

6. Giesy Remodel



This door, visible from the parking lot, is the de facto main entrance to Giesy. It will be widened to a more entrance-like double door and made accessible as part of the remodel.



Giesy is considered by many to be the “ugly duckling” of the campus. While all of the other buildings are white stucco with “punched” windows surrounded by walls, Giesy is red brick with 2-story high glass curtain walls instead of individual windows.

The exterior walls of Giesy are of solid reinforced brick construction, with no cavities to incorporate insulation or drainage. The structural brick is exposed on the interior surface as well as the exterior. There have been reported problems with dampness in the walls and possible mold. One staff member requested an office in Founder’s Annex because he felt the interior air quality in Giesy was unhealthy for him. It is not known if the problem is with the brick or with the windows, or possibly with the retaining wall at the back side of the lower floor.

This dampness must be investigated and diagnosed so that the underlying condition can be repaired as a part of the Giesy remodel.

Consideration could be given to the creation of a “rainscreen” system for the exterior walls by furring the structural brick walls on the outside and adding insulation, a water barrier, and new stucco cladding. This would improve energy efficiency as well as keeping the bricks dry. New stucco cladding could also make the appearance of Giesy more consistent with the other buildings on campus so that it could blend in better visually.

A moderate remodel is proposed for the interior of Giesy to make it suitable for faculty offices. Major construction will be on the main floor. The door on the South side, which is the de-facto main entrance, will be enlarged to become a double door, and the corridor it leads to will be made wider. The receptionist and copier rooms will be remodeled to become two faculty offices or seminar rooms. An accessible unisex bathroom will be added to the main floor.

The lower level of the stacks wing will be renovated for two faculty offices. This assumes that the current archives will be relocated, either off campus or into a windowless area of the new Central Campus building. The increase in the number of offices will allow two of the offices on the main floor to be used by students who need to work together in small groups.

The main classroom will be modernized, including the removal of library bookshelves and worktables that are no longer needed, to give more room for classroom furniture.

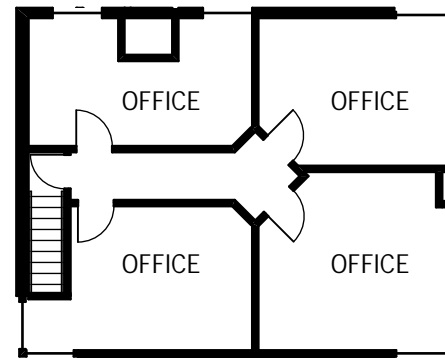
The Master Plan shows a possible small addition to Giesy next to the existing main entrance. This addition could house an enclosed wheelchair lift for access to the lower level as well as a storage room for classroom furniture and equipment.

Work needs to be done on the corner windows to improve the acoustical separation between the floors of the former stack wing, as described in the acoustical report. A future project might include demolition of the entire stacks wing and replacement with new construction having greater ceiling height. Current ceilings on the lower floor and main floor of this wing are only 7’.

The work will also include the relevant items from the no-brainer list.

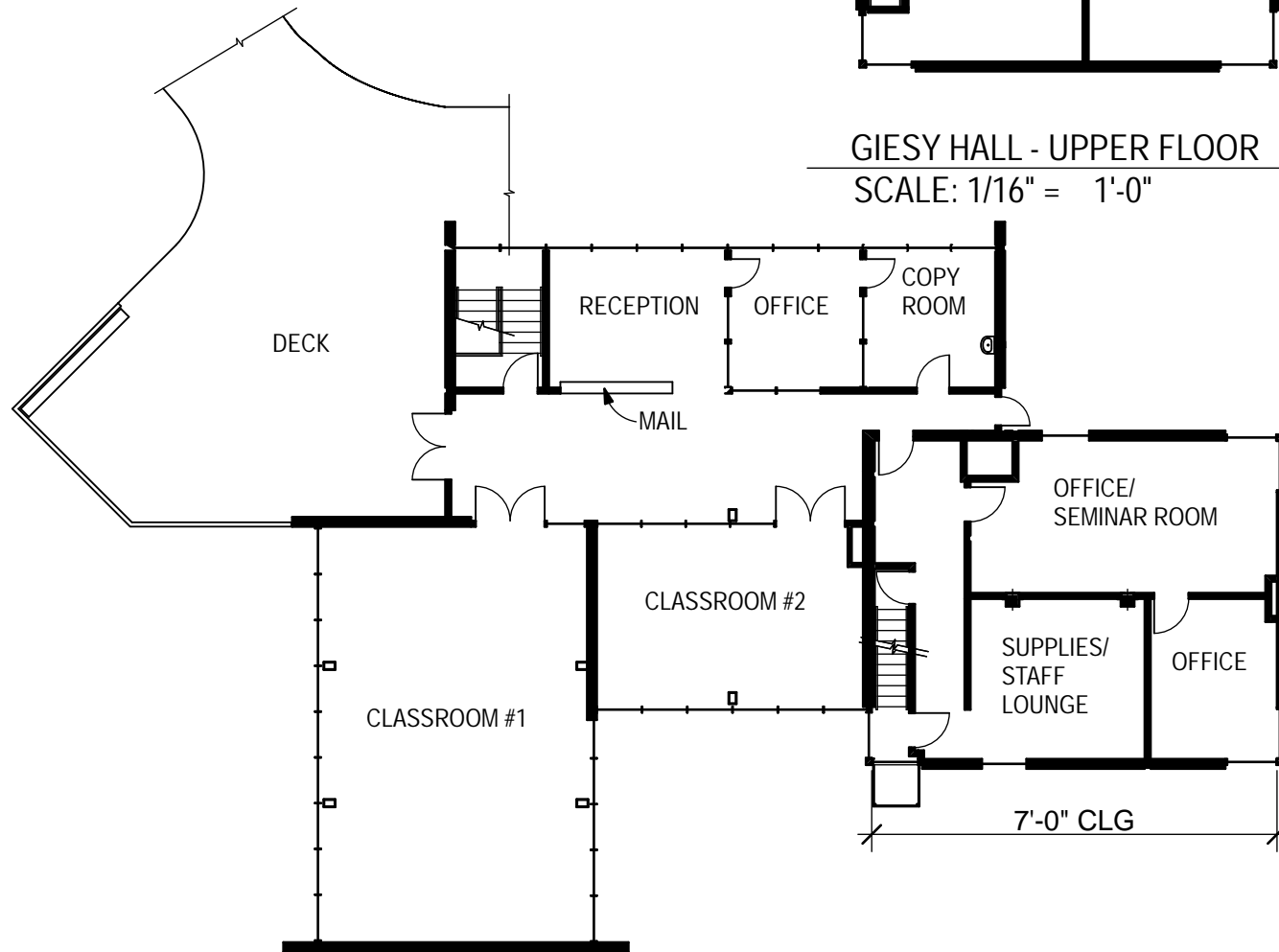


Solid brick structural walls are attractive where exposed on the interior.



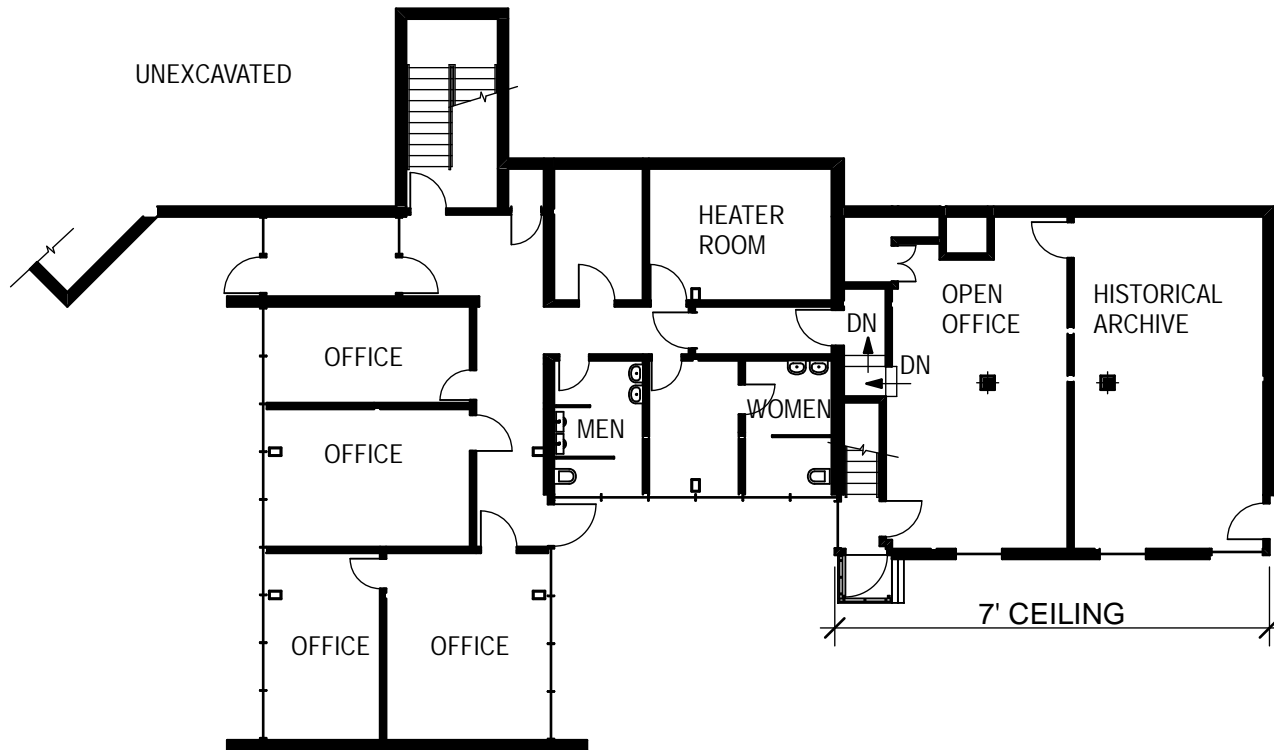
GIESY HALL - UPPER FLOOR

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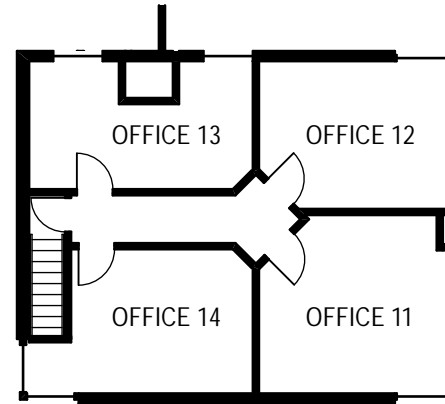
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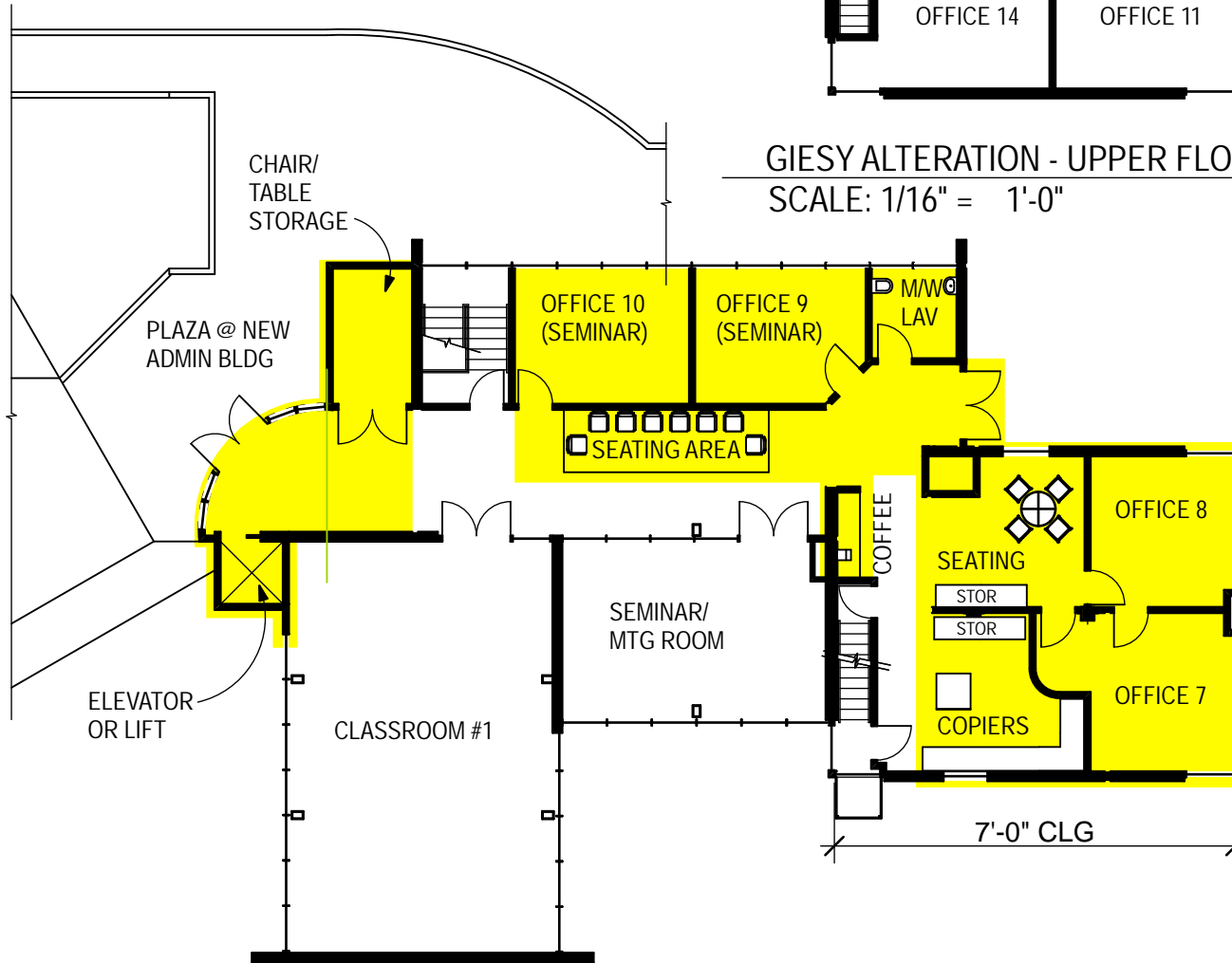


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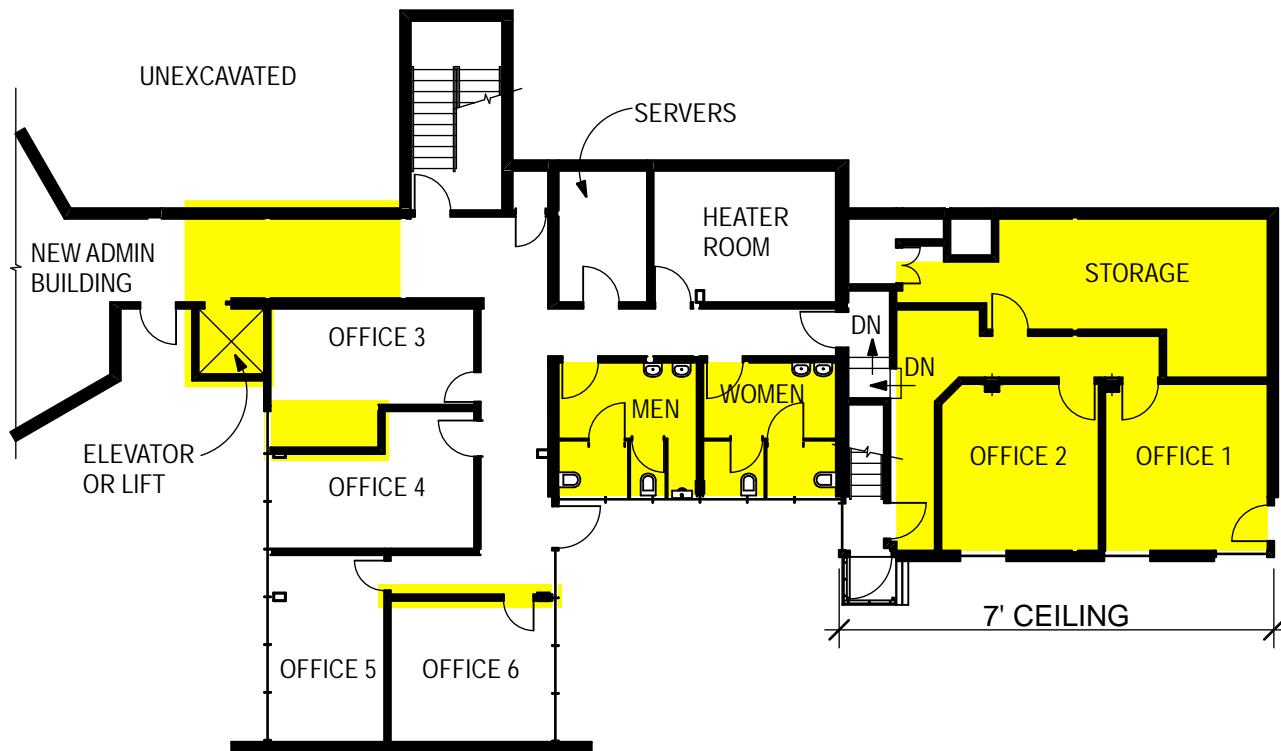
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GIESY ALTERATION - UPPER FLOOR
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