Hayden was nearly at capacity and now “has breathing space for a few years,” Borovansky said.

It took professional movers seven days, working 12 to 16 hours a day, to transfer the material from Hayden to Noble, he said.

Unlike Hayden and other college libraries at the university, the circulation system for the Noble Library will be completely computerized. Currently in the process of converting the system from microfiche to a system with desk-top computers, Borovansky said he hopes to have the full system on line by next year.

The Daniel E. Noble Library is named after the man who brought Motorola to the Valley after World War II. In addition to developing the walkie-talkie, Noble, who died in 1980, is credited with helping begin the engineering program at ASU.

The library is expected to further place ASU’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences among the nation’s best, university officials said.

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