

1086-J1-2602 **Mary B. O’Neill*** (moneill@hamilton.edu), 198 College Hill Road, Clinton, NY 13323. *A New Tutoring Center: Challenges, Opportunities, and Surprises.*

The Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (QSR) Center at Hamilton College was established in 1994 to support the QSR Requirement and quantitative and statistical courses in Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics, Philosophy (Symbolic Reasoning), Physics, and Psychology. Until this year, the Center has occupied a small classroom it could use only in afternoons and evenings.

Last year, planning began for a new, expanded facility. This paper outlines some of the stages—including discussions with students, administrative staff and physical plant and planning with architects—and the challenges of transforming a dark, enclosed, windowless, and unwelcoming space into one which is larger, brighter, and more attractive and useful to students. The transformation has brought opportunities and surprises, and has become an asset to the quantitative curriculum at Hamilton College. (Received September 25, 2012)