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An exhibition of the architectural designs of the late Dwight Heald Perkins, an important figure in the development of Chicago architecture, will be on display April 5 through May 10 in Gallery 400, 400 S. Peoria Street, at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

The exhibition is free and open to the public. An opening reception will be held at Gallery 400 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 5.

Born in Memphis, Tenn. in 1867, Perkins is among the group of Prairie School architects whose designs influenced Chicago's architecture in the early 1900s. In his short career with the Chicago Board of Education, Perkins is credited with creating modern scholastic architecture. Lane Technical High School (1909), Bowen High School (1910) and Carl Shurz High School (1910) are examples from this early period.

In 1912 Perkins received the Gold Medal Award and was named honorary fellow of the American Institute of Architects for his design of the Cafe Brauer and the Lion House at the Lincoln Park Zoo. He practiced architecture until 1933 and Evanston Township High School (1924) is among his significant later designs. Perkins, who died in 1941, also was influential in the establishment of the Chicago and Cook County forest preserves.

Viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 996-6114.

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