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ARCHITECT CHOSEN FOR LIBRARY RENOVATION

At the end of February, the Capital Development Board appointed **Holabird & Root** as the architectural firm to lead the Booth Library renovation project.

Holabird & Root, established in 1880, is an 82-person architectural/engineering/interiors/planning firm based in Chicago. They specialize in the design and renovation of libraries and are one of the oldest and most distinguished A/E firms in the midwest. The firm recently completed the design of seven libraries across the midwest, including: Northwestern University Galter Health Sciences Library; Northwestern University Law Library; Illinois Institute of Technology Kent College of Law Library in Chicago; University of Wisconsin Law Library in Madison; Loyola (Chicago) University Library and School of Law Library; and University of Illinois Library of the Health Sciences in Chicago.

As lead firm, Holabird & Root has responsibility for architectural design, structural design, interior design, programming, and establishing the project schedule. Holabird & Root will coordinate the following consultants, having worked with each of them previously:

- **KJWW Engineering Consultants P.C.**, Rock Island, Illinois, mechanical and electrical engineering. This firm began in 1961 providing mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and structural engineering consulting services to educational, health care, government, and industrial clients. The firm employs 110 professional engineers, design technicians, and support personnel. KJWW provides engineering services for a nationwide client base and holds professional registrations in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

- **Beling Consultants, Inc.**, Moline, Illinois, environmental engineering and asbestos removal.

- **Shah-Morgan, Inc.**, Chicago, cost consultants and a certified MBE firm.

Within a few weeks Holabird & Root will establish a design schedule and will begin the preliminary planning phase of the project.

We are all looking forward to the project and are preparing to meet the challenges of continuing library services during the renovation. Via this newsletter, the library's web page, and EIU Newsbits we will keep the campus community updated on library service operations.

CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS WORKSHOP HELD

On January 8 and 9 Booth Library hosted a workshop on searching Chemical Abstracts, given by David Norris of Chemical Abstracts Service which operates STN (Scientific and Technical Information Network). Attendees included faculty and graduate students from the Chemistry, Physics, and Technology departments, and science librarians from Booth Library.

All participants were given the opportunity to do online searching in two Chemical Abstract Service databases--REGISTRY and CAPlus--using chemical substance names and molecular formulas to find references in the literature for a chemical substance and its preparation. They also learned how to use STN Express to build chemical structures and then to find substance information using those structures as search terms in the REGISTRY file.

Funding for the Renovation

Following is a breakdown of the funding for the Booth Library renovation/expansion project. Total projected funding for the project now stands at \$20.8 million.

- **Planning - \$1,000,000.** On June 11, 1997, Governor Edgar presented a check for \$1 million to President Jorns. With the selection of Holabird & Root to head the renovation/expansion, this money will be used to fund the planning and programming of the project.

- **Construction - \$16,800,000.** During a special legislative session on December 2, 1997, the state legislature approved a supplemental capital appropriations bill providing \$16.8 million for the actual project construction.

- **Moveables and Equipment - \$3,000,000.** On January 6 the IBHE recommended a capital budget increase for Eastern of \$5.3 million. \$3 million of that recommended amount would go toward new equipment for Booth Library. Because Booth is ranked 26th on the IBHE's capital priority list, when actual funding will occur is uncertain.

WHISLER IS LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Library Services is proud to announce that John A. Whisler, head of Cataloging Services at Booth Library, is the recipient of the 1997-98 Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award, which was presented to him at the Illinois Library Association's annual meeting held in Springfield October 25-28. The award was given to Mr. Whisler in recognition of his outstanding statewide contribution to academic or research librarianship and to library development. Recipients of this award must distinguish themselves in notable service to the Illinois Library Association as well as exhibit leadership and exemplary library service in an academic setting.

John has provided tireless hours of service to improve library cooperation throughout the state. He is known for his integrity, collegiality, and openness. Over the past 15 years he has been a

significant contributor to the success of ILLINET Online. He has provided cataloging expertise and shown a commitment to statewide resource sharing. He has served as chair of the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO) Operations Committee, as chair of the ILCSO Maintenance Forum Planning Committee, and as a panel member of the ILCSO Technical Services Forum. He also has been a consultant for the University of Illinois Administrative Information Systems and Services office. John has been a member of the editorial committee for several issues of *Illinois Libraries*, a co-editor of the *IACRL Newsletter*, and an editor of the *Illinois OCLC Users' Group Newsletter*.

A reception was held in Booth Library on October 28 to enable us to congratulate John on this award and on his outstanding work for the library.

EASTERN LEADS IN INFOTRAC USE

The InfoTrac SearchBank provides access to abstracts and many full-text articles from scholarly and general-interest periodicals. Recent statistics on InfoTrac use reveal that Booth Library's use has increased dramatically this year. Numbers show that from July 1997 through November 1997 the total logins to InfoTrac equaled 33,988, an increase of 99 percent over the same period in 1996. The total connect hours were 6,961, an increase of 47 percent over 1996. The data also shows that in November 1997 Booth led the 31 participating ILCSO libraries in InfoTrac use with 10,925 sessions for the month. The second heaviest user was the University of Illinois with 6,237 sessions.

Several factors contributed to Booth's InfoTrac success story. First, Nackil Sung and the Library Technology

Services staff have developed an electronic web page that makes logging on a snap. Three mouse clicks and you are ready to search. You don't even have to come to the library. The Booth home page, www.eiu.edu/~booth, makes InfoTrac and other useful databases accessible to any web-capable computer that is attached to the campus computer network. Second, the two InfoTrac databases available, Expanded Academic Index and Business & Company Index, are popular ones. They provide quick access to full text of journal articles on all sorts of interesting topics. The complete articles are then easy to print out and carry away. A third contributing factor is that Booth Library currently is not charging for full-text printing, so the process is very nearly painless! Once the word gets out, our statistics will really soar!

MULTIMEDIA WORK AREA NOW AVAILABLE

Media Services has opened a multimedia work area for all faculty and staff. Available for your use are a Gateway 2000 computer, a Macintosh Power PC, color scanners, and an assortment of multimedia software. Use this equipment to scan color images, create Web pages, and develop PowerPoint presentations. To reserve the work area call Suzann Bennett at 6011.

GRISSO AND CHEN RETIRE

It is with mixed emotion that Library Services announces the retirements of Dr. Karl Grisso, head of Collection Management Services, and Dr. Robert Chen, government documents librarian, both effective March 1.

Dr. Grisso came to Booth Library in 1969 from his position as assistant librarian at Hanover (Indiana) College Library. His first position at Booth was as reference librarian and subject bibliographer; he also supervised the SMC. In 1987 Dr. Grisso became head of Collection Management Services, while continuing as subject bibliographer for education and social sciences. His memberships include the American Library Association, the Illinois Library Association, the American Historical Association, the Illinois State Historical Society, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Organization of American Historians.

Dr. Chen came to Booth Library in 1968 as Assistant Serials Librarian in charge of government documents. His previous position was documents librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries. Dr. Chen's research on resources and government documents in libraries in Taiwan is documented in several publications. He is a member of the Association of Teachers of English and the American Studies Association of the Republic of China as well as a member of the Chinese-American Librarians Association, an affiliate of the American Library Association. Dr. Chen has been named President of the Shu-Te Institute of Technology in Taiwan.

The contributions of Dr. Grisso and Dr. Chen to Booth Library are immeasurable. We regret their leaving, but wish them well in their retirement!

GRANTS AWARDED FOR PURCHASE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Three Booth Library faculty members recently received awards through the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program.

- **Virginia Baldwin:** \$6,500 to purchase materials in composite materials engineering and testing and strength of materials. This is part of the Materials Technology Model Discipline Project.
- **Cheri Vitez:** \$2,500 to purchase materials in gerontological nutrition and dietetics.
- **Karen Whisler and Richard Seitz:** \$6,000 to purchase materials in philosophy.