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The T. J. Day ’71 Computer Center in Renshaw Hall provides a state-of-the-art computer science facility for students and faculty.

Students now have ample study space in the new Jerold R. Nicholson Library. The new library has more than double the space of Northrup and, at the request of the students, the hours were expanded to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday to provide more access.

Becky Lundberg ’04 paints in the new facilities at the James F. Miller Fine Arts Center, which provides more classroom and studio space to students and faculty as well as a new Fine Art Gallery.

Clockwise from top:

English professors Barbara Drake and Lex Runciman present one of many readings held this year in the Austin Reading Room in Nicholson Library.

Mike Roberts, professor of biology, works with Liz Brewer ’04 to catalog a bone collection. The campaign provided funds to increase collaborative learning opportunities between faculty and students.

Amy Heidrick ’04 and Craig Brenneke ’04 put on final touches of makeup in the new dressing rooms in the Marshall Theatre. The new theatre more than doubles the seating capacity of Pioneer and adds a dressing room, a costume room and construction and design space, as well as classrooms and a lab.

The new Fine Art Gallery in the Miller Fine Arts Center attracts a wide variety of alumni, students and visitors to view its exhibits.