

Rotunda Restoration

The main entrance opens into the building's historic rotunda. The domed ceiling and ornate railings have been meticulously restored to their original beauty. Hanging from the rotunda ceiling is an original, refurbished light fixture refitted with energy efficient LED lamps.



Fireplace Repurpose

The original fireplace first installed in Alexander G. Ruthven's office in 1928 has been relocated to the Fourth Floor Commons to provide a connection to the building's storied past.



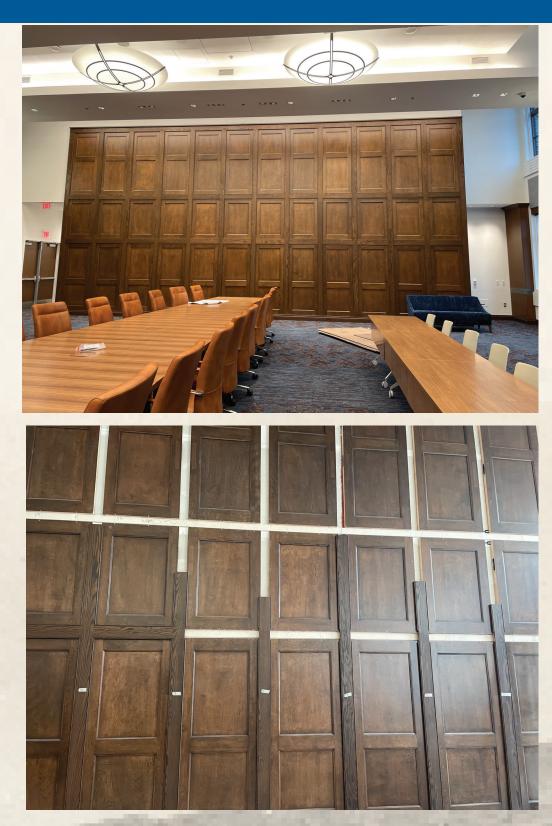


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Reuse Restore Repurpose

The Alexander G. Ruthven Building renovation focused on preserving the historical character of the exterior while transforming the interior into a modern, energy efficient, high performing facility. Maintaining the building organization, which utilizes the rotunda as the hub of activity and circulation as the primary organizational element of the structure was one of the goals of this project. Improving the energy performance while providing modern upgrades related to comfort and convenience was another goal of this project.





Repurposed Wood Doors

Regents now gather in the new, two story University Hall in which features a wall clad with refurbished, wood doors from throughout the original building.

Mail Box Repurpose

The original mailbox and mail chute were preserved, cleaned and relocated. Although no longer functional these antiques preserve the building's history.



Bronze Door Restoration

NATURAL HISTORY



The historic bronze clad main entrance doors where restored. The new automatic door operator improves the function of each door 550 lbs door leaf.

Window Replication

Beyond repair, the historic exterior windows were replicated. The new windows maintain the classic aesthetic of the building but are outfitted with insulated glass units to improve the building's energy performance.

Alexander G. Ruthven Building Renovation - Materials Reuse

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