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Georgia Institute of Technology

Innovative Design Playbook Breaths Life into Football Equipment Storage

CHALLENGE

It's one thing for a football team to lose a game; there's always a new one the following week. It's another thing altogether to lose valuable equipment storage space. Decisions like that usually last a while.

That loss of space is exactly what happened when the Georgia Institute of Technology (GT) renovated its locker room. During the process, a separate

room used as both an office for the director of equipment operations and as gear storage was incorporated into the redesign. While that made for an outstanding new locker room, it also took away about 300 square feet of valuable storage area that needed to be replaced.

SOLUTION

When a campus mishap led to a separate storage room being flooded, the opportunity arose to replace the shelving that had been in that room with something more efficient and flexible. When approval and funding came through, GT Director of Equipment Operations Tom Conner and his assistant worked with Patterson Pope Sales Representative Dick Beery to custom design a four-carriage Spacesaver mechanical assist high-density compact shelving unit.

Measuring 10.5' tall, the unit has room to hold jerseys, pants, hats and other gear for as many as 140 players and 38 staff members. Detailed planning has even created 11-inch wide "lockers" for each of the coaches, where they can easily and conveniently store their game day attire. The new unit has room for three different sets of uniforms, along with abundant space for bulk storage.

In addition to the high-density unit, a solid wood butcher block work table provides ample space for uniform folding, equipment repair, and other tasks. Measuring 18 feet long and 32 inches deep, it's held up by heavy-duty wall-mounted cantilever supports. The efficient design allows for the storage of four full-size travel cases underneath. Additionally, overhead Rousseau cabinets store toiletries, repair tools, and all manner of storable necessities.



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"We're so happy with the result of this install. Patterson Pope gave us everything we asked for. The whole set-up, taken together, really creates a great look, increases efficiency and enhances productivity."

Tom Conner
Director of Equipment Operations
Georgia Institute of Technology

ACHIEVEMENT

"It was really great working with Patterson Pope," said Conner. "We got exactly what we wanted. We knew there were going to be tweaks here and there, but overall it was exactly what we were looking for. Once we got the unit in, we didn't have to make many adjustments and that was fantastic."

Conner pointed out that the new system allows all jerseys to now be within arm's reach. It has eliminated the need for a stool or any type of tool to reach high racks, as existed in the previous space.

"We took care ahead of time to really hone what we wanted so that it wouldn't just look good, but deliver

on what we knew the space could be," he added.

"We don't have a lot of people coming in here, but when they do, they definitely can appreciate its organization and ease of access. It looks good, too. When potential recruits see all those fresh jerseys lined up, it delivers a nice 'wow factor.'"

"Patterson Pope has a certain way of doing things that leads to successful projects," said Beery. "It all starts with a conversation. And in the end, it means solid execution."

Now that's a winning game plan.

