Dewey Renovation

A long time coming
Grover M. Hermann Building
Building E53

- Designed by MIT Professor Eduardo Catalano
- Home to the Political Science Department and Dewey Library
- Dewey occupies 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} floors and part of basement
Dewey Space Timeline

• 1965 – Dewey moves into E53
  • 1969 – Man lands on the moon
  • 1981 – IBM PC is invented
  • 1990 – World Wide Web invented

• 1997 – Major renovation to circulation desk

• 2006 – Library entrance replaced, modest update to service desk
Why Renovate?
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“Dewey reminds me of Hell”
Sloan Graduate Student in the 2005 Libraries Survey
Why Renovate?

• To Improve Study Space

Dewey needs…
“…really quiet individual study spaces”
“…more group and individual study spaces”
“…improved individual and group study space”

All quotes from the 2005 Libraries Survey
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• To Improve Access to Collections
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- To improve access to collections
- Only way to get to basement collections
- Tarp collection for basement stacks
- Stacks are filled!
- Fleet of basement dehumidifiers
Why Renovate?

• To Improve the Overall Environment

Dewey...
“...is so old and dingy looking inside”
“...facilities are terrible”
“...[should have] a nice quiet reading room with lots of light, plants, comfortable chairs like the libraries in HBS”
How We Got Here

• 1998 Sloan East Campus Project fundraising begins
• 2005 – Dewey no longer part of new building
• 2006 – Study of Dewey facilities approved by CRSP
• 2007 – Study completed, renovation plan submitted to CRSP
How We Got Here

• 2008 – MIT funds renovation at...
How We Got Here...

$4,600,000
So What’s in the Plan?

• Improves Study Space
  ◦ Adds 24 hour study space
  ◦ Increases # of sq. ft. for study spaces
  ◦ Increases # of group study rooms
  ◦ Provides better sound-proofing for quieter spaces
So What’s in the Plan?

• Improves Access to the Collection
  ◦ Increases collection potential by using compact shelving
  ◦ Adds stair access to the basement
  ◦ Addresses humidity issues in basement
  ◦ Makes library more ADA accessible
So What’s in the Plan?

• Improves Overall Environment
  ◦ Improves lighting
  ◦ New carpeting
  ◦ Updates some furnishings
  ◦ Takes the “scary” out of the basement
Construction Timeline

- June – Hire architect
- Summer/Fall – Design and construction documents created
- Fall/Winter – Hire contractor and obtain permits
- Jan to Aug 2009 – Renovate library

Dates are preliminary and highly likely to change
Project Goals

• Make everyone happy (for a little while)
  ☑ Students – improved study environment
  ☑ Faculty – improved collection access
  ☑ Sloan – increased competitiveness with other business schools
  ☑ MIT – library up to code
  ☑ Staff – better place to work
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Questions?