

Board Meeting
September 7, 2006

DESIGNATE THE JOHN “BUD” VELDE, JR., LIBRARY CONSERVATION
LABORATORY, URBANA

Action: Designate the John “Bud” Velde, Jr., Library Conservation Laboratory,
Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana has recommended designating the second floor of the building at 809 South Oak Street (currently the Remote Library Storage Facility) as the John “Bud” Velde, Jr., Library Conservation Laboratory, in recognition of gifts raised toward the construction of space to be used by the Library.

John “Bud” Velde, Jr., was a strong supporter of the Library, particularly in the areas of special collections, rare books, and preservation; he provided \$1.4 million overall in donations to the Library. Total costs for the construction of the Laboratory were \$430,000, of which \$350,000 was supplied by a gift from Mr. Velde. Indeed, the construction of the Conservation Laboratory may not have been undertaken were it not for this gift. The new Conservation Laboratory allows the staff to undertake many more complicated and advanced treatments on special collections and rare book materials, thus marrying two of Mr. Velde’s interests. Hence, the Library feels that it is appropriate to commemorate his generosity with the dedication of the new Laboratory.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.