



Bridgewater State University

Virtual Commons - Bridgewater State University

Maxwell Library Faculty Publications

Maxwell Library

11-15-2005

Form Follows Vision: Creating Student-Centered Learning Spaces

Michael Somers

Bridgewater State College, msomers@bridgew.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://vc.bridgew.edu/library_fac



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

Virtual Commons Citation

Somers, Michael (2005). Form Follows Vision: Creating Student-Centered Learning Spaces. In *Maxwell Library Faculty Publications*. Paper 3.

Available at: https://vc.bridgew.edu/library_fac/3

This item is available as part of Virtual Commons, the open-access institutional repository of Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.



Form Follows Vision

Creating
Student-Centered
Learning Spaces

Michael A. Somers
Director, Library Services
Bridgewater State College

Case Study: Maxwell Library

- Phased renovation project
 - 3 year project
- Budget
- Building Codes
- Logistics

Library as Place



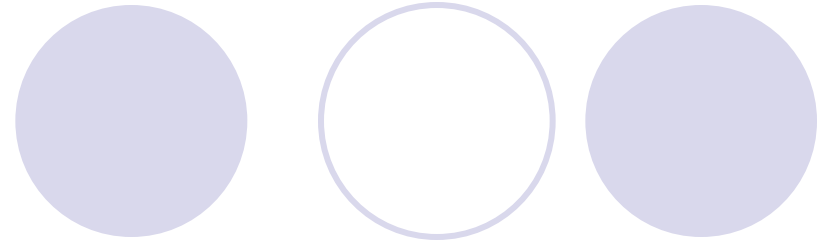
- Learning Commons
 - Education spaces
 - Social spaces
 - Cultural spaces
 - Personal spaces
 - Virtual spaces

Program Development



- Exits/Entrances
- Services
- Collections
- Staff

Adjacencies



- By Service
- By Function
- By Utility

Vertical Integration



- Tropes and themes
- Volumes and veneers
- Colors and contrasts
- Access and accessibility

Horizontal Integration



- Navigation by design
- Navigation by sign
- Navigation by cluster
- Navigation by luster

Learning Styles



- Large group
- Small group
- Collaboration
- Solitaire

Learning Spaces



- Information Commons
- Group Study Rooms
- Copy Center
- Furniture

Out with the old



Somers / Bridgewater State College





Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Reference

Maxwell Library
Spring Break Hours

March 27, 2007
Monday - Thursday 7:00am - 11pm
Friday 7:00am - 4pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

REFERENCE
SERVICES

Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College

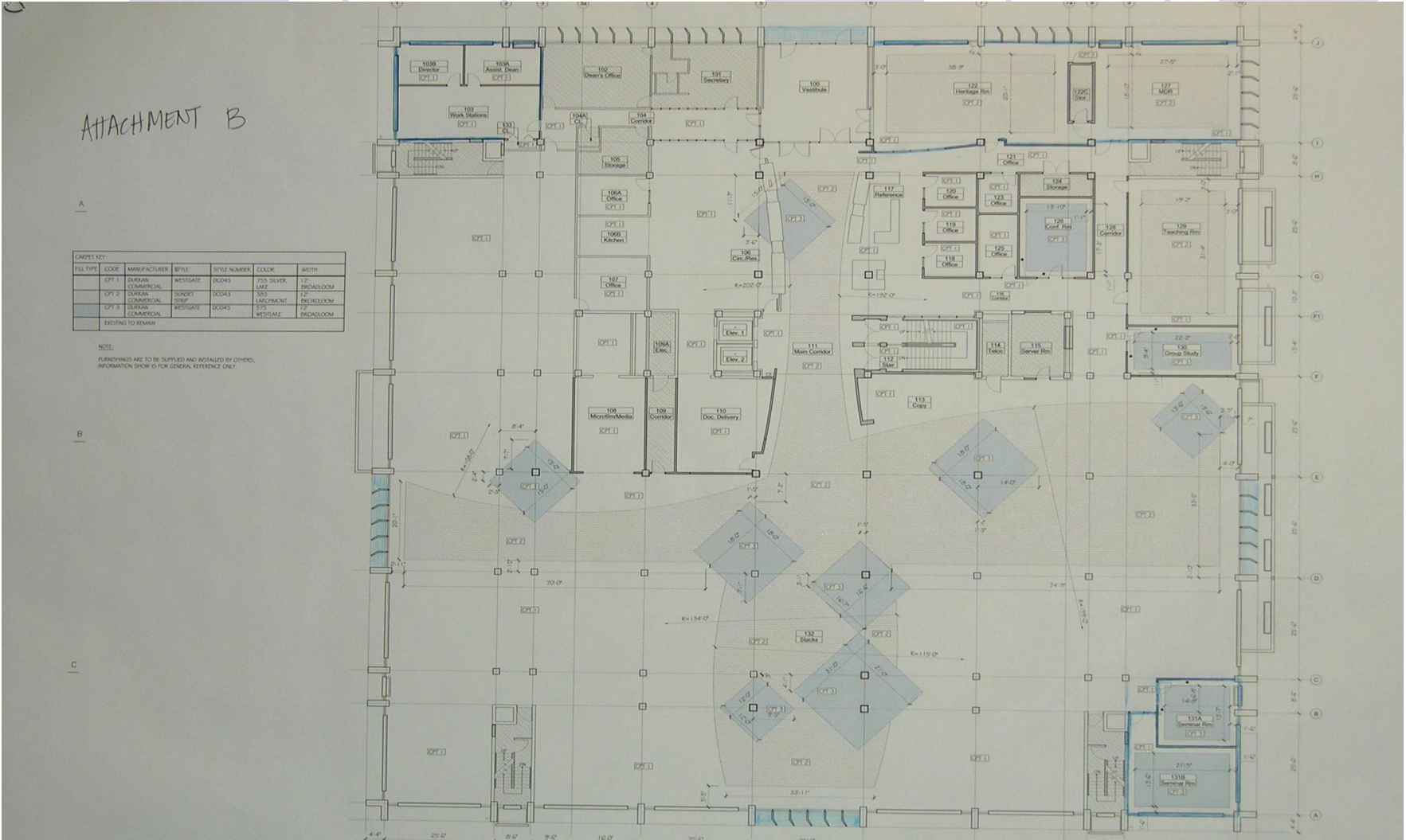


Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College

In With The New



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College

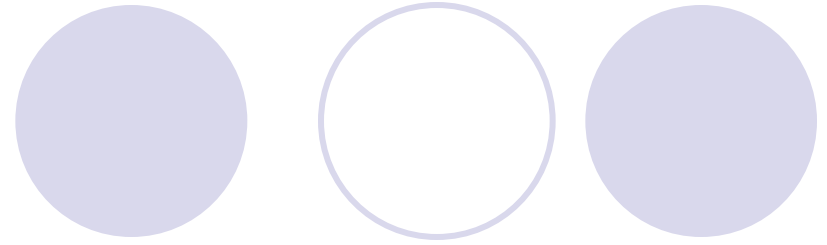


Somers / Bridgewater State College



Somers / Bridgewater State College

Any Questions?



- Contact Information

- Michael A. Somers

- Director, Library Services

- Bridgewater State College

- msomers@bridgew.edu

- 508.531.1255

- <http://www.bridgew.edu/library>