



## SAINT VINCENT'S HALL NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

Lewiston, New York

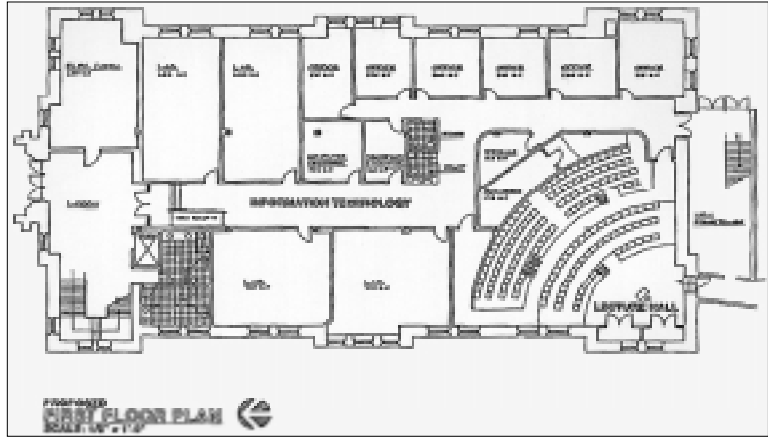
**Owner / Client:** Niagara University

**Area:** 30,000 square feet

**Cost:** \$ 3.5 million

St. Vincent Hall, completed in the early 1900's, has undergone periodic renovations over the years. Although structurally sound, the overall structure remained functionally deficient in the areas of life safety, handicapped accessibility, and environmental quality. In 1998, TRM proposed to completely renovate the entire building, bringing it into total code compliance, addressing all environmental issues and leaving only the basic structure intact. The schematic design proposal submitted to the building & facilities committee for consideration was based on the life safety, handicapped accessibility, environmental quality, energy efficiency, and general upgrades to the facility.

At the conclusion of the proposed work, the exterior of the building would essentially be unchanged except for window modifications and a new stair tower to the south. The interior floor structure is intended to remain. The remainder of the interior would be completely new, including up-to-date mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. All classrooms and teaching spaces will be bright, climate controlled spaces, complete with amenities conducive to a learning environment. The new first floor lecture hall will have proper sight lines and acoustics, as well as modern, complete audio-visual facilities. The building will be completely code compliant in terms of fire safety, exits and vertical circulation as well as handicapped accessibility. It is anticipated that the renovated building will comfortably support a student load of over 1200 in a safe, state of the art educational facility.



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