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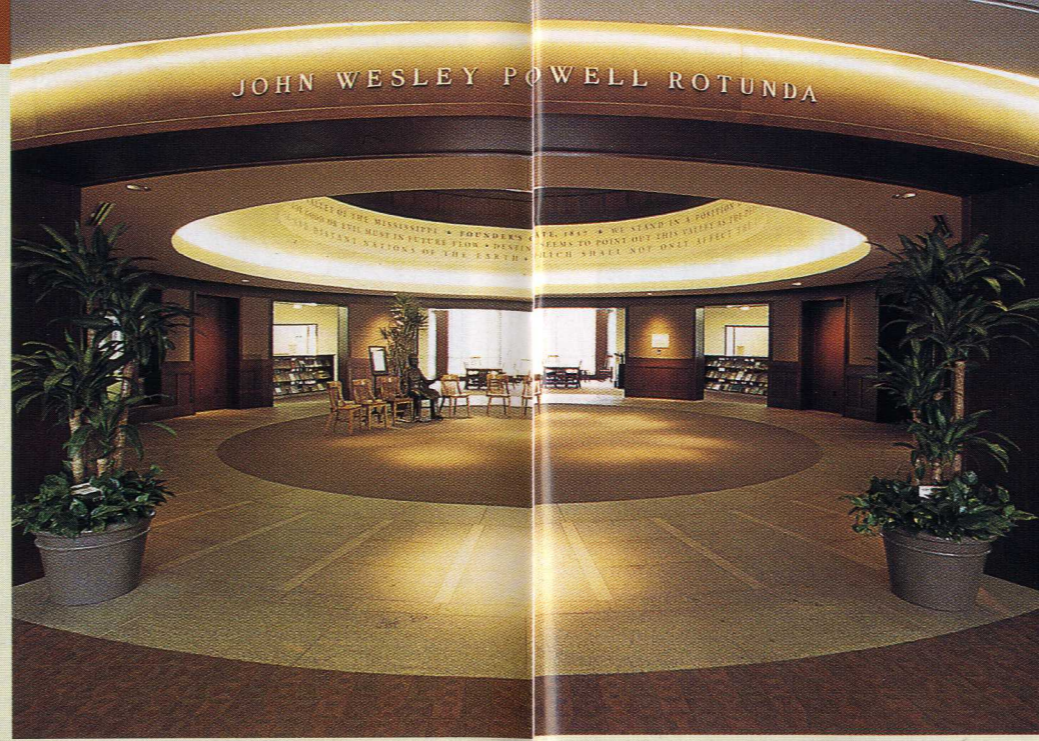
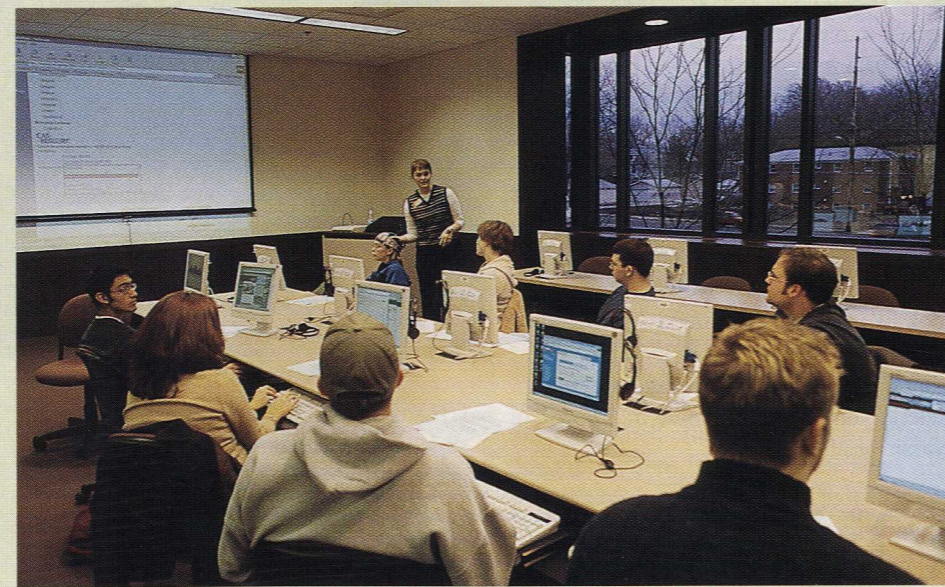
The circulation desk near the library's entrance (left) keeps track of IWU's growing collection. Around the corner, the Powell Rotunda (right) features a statue honoring the IWU professor and explorer. Inscribed on the interior rotunda walls is the same inspiring motto that is carved onto the Founders' Gates.



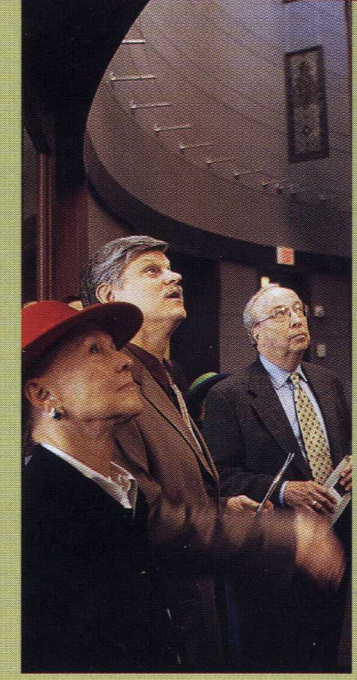
Students (above) find cozy study areas on the third floor. At right, Librarian Sarah George helps locate printed reference materials and (below) uses the Instruction Lab to teach students how to do research using electronic resources.



Carpenters (above) finish the Powell Rotunda's rich mahogany woodwork. Similar attention to detail is visible in the Bates & Merwin Reading Room (also above) where retired librarian Robert Mowery and IWU parent Ann Lawrence look at an original sculpture by Art Professor Kevin Strandberg—one of several fine pieces of art displayed throughout the building.



Below, students use electronic resources offered by one of a total of 19 project and group-study rooms. At right, stained-glass windows gracing the top floor are inspected by library benefactor Jay Ames (left), Terry Garbe, who led the glass-restoration work, and David Lawrence, an IWU parent who helped fund the restoration. Below right, a reading room offers current newspapers and magazines.



Above, the first-floor Information Commons provides access to the library's reference collection and houses 24 high-tech workstations. At right, Ileana Rau '02 enjoys the Thorpe Music & Media Center's vast music collection. Located on the third-floor, the center also features three soundproofed listening rooms. On the lower level, the amphitheater-style Beckman Auditorium (left) was designed to allow professors to present many media styles in their lectures. Films will also be regularly shown there.



THE GRAND TOUR

A photographic review of some of its many features shows why The Ames Library is a state-of-the-art center for learning.