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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STUDENT INPUT SOUGHT ON BOOTH LIBRARY PROJECT

CHARLESTON -- Representatives from Holabird & Root, architects for Eastern's Booth Library renovation and expansion, are inviting students to meet with them from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday (March 30) in the BOG Room in Booth Library to provide their opinions about the library's design.

Any EIU student wishing to have some input about the design may stop in and visit with the architects, said Ted Weidner, director of facilities planning and management. "Students are the heaviest users of Booth Library. The architects have commented to us about the large percentage of students who use the building every week when compared with other campus libraries they have designed. Therefore, their input is important."

Weidner said issues about computer accessibility, organization of the library, heating/cooling and lighting are among the topics that may be discussed. "This is all part of the initial process of gathering programmatic needs for the building."

"It will be impossible to address everyone's wishes because of a limited budget. However, if we are to address the important issues and spend our money wisely, we will need to know what the students think is important," Weidner added.

A separate meeting for faculty may be arranged, Weidner noted.