

Chicago's Alumni Association is moving into new quarters at 55th and Woodlawn, and the staff's excitement is palpable. For the seven long years since leaving Robie House they've been working south of the Midwayin a building that has an address but is more commonly known as "Siberia."



About a year ago an alum called in—there was someone she liked, she wanted to get in touch with him. I called and asked if I could release his information. He said, "Yes, to whom?" I told him, and he said, "Oh! I always liked her." I said, "Hold on."



"She called me back an hour later and promised to invite me to the wedding if they get there. They're still dating."

"I'm looking forward to the new situation. And my new office furniture, and my big chair—I'll feel like royalty."

Edna's new location.

I was hired in 1997, two months before we left Robie House. In February 1997 I made my first appearance before a capital-projects committee about an alumni center.



"So from the moment I arrived ('ve been working on this project. And I joined alumni who were already working on it."



"When the Alumni Board of Governors surveyed alumni, they said that unless you had a specific appointment, somewhere to go, this was a hard campus to visit. But the welcome mat is out now."

Robie House was wonderful. The building had a personality, a feeling when you walked in.



When we left Robie, I was brokenhearted for about three hours. Then I realized that I had a plug in my hand and a place to plug it in, and I didn't have to wear reading glasses because there was enough light.





"This has been a great office space, but the new house will be a symbol of how important alumni are and where they belong—close to the University's heart."

