"IN REMEMBRANCE OF JANE JACOBS"

EXHIBIT IN TRIBUTE TO NATION’S LATE CHAMPION OF URBAN LIFE
AT BURNS LIBRARY THROUGH JULY 7

CHESTNUT HILL, MA -- An exhibit in tribute to noted champion of city life and architectural critic Jane Jacobs, who died in April at age 89, will be on display through July 7, 2006 at BC's John J. Burns Library, which has been home to the archive of Jacobs' papers for more than a decade.

"In Remembrance of Jane Jacobs" will include books, photographs manuscripts and memorabilia and will be located in the Ford Tower entrance to the Burns Library.

"Jane Jacobs was a truly remarkable individual who made a real difference in our lives. We enjoy a higher quality of life because this fearless yet self-effacing visionary made the case that cities are not just about bricks and mortar, steel and glass, asphalt and curbstones; they are about people and their neighborhoods," said Boston College Burns Librarian Robert O'Neill.

The author of the groundbreaking 1961 book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, who played a major role in preserving the community aspects of city life and architecture, has had a personal relationship with Boston College since the 1970s.

It was BC’s Carroll School of Management Associate Dean Richard Keeley, then director of the university's PULSE service-learning program, who first invited her to campus to speak to students who had been reading her books as part of the PULSE curriculum. Public skepticism of her ideas at the time made Jacobs reluctant to speak, and it was almost a decade before she acquiesced.

She came to campus a number of times, serving as a PULSE resident author and later returning in 1993 for the two-day symposium, "Jane Jacobs in Conversation."

During her last visit, she toured Burns Library and, responding to an inquiry about her archive, said "I can't think of any place I'd rather have my papers be than here."

In 1995, she donated to the library a multi-media collection that includes a film on her work, recordings, a complete set of revisions to her book *Systems of Survival*, copies of all her works in several languages, newspaper clippings, manuscripts, awards, magazines featuring Jacobs, letters, correspondence and photographs.
In 2000, Burns Library, the Carroll School and BC's Environmental Affairs Law Review, held a celebratory symposium, "Jane Jacobs and the New Urban Ecology," which chronicled the force of her work as it continues to shape urban ecology and land use in the 21st century.

Preliminary discussion of a commemorative event at Boston College in Jacobs' honor also is underway.

**Through July 2006: "In Remembrance of Jane Jacobs" --** an exhibit drawn from the Jane Jacobs Collection at The John J. Burns Library at Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Mass. Free and open to the public. Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. Venue is handicapped accessible. For information call: 617-552-3282.

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