

MODERNIZING

ALDERMAN LIBRARY

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THE PROBLEMS.

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DESCRIBE THE PERSONALITY OF ALDERMAN. ■ WHAT DO STUDENTS USE ALDERMAN FOR? ■ WHAT VALUE DO YOU WANT ALDERMAN TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENTS? ■ WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP ABOUT ALDERMAN AND THE WAY IT WORKS NOW? ■ WHAT DOESN'T WORK ABOUT ALDERMAN? ■ WHAT AREA OF ALDERMAN NEEDS THE GREATEST ATTENTION? ■ WHAT WERE THE FINDINGS OF THE ANTHROPOLOGIST? ■ WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST IMPROVEMENTS THE RENOVATION WILL BRING? ■ WHAT LIMITATIONS ARE THERE TO RENOVATING THE SPACE? ■ HOW DO YOU HOPE TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY WHILE MODERNIZING THE SPACE? ■

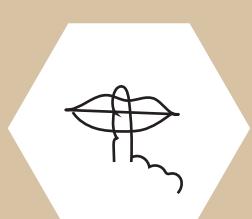
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WHAT WORKS



COLLECTION OF BOOKS
“SACRED COW”²



QUIET STUDY SPACE
“HEADS DOWN”²
“REFLECTION &
“CONTEMPLATION”²



COMFORTING VIBE
“HOMEY”³

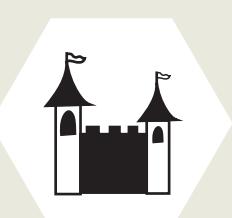
NOT ADA² ACCESSIBLE



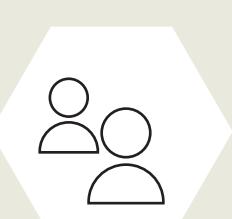
POOR, OUTDATED INFRASTRUCTURE



INTIMIDATING GRANDEUR
“DAUNTING FOR UNDERGRADS”³



“UNDERUTILIZED”³
RESOURCES & LIBRARIANS



WHAT DOESN'T

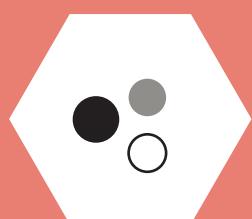
2. Dennis Clark, interview by Victoria Alvarez and design team, April 18, 2019.

3. John Unsworth, interview by Victoria Alvarez and design team, April 18, 2019.

THE RENOVATION.

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NEEDS

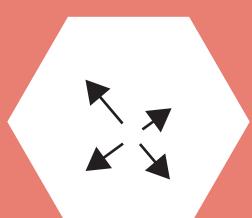


VARIETY

"I WANT STUDENTS TO FIND WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR ON THAT DAY"³



BALANCE MODERNITY & TRADITION



MORE SPACE

"QUALITY, REASONABLE PEOPLE SPACE"⁴



NAVIGABILITY

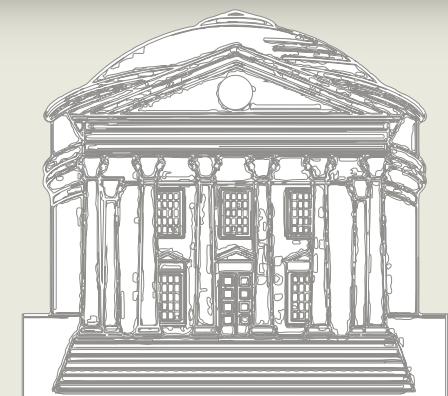
"STRAIGHTFORWARD EXPERIENCE"³

"YOU CAN STAY IN ONE PLACE AND FIGURE OUT WHERE YOU NEED TO GO"³



CONVENIENCE³

LIMITATIONS



- "POLITICAL" CONSTRAINTS:
ALDERMAN AT THE HEART OF CENTRAL GROUNDS⁴
- JEFFERSON'S CLASSIC ARCHITECTURE

850 SEATS

40%

INCREASE IN SPACE²

1300 SEATS

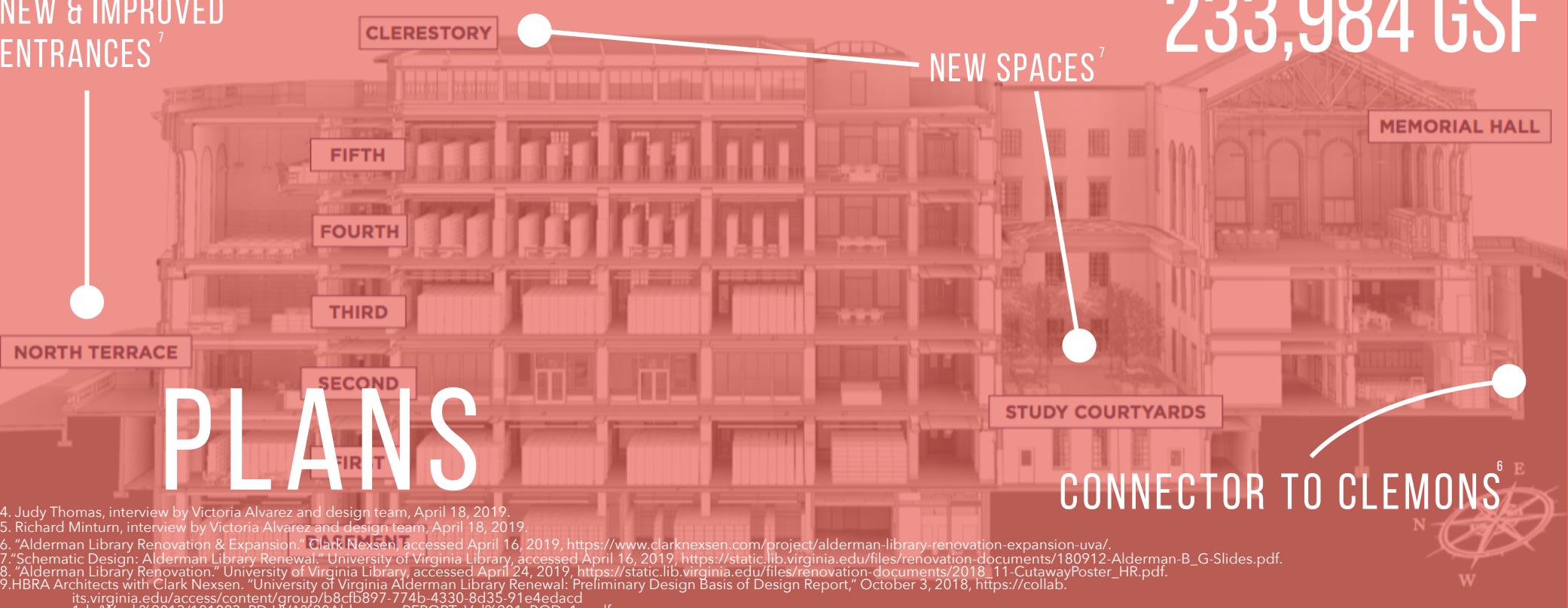


DECREASE IN ENERGY USAGE⁵
MORE POWER OUTLETS⁵

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NEW & IMPROVED ENTRANCES⁷

233,984 GSF⁹



4. Judy Thomas, interview by Victoria Alvarez and design team, April 18, 2019.

5. Richard Minturn, interview by Victoria Alvarez and design team, April 18, 2019.

6. "Alderman Library Renovation & Expansion." Clark Nexsen, accessed April 16, 2019, <https://www.clarknexsen.com/project/alderman-library-renovation-expansion-uva/>.

7. "Schematic Design: Alderman Library Renewal." University of Virginia Library, accessed April 16, 2019, https://static.lib.virginia.edu/files/renovation-documents/180912-Alderman-B_G-Slides.pdf.

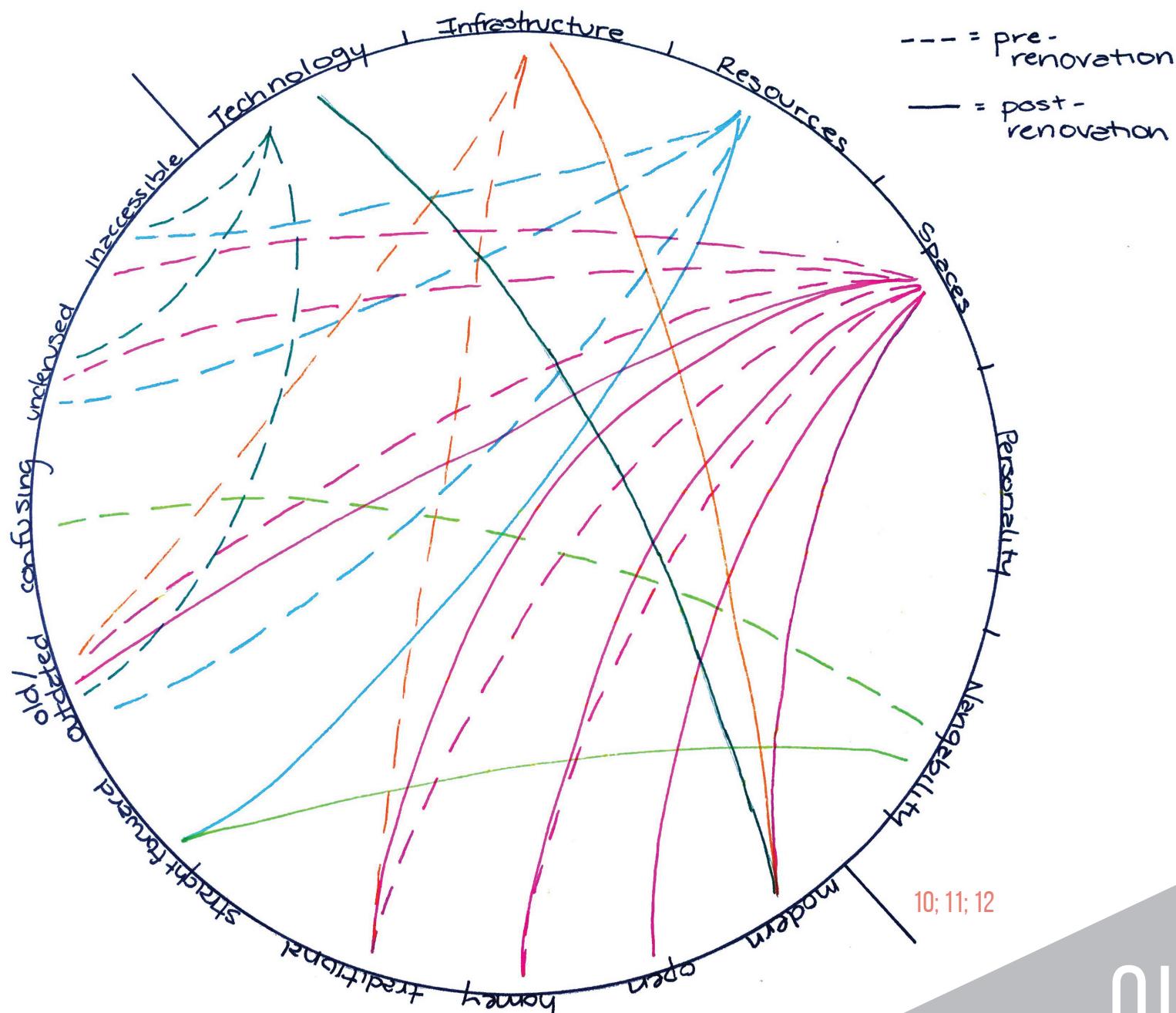
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9. HBRA Architects with Clark Nexsen. "University of Virginia Alderman Library Renewal: Preliminary Design Basis of Design Report," October 3, 2018, https://collab.its.virginia.edu/access/content/group/b8cf897-774b-4330-8d35-91e4edacd1dc/Week%203/181003_PD-UVA%20Alderman_REPORT_Vol%201_BOD_1_.pdf.

OUR APPROACH.

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"MOST OF US CAN LIVE WITH WORN OUT, DYSFUNCTIONAL SPACE.
BUT THAT STUFF IS REALLY BAD.
NO MORE OF THAT."⁵



OUR FOCUS
IS NOT
THE BUILDING.

OUR FOCUS IS WHAT GOES ON INSIDE.

WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SYSTEM,
HOW ALDERMAN FUNCTIONS AND HOW STUDENTS ENGAGE WITH IT.

SO WHAT WE DO MEAN BY "MODERNIZE"?

WE MEAN TO CREATE "**A SPACE THAT SHOWS SOMEONE
PAID ATTENTION AND SOMEONE CARES**"⁴