

WELCOME HOME

Chicago's Alumni Association is moving into new quarters at 56th 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 Midway—in a building that has an address but is more commonly known as "Siberia."

(In the receptionist, assistant, machine person...everything.)



Edna Williams (in her Siberian location)

And matchmaker!

Kyle Gordon
AB'00

Right. Let's not forget that.

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."



I switched over to her and said, "He's on the other line—do you want to talk to him?" She said, "You're kidding."

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



Edna's new location.

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

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.



Chris Love, Executive Director of the Alumni Association

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



The future resource center.

"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.



Laura Green, AB'67, AM'68
Educational Svcs and Cnctns



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.

Future offices.



The conference room and business center.

"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."



"The house has good vibes, like Robie House. As if it could be a home."