlotte Critcher, History Collections Assistant ason Cottle, Library Graphic Designer/Artist Illustrator Paul Gianino, Cabinet Maker Cliff Hollis, East Carolina University Photographer Donna McLees, former director of the Medical Foundation of East Carolina University Staff of the Laupus Library

Laupus Library, East Carolina University, Greenville NC

Suite Results (Outcomes)

Move-In Status on May 30, 2006

 Reading room – Lacked ceiling tiles, flooring, and painted walls and trim

- Rare book stacks Lacked archival-depth shelving
- Offices Lacked file cabinets and blinds
- Workroom Lacked shelving and work counters Special events space – Screen in-

correctly installed

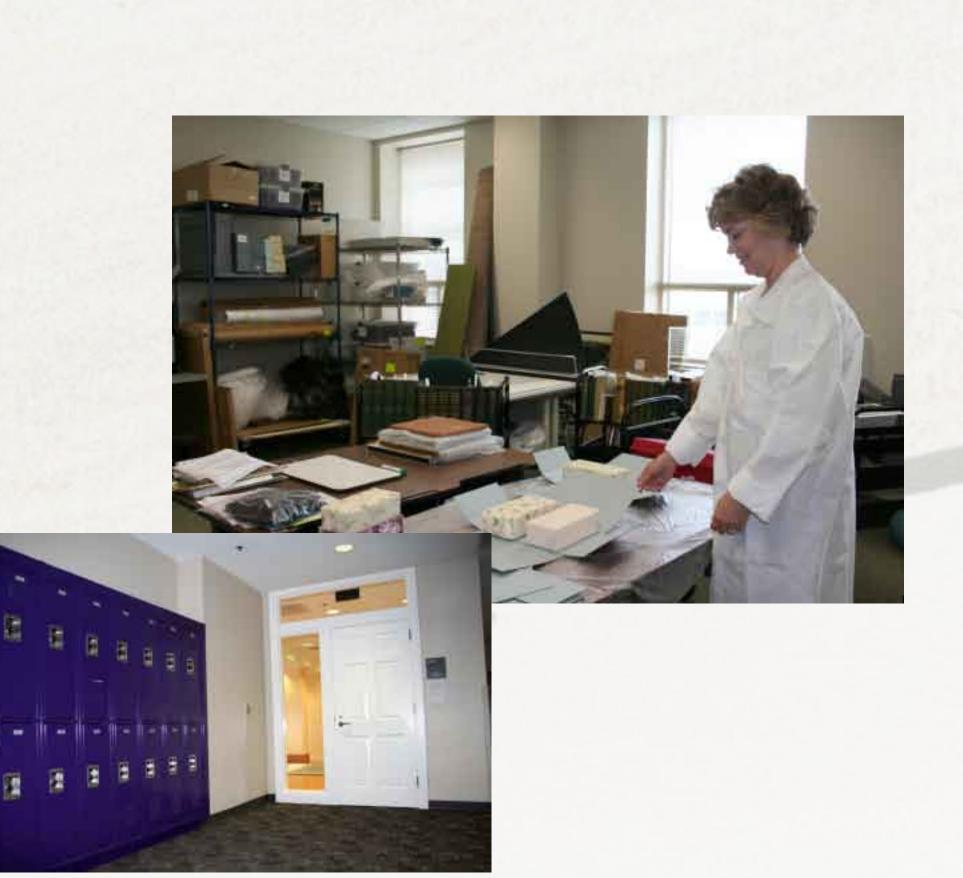
Structural Surprises

 Construction and delivery delays The history suite was not finished for the building dedication on September 22

• Two faculty members are still in study rooms as of October 10 because their offices are not habitable Water Leaks

Lighting required rewiring

 Acoustics – Sound from the special events space annoys clients on the third and fourth floors





 Two Medical History Interest **Group lectures have been held** with encouragingly high attendance

Suite Success (Evaluation)

 Several Library and University events and one city government event have been held

Displays/Exhibits

 Display cases of colorful history of health care book jackets Country Doctor Museum photography display

• Upcoming ALA exhibit in spring 2007 "Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians"

Collaboration

- Medical Foundation of ECU
- Interior Design Program
- School of Nursing

 ALA exhibit includes ECU academic library, ECU and hospital employees, and public library

Increased University and Community Interest

 Many people have admired the wooden floor in the reading room

 People are hearing about the new History Collections Suite and look forward to using it

