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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- The Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, as part of Homecoming weekend festivities on campus.

The dedication of The Ames Library will be on the front terrace of the library at the corner of Park and Empire Streets. The event is free and open to the public.

Ground was broken in November 1999 and construction begun in February 2000 for the library, which is named for B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames of Vero Beach, Fla. They are leading the library construction fundraising project with a commitment to match all gifts earmarked for the library, on a dollar-to-dollar basis, up to \$12 million.

Mr. Ames is a 1950 IWU graduate and Mrs. Ames graduated in 1949 and they met while students at Illinois Wesleyan.

Although the library is not fully completed, tours will be offered beginning at 10 a.m.

The Ames Library is expected to be occupied by students at the beginning of 2002.

The Ames Library

The 103,000-square-foot, five-story Ames Library will replace the 42,000-square-foot Sheean Library, constructed in 1968. Sheean Library was designed to hold about 140,000 volumes, yet today it contains more than 250,000 volumes. The Ames Library will accommodate more than 400,000 volumes, along with a minimum of 100 computer workstations and seating for about 500 located throughout the building.

The new facility will consolidate into a single location IWU's library collection now housed at Sheean Library, the Thorpe Music Library in Presser Hall (School of Music), and the storage collection in the Center for Natural Sciences.

The Ames Library will be a notable blend of books, journals and other print materials, as well as technology, putting the world at the fingertips of students and faculty through an array of computers, the Internet, CD-ROMs and other popular technologies.

B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames

In 1987 Ames joined Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, a New York City-based private investment firm which has invested in 26 companies since 1978 with annual sales exceeding \$20 million. Among Clayton, Dubilier & Rice's interests are Kinko's, Inc., (850 locations worldwide, providing an array of photocopying and business services); Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co., formed in 1986 by

merging the automobile and light truck tire subsidiaries of B.F. Goodrich Co. and Uniroyal, Inc.; and Uniroyal, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer and marketer of chemical, tire, and plastics.

The Harvard Business Review observed: "Clayton, Dubilier & Rice's experience . . . provides insights into what constitutes best practice in the ownership and governance of corporate enterprises."

Prior to joining Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Ames was chairman and chief executive officer of Reliance Electric Co., Acme Cleveland Corp., and Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. He formerly was a partner of McKinsey & Co.

The author of a highly respected book on management, "Market Driven Management; Creating Profitable Top-line Growth, " he is retired from the boards of directors of Progressive Corp. and M.A. Hanna Co.

A native of Polo, Ill., Mr. Ames earned a master's in business administration degree from Harvard University in 1954 and was named IWU's Distinguished Alumnus in 1990.

Joyce Eichhorn Ames (known as Jay) has applied her fine arts education by operating an interior design business for several years, as well as creating the architectural, interior, and landscape designs of various Ames' homes. She collects art and antiques and supports various organizations associated with the arts and the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Art building was named in her honor in 1998.

A \$2 million gift commitment from the Ames Family Foundation endowed the IWU art building, and the Joyce Eichhorn Ames Scholarship Fund was established on Sept. 9, 1997, to support students majoring in the fine arts.

Mrs. Ames, who was born in Rockford, Ill., graduated from University High School in Normal.

The Ameses are the parents of Paula Ann, Richard, and Cynthia. They have six grandchildren.

The Pembroke Windows

At completion, 16 stained glass windows will surround the skylight of the Great Reading Room on the library's top floor. These are windows that graced the dining hall at Pembroke College at Oxford University in the early 1800s and four of the 16 will be in place for the dedication.

The windows are a gift to Illinois Wesleyan from Charles Ames' partners at Clayton, Dubilier & Rice in honor of his 75th birthday, which was June 7, 2000.

Architects, Engineers, Contractors

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott (SBRA) is a national design practice serving the education, healthcare, science, corporate and public markets with architecture, planning and interior design service. Established in 1874 by architect Henry Hobson Richardson, SBRA is one

of the oldest continuously practicing architectural firms in the nation and the oldest in Boston. SBRA employs a staff of 200 professionals and serves clients worldwide from its Boston headquarters.

BBA Engineers of Bloomington were the mechanical and electrical engineers on the project and the Bloomington firm of Farnsworth & Wylie was the civil engineers. Lim Consultants of Cambridge, Mass., were the structural engineers and Brown/Sardina of Boston is the landscape engineer firm.

Contracting and construction management for The Ames Library has been handled by Felmley-Dickerson Co. of Bloomington.