



**University of Rochester Students' Association**  
**Projects and Services Committee**

**Project Report:**  
**Walk for Facilities**

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## **Walk for Facilities**

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The Walk for Facilities is an analytical program started by the Students' Association in 2008 to complement the Walk for Light, which runs every other year. While each Walk may survey different aspects of the campus, the focuses in Fall 2008 were outdoor areas, (some) residence buildings, and public indoor spaces. Not included in the walk were academic buildings, and some residence halls. A representative from University Facilities and between three and five students comprised each of the nine assessment groups, which provided the following feedback.

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**Prioritized comments** are listed in **red bold** throughout this report. Original numerical ratings, if given by the group, are on a scale from 1-10 (10 being best) and are denoted by (#) at the end of a line. Comments listed are problems that have been found. All positive feedback has been placed in our records, but has been removed from this final report for conciseness purposes.

### ***Feedback by Category***

#### **Structural Feedback: (Walls, Stairs, Sidewalks, etc.)**

- Sue B, Spurrier, and Surrounding Areas
  - Safety of Stairs / Sidewalks (5)
    - Pavement leading down to towers floods in rain
    - Stairway next to Douglass and Rush Rhees needs work
    - Lawn between Palestra and Goergen is uneven, water collects
    - **Railing along Spurrier and Sue B is rusted, broken, and dangerous.**
    - Asphalt on path between Sue B and Spurrier needs fixing
    - Steps to Anderson Tower are uneven and loose
  - Sue B Bathroom Leaks
    - Small “pinhole” leaks are prominent throughout many Sue B bathrooms. Ex. Gates 3, Gannett 4; Water leaks through ceiling.
- **Rush Rhees Religion Department**
  - Cracks and Chips in walls and stairs
- Wilson Commons
  - **Wilson Commons spiral stairs need repair at bottom, and flooring needs to be replaced (4)**



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- Trenches in Hirst Lounge floor and chips in stairs need maintenance
- Paint in Gowen Room needs touchup
- Gowen Room door is chipped and needs paint
- **Ruth Merrill center ceiling leaks**
- Ruth Merrill center needs re-carpeting
- Tunnels need re-carpeting and new paint for ceiling vents
- Residence Quad
  - Burton windows need to be evaluated – Do not open and screens torn
- Upper Strong
  - Rear stairwells are chipped and have bad flooring (trip hazard)
- Eastman Quad and Outside Academic Areas
  - Sidewalks need a lot of patchwork
  - **Outside Meliora Hall**
    - Stairs up to Eastman Quad (4)
    - Stairs around Meliora Hall
    - Sidewalk dips form puddles
    - Ramp down to Meliora has loose railings
    - Ramp down to Meliora has potholes
  - Walkway from Gavett to Harkness has large potholes
  - **Hoyt doors have handicapped accessible sticker, but no button**
  - Stairs on right side of Hoyt, toward Dewey – Wire is popping off building
  - Hoyt entrance is prone to puddles
  - Bausch and Lomb has large potholes
- Between Rush Rhees and Douglass
  - **Stairs and asphalt deteriorating**
- Science Quad and Surrounding Areas
  - Safety of Stairs / Sidewalks
    - Science Quad (10)
    - Harkness, Gavett, Hopeman (7)
      - **Sidewalks puddle significantly**
      - **Very muddy (Areas that students walk should be paved if not already)**
      - Brick outline / curb should be laid around pathway to help isolate traffic flow.
    - Manhole cover on diagonal path toward Dewey is a trip hazard.
- Outside of Residence Quad, Fraternity Quad, Interfaith Chapel Areas
  - Safety of Stairs / Sidewalks (7)
    - Lake sized puddle between entrances of Hoeing and Lovejoy
    - Pave the muddy path from Tiernan to Frat Quad that students use regularly
    - Main door of Tiernan broken
    - Lots of mud patches on quad grass
    - Big crack all the way across the side walk in front of Todd stairs
    - Big puddles outside of Todd



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### *Aesthetic Comments: (Décor, Sustainability, Handicapped Access, Functionality, etc.)*

- Quality of Quad Residences
  - o Common areas and hallways (Crosby – 8) (Burton – 7) (Hoeing – 9) (Gilbert – 8.5) (Lovejoy – 6.5) (Tiernan – 8.5)
    - Crosby and Burton need more lighting
    - Gilbert needs more outlets on other walls (1L and 2S especially)
    - **Gilbert needs window shades in common room**
    - Lovejoy and Tiernan need more outlets in lounges
  - o Bathrooms (Crosby – 7) (Burton – 6) (Hoeing – 4) (Gilbert – 10) (Lovejoy – 7) (Tiernan – 9)
    - Crosby has rust on shower curtains
    - Burton stalls have rust
    - **Hoeing plaster on ceilings is ripping off**
    - **Hoeing shower stalls are moldy and rusty**
    - Lovejoy shower ceilings look like they're under construction
  - o Some laundry rooms do not have sinks and/or outlets
  - o White lights preferred over yellow (not florescent though)
  - o Ventilation is a general problem
- Quality of Hill Court / Phase
  - o Lighting in common rooms is very dim
  - o Only 3 of 6 buildings have lights above the stove in kitchens
  - o Loft rooms do not have adequate room lighting
  - o Heating in common rooms lacks
- Quality of Sue B Dorms (5)
  - o Carpets moldy and stained
  - o Sixth floor lounge looks great, while many others look ugly
  - o Lights flickering in and out
  - o **Entrance doors to dorms have handicapped stickers but no button**
- Quality of Sue B Bathrooms (4)
  - o See Structural and Misc. Feedback
- Quality of Spurrier
  - o Color scheme is outdated
  - o Could use additional cleaning
    - Dirt along top of green, peeling walls
  - o **Gym lights are on all day, though room is not often in use**
- Quality of Spurrier Music Practice Rooms (7)
  - o Bad odor
  - o Doors creak
- Quality of Spurrier Dance Rooms (8)
  - o Vents need cleaning
  - o Grey metal running along perimeter of room is in need of repair
- Quality of Rush Rhees Library
  - o Furniture in study rooms (10)
    - Need more outlets



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- Aesthetics of study rooms (10)
  - **Power outlets in Welles Brown, Periodical Reading, Main Reference Room, and ITS not working properly**
  - Courtyard looks grungy; window trim, plants area need improvement
- Quality of furniture in stacks (8)
  - Needs more power outlets (only outlets are in G100 and G100M)
  - Furniture worn
  - More cubicles needed in A&B stacks
  - G200 entrance cubicle has no light
- Aesthetics of stacks (6)
  - Staircases in stacks need more light, look grungy
  - **Motion sensors turn lights off while still present**
  - Light timers click loudly
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor stacks hallway near new elevator is missing overhead lights and pull-chain for fixture is missing, just inside stacks entrance
  - Restroom design makes handicapped accessibility difficult
- Functionality
  - **Handicapped buttons at entrance do not work**
  - Tunnels – Door near Starbucks needs heating and **handicapped buttons not working properly**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Religion Dept., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, and Gamble Room
  - Elevator needs painting
  - Doors need to be cleaned / tape is peeling
  - **Plank as makeshift ramp is extremely unsafe**
  - **Sign in the fire escape / exit only room would help make its bizarre appearance more understandable**
  - **Room 441 has broken window, replaced by cardboard**
  - Periodical Reading Room heating system lacks
  - Periodical Reading Room ceiling glass needs cleaning
  - Robbins Library windows need work
  - **No signage for Gamble Room**
  - Kitchen floor is nasty, and kitchen appliances seem to not work
- Wilson Commons
  - Quality of Hirst (8)
    - **Tables are wobbly**
  - Quality of the Pit / PepsiCo Plaza
    - **Tables are wobbly**
  - Quality of Gowen Room (9)
  - Quality of The Hive (7)
    - Loose wires hanging from ceiling
  - Quality of Ruth Merrill Center (5)
    - Bulletin board needs to be re-matted



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- Bulky, uncomfortable furniture
- **The floor outlet by the large pillar is beyond unsafe**
- Quality of May Room (10)
  - Cracked paint
- Quality of Bridge Room (9)
  - New tables needed
  - Cracked paint
- Quality of 5<sup>th</sup> Floor (10)
- White semicircular stairs on the floors above the PepsiCo Plaza need to be painted (preferably different color)
- More convenient handicapped ramp at main entrance
- Tunnels are gross, mold, leakage
- Goergen Athletic Center
  - Quality of Tennis Courts (10)
    - Curtains get stuck
  - Quality of Basketball Courts (7)
    - Scuffed floors
    - Court C cover plate for pole is missing in middle of court
    - Court B sneaker sign needs to be replaced
  - Quality of Racquetball / Squash Courts (7)
    - Walls and floors need to be resurfaced
    - Playing surfaces need attention
  - Quality of MAC Room (9)
    - Dance Facilities need mirrors on side and back walls
    - Floor needs refinishing
  - Quality of Weight Room (10)
  - Quality of Field House (6)
    - Piping needs visiting
    - Need to refinish and repaint floors
    - **60 yard dash area is bumpy and bad at start**
    - Need door for ventilation, improve air flow
    - Floor surface of non-turf and area under catwalk is dirty
    - Curtain has lots of blue tape to cover up tears-possibly look at replacement curtain depending on number of tears
  - Quality of Palestra (8)
    - Outdated and needs attention
    - Benches on NYU side and our side are worn and need touch-up
    - Walls on court behind tables need repainting
  - Quality of Pool (10)
  - Quality of Locker Rooms: Girls (9) Boys (10)
    - Girls room is rusty
  - Quality of Alumni Lounge (9)
    - Needs water fountain
    - Paint peeling on ducts



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- Quality of Fauver Stadium (10)
  - \*Outdoor areas covered in snow so cannot comment on this\*
  - o Indoor areas (7)
    - Bathrooms terrible, outdated
      - **Spit wads on ceiling** and other vulgarities
    - Lighting is too dim
    - Windows have giant paint chips
    - Functional but not pleasing to the eye
  - \*Press box could not be accessed\*
- Quality of Interfaith Chapel (7)
  - o Some ceiling tiles are wet or discolored
  - o 2x4 suspended ceiling tiles in lobby would be better
  - o Paint and carpet is good
  - o Girls bathroom lock on office level broken
  - o Lower level ceiling and walls look unfinished
- Quality of Upper Strong Auditorium (6)
  - o Steam traps bang slightly
  - o Facilities could be cleaner
  - o Often too hot in theater
  - o Rear stairwells are messy
- Quality of Lower Strong (5)
  - o Men's restroom should be renovated to look like women's
  - o Women's restroom sheetrock looks chipped on corners
  - o Floors are disgusting
- Quality of Todd Union Postal Area (6)
  - o Men's restroom is dirty and ugly
  - o Mailbox area should be painted
  - o Package area is surrounded by puddles at times
  - o Pipe covers (pike jackets and insulation) need to be replaced
- Quality of Todd Union Theater Facilities
  - \*Could not be accessed for assessment\*
- Quality of Eastman Quad and Surrounding Areas
  - o Grass and greenery (9), glowers around buildings could use a bit of work
  - o Grass and greenery on Side of Rush Rhees (8)
    - Need side rails between greenery and concrete
- Quality of Science Quad and Surrounding Areas
  - o Aesthetics of Shrubbery / Greenery (10)
  - o Aesthetics of Building Exteriors (9)
  - o Make Science Quad patio areas more useable (tables, etc.)
- Quality of Sue B., Spurrier, and Surrounding Areas
  - o Aesthetics of Shrubbery / Greenery (8)
- Quality of Areas Outside of Residence Quad, Fraternity Quad, through Interfaith
  - o Aesthetics of Shrubbery / Greenery (6)



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### Security Comments: (Safety, Access, Lighting, Blue Lights, etc.)

**None of these security comments have been bolded because all are pressing issues.**

- Exit lights are out in many areas of Quad Residence
- Key swipe outside of Hillside broken (door does not close securely), and left-most door entering Sue B dorms does not close completely
- No blue light phones in Hill Court (phones outside of buildings are regular phones, and some students do not feel safe)
- Road behind Hill Court area Gate is extremely dangerous
  - o Install (in order of importance): Slow/Stop Sign, Speed Bump, Cross Walk on road
- Tunnels in Hill Court / Phase
  - o Mirrors in corners to help people see would improve safety for visibility
  - o Many doors are left open when they should be locked
- Phase bridge is steep, slippery and needs salting in winter
- Left door in Tiernan basement entrance doesn't open
- Interfaith Chapel Office Level exit sign is out
- Ice build-up falls from roof of Crosby / Burton

### Miscellaneous Repairs: (Furniture, Plumbing, Electronics, etc.)

In addition to providing specific repair requests, this section aims to provide a general notion of the state of Facilities as the students view it. These are technical issues that should be fixed by calling the x34567 number for Facilities but for whatever reason have not been taken care of or have not been reported.

- Quad Residence 1<sup>st</sup> floors have rust on walls
- Gilbert has burnt out common room lights
- Burton
  - o Burton 1 water fountain head broken off
  - o Sink in basement has problem
  - o Broken and Rusty oven
  - o No TV in Burton 2 Lounge
- Sensor light outside of Burton / Crosby does not work at random
- Tiernan 2 shower drips and Tiernan sinks do not run well
- Sue B TV Lounge needs repairs
  - o Tape residue all over floor
- Sue B Bathrooms
  - o Gates 6 window screen is broken
  - o Morgan 5 has two broken showers (older heads), one shower head without pressure, and one shower missing a head altogether
  - o Gates 3 outlet above sinks comes out of wall
  - o General conception of showers: rusted, water pools outside of showers
- Spurrier Gym, Music Practice Rooms, Dance Halls
  - o Vents need cleaning
  - o Needs signs



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- Hill Court / Phase
  - o Kendrick Basement Supplies lack greatly
- Rush Rhees Restrooms
  - o B-Stack male restroom light over the sink is out and A-Stack male restroom light over sink is missing a cover
  - o B-Stack female restroom stalls need improvement
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> floor stacks female restroom lights flicker above sink
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> floor male restroom has clogged stall
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> floor restrooms by Gamble Room are gross, sink plaster, light above sink is cracked/yellow, paint is disgusting
  - o Stair treads in Rush Rhees stacks need replacing (slippery)
- Wilson Commons
  - o Replace flickering light bulbs at entrance
  - o Make lights all one color
- Stairs at main entrance of Todd need re-caulking
- Eastman Quad
  - o Stair/Ramp railing by Meliora need to be tightened
- Residential Quad
  - o Bench is missing back by Hoeing / Crosby
  - o Bench is broken by Tiernan
  - o Bench is broken by Gilbert
  - o No hot water for long periods of time on Crosby East

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