



*The Howe Addition to Bailey Library.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT wanted more than just another library building on their increasingly crowded campus. The campus, particularly near the library site, suffered from lack of focus and poor circulation. The Burley Partnership was asked to address these design issues as well as to design the new library addition. The new library and its approaches now provide a focus for student activities while separating vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

To maintain the context of the surrounding buildings, the new library is sheathed in brick. Its proportion is in harmony with the massing of other significant campus buildings, and concrete columns express the contemporary nature of the building. A highly functional covered portico establishes a strong sense of place, with a south-facing monumental stair for sitting, lounging, performances, and other student gatherings. The large covered entrance and monumental exterior stair, referred to now as “Bailey Beach,” prompted the Library Director to observe that the Bailey-Howe Library “...has become the most vital part of the campus.”