New Building Construction on Schedule

An unusually cold winter and wet spring did not prevent steady progress on the new law building construction. Both the general contractor and the supervising engineer projected full compliance with the contract completion date of November 1, 1985. As of mid-summer 1984, work on the structural caissons was complete and the concrete floors and external walls were in place for all five levels of the main portion of the structure. Installation of utility mains, electrical and communication conduits, and ductwork is proceeding apace with the concrete work.

Faculty members touring the site in late June were surprised to find it possible already to spot the location of specific offices and work areas. Persons touring the unfinished building are particularly impressed with its size. The exterior dimensions of the circular building are approximately the same as the new Carver-Hawkeye Arena, but interior of the law building is filled with five carefully developed floors. Offices, lounges and study areas on the upper floors of the building command spectacular views of the Iowa River valley to the north, the Pentacrest to the east and a heavily wooded ravine immediately across Melrose Avenue to the south.

Public tours of the site have been scheduled tentatively for the mornings of Supreme Court Day (September 15) and Homecoming (September 29).
Commemorative Gifts

As the College's wonderful new facility nears completion, private gifts will be needed to augment state funds to assure that internal spaces are furnished and equipped at a level of quality that is commensurate with the beauty and functionality of the building's limestone, glass and aluminum exterior envelope. The effort to raise $500,000 in special gifts for this purpose presents a one-time opportunity for individuals, families and firms who wish to create a lasting memorial within the new College of Law building. Persons making major gifts to help provide qualitative enhancements to particular places within the new building will be invited to designate the name or names to be associated with the room or area benefiting from the customized furnishings, equipment and other improvements supported by the gift. Examples of areas within the law building offering special naming opportunities are an auditorium, two trial courtrooms, two judges chambers, a dean's conference room, a rare books room, several seminar rooms, faculty and student lounges, suites for the Iowa Law Review and the Journal of Corporation Law, a law office classroom and a legal clinic. Persons interested in exploring the possibility of honoring a graduate, teacher or other friend of legal education through a commemorative gift are urged to contact Dean Hines or Mark Jennings.

Contractor's official photo showing progress as of July 1, 1984.

View of the new law building taken from the Hillcrest Residence Hall looking southeast. (Photo by Dan Nierling)