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We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.

—*Winston Churchill*

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A Tradition of Excellence

DAVID J. SKORTON, PRESIDENT

The University of Iowa has a rich, proud tradition of excellence in education, of distinction and achievement in research, scholarship, and creative activity, of generous service, and of athletic success. Yet none of this tradition would be possible without a distinguished physical campus. In terms of architectural integrity, intellectual inspiration, and cutting-edge function, the University of Iowa boasts an outstanding—and stylistically diverse—ensemble of buildings and public art of which we can all be proud.

We chose the Old Capitol dome as our University symbol, and with good reason. The Pentacrest buildings, topped by this sentinel dome over Iowa's first state capitol, are a classic of campus planning and architecture that commands immediate attention.

As our campus has grown and changed over the years, we have been proud to add many magnificent buildings to our home on both sides of the Iowa River. This tradition of excellence and innovation continues today, with such recent buildings as the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories, the Levitt Center for University Advancement, and the new Art Building West, all designed by major architects engaging the most visionary principles of contemporary design. At the same time, other new buildings such as the Blank Honors Center, the Pomerantz Center, and the Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building combine up-to-date design with the highest levels of technology and function to serve our faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, and the public.

Beyond simply providing necessary housing for our educational, research, service, and other activities, our campus architecture exemplifies the attention to good design that demonstrates the UI's historic commitment to the arts. Such beauty and elegance play important roles in our sense of place that sustain faculty, staff, and student recruitment, retention, success, and pride.

Please enjoy this campus guidebook, and please make yourself at home on our campus.

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An Introduction to UI Campus Architecture

WILLARD L. BOYD

PROFESSOR OF LAW & PRESIDENT EMERITUS

I have long asserted that people, not structures, make a great university. However, great structures inspire and enable great things to happen in a university. As John Beldon Scott has said of Old Capitol, “In choosing the Greek Revival style of Iowa’s first capitol our forebears sought to connect what was then a still rather rugged land to ancient Athenian democracy. It’s easy to imagine how impressive those austere but solid-looking Doric columns must have appeared when most of the population lived in unornamented one-story dwellings. The noble architecture made a clear statement about the just government to which Iowans aspired.” A commitment to “noble architecture” makes a clear statement about the academic excellence to which the University continually aspires.

We are indebted to the University leaders of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries who had a vision for the Pentacrest as the core of the campus both academically and visually. In the years that followed, the University did not have the financial wherewithal for a built environment worthy of the excellence of its programs. The agricultural depression of the 1920s, the economic depression of the 1930s, and the “pay-as-you-go” policy of the University and the state in the 1950s resulted in a severely underbuilt university. Nevertheless, financial and programmatic resourcefulness responded to some crucially needed buildings. It is amazing that the University of Iowa did not have a freestanding library until the early 1950s, when the current Main Library was built in sections over a decade or more. Previously, it had been located in Macbride Hall along with an auditorium that also served as the University’s performing arts venue as well as a lecture hall. The entrepreneurship of William R. Boyd (no relation), chair of the Finance Committee of the State of Iowa Board of Education, led to Iowa accepting the challenge grant of the Rockefeller Foundation

to build a new hospital and medical school on the west side of the river. Wisconsin had previously declined the Rockefeller offer on the ground that it was tainted money.

At mid-century, President Virgil Hancher first articulated a vision of a physical Iowa Center for the Arts. His successor, Howard Bowen, and Frank Seiberling, director of the School of Art and Art History, felt that vision should be aesthetically as well as functionally compelling. In the late 1960s, at Frank Seiberling's prodding, President Bowen persuaded the state Board of Regents to engage in an architectural seminar of several days. As a result, the Regents authorized the universities to engage architects from across the country in joint ventures with Iowa architects. Max Abramovitz of New York City became the architect of the Iowa Center for the Arts. His firm had designed the United Nations building and some of Lincoln Center. He was a disciple of Mies van der Rohe. Abramovitz's Minimalist approach has given Iowa one of the finest university art museum buildings in the nation because he sublimated his architectural ego in order to provide a superb exhibition space for visual artists.

The next big 1960s architectural step was retaining Walter Netsch of Chicago, who had designed the Chapel at the Air Force Academy as well as the initial campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago. His first UI commission was the Biological Sciences Building (now the Bowen Science Building), which was financed in part by a National Science Foundation Center of Excellence Award. Netsch's challenge was to nestle that vast building into a scenic ravine without overwhelming the environment. A feature of both the Biological Sciences Building and the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences (also designed by Netsch) is an internal passageway for pedestrians to use during inclement weather. Netsch also designed the Lindquist Center.

In the early 1980s, Gunnar Birkerts designed the circular College of Law Building (now the Boyd Law Building). The center core of the building has a silver dome reminiscent of both the Old Capitol dome and the top of an Iowa silo. In the following years, a number of buildings that are outstanding in form as well as function have been created.

Wisely, the University gives attention to sensitive remodeling of such older buildings as Schaeffer Hall. The second half of the twentieth century also brought concern for landscaping both in terms of plantings and reservation of green space such as Hubbard Park and Richard E. Gibson Square. This landscaping commitment is wonderfully represented on the Medical Campus with the relocation of Newton Road, which has created both a green pedestrian campus and the opportunity to view from the north Netsch's contemporary Gothic design of the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. The University's major commitment to art in public places enhances both the interior of these buildings and their settings with work by well-known local and national artists.

The financing of University buildings became more varied and complex in the second part of the twentieth century, thus enabling the University to provide facilities needed for excellence. Dormitories and academic and support buildings could be funded by bonding secured by fees and earnings. The state of Iowa provided a capital building program, and federal funds have been available for specific facilities.

In the 1920s, private fundraising made possible the first section of the Iowa Memorial Union and the building of Kinnick Stadium. Yet the first major capital fundraising project of the University of Iowa Foundation (established in 1956) was the campaign to build the Museum of Art, followed by a series of successful private fundraising efforts to assist in the construction of many crucial University buildings.

A signal event of the 1970s and beyond has been the rebuilding, conceived by John Colloton, of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Both its design and its financing are exceptional. Financed from earnings and private gifts, UIHC is horizontally and architecturally congruent with the growing health sciences campus of striking buildings. UIHC is also a unique center of the visual and performing arts.

People make buildings. Dedicated committees oversee campus and building planning and construction. A variety of professional offices in the University's Office of the Vice President for Finance and Opera-

tions arrange financing and directly supervise every detail of construction and maintenance. With the increasing sophistication of academic programs and related technology, both the construction and operation of buildings have become extraordinarily complex. In the 1950s the built campus was the responsibility of a small Office of the University Architect headed by George Horner and Richard Jordison and the Department of Buildings and Grounds. To meet the monumental challenges of a large and complex campus, there emerged a comprehensive and able Facilities Services Group (now known as Facilities Management) under the leadership of Richard Gibson. Not only are structures well built, they are also exceedingly well maintained by a variety of user-oriented staff across the campus.

The Iowa campus presents a panorama of diverse and significant architecture of changing eras. The University's entry into the twenty-first century is marked by the coming to fruition of a number of exciting new buildings that inspire and serve us. We continue to rethink the uses to which existing buildings can be put for new times. In its 166th year, the Old Capitol will reopen in 2006 with a commitment to serve as a public venue for the humanities. President Walter Jessup said that education is Iowa's neverending frontier. Now more than ever the University is committed to being on the frontier of educational excellence that will require pioneering and inspiring architecture.

A Diversity of Styles

The History of UI Campus Architecture

Some American university campuses are characterized by a consciously conceived and carefully guarded uniformity of architectural style. These are most typically neo-Gothic or neo-Classical and on the model of Oxford and Cambridge or Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia. There are also a few instances of Colonial and Romanesque Revival and at least one major example of Spanish Colonial. There are even new campuses built entirely in the 1960s and 1970s in a consistent Modernist stylistic idiom. The campus of the University of Iowa is not like any of these. But what may sometimes seem an almost confusing assemblage of styles actually was generated by assumptions, usually unarticulated, that reveal a fairly consistent vitality and logic to the stylistic evolution of UI buildings and planning principles.

The initial impression of consistency presented by the Greek Revival Old Capitol (1842) and the four symmetrically disposed Proudfoot and Bird Beaux-Arts buildings of the Pentacrest (1902, 1908, 1912, 1924) dissipates the farther one moves away from that historic center of the UI campus, although the oldest and closest buildings to the Pentacrest display an effort to maintain the Beaux-Arts model of Classical Revival design. The Biological Sciences Library (1902), Biology Building and Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences (1905), and Gilmore Hall (1910) show this. But even as the Pentacrest buildings themselves were still ongoing projects, that uniformity of style was evolving into something else. The President's Residence (1908) and Currier Residence Hall (1914), at some distance from the Pentacrest, opted for Colonial Revival, as did the Old Music Building (1916). But even nearby buildings such as Halsey Hall (1915), Trowbridge Hall (1918), Chemistry Building (1922), and the Iowa Memorial Union (1927) tempered the classical vocabulary of the Pentacrest buildings, displaying a gradual move away from that rigorous high-style level of formality. The shift in these buildings from Indiana limestone to the

more vernacular red brick with limestone trim was a marker for the turn away from absolute fidelity to consistency of style. In particular, Halsey's shedding of the classical orders, Trowbridge's introduction of the more up-to-date Chicago window, and Chemistry's use of steel industrial windows indicate a tension between the past and the present—and a hint of things to come.

Just at this historical moment when intimations of contemporary design were showing up on the Main Campus, the move of the medical and hospital departments to the bluffs on the west side of the Iowa River produced a surprising evolutionary loop. The planners of the medical campus had, by the mid 1910s, imposed a uniform style on the designs Proudfoot and Bird were charged with producing for this grandest architectural undertaking in the history of the UI. Westlawn, Children's Hospital (razed), and the Medical Education Building, all completed in 1919, were in a neo-Medieval mode, mostly Tudor Revival. Medical Laboratories (1927), in full-blown Tudor Revival, and General Hospital (1929), in Collegiate Gothic, would seem at first glance an emphatic rejection of Pentacrest Classicism. But this ostensible stylistic shift also had its own consistent logic. One historical style, Beaux-Arts Classicism, would now be complemented with another, neo-Gothic. The Gothic orientation of the Near West, Athletics, Medical, and UIHC campuses was a forceful and successful effort to declare a uniform aesthetic. Even the Field House (1927) and Kinnick Stadium (1929) with their spur buttresses, heraldic shields, and corbelled balconies contain medieval references. Hillcrest Residence Hall, on the highest campus bluff, was the last UI building with any historicizing detail. It opened in 1939, ninety-seven years after Old Capitol did. We can therefore think of two distinct UI campuses, one Classic and one Gothic, one Jeffersonian and one Oxbridge. But it would be just as correct to see one historical revival campus that embraces both styles and spans the entire first century of UI campus architecture.

Within three years of General Hospital's spectacular neo-Gothic statement, George Horner's Mechanical Engineering Building (1932;

now Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences) recommenced the evolutionary march of contemporary design on the UI campus. This unassuming building holds the distinction of being the first nonhistoricizing design on the UI campus, although it still has Moderne motifs at the entrance. Horner's Arts Campus, which was taking shape just at this time (Theatre Building, 1934; Art Building, 1936; Iowa Memorial Union Pedestrian Bridge, 1936), is transitional, straddling both the past and the present. Renaissance arches (Art Building), Streamline Moderne verticals (Theatre Building), and Art Deco detailing (IMU Pedestrian Bridge) coexist there. But the way to the future is sufficiently clear even in these ambivalent designs. Horner's South Quadrangle (1942), the earliest UI campus building that is completely shorn of ornamental embellishment, is a modest but noteworthy milestone.

With the Communications Center (1951), International Style Modernism debuted on the UI campus. Its Brutalist concrete grid façade emphatically rejected all historicizing detail and pointed the way to the machine aesthetic of standardization that triumphed in the subsequent post-World War II era: Burge Residence Hall (1959), Van Allen Hall (1964), Phillips Hall (1965), and the English-Philosophy Building (1966). In a noteworthy example of historical symmetry, the design firm of the Communications Center (Brooks Borg, Architects-Engineers) was the successor firm to the venerable Proudfoot and Bird, the designers of the Pentacrest.

Under the leadership of President Howard Bowen, an accelerated trajectory toward contemporary design was initiated by the Board of Regents' 1965 decision to offer Iowa architectural firms the option of partnering with design firms from anywhere in the nation. The commissioning of Max Abramovitz, one of the most prominent architects of the time, to design the Museum of Art (1969) was the first fruit of this new progressivism in architectural thinking. Three new Abramovitz buildings (Voxman Music Building, 1971; Clapp Recital Hall, 1971; and Hancher Auditorium, 1972) soon put the UI campus in the mainstream of architectural design. These three connected

buildings, with their unwavering worship of the Modern, introduced a sophistication to the UI campus that had not been reached by their Modernist predecessors.

If Abramovitz's Arts Campus buildings brought the UI to a new level of contemporary design, it was a series of three radical buildings by Walter Netsch (Bowen Science Building, 1972; Lindquist Center, 1973; and Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 1974) that pushed the UI to the very edge of contemporary architecture. The application of Netsch's own Field Theory of design made these buildings not only stylistically advanced but also experimental in their methodology. This progressive, even venturesome, initiative of President Willard Boyd's administration marks an apogee of contemporary design in the history of UI campus architecture. That legacy has made possible other well-designed buildings (Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 1983; Boyd Law Building, 1986; Levitt Center for University Advancement, 1998; and the Medical Education and Research Facility, 2002) and has even cleared the way for exceptionally advanced designs like Frank Gehry's Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories (1992) and Steven Holl's Art Building West (2006), projects that put the UI at the forefront of world architecture.

Notwithstanding its apparent variety of styles, at few moments in its evolutionary development has UI campus architecture failed to build on its own diverse stylistic momentum. The march away from the Pentacrest was never a total rejection, and Frank Lloyd Wright's stern admonition to forget about Old Capitol and the Pentacrest was never entirely heeded. There is a long succession of campus designs that look back even as the stylistic trajectory propelled administrators and architects ever forward. Without Old Capitol's noble dome you cannot have General Hospital's Gothic Tower or Boyd Law Building's dome, perched on the Gothic West Campus but visible from the Main Campus. Even the Modernist façades of the English-Philosophy Building and south extension of the Main Library (1971) reference the proud columnar profiles of the Pentacrest, just as the rotundas of the Levitt Center and the Adler Journalism Building (2005) recall the west façades of Schaeffer and Macbride Halls. On the West Campus the

projecting white triangles of Hardin Library, the vent towers of Bowen Science, and MERF's dynamic atrium, all Modern and Postmodern, pay their respects to the totemic image of General Hospital's Gothic Tower. The UI, with its educational commitment to the arts and the creative imagination, manifests itself in this innovative legacy of diversity within continuity, and that is the premise of this guidebook.

How to Use This Guide

This guidebook aims at several audiences. Its primary readership is an educated public consisting of students, parents, alumni, and other nonspecialists who have an interest in the UI campus and its architecture or a desire to recall years spent on the campus. This reader may skim through the book, sampling the short entries on individual buildings of particular interest. A secondary audience is made up of architecture enthusiasts, both professional and amateur, who seek a more detailed understanding of how architectural design shaped the UI campus over time. This reader may choose to devote more attention to the analytical components of the volume, such as President Emeritus Willard L. Boyd's reminiscence of his long personal involvement with UI campus architecture, the historical essay on the stylistic diversity of our campus architecture, or the biography of University architect George Horner.

At the back of this book is an alphabetized list of extant campus buildings, providing the building name, any major additions and renovations, design architect or architectural firm and the associated Iowa firm, date completed or occupied, and campus zone; we have omitted purely utilitarian structures. Two other lists are organized by architects and building completion or occupancy dates. A final list provides information about notable sculptures, mostly funded by the Art in State Buildings Program. In these lists, buildings and sculptures indicated in bold are featured in the body of the guide. And, because architecture cannot be fully analyzed without occasional use of technical vocabulary, we also append a glossary of terms and the major trends of nineteenth- and twentieth-century architecture.

The complete campus map with its list of building abbreviations that follows this essay will aid the reader with an overview of the layout of the campus and its buildings. Each chapter is preceded by a detailed map of that particular campus zone. The names of buildings

discussed in that chapter are spelled out on the map, whereas other buildings are designated only by their official abbreviations.

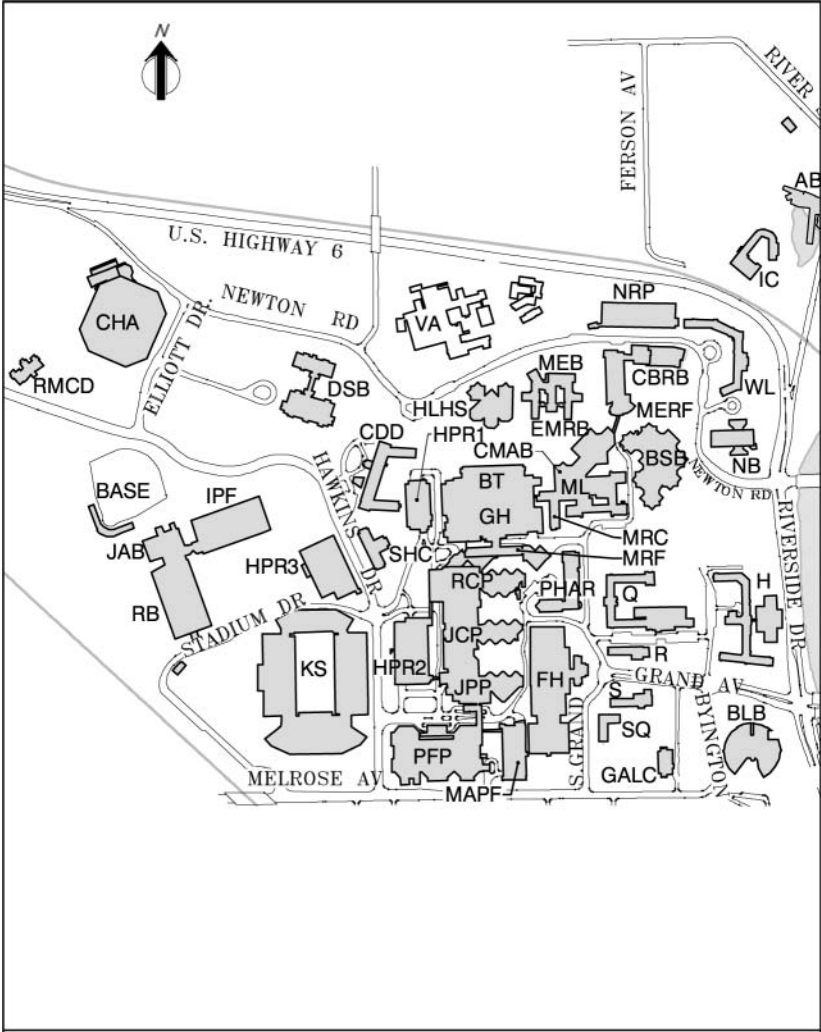
There are a total of eighty-nine entries, eleven of which are introductions to campus zones and seventy-eight of which are devoted to the explication of buildings. This is not the totality of campus architecture, but it does comprise most major buildings. Individual buildings are grouped in campus zones and within each zone the sequence of buildings follows the logical order of a campus visit. Each building entry consists of at least two pages, one page with a photograph and a text page consisting of two, or occasionally more, paragraphs. The first paragraph contains information about the building's history and its function. Subsequent paragraphs point to observable architectural features and note the building's place in UI campus architecture and its sources in the history of architectural design. Buildings of exceptional merit and interest are given fuller discussion in four-page entries.

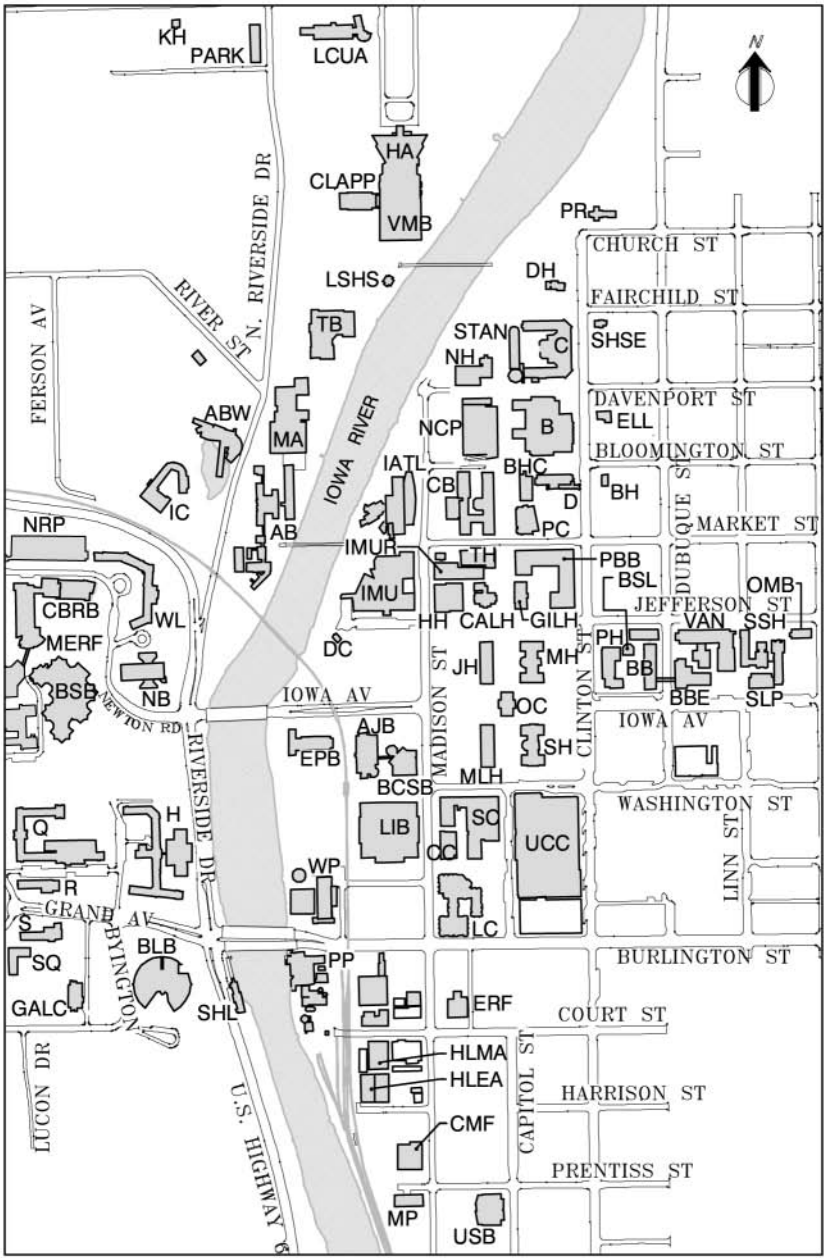
Mindful that the names of architectural firms change over time, we have attempted always to refer to the moniker applicable at the date of building completion. For example, the firm established by William T. Proudfoot and George W. Bird in Des Moines in 1895 and originally known as Proudfoot and Bird has, over the decades, changed frequently and radically. The reader will therefore encounter a variety of names for this and some other firms. For the sake of consistency, when referring to the names of firms, we have used "and" in the text and "&" in the lists at the back.

The intent of this guidebook is to both illustrate and celebrate the rich and diverse architecture of the University of Iowa campus. The individual entries grow from one another and display the common thread of innovative architectural development marking the structures that constitute our campus.

MAP OF UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CAMPUS

AB	Art Building	KS	Kinnick Stadium
ABW	Art Building West	LC	Lindquist Center
AJB	Adler Journalism & Mass Communication Building	LCUA	Levitt Center for University Advancement
B	Burge Residence Hall	LIB	Main Library
BASE	Duane Banks Baseball Stadium	LSHS	Lagoon Shelter House
BB	Biology Building	MA	Museum of Art
BBE	Biology Building East	MAPF	Melrose Avenue Parking Facility
BCSB	Becker Communication Studies Building	MEB	Medical Education Building
BH	Bowman House	MERF	Medical Education & Research Facility
BHC	Blank Honors Center	MH	Macbride Hall
BLB	Boyd Law Building	ML	Medical Laboratories
BSB	Bowen Science Building	MLH	MacLean Hall
BSL	Biological Sciences Library	MP	Motor Pool
BT	Boyd Tower	MRC	Medical Research Center
C	Currier Residence Hall	MRF	Medical Research Facility
CALH	Calvin Hall	MTF	Multi-Tenant Facility
CB	Chemistry Building	NADS	National Advanced Driving Simulator
CBRB	Carver Biomedical Research Building	NB	Nursing Building
CC	Communications Center	NCP	North Campus Parking
CDD	Center for Disability & Development	NH	North Hall
CHA	Carver-Hawkeye Arena	NRP	Newton Road Parking Ramp
CMAB	College of Medicine Administration Building	OC	Old Capitol
CMF	Cambus Maintenance Facility	OH	Oakdale Hall
CRH	Clapp Recital Hall	OMB	Old Music Building
D	Daum Residence Hall	OSA	Oakdale Studio A
DC	Danforth Chapel	PARK	Parklawn Residence Hall
DH	Dey House	PBB	Pappajohn Business Building
DSB	Dental Science Building	PC	Pomerantz Center
ELL	Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory	PFP	Pomerantz Family Pavilion
EMRB	Eckstein Medical Research Building	PH	Phillips Hall
EPB	English-Philosophy Building	PHAR	Pharmacy Building
ERF	Engineering Research Facility	PP	Power Plant
FGC	Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse	PR	President's Residence
FH	Field House	Q	Quadrangle Residence Hall
GALC	Gerdin Athletic Learning Center	R	Rienow Residence Hall
GH	General Hospital	RB	Recreation Building
GILH	Gilmore Hall	RCP	Carver Pavilion
H	Hillcrest Residence Hall	RMCD	Ronald McDonald House
HA	Hancher Auditorium	S	Slater Residence Hall
HH	Halsey Hall	SC	Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts & Sciences
HL	Hope Lodge	SH	Schaeffer Hall
HLEA	Hydraulics East Annex	SHC	Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing Center
HLHS	Hardin Library for the Health Sciences	SHL	Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory
HLMA	Hydraulics Model Annex	SHSE	Shambaugh House
HPR1	Hospital Parking Ramp 1	SLP	Spence Laboratories of Psychology
HPR2	Hospital Parking Ramp 2	SQ	South Quadrangle
HPR3	Hospital Parking Ramp 3	SSH	Seashore Hall
IATL	Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories	STAN	Stanley Residence Hall
IC	International Center	TB	Theatre Building
IMU	Iowa Memorial Union	TH	Trowbridge Hall
IMUR	Iowa Memorial Union Parking Ramp	TIC	Technology Innovation Center
IPF	Indoor Practice Facility	TRC	West Campus Tennis & Recreation Center
IREH	Institute for Rural & Environmental Health	UCC	University Capitol Centre in Old Capitol Mall
JAB	Jacobson Athletic Building	USB	University Services Building
JCP	Colloton Pavilion	VAN	Van Allen Hall
JH	Jessup Hall	VMB	Voxman Music Building
JPP	Pappajohn Pavilion	WL	Westlawn
KH	Kuhl House	WP	Water Plant
KHF	Karro Building/Athletics Hall of Fame	WRAC	Women's Resource & Action Center





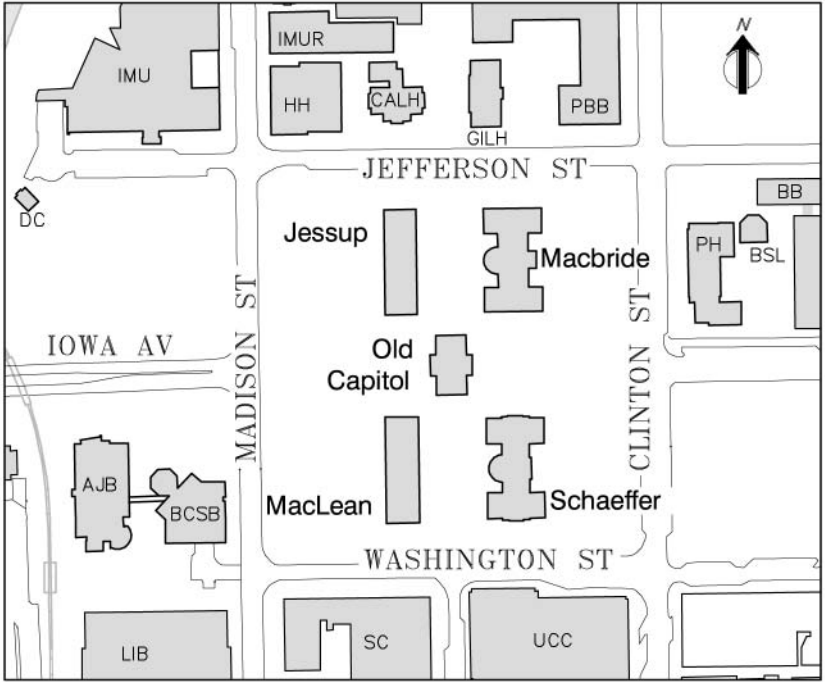
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Pentacrest

In its first decades, the University of Iowa grew up according to the needs of students and the demands of building an institution of higher learning in what was still, in many ways, a frontier town. Italianate and Second Empire style brick buildings sprang up next to the state's original capitol building, mostly on a north-south axis. As the nineteenth century came to a close, the decision to construct a major new Classical building adjacent to Old Capitol made a decisive break with that tradition, initiating a new era of campus planning that took shape over the span of a quarter of a century and the administrations of four University presidents. For the first time, designs were chosen based on their stylistic resonance with the Greek Revival Old Capitol and on how they could conjure a sense of the University as a center of scholarship and learning. As new buildings of Bedford limestone went up, the older, more informal structures burned down, were torn down, or (in one instance) were moved away.

Today's Pentacrest, four monumental halls organized on diagonal axes around the Old Capitol, did not take definitive shape until the last remnant of its nineteenth-century brick buildings was razed in 1975. This crowning ensemble of University buildings, "Pentacrest" (meaning "five on a place of prominence") got its designation from a 1924 naming contest sponsored by the *Daily Iowan*, right after the completion of Jessup Hall, the last of the four new buildings. This name was suggested by Emerson A. Plank (D.D.S., 1929) of Independence, Iowa, who later said that he coined the term because he wanted it to "recall the Old World." Plank's idea was an endorsement of the original concept behind Old Capitol and the Pentacrest, which aimed at continuity and expression of the shared cultural values of western civilization, as understood at the time.

The Pentacrest, however, is more than the mere sum of its individual buildings. It exemplifies the City Beautiful Movement of the 1890s, which looked to the urban planning principles realized in the



symmetrical disposition of buildings at world's fairs and expositions. The Paris Exposition Universelle of 1889, with the Eiffel Tower as its centerpiece, and, above all, Chicago's World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, with its unrestrained commitment to Beaux-Arts Classicism, were decisive for the thinking that produced the Pentacrest. The premium on axial relationships had already been established by Leander Judson's 1839 grid plan of Iowa City, which created a broad boulevard, Iowa Avenue, connecting the territorial capitol with the projected governor's mansion eight blocks to the east. Although the latter component was not to be realized, the axial thoroughfare insured that the Old Capitol, once transferred to the University, would be the centerpiece around which other buildings would develop and that the campus would have an inextricable link to its host city.

The ideal, rigidly symmetrical plan of the Pentacrest was probably the idea of Henry Van Brunt, partner in the Kansas City firm of Van Brunt and Howe, chosen by President Charles A. Schaeffer (1887–1898) and the Board of Regents to select the architect of the new Collegiate Hall (later, Schaeffer Hall) to be erected near Old Capitol. Van Brunt worked in a succession of late nineteenth-century styles, from Gothic to Classical, and had designed institutional and campus buildings in the East, notably Harvard's Memorial Hall (1878), but, as one of the lead architects of the Chicago Exposition, by the 1890s he was a fully committed proponent of the triumphant Beaux-Arts Classicism exemplified by that spectacular ensemble of buildings known as the "Great White City." Moreover, he was a theoretician, and his advocacy of the Classical Revival style predisposed him to select the design submitted by the young Des Moines architects Proudfoot and Bird. It was the beginning of a long relationship with the University that continues to the present day in recent design work by Proudfoot and Bird's successor firm, Brooks Borg Skiles. It was, however, Van Brunt's idea that created the momentum for an ideal planning scheme that came to fruition in the fully realized five-building central campus complex known as the Pentacrest.



Pentacrest, aerial view. A classic example of Beaux-Arts planning, the Pentacrest is on the National Register of Historic Places. This architectural image of the UI campus is based on the symmetrical planning principles of the ideal Italian Renaissance city. The four major buildings



added to Old Capitol to form the Pentacrest are named after four University presidents of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries under whose administrations the modern University of Iowa was shaped.



Old Capitol, 1842

ARCHITECT:

JOHN FRANCIS RAGUE,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

PREVIOUS NAME:

CENTRAL HALL

Old Capitol's original louvered bell housing, lantern (cupola), and dome.

Old Capitol's history began as the seat of the territorial government of Iowa. It became the University's first permanent building in 1857 when the state legislature moved to Des Moines. In addition to being the administrative center of the University, at various times it was also the home of the law school, the library, a museum, a dormitory, and even a gymnasium. The story of Old Capitol intersects with some of the most defining moments in the nation's history. Abraham Lincoln was eulogized on its steps on April 19, 1865. A hundred years later, another moment of turmoil—the protests over the Vietnam War—engulfed Old Capitol. It is the heart of the University, its pivot, and the image conjured up when remembering the high bluffs and city above the Iowa River.

Despite Old Capitol's popularity, it has had its detractors. In 1939, the rabidly anticlassicist Frank Lloyd Wright famously called the building his least favorite on campus, adding, "all of your buildings are very

bad . . . and they are destructive of me and my work.” He advised the University to “forget your sentimentality for Old Capitol else you are doomed to destruction.” Wright was advocating for contemporary design. Yet Old Capitol remains the focus of collective memory and the point of departure for architecture on campus, having inspired the Beaux-Arts Classicism of the Pentacrest buildings, the dome of Boyd Law Building, and the axes along which the various campuses are organized. Old Capitol itself has also been refined and redefined over the years, with a near total rehabilitation from 1921 to 1924 that added the west portico, an element included in the original design but never built. Owing to a lack of space, and after 110 years and fifteen University presidents, the Office of the President was moved in 1970 from its location in the southeast corner of the first floor to Jessup Hall. Old Capitol was rededicated as part of the 1976 Bicentennial celebrations, this time restored to its original character as territorial seat and home of state government. The 2006 renovation, made more extensive than originally planned by a November 20, 2001, fire that destroyed the lantern (cupola) and dome, has even more fully revived the building’s nineteenth-century character.

A late example of Greek Revival architecture, Old Capitol reiterates on a more modest scale the state capitol in Springfield, Illinois (also designed by Rague) and a distinguished succession of state capitols (Ohio, Tennessee) going all the way back to Thomas Jefferson’s Virginia state capitol at Richmond (1799). The walls of Old Capitol are composed of porous Iowa limestone, giving the building a rough-hewn quality. The portico columns, pediment, bell housing, lantern (cupola), and dome are all wood painted to imitate stone. Owing to its prominent porticoes, Old Capitol is a Doric building. This choice was both symbolic and aesthetic—the fluted Greek Doric order, and its associations with the Parthenon and Athenian democracy, conveys efficiency, modesty, and good government. The façade walls are articulated with the even sparer Doric pilasters. Frugality and moral rectitude are the order here, relieved only by the Corinthian capitals of the lantern columns, modeled on the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, a fourth-century BCE work in Athens. The dome, recently regilded in



The elegant fluted Corinthian columns of the second floor interior, with capitals based on those of the Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, Athens.

gold leaf, captures the sun to become the focal point of the building and the entire campus.

The results of the 2006 project are also visible in the detailed work done to restore Old Capitol with greater historical accuracy. Because no drawings existed from the building's construction, architectural historians pieced plans together from fragments. Some changes were made—the original wood-shingled roof, which had been replaced first with slate, then with asphalt shingles, was restored with standing-seam metal cladding—but Old Capitol today is as close to its original design as it has been since the nineteenth century (colorplate 2). Inside, the inversely rotated stairway has been retained (colorplate 3), and the building's bell—destroyed in the fire—has been replaced by one from the same period. The new interior color scheme, more in keeping with the mid-nineteenth century, has also been introduced; in place of sober white walls from the 1970s, Old Capitol is warmed by lavender, rose, and azure walls. Burnished and reopened in May 2006, it again greets visitors and looks westward across Iowa, as it has since 1842. As a “nationally important example of Greek Revival architecture,” Old Capitol has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

Schaeffer Hall, 1902

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: COLLEGIATE HALL

The notion of the Pentacrest began with Charles A. Schaeffer, the University of Iowa's seventh president (1887–1898). As part of a larger agenda to invest in the facilities and faculty necessary to make the University a national institution, Schaeffer brought in Henry Van Brunt, one of the architects of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, to judge a competition for the design of a new academic hall. Proudfoot and Bird's winning entry began their long service as the University's architects of choice and introduced a dignified Beaux-Arts Classicism that would become synonymous with the Pentacrest. Despite Schaeffer's untimely death, a construction fire, and conflicts between the architects and contractors, the doors to Schaeffer Hall finally opened on January 23, 1902, providing a permanent and modern home for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), which was then known as the Collegiate Department. The College has called Schaeffer Hall home ever since, and the building underwent a complete renovation in 1999, marking a century since construction began on the original building. CLAS comprises the core of the University with 18,000 students, 660 faculty, and 45 departments (seven of which rank in the top ten nationally). As such, it is appropriate that, at the corner of Clinton and Washington Streets, it occupies the "cornerstone" position of the UI campus. Schaeffer Hall is the oldest University classroom building still in use for instruction.

Schaeffer Hall's design signals a decision to define and ennoble the center of campus. By choosing to build in Bedford limestone instead of the more traditional red brick, on a monumental scale, and in the Classical tradition, the University lent Schaeffer Hall a distinction appropriate to its setting and to its potential importance in the life of the institution. On the east façade, a portico greets downtown Iowa City, and the frieze of the pediment, reading "Liberal Arts," dramatically announces the building's purpose. While the design is sympa-



Schaeffer Hall architecturally embodies the University's early aspiration to be a major institution of higher learning and to project a national image of scholarship and culture.

thetic to Old Capitol, the choice to move up one order, from wooden Doric to monolithic limestone Ionic columns, also expresses the transition from the older structure's Greek notions of good government to Charles Schaeffer's Renaissance ideals of education and culture. Referencing Old Capitol's Doric prototype, the decorated pediment, ornamental globes, and horizontal scrolls mounting up to the now-removed central flagpole give Schaeffer Hall a sense of grandeur that amplifies the building's message that art and science are essential to a democracy. The narrow end façades repeat the portico motif of the east front but with engaged rather than freestanding columns and without a pediment, which might compete with Old Capitol's venerable image. The model is Ange-Jacques Gabriel's façade of the Petit Tri-



Garlands of fruit and vegetables surround this fertility goddess (or personification of Iowa), whose hair resembles the roots of the flanking corn stalks. The goddess's left eye looks upward to the sky, while her right eye stares straight ahead.

The west (rear) façade of Schaeffer Hall, with its powerful rotunda projecting from a great recess, traces its ancestry back to the Italian Baroque.



anon at Versailles. On its west or rear façade Schaeffer Hall trades the rectilinear for curvilinear forms with a powerfully projecting rotunda that unexpectedly introduces Baroque drama in place of the relatively restrained Classicism of the east front.

Macbride Hall, 1908

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: HALL OF NATURAL SCIENCE

The commitment to erect a quartet of monumental buildings around Old Capitol was furthered by President George E. MacLean (1899–1911), who saw it as an effort to compose a formal university campus and to express better the academic aspirations of a modern institution of higher learning at the turn of the twentieth century. Macbride Hall, named for Thomas Huston Macbride, eleventh president of the University of Iowa, is perhaps the clearest example of this determination; construction could not begin until Calvin Hall had been moved off the Pentacrest and across Jefferson Street to the north. Once completed, Macbride stood as a testament to the University's place as an outpost of civilization on the prairie, and it marked a continued determination to remake the architectural image of the University on a grander and more ordered scale—one that embodied MacLean's



Macbride Hall's proud portico references Old Capitol and balances with that of Schaeffer Hall.



Interior Doric columns echo the exterior. Faux-marble painting was applied to the brick-core columns to create a convincing visual effect of red-veined marble.

conception of the civilizing role of the modern university. The building houses the largest classroom on campus, as well as the Museum of Natural History—the oldest existing university museum west of the Mississippi. For more than four decades, the building was also the home of the University’s library. Built in the basement with exposed interior columns instead of walls, to accommodate the ever-increasing collection, the library still became so short of space that the floor was eventually lowered to house even more books.

While Macbride Hall resembles Schaeffer Hall in plan and elevation, significant variations between the buildings prevent the uniformity of the Pentacrest from becoming tiresome. Both have projecting Ionic porticoes in recessed central sections flanked by two wings, and prominent rotundas grace the west side of each building. Macbride’s portico is shallower, however, and its cornice is topped with ornamental urns, not globes, as seen at Schaeffer Hall. The façade is also less severe than Schaeffer’s, with channeled limestone and sculpted reliefs above the windows. The freestanding columns of the east portico become engaged columns on the north and south end façades



Limestone bas-reliefs above Macbride's main floor windows form a sculpted classified encyclopedia of the earth's fauna, among them a walrus head flanked by garlands and seals.

and pilasters on the west face of the building. The rotunda, like Schaeffer's, is reminiscent of the Italian Baroque, creating a play of light and shadow that adds to the building's visual power and interest.

The Pentacrest buildings are meant to be seen in the round, and Macbride Hall is a particularly good example. The harmonious proportions, portico, and rotunda are all evident at a quick glance, but a closer look reveals extravagantly carved panels on the first-floor windows of the wings and end façades. The creatures in these relief sculptures are grouped by species, each having an animal at the center and related creatures forming the swags. The program was developed by William Temple Hornaday of Eddyville, Iowa, and sculpted by Sinclair Shearer of Perth, Scotland. Charles Nutting, professor of zoology, arranged the groups in the correct relationship. All of the vertebrate classes are included. The field of the pediment represents a buffalo, moose, and elk. Like the animals in the window panels, these three have been included because of scientific, not just decorative, interest; they are the largest mammals indigenous to North America. Walking the perimeter of Macbride Hall, "reading" them, one can find a hawk, turkey, snapping turtle, llama, stingray, eagle, and walrus. The ornamental urns at attic level on the end façades are studded with three human heads each, representing different racial types—all related to the anthropological study of humankind appropriate to "natural science" as understood at the turn of the twentieth century.

MacLean Hall, 1912

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: PHYSICS BUILDING

The presidency of George E. MacLean (1899–1911) saw the University of Iowa’s most expansive growth to date. A frenzy of construction was initiated after a 1901 fire that destroyed the Medical Building and South Hall and damaged the under-construction Schaeffer Hall—all on the Pentacrest. MacLean Hall, built on the former site of South



The two-dimensional pilaster treatment of MacLean’s east and end façades switches on the west to columns, thereby providing a more prominent elevation as seen from a distance.



The names of venerated scientists grace the Classical frieze of MacLean Hall.

Hall, was intended to replace classroom and laboratory space lost in that blaze. The project stalled almost before it began, however, when a trove of human bones was discovered during excavation. Further examination revealed that the bones were refuse from South Hall's anatomical laboratory, and President MacLean ordered them quietly disposed of so that construction might resume. The Cockcroft-Walton "atom smasher" was installed here in 1938.

Marching along MacLean's frieze are the names of noted scientists including Franklin, Newton, Galileo, and Archimedes. This design feature recalls the practice of inscribing names of great artists on the exterior of museums, as was done on the 1893 Art Institute of Chicago, and points to the faculties of physics and engineering that originally occupied the building. The west entry includes ornate pentaglobed lamps that reference the five structures of the Pentacrest and the dominance of the Ionic order on the post-Old Capitol buildings. The lamps are creative variations of the Ionic order column and add interest to this "rear" view. MacLean's interior is also worth a visit; just inside the west portal an ornate, curved staircase connects the main and lower levels.

Jessup Hall, 1924

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,
DES MOINES, IOWA
PREVIOUS NAME: UNIVERSITY HALL

Jessup Hall originally housed the Departments of Education, Commerce, and English. When the latter moved to the English-Philosophy Building in 1970, President Willard L. Boyd transferred his office from Old Capitol to the more spacious vacated administrative suite, which was a model of Spartan frugality. The standard office desk, linoleum



On the end façades, Jessup's projecting columns and Michelangelesque scrolls at the attic level surpass in ornamentation the comparable, but more two-dimensional, end façades of MacLean Hall.

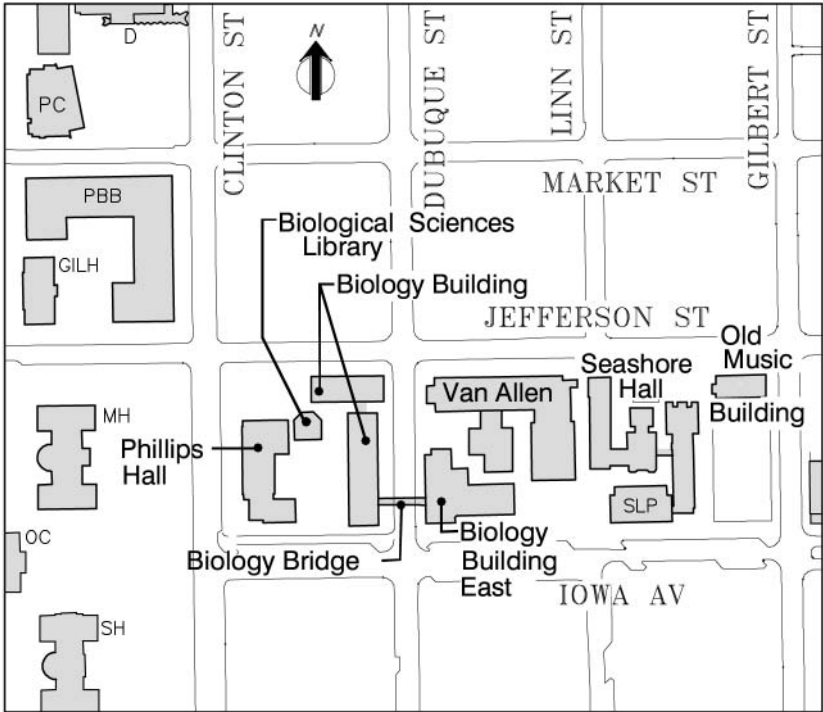


Jessup Hall completed the monumental five-building plan for the Pentacrest and gave a finished shape to the architectural center of the campus. Its design contains numerous subtle variations from its pendant on the south, MacLean Hall.

floor, and throw rug were alleviated only by a painting borrowed from the Museum of Art. In addition to the Office of the President, Jessup now also houses the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost. Its current name honors one of the University's most visionary leaders, Walter Jessup. The twelfth president of the University of Iowa (1916–1934), Jessup presided over the grandest building campaign in University history, including the completion of the Pentacrest buildings and the campus's westward expansion across the Iowa River.

Reflecting the creative variation on the Ionic order seen throughout the Pentacrest, Jessup Hall defines an internal campus green with Macbride Hall and provides a harmonious finale for the Beaux-Arts Classicism of the four buildings flanking Old Capitol. On its east face, a simple design with two-story-high pilasters contrasts with the drama of Macbride's facing rotunda, while nodding at ancient impe-

rial Roman architecture with the geometric grillwork above the two entrances. The north and south end façades present a more ornamented style than the adjacent MacLean Hall, replacing that building's pilasters with columns and powerful Michelangesque scrolls (consoles) visually buttressing the attic level. Deeply carved horizontal channels at foundation level and columns on the west façade make a strong impression, nicely recapitulating MacLean's west façade and enframing Old Capitol as viewed from the river valley approach. The lamps flanking the west entrance also repeat those in a comparable position on MacLean. They are five-globed fantasies on the Ionic column, the dominant motif of the Proudfoot and Bird Pentacrest buildings. The attention given to all four sides of Jessup is consistent with the overall design of the Pentacrest.



Iowa Avenue Campus

The Iowa Avenue Campus, a one-by-three-block peninsula extending from the Pentacrest into downtown, is one of a very few examples of University facilities penetrating the city's residential and commercial neighborhoods. Devoted to the sciences (with the exception of Phillips Hall), these buildings function as an eastward spoke of the liberal arts campus.

If the Iowa Avenue Campus is a departure from the campus core and its prevailing architecture, its function and history are more intimately tied to the University than most. The first classes ever taught at the University of Iowa were held in an Italianate building (Mechanics' Academy) that once stood near the corner of Iowa and Linn Streets, and a remnant of the first general hospital (Seashore Hall) survives on that site today. Modernizations and expansions of the facilities devoted to science are abundant here, and future planning efforts will continue to explore the long-term development possibilities of this prominent campus zone.

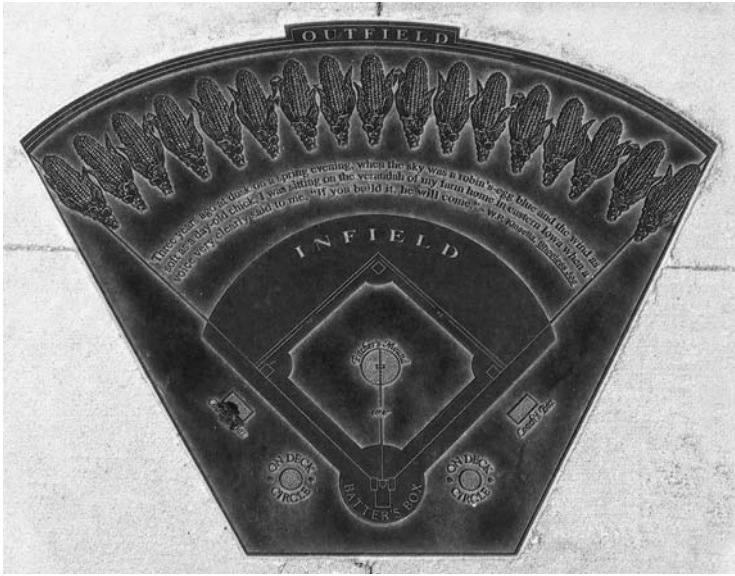
Phillips Hall, 1965

ARCHITECT: WOODBURN O'NEIL ARCHITECTS
AND ENGINEERS, WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

Constructed on the former site of Iowa City's second Universalist Church building, Phillips Hall was built to house the College of Business Administration. Since its founding in 1921, the then College of Commerce had vastly outstripped the facilities available in its first home, Jessup Hall. The move across Clinton Street provided a more functional facility until growth forced yet another relocation, this time



Standardization was the dominant concept in the Modernist design of Phillips Hall.



"If you build it, he will come."—W. P. Kinsella, *Shoeless Joe* (1982).

to the newly built John Pappajohn Business Building in 1993. Phillips Hall was named after Chester A. Phillips, the college's first dean and a leader in the field of money and banking. It now contains foreign language and literature departments within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Campus lore once held that the west façade, with its rows of deeply punched windows, was meant to be a play on the then-common computer punchcards, but this seems to be an idea born of the popular imagination rather than an intended design concept. The building does, however, reference Modernism's valorization of standardized forms and the machine aesthetic. The windows evoke the sun baffles of Le Corbusier, specifically his *Unité d'Habitation* in Marseilles (1946–1952). The external grid, with recessed windows, has the practical benefit of protecting the interior from direct sunlight. The design also makes visible a functional separation; classrooms and faculty offices are in the main block, while the large lecture hall is in a single-story wing to the south.

Phillips Hall's location also marks the beginning of the Iowa Avenue Literary Walk, a joint University/Iowa City project designed by Gregg LeFevre and opened in 2001. Forty-nine bronze panels positioned in the sidewalk celebrate, in image and quotation, writers connected to the University or state: Marvin Bell, Frank Conroy, John Irving, Flannery O'Connor, Jane Smiley, Kurt Vonnegut, and Tennessee Williams, among others, can be found in the sidewalk-mounted samples. Many of the authors are graduates or former faculty in the famed Iowa Writers' Workshop.

Biological Sciences Library, 1902

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: HALL OF ANATOMY

When the Medical Department was still located on the Iowa Avenue Campus, this building was an anatomical theater. The entire second floor was taken up with this function. Medical students sat in semicircular bleachers, with the instructor and cadaver in the arena below.



The Biological Sciences Library was originally an anatomical theater.

Only the second Beaux-Arts style structure, after Schaeffer Hall, to be erected on the UI campus, the building indicates an intention to establish that architectural style as the dominant aesthetic of the campus, not only on the Pentacrest but also beyond. The continuation of the Ionic order also reflects Schaeffer. Reprogrammed as the Biological Sciences Library in 2004, the building was originally conceived as the center of a larger complex that would form a court, but of that plan only the Biology Building on Jefferson Street was ever built. The rear wall of the building is canted from both corners so that the semi-circular raised seating of the anatomical theater is expressed on the exterior. Decorative elements, such as the use of quoins to extend the channeled rustication of the base upward, become more expressive as they rise. At the broad entrance bay, pairs of flanking Ionic pilasters on the second and third levels give distinction to the cubelike edifice, and floral swags swing from the volutes of the capitals. The library's most ornate touch, a palmette above the cornice, crowns this diminutive building neatly tucked away near the heart of campus. The open area in front has now been redeveloped as a peaceful enclave adjacent to the bustle of downtown Iowa City.

Biology Building, 1905

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAMES: MEDICAL LABORATORY (1905),
ZOOLOGY BUILDING (1927)

Originally a laboratory component of the College of Medicine, the Biology Building stands on the former site of Close Hall, which had been the University of Iowa's first gymnasium. The additions of 1965 and 1971, undertaken at the behest of the chairs of zoology, botany, and microbiology to accommodate the University's growing student population and commitment to the sciences, have been matched by the latest renovation (2004), which encompassed the entire biology complex: Biology Building, Biological Sciences Library, the new Biology Building East, and the provocative Biology Bridge. The project



The Beaux-Arts Classicism of the 1905 Biology Building contrasts strongly with the standardized grid of its Modernist wing of 60 years later, but each represents architecturally the scientific thinking of its time—one with literal depictions of scientific instruments, the other with metaphoric allusion to scientific method.

added thirteen state-of-the-art laboratories and upgraded existing laboratories, classrooms, and offices.

Erected three years after the Biological Sciences Library (as the Hall of Anatomy), the Biology Building shares that earlier structure's Beaux-Arts Classicism, its fondness for Ionic pilasters with swags at the volutes, and its channeled rustication and prominent keystones at the base. Additions of 1965 and 1971 obscure much of the original structure, but the entrances facing Iowa Avenue and Jefferson Street remain, and, along with them, the building's detailing. Above the cornice, a crest with the eagle from the University of Iowa seal interrupts the parapet. In the frieze a bas-relief of scientific instruments informs



A hawk flanked with scientific instruments, and with Ionic capitals below, reveals the Biology Building's original function as a medical laboratory and the Beaux-Arts style of the Pentacrest.

visitors of the building's use. The calibrated beakers and microscopes refer to its original function as a medical laboratory. In the flanking modernist addition, the repetitious standardized geometry, similar to that of nearby Phillips Hall, architecturally announces the exactitude of scientific procedure, as did the artfully sculpted beakers on the original building.

Biology Bridge, 2000

ARTIST: SIAH ARMAJANI, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The bridge connecting the Biology Building and Biology Building East is a work of art as well as architecture. The designer, sculptor Siah Armajani, is known for his bridge projects, including the torch, tower, and bridge in Atlanta for the 1996 Olympics and the tower and bridge on Staten Island's North Shore Esplanade. An interesting design challenge, as it connects two very different architectures while passing over a main entry route to Iowa City (Dubuque Street), the bridge was considered by Armajani mostly in isolation, a conscious and radical noncontextualism. While it created some controversy during the design phase and immediately following its construction, the bridge has now become a conversation piece and is recognized as a gateway to downtown Iowa City. The artist named his work *A Bridge for Iowa*.

The historicizing allusions and emphatic asymmetry of the bridge typify Postmodern design and complement the dynamic composition



The Biology Bridge spans Dubuque Street and connects the Biology Building with Biology Building East.



DNA and Darwin come together in the Biology Bridge interior. Inlay in the floor quotes Walt Whitman: "I believe a leaf of grass is no less than the journey work of the stars."

of the new Biology Building East while rejecting the standardized geometry of the Modernist wing of the Biology Building it connects. The guiding motif, Iowa's covered bridges, is conveyed by the exposed diagonal truss work, while the ornamental webbing below alludes to the now almost as rare iron truss bridges. But the arched upper half of the design unmistakably references Venice's famed Bridge of Sighs. Iowa's bridge, however, metaphorically connects the campus to the city, and campus and city to the state. Some viewers may see in it a reference to *The Bridges of Madison County* and the popular film based on Robert James Waller's novel. On the interior, perforated panels in the ceiling allow light to filter from above, and the space is warmed by the stained glass in the windows and skylights. Quotations from Charles Darwin and Walt Whitman run along the walls and floor. Also on the floor, a strand of DNA in terrazzo connects the two buildings and contains an error that biology students are now challenged to discover.

Biology Building East, 2000

ARCHITECT: BROOKS BORG SKILES ARCHITECTURE

ENGINEERING, DES MOINES, IOWA

Housing classrooms and research facilities, Biology Building East, popularly known as Biology East, was the first part of a two-phase construction and renovation effort to upgrade the complex of biology buildings fronting Jefferson and Dubuque Streets and Iowa Avenue. It emphasizes state-of-the-art technology for both teaching and research. Biology East accommodates electron microscopy and other sophisticated technologies together with the traditional greenhouses occupying the roof.

This fourth component of the biology complex is connected to the Biology Building by a pedestrian bridge over Dubuque Street. If Phillips Hall and the Biology Building's Dubuque Street wing architecturally represented the leap across Clinton Street, the Postmodernism of Biology Building East announces its distance from those buildings as well. Having moved farther from the Old Capitol in both space and time, there is a departure from both Classicism and Modernism, manifested in new materials and the introduction of a more varied palette of materials and colors. Biology East is composed of exposed concrete, brown brick, white metal cladding, red stone, and a variety of glass—including green-tinted glass and glass block—that express both the function of each part of the building and the heterogeneity of its urban context. Glass curtain walls front Iowa Avenue and are echoed by the exposed rooftop greenhouse. The building's entrance responds to the corner of Iowa Avenue and Dubuque Street with a Postmodern complexity of intersecting planes emerging from the simply framed south façade. The recess at the corner shades the entrance, leaving the white-paneled second and third stories almost floating above.



In its asymmetrical composition and in its variety of construction materials, Biology Building East illustrates the Postmodern freedom from Modernist design principles.

Seashore Hall, 1899

ARCHITECT: JOSSELYN AND TAYLOR, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAMES: UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, EAST HALL

Seashore Hall (as University Hospital) was preceded on this site by the Mechanics' Academy building, where a small, 20-bed hospital was installed in 1873. This facility was jointly operated by the University's Medical Department faculty and the Sisters of Mercy (from Davenport) until the sisters transferred off campus to found their own hospital. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, however, dates its foundation from 1898 and the construction of University Hospital, which began as a 65-bed unit designed for both patients and clinical instruction. President Charles A. Schaeffer (1887–1898) led the way in advocating for this project, which was funded with a one-tenth mill tax approved by the state legislature to pay for needed University buildings. The original building was expanded twice before the entire hospital operation was moved to the new General Hospital on the west side of the Iowa River in 1929. In its definitive form as a hospital, achieved in 1915, University Hospital had patient wards, private rooms, clinics, and a surgical theater and accommodated a total of 350 beds. In 1930 it was remodeled as a research building and renamed East Hall; psychology and journalism became the major occupants. In 1981 the building was renamed after psychologist Carl Seashore, dean of the Graduate College.

The building history of Seashore Hall is a complicated one. The original all-brick, stripped-down, Beaux-Arts building of 1899 faced Jefferson Street rather than Iowa Avenue and was constructed on a red-brick base with buff-colored walls and an argyle pattern in red and beige brick on the top two floors, which were devoted to the surgical theater. An entrance with a monumental arched opening at the top of a flight of steps projected from the main block, and a wing on one side jutted back toward Iowa Avenue, making for an asymmetrical plan. In 1906 Proudfoot, Bird and Rawson were brought in to add a matching wing to the east and reorient the central block toward Iowa Avenue



An archival photograph of the 1920s shows Seashore Hall (University Hospital) in its definitive form.



An archival photograph of circa 1900 shows the original Seashore Hall facing Jefferson Street.

by adding a porch and main entrance. In 1915 two large multistoried additions topped with solaria, picturesque elevator towers, and red-clay-tiled gambrel roofs were built between the projecting wings and Jefferson Street, again based on a Proudfoot, Bird and Rawson design. This is the definitive view of University Hospital seen in the archival photograph. The bifurcation of the hospital reflects the arrangement of the sexes into separate wards. The additions provided the appearance of symmetry that, at least for the forward-projecting wings, suggests Gabriel's Cour Royale at Versailles as the prototype—a typical reference for architects working in a Beaux-Arts style and implied already in the Josselyn and Taylor design. In 1968 Spence Psychology Laboratories were placed in front of the central block, and the pedimented façade of the right wing was masked with a Modernist entrance. In 2000 the southwest wing on the left was razed because of failing structure, but the refurbishing of the entire complex is under consideration.

Old Music Building, 1918

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: ISOLATION HOSPITAL

The isolation unit of University Hospital was built at the corner of Jefferson and Gilbert Streets just to the northeast of University Hospital, separate from but within easy communication of the main hospital building. The function of this facility moved with the rest of the hospital to the west campus in 1928. After that the former



The Venetian window at the top of the center section of the Old Music Building is the only example on campus of this window type developed in antiquity and revived in Renaissance Italy.

isolation unit was converted for use by the Department of Music, and a Georgian Revival rehearsal hall, designed by George Horner, was added to the south end of the building in 1931 (razed in 1988). When the Voxman Music Building was completed in 1971, the School of Music vacated the building, which took on the designation of Old Music Building. After that it was used for graduate painting studios and now remains mainly vacant while redevelopment of the building and surrounding area is studied.

The red-brick foundation level and buff-colored upper stories of the Old Music Building retain the exterior color and materials of the adjacent Seashore Hall (University Hospital) complex. The Georgian Revival only suggested in the original main building is, however, fully embraced in the Old Music Building. The column-flanked main (north) entrance, Palladian windows, and gambrel roof of the projecting center section are all clear markers of that historicizing style. The pronounced dormers and the mutules under the cornice of the third floor reinforced the stylistic orientation. While in use as an isolation ward, the building's south face was adorned with balconies, which allowed light and fresh air to the patients. The balconies were later removed as the function of the building changed.

Van Allen Hall, 1964

ARCHITECT: DURRANT GROUP, DUBUQUE, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: PHYSICS RESEARCH CENTER

One of twenty buildings completed during the presidency of Howard R. Bowen (1964–1969), Van Allen Hall is a manifestation of both Bowen's strong support of the sciences and the critical importance of its namesake's work. James A. Van Allen, a native Iowan, earned his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa and taught in the physics department for decades. Using rocket-launched balloons as early satellites, Van Allen discovered high densities of radiation in the Earth's upper



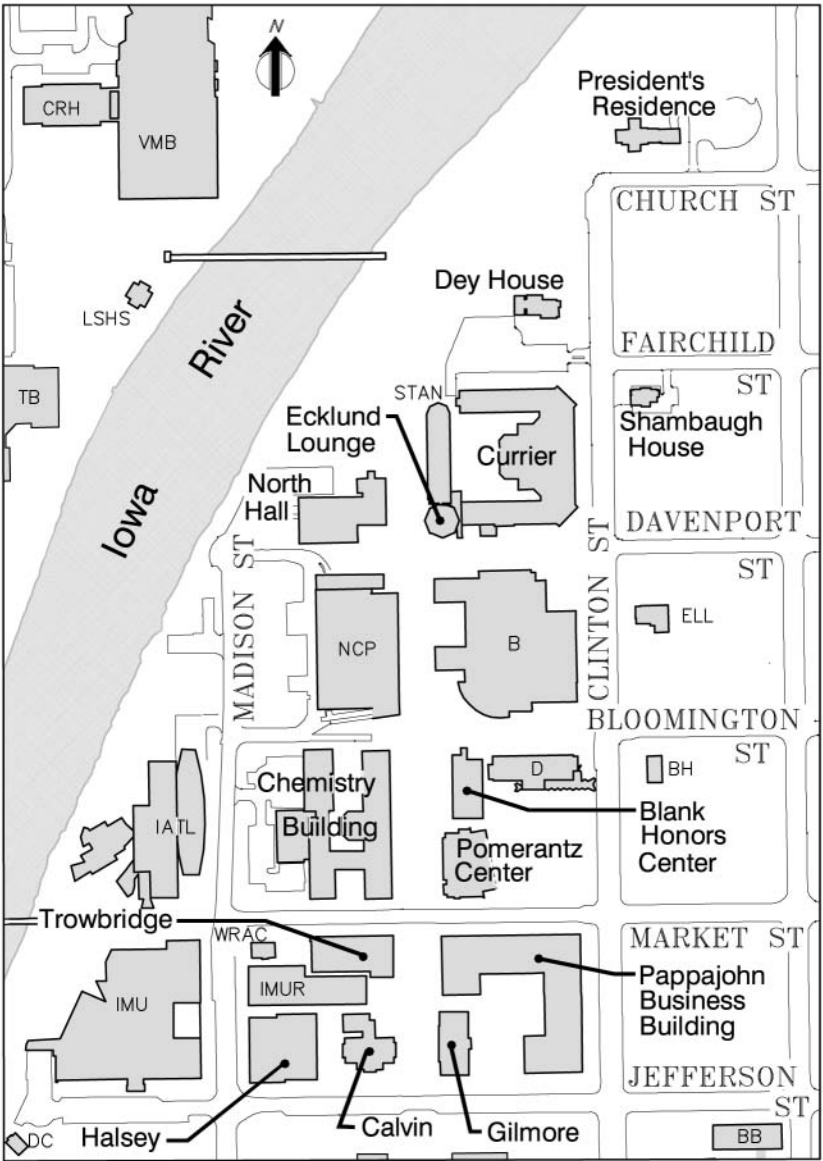
The monolithic south façade of Van Allen Hall seems to float above the slab-roof-covered auditorium.

atmosphere, phenomena now known as the Van Allen Belts. His findings earned him the May 4, 1958, cover of *Time* magazine, a National Medal of Science, and membership in the National Academy of Science. Van Allen Hall continues to house the physics and astronomy faculty from which he retired in 1986.

James Van Allen's space-age research finds expression in the architecture of Van Allen Hall. Its Modernist concrete façade is adamantly antitraditional and anticlassical, rejecting the ornamentation of the campus's Beaux-Arts buildings and replacing it with a machine aesthetic. Curtain walls, standardization, and a quasi-modular design make for a building that was not only economical to construct but also in sympathy with the collaborative spirit of the scientists and NASA engineers working inside. Functionality and productivity are key contributors to the design intent. The Brutalist ferro-concrete canopies supported on center piers at the west entrance express the malleability and strength of modern materials. An observatory is visible above the roofline, and the building's auditorium—a single-story, slab-roof-covered auditorium attached to a multi-use, multistory structure—makes Van Allen visually consistent with other buildings on the Iowa Avenue Campus.

Main Campus North

Growing northward along the bluffs of the Iowa River, the University of Iowa gradually integrated itself into the original residential neighborhoods of north Iowa City. In addition to several important academic facilities, Main Campus North includes the Dey House and the Shambaugh House, two of the University of Iowa's most significant historic homes and anchors of the University's famed writing community. Another home, the President's Residence at 102 Church Street, acts as a gateway to the campus and caps the stretch of University buildings along Clinton Street. The area also contains the first dormitory and is one of two centers for on-campus residence life, sheltering approximately 5,000 students in total. Student foot traffic, moving south from residence halls to academic buildings, gave shape to another noteworthy feature of this campus: the T. Anne Cleary Walkway. Named after a beloved administrator, the walkway traverses what once was a stretch of Capitol Street that was closed, in coordination with Iowa City, to provide convenient, safe, and attractive passage to pedestrians.



Halsey Hall, 1915

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: WOMEN'S GYMNASIUM

Before the construction of Halsey Hall, the women's gymnasium had been confined to a small space in the basement of Schaeffer Hall known as the Crypt. With a new building and the advent of Elizabeth Halsey as director of women's physical education (a post she held from 1924 until 1956), the athletic life of female students at the University of Iowa was transformed. Once confined to gymnastics, dance, and hygiene, women were able now to participate more fully in the sporting activities previously available only to men. The building, which now houses the Department of Dance and a Recreation Services satellite fitness facility (Fitness East), has also achieved a measure of fame



The pedimented gable of Halsey Hall suggests a Classical building in brick but without columns or pilasters.

as an exterior shot for the 1980s television sitcom, *Coach*, the title character of which was loosely based on former UI football coach Hayden Fry.

The building's origins as a gymnasium appear carved in limestone on the lintel above the front entrance. Although suggestive of Beaux-Arts Classicism, its almost all-brick, less-ornamented, utilitarian character separates it from the more noble buildings rising on the nearby Pentacrest. With its faint classical echoes (portal consoles, pilaster bands, roof-cornice corbels, and pediment), Halsey might be thought of as a temple to the body, in contrast with those nearby porticoed temples to the mind. Situated on the slope of the bluff marked by Jefferson Street, the ground falls away, creating a basement level and allowing for a south façade with a pronounced podium and temple front. Halsey also has some of the most accomplished brickwork on campus. Panels of diagonally laid bricks with central diamonds are repeated beneath the ample second-floor gym windows flanked by brick pilaster bands. Halsey is the best example on campus of the bricklaying technique known as Flemish Bond, which alternates along each course between headers and stretchers.

Calvin Hall, 1885

ARCHITECT: R. S. FINKBINE, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: SCIENCE HALL

Originally located on the Pentacrest, Calvin Hall is best known for its dramatic relocation in 1905. When Macbride Hall displaced Calvin Hall on the Pentacrest, it also took over its core functions. In a bold decision for the time, the teaching of science was not interrupted during that transitional period, with classes continuing to be taught in Calvin while it was moved across Jefferson Street at a rate of two feet per day. More than 1,000 screw jacks and an army of horses kept the building level and usable during this 105-foot trek to the north. Calvin Hall was eventually renamed after a distinguished faculty member who taught there—Samuel Calvin, a geologist and curator of the Museum of Natural History. Today, it contains a variety of student services offices. A boulder beneath the south façade commemorates the



Except for Old Capitol, Calvin Hall is the oldest University building in continuous use.

1855 decision to admit women on the same basis as men; Iowa was the first state university west of the Mississippi River to do so.

A major factor behind the decision to move Calvin Hall was its Italianate red-brick exterior, which was out of place on the developing Pentacrest. The resources expended in that relocation illustrate the University's commitment to campus architecture; not only did the administration carry through the plan for a limestone Beaux-Arts Classicism theme for the buildings surrounding the Old Capitol, it also recognized the worth of Calvin Hall and expended the resources needed to retain the older structure. The building is the oldest University building, excepting Old Capitol, and the best example of the buildings that once populated the Pentacrest. Today, Calvin Hall stands as the sole surviving relic of the red-brick campus that once was.

Calvin bears some curious ornamentation, including the three terra-cotta reliefs above the second-story porch; two spirals that flank a head in profile wearing a liberty cap (a pointed headpiece symbolic of the struggle for political liberty). Rising even further, the building is topped by a wide frieze, cornice, and gabled Mansard roof.

Gilmore Hall, 1910

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: HALL OF LAW

Built to house the College of Law, Gilmore Hall provided that faculty a suitable space after years of overcrowding in the Old Capitol. It was eventually renamed after Eugene A. Gilmore, dean of the College of Law, who went on to become president of the University of Iowa (1934–1940). During his administration the University suffered drops in enrollment and resources due to the Great Depression. Gilmore



Gilmore Hall recapitulates the Beaux-Arts Classicism of the Pentacrest buildings.



The prestigious former law library, seen in this archival photograph of 1924, suggests with its use of the more austere Doric order of columns an effort to recall the virtues of Athenian democracy and well-ordered society as seen in Old Capitol.

was known for his efforts to press forward with a plan for expansion of both student body and facilities and for projecting an aura of optimism and growth that belied the troubled academic and economic climate of that era. Gilmore Hall now houses critical University administrative functions, including the offices of the Vice President for Research and the Office of the Dean of the Graduate College. The Department of Religious Studies occupies the top floor.

The building is the earliest surviving classroom building originally located north of the Pentacrest and indicates an intention to continue with the limestone Beaux-Arts Classicism of Schaeffer Hall, which was the only one of the projected Pentacrest buildings completed at

the time. Gilmore Hall's use of limestone and the Ionic order attaches authority to the building and makes clear the importance of the program housed there. Approached from the west, today it seems a continuation of the quartet of Beaux-Arts buildings across Jefferson Street to the south. Originally, Gilmore's engaged columns, massing, and its horizontal lines of rustication portended the end façades of Macbride and Jessup, both yet to be built. A line of brackets beneath the roofline visually supports the cornice while drawing attention to the high windows shared by the building's third and fourth floors. Once an elegant, Doric-columned law library, that space has been split into two levels to provide for additional offices. Also inside, an ornate and noteworthy entry stair has been partially restored. Gilmore Hall's over-scaled ground floor indicates that the design anticipated a future extension to the north.

John Pappajohn Business Building, 1993

ARCHITECT: ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES, CAMBRIDGE,
MASSACHUSETTS / NEUMANN MONSON ARCHITECTS,
IOWA CITY, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: PAPPAJOHN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING



Nodding to the Beaux-Arts Classicism of the Pentacrest (and Gilmore Hall), the architects designed the John Pappajohn Business Building as a Postmodern temple of commerce.

The John Pappajohn Business Building architecturally embodies the study of business at the University of Iowa. Founded as the College of Commerce, the Tippie College of Business has outgrown a succession of homes, most recently Phillips Hall. Pappajohn Business Building also houses several related endeavors, including the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center and the Small Business Development Center. These affiliated bodies work locally and regionally to assist Iowa-based businesses.

When the UI's College of Business moved from Phillips Hall, a rigorously Modernist building that consciously rejected the traditional Beaux-Arts Classicism of the Pentacrest, its new home would, by contrast, strive for a historicizing mode of Postmodernism in sympathy with that older style. But the Pappajohn Business Building reimagines the Classicism of the Pentacrest and its neighbor, Gilmore Hall, through a contemporary lens. A commanding edifice of aggregate stone, the structure refers to the legacy of Proudfoot and Bird while enjoying the freedom and stylistic diversity of Postmodernism. It strays from both the rules and ornaments of classical design as well as Modernism's taboos against historical references. While alluding to the Pentacrest, the pedimented entrance porticoes with their paired column shafts at the entrances stand forward of the glass curtain walls, completely detached from the main body of the building. And they are self-consciously unclassical in their lack of ornament and in their top-heavy proportions. With Pappajohn's denuded classicism, even the capitals are uncarved. The obsessive rectilinear geometry and prefabricated components, however, still pay homage to Modernism's machine aesthetic as seen in Phillips Hall. Temple fronts with truncated pagodalike towers rise above the cornice at the juncture of the south and west wings as well as at their midpoints. Abundant clusters of money-green square cubes form generous shade canopies over the tables on the exposed courtyard terrace, and Pappajohn's faux classicism also references iconic financial institutions like the New York Stock Exchange.

Trowbridge Hall, 1918

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: DENTISTRY BUILDING

Trowbridge originally housed dental science, which had moved from its first home (in Old Dental Building, razed in 1975) on the Pentacrest. With the relocation of the health sciences to the new Medical Campus on the western bluffs of the Iowa River, Trowbridge was freed up and reprogrammed for the Department of Geology in 1973. It was also named after Arthur C. Trowbridge, a longtime geology professor at the University.

Like other buildings on Main Campus North, Trowbridge Hall is faced in Flemish Bond brick with limestone detailing. While giving up the more noble (and expensive) materials of the Pentacrest, Trowbridge maintains the same Beaux-Arts stylistic orientation, as the Classical detailing shows. This is also apparent in the monumental scale of



Trowbridge Hall reveals a determination to continue the Beaux-Arts Classicism of the Pentacrest even in brick. Proudfoot and Bird are, however, beginning to introduce a freer use of the vocabulary of classical design in this unusual façade.

the brick-faced Doric pilasters paired at the entrance. These dominant pilasters add visual power to the façade, but the shift down to Doric from the elegant Ionic used in all the preceding Beaux-Arts campus buildings indicates a more modest architectural image. There are, however, a few oddities about the design that need explanation. The classically unacceptable asymmetry of the façade, with the entrance offset to the left, could be accounted for by an intended south wing with an equal number of bays to the left, which would have balanced the composition. The other unusual feature, the horizontal windows squeezed between the pilasters of the second and third floors (now altered with glass blocks and modern frames) are perhaps a concession to contemporary design of the day. The famous three-sectioned Chicago window, already popularized by Louis Sullivan (Carson-Pirie-Scott Department Store) and introduced to Iowa City on the 1904 Carnegie Public Library, seems to have made an impact here. It can be seen in the recessed third-floor window of the entrance bay and originally all along the north flank. The replacement of the side windows at a later date makes the appreciation of this feature difficult, but it marks the first hint of Modernism on the UI campus.

Pomerantz Center, 2005

ARCHITECT: SAVAGE-VER PLOEG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.,
WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

Named for Marvin A. Pomerantz, a 1952 graduate of the University of Iowa and a member of the University of Iowa Foundation Board of Directors, the Pomerantz Center functions as a hub for University outreach activities, including the Admission Visitors Center, Academic Advising Center, Alumni Career Exchange, Executive MBA Program,



The design of the Pomerantz Center expresses the outward corporate look of the offices and programs it houses.

MBA Career Services, and the Marvin A. and Rose Lee Pomerantz Career Center. The facility also includes a 400-seat auditorium that replaced a large lecture room in the Chemistry Building when that building began a major renovation project in 2006.

The Pomerantz Center's activities focus mainly on the University's external constituency, a purpose that is expressed in its design, which is emphatically polished and more corporate than its traditionally academic surroundings. Composed of glass, stone, and white metal panels, with *pilotis* and sun baffles to the west, the building self-consciously rejects the Classicism of the Pentacrest and even the scraped Classicism of the John Pappajohn Business Building. Instead, the metal panels and sun baffles create a visual connection to the Levitt Center for University Advancement. Another vivid visual statement is made by the tapering 1950s retro glass entry atrium, which addresses the corner of Market Street and the T. Anne Cleary Walkway and recalls corporate office architecture.

A bronze bas-relief monument at the southeast corner of the Pomerantz Center marks the former site of the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station. Established in 1917, this research unit pioneered the study of normative child development. The sculpture represents a classically draped man and woman holding a scallop shell from which a small stream of water originally poured. A bird descends to drink from the shell, no doubt a punning allusion to Bird T. Baldwin, first director of the Research Station, in whose honor the fountain was originally erected near this site in 1928. The frog, fish, duck, and turtle that once perched on the edge of the wading pool have since vanished, along with the pool itself.

Chemistry Building, 1922

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: CHEMISTRY-BOTANY-PHARMACY BUILDING

World War I inspired a great interest in the study of chemistry, and enrollment in the subject doubled between 1917 and 1921. By the mid-1920s, the department had the largest staff and most course offerings of any on campus, a popularity that prompted the University of Iowa to consolidate its resources into a single facility. Before that time, laboratories and classrooms had been scattered around campus; some were even located in a former mess hall. Walter Jessup, the University's president at the time, included the new facility in a broad program of construction that gave the campus east of the Iowa River much of the appearance it has today.

As this building boom, and the focus of campus architecture, moved from the Pentacrest, there was a growing desire to express that transition architecturally, even while maintaining the same Beaux-Arts Classicism style. The Chemistry Building, composed of brick with limestone detailing, effectively represents that initial shift. The stonework—at the entrance, around the windows, and in quoin detailing—recalls the Pentacrest, but the brick walls represent a move to a more economical material. Classical ornament nevertheless remains important. The columns framing the entrance bay are a Corinthian variant (capitals with acanthus leaves below and palm above) that recall the first-century BCE Tower of the Winds in Athens. While the interior is currently in the early stages of a \$35-million renovation, the façade will remain largely intact, including the industrial windows that reflect the utility of chemistry as a field of study.



The Chemistry Building combines classical formality (columns, portico, pediments, quoins) with industrial-duty steel windows.

Blank Honors Center, 2003

ARCHITECT: HLKB ARCHITECTURE, DES MOINES, IOWA

Named for Myron and Jacqueline N. Blank of Des Moines, the Blank Honors Center is home to the University Honors Program and the Connie Belin and Jacqueline N. Blank Center for Gifted Education, which honors the work of Connie Belin, an Iowa educator and former member of the State Board of Regents. The building houses classrooms, offices, gathering spaces, and a food service area, as well as special meeting rooms devoted to the honors program. A connecting bridge links the center with the honors floor of the adjacent residence hall, Daum Hall.

A dark, monolithic glass-and-steel box, the building's neo-Miesian aspects recall the International style. The machine aesthetic is everywhere in evidence, contrasting the simplicity of its design with the complexity of the program and the architect's environment-friendly concept. (The Blank Honors Center is one of the first University buildings to incorporate aspects of "green architecture.") The west-facing façade has a double-glazed curtain wall whose outermost screen functions as a filter reducing the effect of the afternoon sun without the use of solar baffles. An aura of monumentality is conjured by a massive stone wall, which dominates the north elevation and rises above the roofline, laterally bisecting the building. The presence of this sheer masonry backdrop, the façade screen, and the absence of fuss coalesce in an Honors Center of austere elegance.



Blank Honors Center aims for simplicity of form through a neo-Modernist machine aesthetic.

Ecklund Lounge (in Stanley Residence Hall), 1966

ARCHITECT: ALTFILLISCH, OLSON, GRAY AND THOMPSON,
DECORAH, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: STANLEY HALL LOUNGE

The Ecklund Lounge stands at the juncture of Currier Residence Hall and Stanley Residence Hall, two major residence halls, and is named after David Ecklund, Associated Residence Halls president in 1978. The lounge was built as a component of Stanley Hall but now serves both residences. Carrie Stanley was a professor in the University of Iowa's English Department for thirty-four years and founded the University's Writing Laboratory.

Marking the south end of Stanley Hall, the polygonal structure consists of a brick podium and curtain wall of dark-tinted glass. A distinctive serrated cornice lends a sense of playfulness appropriate to the small structure's social function. The jaunty profile continues



Ecklund Lounge is perhaps the zaniest building on the UI campus and much enjoyed by students.



The surreal cloud canopy of Ecklund Lounge dominates the interior.

in the accordion canopy of the exterior stairs, which is a counterpart to the turquoise-trimmed undulating wave-canopy that once graced the front of nearby Burge Residence Hall (removed 2004) and the zigzag canopy at Daum Residence Hall (both were also designed by Altfillisch). The tiny interior is one of the most unusual to be found anywhere on campus. The ceiling follows the ups and downs of the exterior roofline, but a saucerlike indoor awning supported on *pilotis* and with a light-admitting oculus in the center fills the space. Like something from a dream or perhaps a 1950s science fiction movie, this strange and unanticipated object resolves the angular profile of the exterior into a soft-edged expanding cloud. Whether this bizarre shape was designed for its acoustical properties is unknown, but the fantasy world conjured by Ecklund Lounge provides an ideal respite for students seeking refuge from the busy campus outside.

North Hall, 1925

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

At the time of North Hall's construction, another building on campus already bore that name. Opened in the 1860s and not demolished until 1949, the previous structure was used as a science facility and library and was located on the Pentacrest. The present North Hall was built to house University High School, an experimental school founded in 1916. Until it closed in 1972, the school's core faculty of graduate students provided an evolving, progressive curriculum to children from Iowa City and its nearby environs. Now home to the School of Social Work, North Hall has a small café, Wild Bill's, that employs and benefits persons with disabilities. The story of Bill Sackter, after whom the café is named, was the subject of a television movie, *Bill*, starring Mickey Rooney.

An unpretentious and relatively utilitarian building, North Hall continues Main Campus North's string of red-brick buildings designed by Proudfoot, Bird and Rawson. With its modest entrance bay and the restriction of detailing to limestone quoins, it is also one of the least ornamented. Both the upper and lower entrances are crowned by plaques announcing the building's former life as a school, and North Hall as a whole has a reticence in keeping with that history. One whimsical and enigmatic touch, a pair of doubled X's, is executed in brickwork on the east façade.



The unusual off-center portal anticipates the addition of three more bays to the left, but this was not realized before the University High School closed in 1972.

Currier Residence Hall, 1914

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,
DES MOINES, IOWA

Currier Residence Hall, the University of Iowa's oldest extant residence hall, was built to address the shortage of housing for female students. It was named after Amos Noyes Currier and his wife, Celia Moore Currier, both fixtures in the Classics Department where Amos held a professorship and Celia was a Latin instructor. During his time at the University, Amos Currier held an array of positions. As a volun-



Currier Hall is the oldest student residence hall on the UI campus.

teer librarian, he organized the University's first card catalog; he also served as the first president of the Iowa chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, was dean of the Collegiate Department (now College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), and served as interim president (1898–1899) between Charles Schaeffer and George MacLean. Currier Hall, home to 168 women in 1914, is today a coeducational residence with renovations that address current student life needs.

This Georgian Revival dormitory is composed of simple brickwork and contrasting limestone detailing. Quoins at its corners and insets above the first- and third-story windows add distinction, as do the brackets under the cornice. Currier was enlarged in 1940, which extended the Clinton Street wing to the north. While the original Parisian-style glass fan-canopy above Currier's main door has been removed, the flanking Doric pilasters and the rooftop balustrade marking the entrance façade remain in place. Behind the balustrade and running along the roofline, pedimented dormers open from students' rooms. Currier was enlarged several times before it achieved its current U-shaped configuration. The aura of tradition pervades Currier; legend has it that the building is haunted by the ghosts of three residents from the 1930s, adding further luster to this classic residence hall's venerable character.

Shambaugh House, 1900

ARCHITECT: O. H. CARPENTER, IOWA CITY, IOWA

Benjamin F. Shambaugh, professor of political science from 1896 until his death in 1940, was an Iowa native and a University of Iowa graduate. Known around campus as a sharp dresser and the author of *The Campus Course: Approaches in Liberal and Cultural Education*, Shambaugh had a dedication to the intellectual and artistic that still infuses the home his widow, Bertha, bequeathed to the University in 1953. The Shambaugh House, while a private residence, was host to Amelia Earhart and to Roald Amundson, among others, as part of the University Lecture Series, which Benjamin Shambaugh chaired. After becoming University property, the building at 219 Clinton Street housed the Honors Program. In planning for the new Blank Honors Center in 2001, it was determined the home should be moved to its current location, three blocks to the north. The Shambaugh House now welcomes visitors again as the home of the International Writing Program.

When Shambaugh decided to build his home, he requested a design that was “substantial, but not ostentatious.” Completed at a cost of \$1,620, the Queen Anne-style house is notable for its ornamentation, including finial-topped balustrades, Ionic colonettes supporting the front porch, a scallop shell in the front gable, and an elliptical window on what is now the south side. Renovations in the 1940s had obscured or removed much of this decorative work, and cast iron had replaced the front porch colonettes. Before the building was moved to its current location in January 2002, it enjoyed a renovation that restored much of the house to its original state. The attention to woodwork continues inside with fine finishes in the public spaces of the first floor.



Shambaugh House, in its classic Queen Anne style, now hosts the International Writing Program.

Dey House, 1857

ARCHITECT: UNKNOWN

The Dey House, home to the Iowa Writers' Workshop, is one of several historic homes adapted for reuse as academic or administrative space by the University. Peter A. Dey, who brought the railroad to Iowa City in 1855, had commissioned the house to convince his fiancée to move west from New York City and join him here. The University purchased the house in 1923, but the Writers' Workshop has only been in the house since 1997. Prior to that, the Workshop occupied many settings, finding its first home in a barracks on the banks of the Iowa River in 1936. Through the years, famed writers, including Frank Conroy, John Irving, Flannery O'Connor, Phillip Roth, Jane Smiley, and Kurt Vonnegut, have participated in the Writers' Workshop as both students and faculty. Today, the house represents the core of a writer's community, making Iowa City an epicenter for top writing talent.

Facing Clinton Street, the Italianate design is fronted by a porch with clusters of four colonettes that splinter the light, creating a lively pattern of shade on the building's eastern face. Above, a hip roof with



Dey House is home to the Iowa Writers' Workshop.



The architect's rendering displays the Prairie Style Revival of the Glenn Schaeffer Library addition.

cast iron fretwork and widow's walk supports Dey's contention that though Iowa City was far west of New York, it was not lacking in civilization. The Dey House has been expanded since its original construction, most notably with the addition of an ornate hall and staircase in the 1870s. While respecting the original house as the front door to the Writers' Workshop, the 2006 addition nearly doubles the programmed square footage.

The Glenn Schaeffer Library wing is pulled back from Clinton Street, creating a backdrop for the original structure. Its quiet street front, however, transitions to an expressive, contemporary Prairie Style Revival that takes maximum advantage of its setting above the Iowa River valley. The use of natural materials and expansive glass facing west are anchored by a limestone base that grows from the bluffs of the Iowa River. The main spaces inside the addition are a large, vaulted-ceiling library and public reading room where the more than four thousand volumes written by Workshop graduates and faculty are on display. The room is named in memoriam to Frank Conroy, the Workshop's director from 1987 to 2005.

President's Residence, 1908

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

The residence was first occupied by President George E. MacLean and contains a third-floor ballroom (though difficult to access and seldom, if ever, actually used for public functions), second-floor private quarters, and a first floor made public for receptions, fund-raising, and other outreach efforts. Those public areas greet as many as 2,500 visitors every year at up to fifty events. The State Board of Regents requires that the University president live in the facility.

Due to such heavy use and decades of administrative reluctance to update the house, by 2002 the building was in dire need of significant rehabilitation. While the University presidency was vacant prior to the selection of David J. Skorton as president, the University, in conjunction with the State Board of Regents, began a comprehensive renovation project that included a garage addition to the east of the original structure, a complete overhaul of the original mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, and the addition of an elevator shaft to provide for improved accessibility. Major repairs to the kitchen and west and north porches corrected structural concerns and significantly improved the ability to host events.

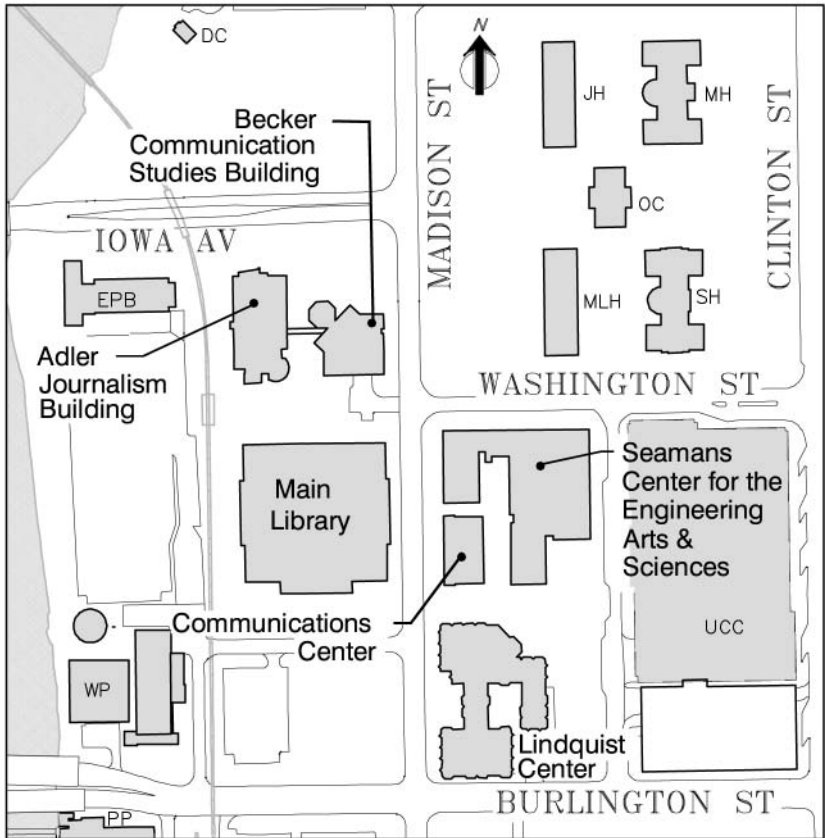
Restoring the Georgian Revival home with period-appropriate details was paramount. The residence is a classically detailed structure that recollects the Pentacrest, especially in its use of the Ionic order at the entrance portico. Like those of the Old Capitol, the portico columns are wooden. During the renovation, colonettes were also added to the west porch, better integrating it with the rest of the house. The addition to the east not only improved access but better balanced the overall massing of the structure. Careful brick selection and detailing helped to match the new to the original. Inside, period light fixtures were chosen for their compatibility with designs popular at the turn of the century, and a humble elegance in finishes was achieved as the house recollects its early years.



The Georgian (Colonial) Revival style of the President's Residence alludes to a more home-grown version of Classicism than does that of the Pentacrest buildings.

Main Campus South

With the exception of the original portions of the Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences, the campus south of the Pentacrest was not developed until the 1950s. The University of Iowa's original athletic facilities, including a football stadium and armory, were once tucked along this stretch of the Iowa River but have since been replaced by academic buildings. That athletic heritage will be somewhat resurrected, however, by the construction of a student recreation center to be located at the southwest corner of Burlington and Madison Streets. As a complement to the original Field House, the recreation center will not only significantly improve access to recreational and leisure activities on the east side of campus; it will also strengthen an ill-defined south campus border along Burlington Street. While that boundary is largely imaginary—and the University does extend beyond it—the area further to the south is reserved for a gradual transition to business, infrastructure, and operational facilities serving the campus.



Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences, 1905

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT AND BIRD, DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: ENGINEERING BUILDING



The modest Beaux-Arts façade of the Engineering Building (now the Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences) was no competition for Schaeffer Hall across the street, but it does express the ambition of the University to extend the Pentacrest style beyond the new buildings that had only just begun to rise around Old Capitol.

The Engineering Building was the first University structure to jump Washington Street and move south of the Pentacrest. Since that time there have been a total of seven additions to the original building. The three most important of these are Mechanical Engineering, 1932; Electrical Engineering, 1964; and, the most comprehensive of all, a south addition and restructuring of much of the interior, 2001. Gary F. Seamans, 1971 graduate of the College of Engineering, and his wife Camille made a major gift to the college, and the entire Engineering Building complex was renamed in their honor.

Originally known as the Engineering Building, the Capitol Street façade of the Seamans Center was the second Beaux-Arts–inspired building on the UI campus designed by Proudfoot and Bird. Only nearby Schaeffer Hall is older. The design offers a twist to the more correct Classicism seen on the Pentacrest. Horizontal channeling at the entrance on Capitol Street reverses Schaeffer’s notions of rustication by placing those elements above, while the podium below is finished smoothly (an arrangement later followed at Macbride). Playful departures, such as the superimposition of orders (Ionic pilasters overlap Doric at the entrance), underscaled capitals, and domestic-looking windows of the central bay are intentional “mistakes” that give the Seamans Center its air of slight irreverence. Ornament, including a proud palmette at the apex of the pediment and wreathed medallions beneath the cornice, add further embellishment. Note the series of panels above the second-story windows; years from 1906 through 1927, carved engineering instruments, and other details all attach context to the design and communicate what goes on inside to passersby. The modernized addition to the south, constructed in 2001, creates an inviting entrance, which communicates a spacious new interior while paying homage to the adjacent, original structure by repeating its horizontal banding and stone finish.



The new addition of 2001 reflects the efficiency of engineering with a clean, utilitarian aesthetic. The entrance plaza provides students with a respite from the street and is made less austere by a stone seating wall and overhanging sun baffles on the building's south façade.

Lindquist Center, 1973

ARCHITECT: WALTER NETSCH OF SKIDMORE

OWINGS AND MERRILL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PREVIOUS NAMES: EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH BUILDING,
LINDQUIST CENTER FOR MEASUREMENT

Lindquist Center is a particularly fitting commemoration of Everet F. Lindquist's contributions to the University of Iowa. A professor of education, Lindquist developed the Iowa Test series as well as the electronic scoring machine that made it possible. These innovations, used by students nationwide, revolutionized skills testing and secured



The geometry of Walter Netsch's Lindquist Center is expressed on the underside of the bridge connecting two main wings and in the projecting brick-faced volumes of the superstructure.

Lindquist's place as a leader in the field. He set aside the profits from the Iowa Test for a fund dedicated to capital improvement and education-based research. Those resources were instrumental in the construction of the center that bears his name and has housed the University computer center and College of Education since its opening.

Designed by Walter Netsch, the architect responsible for the University of Illinois—Chicago Campus and the Air Force Academy and Chapel in Colorado Springs, the Lindquist Center displays some characteristic features of his academic buildings. Working with Field Theory, a design methodology he pioneered, Netsch created a geometric grid for the floor plan that also informs the elevation of the building. This method reverses the Modernist dictum of “form follows function” (Louis Sullivan), making it instead “function follows form.” The program of the building is made to fit into the preconceived geometry of the plan. At Lindquist the basic geometric shape that constitutes the “field” is the octagon/square. This geometry is also expressed on the exterior by projecting or recessed portions of octagons of unequal sides (four short and four long). Application of the Field Theory eliminated the need for interior hallways. Built in north and south phases of earthy brown brick, the main sections of the building are connected by an elevated bridge supported on attenuated *pilotis*. Incised marks on the building's underside reflect an ideal geometry.

The courtyard of the Lindquist Center hosts one of the most noteworthy works of sculpture on the UI campus, Louise Nevelson's *Voyage* (colorplate 10).

Communications Center, 1951

ARCHITECT: BROOKS BORG, ARCHITECTS-ENGINEERS,
DES MOINES, IOWA

The Communications Center, the first permanent classroom building constructed during the expansive post–World War II era, was built to house the School of Journalism and the *Daily Iowan*. Spun off from the Department of English in 1923, Journalism already had distinguished alumni, including George Gallup. Before going on to found his opinion poll, Gallup was also the editor-in-chief of the *Daily Iowan* and, briefly, a member of the faculty. The Communications Center now houses photographic studios and the Center for Human Rights.

As the first example of International style Modernism on the main campus, the Communications Center used its radical design to express the advanced communications technologies used inside. Aggressively advancing a machine aesthetic of simple, hard-edged geometries expressed in concrete, the Communications Center disdains traditional ornament in favor of clean horizontal lines and the repetition of standardized forms. The recessed podium, faced in Brutalist concrete panels, emphasizes the forward thrust of the sun baffles of the top two stories, which were referred to as “a distinctive as well as functional feature, providing shade from direct sunlight and reflecting light into the building.” It references similar grids developed by Oscar Niemeyer and Le Corbusier for tropical locales. Had the planned fourth floor not fallen victim to the budget, the street façade’s lattice would have been still more imposing. The Communications Center’s Modernism presages many later campus buildings with standardized façades, including the Center for Disabilities and Development (1954), Burge Residence Hall (1959), the Pharmacy Building (1961), and Van Allen Hall (1964). It is perhaps fitting that this Modernist design aesthetic was introduced to campus by the successor firm of Proudfoot and Bird, the Des Moines architects who first brought architectural distinction to the University. Historically, this departure represents the University’s

daring first initiative to engage a cutting-edge mode of mid-twentieth-century architectural style, an approach to progressive design thereafter supported by successive University administrations.



The Communications Center was the first International style Modernist building on the UI campus.

Main Library, 1951

ARCHITECT: KEFFER AND JONES, DES MOINES, IOWA (1951) /
CHARLES RICHARDSON AND ASSOCIATES, DAVENPORT, IOWA
(1961, 1965, 1971)

The first freestanding library at the University of Iowa was a long time coming. Growing from an original selection of fifty books that were sent from New York to Iowa City in 1855 by Amos Dean, first president of the University of Iowa (1855–1859), the collection has frequently exceeded the space available to house it. First kept in a cubicle in the Mechanics' Academy (the first University building), then moved to Old Capitol, Old North Hall (where three-fourths of the volumes were lost in an 1897 fire), Schaeffer Hall, Macbride Hall, and finally the Old Armory, it was not even until additions to the new Main Library were completed in 1971 that there was room enough to accommodate the main collection in a single building. That building provided open stack shelving so students could have direct access to the books and take advantage of the “serendipitous nature” of research and learning, as head librarian Ralph Ellsworth (1943–1958) understood it. The Main Library now serves as the hub of a 4,000,000-volume library system with eleven branches across campus and a generous lending policy that extends borrowing privileges to any Iowan with a card from a public library.

The Main Library, set on a high platform, makes a statement (colorplate 6): the building is both a repository of knowledge and a monument to learning. Visitors approach the south façade via stairs that, along with the scale of the building and its massive slab roof, suggest an impenetrable fortress while at the same time announcing the value of what lies within and the need for protecting it. The vaguely medieval-looking design references multiple architectural sources while undermining them with a Modern sensibility. Just below the projecting roof, narrow vertical windows recall the defensive features of a fortified castle, while the powerful plane of the roof itself functions as the capstone. At the entrance, the spaces between the muscular brick



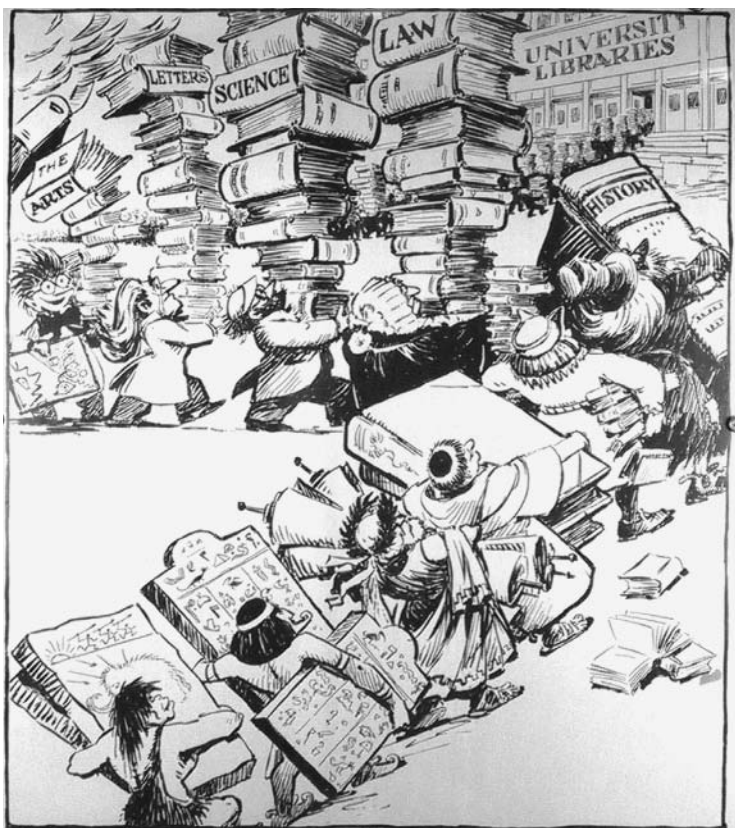
The original 1951 Keffer and Jones Main Library north façade was the sole example of Zigzag Moderne on the UI campus. Twenty years later it was masked in a Modernist remake of the library.



The Romanesque Revival Old Armory (1904), located on the current site of the Philip D. Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building, did service as the Reserve Library from 1927 to 1951, when the books were transferred to the new building by a human chain of students.

piers turn what was solid in classical architecture (paired columns) into voids of tinted glass; and cantilevering at the corners highlights the strength of modern materials. Ornament is banned. The reference to a columnar composition follows the New Formalism phase of Modernism that began in the 1950s with Edward Durrell Stone and which was developed further by others, including Max Abramovitz, who would later transform the Arts Campus.

The original 1951 Art Deco-like central section of the north façade was reworked in 1971 to conform to the Modernist aesthetic of the south elevation of the building. Characteristic of post-World War I American Moderne architecture with its streamlined elements, this original design had strong vertical components with limestone detailing projecting above the central block, and geometric patterning in the decorative insets over the entrance windows. The Zigzag Moderne panels flanking the now-obscured central block were also censored, but the wings with their horizontally zigzagging window embrasures remain. A set of nine aluminum panels illustrating a humorous view of the history of education and libraries, commissioned from “Ding” Darling, the Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist of the *Des Moines Reg-*



Public education and the history of books converge in “Ding” Darling’s cartoons that once adorned the main entrance on the library’s north façade. Here a caveman, Egyptian, Roman, medieval monk, and Renaissance humanist carry their tomes toward the library portal, while caricatured exemplars of the various disciplines enthusiastically bring forward their stacks of books. The image must have recalled the human chain of students who conveyed books to the new library when it opened in 1951.

ister, were removed from their mountings above the north façade entrance doors at the same time and are now displayed inside on the fourth floor of the building. The sleek aluminum stair railings and the staggered pattern of the cream-and-rose-colored linoleum tiles of the flooring in the original (north) section of the building are surviving remnants of this Moderne design.

Philip D. Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building, 2005

ARCHITECT: OPN ARCHITECTS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Home to the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Department of Cinema and Comparative Literature, and the *Daily Iowan*, the Philip D. Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building establishes a disciplinary quad with the Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building. The building is named after Philip David Adler of Davenport, Iowa. While at the University of Iowa in the 1920s, Adler was editor of the *Daily Iowan*, becoming publisher of the *Kewanee Star Courier* after graduation. Taking over as the publisher of the *Davenport Daily Times* in 1949, Adler went on to build a regional newspaper conglomerate.

Intended to define a plaza between the Main Library and the Becker Building, the Adler Building also weaves together all the surrounding brick architectures. The connecting bridge provides interdisciplinary communication between Becker and Adler, and the red-brick square arch under the bridge also helps to restore the visual axis between the Main Library and the Iowa Memorial Union, which had been sacrificed to Becker's octagonal auditorium. The Adler Building is respectful of its visual proximity to the Pentacrest as well. Set back from Iowa Avenue, it leaves open the dramatic upward view from the west. An expressive south façade makes for a memorable pedestrian zone (colorplate 15). Here, the crossbars of the rotunda (typically Post-modern in their ornamental function) contrast with the utter simplicity of Becker. The rotunda itself recalls the projecting west façades of nearby Macbride and Schaeffer Halls. Inside, a three-story brick wall and atrium bisects the building from north to south and separates the more public general assignment spaces to the east from the westward spaces, dedicated to the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.



The Philip D. Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building occupies the site of the Romanesque Revival Old Armory (1904) and, while rejecting any stylistic references to the past, its rotunda recalls those of the Pentacrest buildings and, more recently, the Levitt Center for University Advancement.

Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building, 1984

ARCHITECT: THORSON-BROM-BROSHAR-SNYDER,
WATERLOO, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: COMMUNICATION STUDIES BUILDING

Built during the presidency of James O. Freedman (1982–1987), Becker Communication Studies Building was state-of-the-art, from the exterior design to its broadcasting facilities. It was rededicated in 1993 in honor of Samuel L. Becker, distinguished professor emeritus in communication studies.

Becker Communication Studies Building exhibits many of the hallmarks of Late Modernism: shifted-grid plan, stark massing, dark-tinted and mirrored glass, and circular vent openings. The dark glaz-



The Late Modernist style of the Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building expresses the forward-looking character of the discipline it houses.

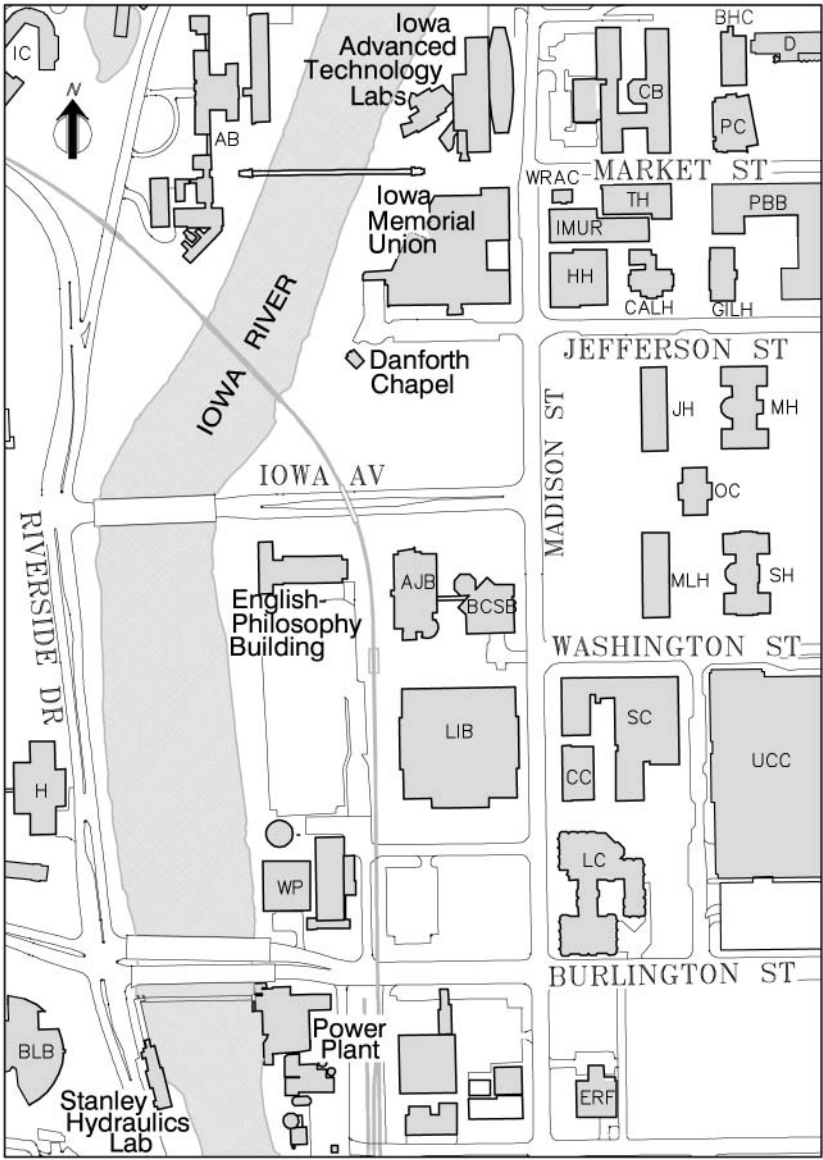
opposite: David Middlebrook's eroded globe, cubic map, and bouncy spiral, entitled *Small World*, 1986, reiterate the distant reach of communications suggested in the surrounding setting.



ing of the window walls of the main level on the street front creates the illusion of a red-brick monolith floating on a white concrete band, an effect similar to that on the International style Communications Center just down the street. Set at a 45-degree angle to the monolithic street-front block, the projecting mirrored auditorium section serves as a transition between two red-brick-clad masses. These large, sharp-edged monochromatic forms are used to create visual interest, but there is also a unique acknowledgment of the adjacent campus setting—the Becker Building’s east-facing mirror-glass windows are angled to provide a reflected view of the gilded lantern dome of Old Capitol; thus, the building’s design reflects its campus context. In the atrium, a Chinese moon gate, curving stair ramps, and oceanliner railings all suggest travel and communication with distant places.

River Valley Campus

The River Valley Campus comprises a set of buildings that are varied in appearance and diverse in function but which share a common engagement with the Iowa River. Like many communities, Iowa City can trace its origins to the river that runs through it and can bemoan decades of underappreciation of the waterfront. Once considered a necessity, not an amenity, the Iowa River is now being recognized as the defining topographical attribute of both Iowa City and the University. The romance and sweep of the bluffs give the campus much of its aesthetic power and make possible the dramatic views of the Pentacrest from the west. The River Valley Campus, on the river's eastern banks (the exception is the C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory), takes advantage of this position with a bike and pedestrian path affording casual interaction with the river. Upcoming projects, including the renovation of the Iowa Memorial Union, and future campus planning will increase the enjoyment of, and relationship to, the Iowa River.



English-Philosophy Building, 1966

ARCHITECT: SASAKI, WALKER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.,
WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS / PRALL ASSOCIATES,
DES MOINES, IOWA

The English-Philosophy Building, known on campus as EPB, has been home to these two humanities departments and the Department of Linguistics since its construction, and to the Department of Rhetoric since 1970. Begun under President Virgil M. Hancher (1940–1964) and completed under President Howard R. Bowen (1964–1969), EPB was one of many building projects on campus that exhibit a new desire to pursue architecture of current note and merit. Nationally renowned architects took part in a campus building boom, particularly during the Bowen years, and EPB has the distinction of being the first fruit of the University's look beyond the state for high-quality design.



President Bowen had the architects rotate the design of the English-Philosophy Building to provide better views of the Iowa River from the faculty offices.

Notwithstanding its unmistakable Modernist aesthetic of standardized forms, the strong vertical articulation of EPB's river façade conveys intimations of Classicism that reverberate with the Doric-columned portico of Old Capitol located above it on the distant bluff. The rigor of the design—note the symmetry and uniform rectilinear geometry—are characteristically Modernist but employed to invite associations with the buildings of the Pentacrest. Alternating brick and precast concrete elements create a façade of light and dark components, with the vertical stacking of the paired windows suggesting column shafts. The building's horizontal platform and cornice line also gesture at classical forms. After the design phase of EPB was completed, President Bowen asked that the building be rotated to maximize the river views from the faculty office wing. Interestingly, the building faces the river but does not engage it, with no pedestrian access on the west side of the building, so that the abstract purity of the Modernist framework remains undisturbed.



1. The mosaic seal of the University of Iowa, with original name and foundation date, adorns the main entrance of Macbride Hall, 1908.



2. Old Capitol, 1842, as seen from the west, occupies the crest of the bluff overlooking the Iowa River valley.



3. The inversely rotated spiral stairs of Old Capitol, covered with a blue-painted dome, lead to the upper floor with the House and Senate chambers.



4. The east façade of Medical Laboratories, 1927, with its pointed-arched portal, two-story bay window, and flanking towers, takes inspiration from Henry VIII's palace at Hampton Court.



5. General Hospital's 1929 Gothic Tower, modeled on the tower gate at Magdalen College, Oxford, ranks with Old Capitol as one of the most prominent skyline features of the UI campus.



6. Main Library's 1971 south façade, facing Richard E. Gibson Square, provides a monumental entrance to the University's central collection of books.



7. The Dental Science Building, with its raw concrete exterior surfaces, glass-walled courtyard, and vertically projecting pavilions, exemplifies 1970s contemporary design on the Medical Campus.



8. An aerial view shows the expanding wedge of the Arts Campus defined by the Iowa River below and the rising bluff at the top. Hancher Auditorium, Clapp Recital Hall, and Voxman Music Building form a single complex, with the red-brick Theatre Building at the upper left.



9. Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 1974, has distinctive pyramidal skylights and prominent inverted triangles.



10. *Voyage* (1975), a thirty-foot work in black-painted Cor-ten steel by Louise Nevelson, stands in the Lindquist Center courtyard. It was the first sculpture purchased with funds provided by the Art in State Buildings Program initiated in 1978. One-half of one percent of the total cost of state building projects is devoted to the inclusion of the fine arts.



11. The radial plan of Boyd Law Building, 1986, makes it unique on the UI campus; the central dome references Old Capitol.



12. Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories, river façade, 1992, unfolds a composition of fragmented volumes referencing the geometry of the Iowa farmscape.



13. The light-filled rotunda of the Levitt Center for University Advancement, 1998, with its expansive volumes and sweeping stair ramps, accommodates public receptions and the display of art.



14. The asymmetrical volumes and upward mounting acute angles of the copper-clad Medical Education and Research Facility, 2002, make it the leading exponent of Postmodernism on the Medical Campus.



15. Sculptor James Sanborn's *lacto* ("to broadcast"), 2004, a large cylinder punched with historical quotations in eight languages, stands in front of the rotunda of the Philip D. Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building.



16. The red-painted atrium stair of Art Building West, 2006, also functions as a monumental sculpture in the angular style of Russian Constructivism.

Power Plant, 1928

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, RAWSON AND SOUERS,
DES MOINES, IOWA

At 8:00 AM, noon, 1:00 PM, and 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, the steam whistle at the University of Iowa's Power Plant blows, punctuating the day. A task performed manually by a member of the staff, the four-times-daily raucous blast has made the plant part of the texture of life in downtown Iowa City. The Power Plant is more than an anchor of the soundscape, however; the facility generates the steam that heats and operates the University on a daily basis. The facility also co-generates about thirty percent of the electric power used on campus. Previously relying on coal, with natural gas as backup, the Power Plant has become a leading example of sustainable operation by introducing the burning of discarded oat hulls, a renewable resource produced thirty miles north in Cedar Rapids, which now accounts for fourteen percent of the Power Plant's fuel needs.



As an example of functional architecture and potent massing of forms, the Power Plant is the building that some contemporary architects admire the most.



An archival photograph of Proudfoot and Bird's original tour de force design reveals the full extent of its inspiration in Romanesque of the early tenth century, as in the abbey church of Saint-Philibert at Tournus, with its classic Westwerk and flanking bell towers.

Though utilitarian in nature, the Power Plant is a formidable example of the possibilities when service architecture is conceived with attention to its impact. Renowned architects visiting the University often cite the building as their favorite on campus, recognizing the combination of its powerful massing of volumes and brick detailing. The strength of the Power Plant is in its variegated composition. While the flues and boilers are interesting on their own and grew purely out of necessity, the functional components of the building refine themselves as they near the original structure at Burlington Street. There, the Power Plant recalls the transept of a Romanesque cathedral. The west end of this remaining original part of the building (see the detail) is crowned with a series of blind arches supported on corbels. Lombard bands, typical of the Romanesque style, mark the two slightly projecting bays, each of which also bears the narrow Medieval loop-hole windows. The Power Plant and the now vanished Old Armory were the only two Medieval Revival buildings to gain a foothold on the east campus.

C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory, 1928

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, RAWSON AND SOUERS,
DES MOINES, IOWA (NORTH WING) / GEORGE HORNER,
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (CENTRAL BLOCK AND SOUTH
WING, 1933)

PREVIOUS NAME: HYDRAULICS LABORATORY

The C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory, also known simply as the Hydraulics Laboratory, was designed as a wet laboratory for hydraulic engineering research and teaching. Before its 2002 renovation, it contained scale models of hydraulic structures such as rivers, dams, and culverts. There were also flumes, weighing tanks, measuring basins, and a pump room. The experimental channel that originally fed water from the Iowa River through the subbasement was later converted to a 290-foot-long model ship towing tank. In 2003, the Hydraulics Laboratory was renamed in honor of 1926 engineer-



A hybrid of Romanesque Revival wings and a Moderne central block, the C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory is an architectural curiosity as well as an important monument in the history of hydraulics.

ing graduate C. Maxwell Stanley. The structure is home to the College of Engineering's Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research—Hydrosience and Engineering.

Much like its Power Plant neighbor, the Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory is of utilitarian design but with reference to architecture of the past. Best seen from the east side of the river, the building is a composite of two distinct styles. Both north and south wings have arched neo-Romanesque windows similar to the contemporaneous Power Plant directly across the river, but the separation between floors can be seen through the glass, demonstrating the nonweight-bearing function of the walls and announcing a modern steel-frame construction. In place of these historical features, the vertical fins of central block indicate an Art Moderne streamlined effect for the tower. UI architect George Horner's intervention here seems to have been decisive for the stylistic shift in the central tower. This was one of his first designs for the campus. The 2002 renovation, which converted most of the building to office space while maintaining its historic features, also added a walled service unit at the top and a stylistically compatible entrance pavilion on the north façade. The American Society of Civil Engineers has designated the Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. It is the oldest university-based research and education hydraulics laboratory in the U.S.

Danforth Chapel, 1952

ARCHITECT: GEORGE HORNER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Constructed with funds from a gift by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth of the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, the nondenominational chapel occupies a picturesque site on the east bank of the Iowa River. The compact brick and wood-trim building was designed by University architect George Horner to recall St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church (known as the Old Zimmermann Church), an 1874 pioneer church on Morse Road in northeast Johnson County. Diagonally oriented and set against a backdrop of sycamore and pine trees, Danforth Chapel's site also conjures up the bucolic setting of St. John's in the middle of campus.



Danforth Chapel's picturesque setting on the banks of the Iowa River is an integral component of its simple design.

Danforth Chapel has load-bearing masonry walls and simple brick detailing, most notably on the east façade. Inside, a plaque reads: “To aspire nobly, to live daringly, to serve humbly.” The dilapidated original had been spotted in the early 1930s by Rufus Fitzgerald, director of the School of Fine Arts at the time. Together with Grant Wood, who was then on the faculty, Fitzgerald studied the possibility of moving the church to campus, but that proved too costly. Funding to build a replica of the structure was also delayed, and Wood died long before construction could begin. The painter was to have provided murals for the interior, with the idea that all would be finished in time for the University’s centennial in 1947. Had the project been realized according to plan, it would have been a noteworthy testament to Wood’s Regionalist vision for contemporary American art.

Iowa Memorial Union, 1927

ARCHITECT: BOYD AND MOORE, DES MOINES, IOWA

With the close of World War I, student unions honoring the veterans of that conflict came into vogue at large midwestern universities. The multifunction building served as a monument to students who had served in the Civil War, Spanish American War, or World War I. It became the center of social life on campus, a place for students to congregate and engage in extracurricular activities. Over the years, the Union has housed a bowling alley, a nightclub (the Silver Shadow), and faculty club. The latter organization, the Triangle Club, gave its name—and triangular light fixtures—to what is now the R. Wayne Richey Ballroom. The Main Lounge, host to performances, speeches, and dignitaries over the years (from Frank Lloyd Wright to Vladimir



The original 1927 Beaux-Arts façade of the Iowa Memorial Union references the formal Classicism of the Pentacrest but now in less expensive brick. Limestone is used only for the detailing.



An architect's rendering for the major renovation projected for 2006–2008 bridges the 1927 building and the later additions by using the vertical cues of the original façade to guide the design.

Horowitz and from Martin Luther King, Jr., to Howard Zinn), is still the most popular such venue on campus.

The Union's original building consists of the Main Lounge and the three-story block facing Madison Street. It continues the brick-and-limestone Beaux-Arts Classicism of the nearby Trowbridge Hall (1918) and Chemistry Building (1922). That design included a channeled base on the first floor from which rise Doric pilasters, paired above the entrance portal and in the slightly projecting end wings. Limestone was used as detailing at the entrances, along the frieze, in quoining, and in Doric capitals. Ornate floral carving surrounding the main portal celebrates Iowa's state flower, the Wild Prairie Rose. The original 1927 project envisioned a threefold replication of the extant east façade and a great central pavilion facing south and on axis with the north façade of the Main Library. But that was not to be. Additions in the 1950s and 1960s extended the building to the south and west, adding a new main entrance facing south, a hotel (Iowa House), and offices and meeting rooms for administration and student organizations—all in a spare Modernist style of unrelieved functionalism. The windows of the hotel wing from the 1960s merely puncture the wall—a Modernist response to the ornamented Beaux-Arts building it adjoins. The rejection of detailing of any sort and omission even of a cornice impart an austere character.

Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories, 1992

ARCHITECT: FRANK O. GEHRY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA /

HLKB ARCHITECTURE, DES MOINES, IOWA

President James O. Freedman (1982–1987) sponsored the enterprise to attract laser scientists to campus using a high-design building as a magnet. Today the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories building continues to play an important role in the University's pursuit of scientific research. Functioning as a research facility for several University units, the building acts as a cluster site for the applied sciences. The chemistry and physics faculty make use of the space, as do the chemical and biological engineering, civil and environmental engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical



Monumental forms of the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories' east façade blur the lines between architecture and sculpture.



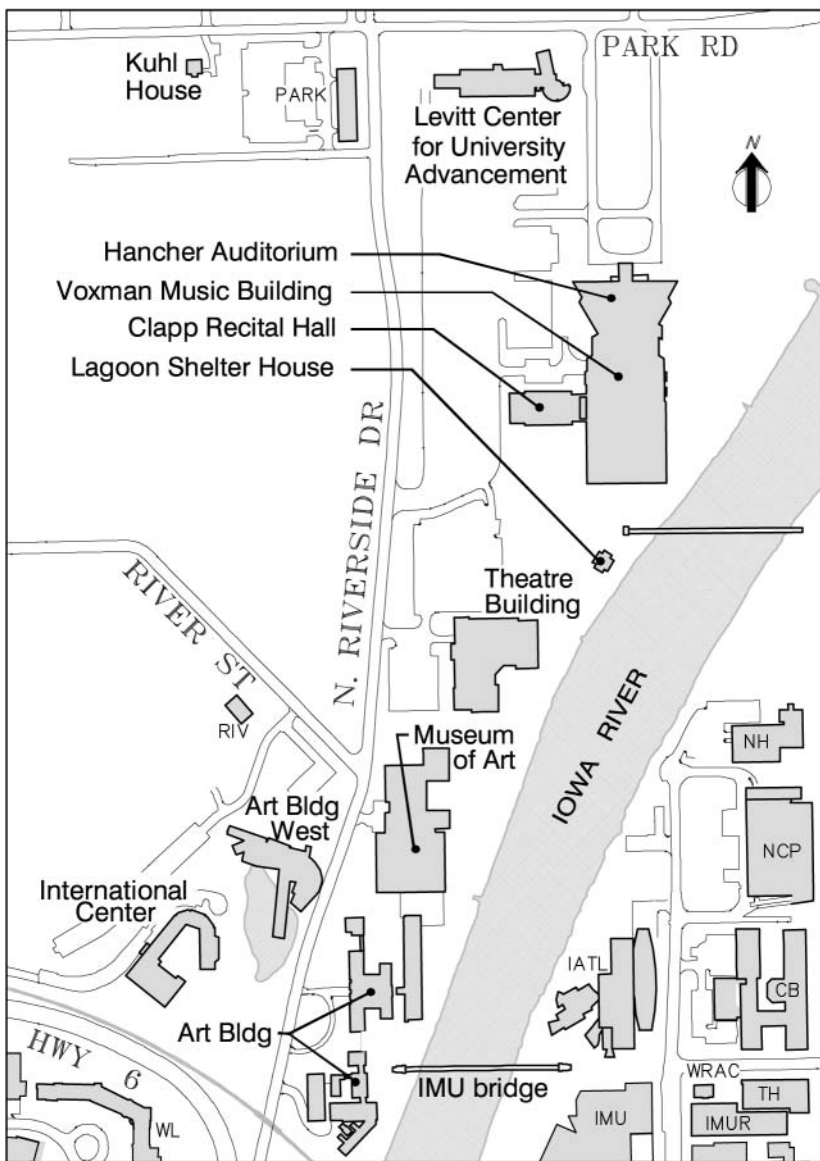
Exploring the aesthetics of light, IATL's atrium skylights and rectilinear service elements constitute a visual essay on light, geometry, and space.

engineering departments. IATL also houses the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, the Optical Science and Technology Center, and part of the Center for Computer-Aided Design. This iconic building serves as an incubator of interdisciplinary exchanges among a range of cutting-edge fields while expressing through good contemporary design the dynamic character of initiatives in the applied and theoretical sciences at the University of Iowa.

It could be said that the march to Bilbao began here. Designed by Frank O. Gehry, IATL is an important transitional building in his evolution as an architect, from the fragmented rectilinear compositions

of his California phase (Aerospace Museum, Los Angeles, 1981) to the curvilinear extravaganza of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain (1997). Experientially, IATL is really two buildings, one as seen from the Main Campus North and the other from the Arts Campus and pedestrian bridge over the Iowa River (colorplate 12). The windowless east façade is pure monumental Minimalist sculpture, à la Claes Oldenburg and Carl André—with a copper-clad “fish” (a favorite anti-historicist symbol of Gehry’s with overlapping metal plates suggesting fish scales) pushed against a huge Iowa-limestone-faced slab wall. The cladding of the fish contains hints of the irregularly curved surfaces that soon came to dominate Gehry’s work. By contrast, the river façade at first appears to be a riot of shattered forms, but, in fact, is organized in three wings (only the foundation of the north and final wing was completed). This spectacular composition is inspired by the stark geometry of Iowa farmscape architecture. Hints of sheds and silos pop up here and there in the ensemble, displaying a Postmodernist fondness for referencing locality, with metal cladding (in this case stainless steel). The burnished exterior skin of the conference room facing southwest is the one concession to irregular curvilinear form on this side of the building.

As the visitor traverses the south plaza in front of the main entrance and continues toward the river, the geometries explode kinetically, fanning out to the dazzled eyes of the passersby. IATL is experiential architecture and negates traditional concepts of what a building should be. When seen from the pedestrian bridge in the late afternoon, the play of light on the metal surfaces animates Gehry’s radical design with a constantly shifting configuration of light and shade and a minute-by-minute transition from white, to pink, to red, to gold shimmering across the metal cladding and reflecting on the water’s surface. The Iowa Chapter of the American Institute of Architects designated IATL as one of the top one hundred buildings erected in the state in the twentieth century.



Arts Campus

The University of Iowa developed its Arts Campus in response to the notion that the practice of art is essential to the liberal arts education. Influenced by this idea, gained during his studies with John Dewey at Columbia Teachers' College, President Walter A. Jessup (1916–1934) began planning this part of the western campus in the 1920s. Jessup and graduate dean Carl Seashore used funds from the state, the Carnegie and Rockefeller Foundations, and the WPA to reclaim swamp-land and Hutchinson Quarry on the western banks of the Iowa River. The Arts Campus was originally limited to the Art Building, the Theatre Building, and the IMU Pedestrian Bridge. When sufficient funds were secured, the campus expanded as the Museum of Art (1969) and the early 1970s music complex—Voxman Music Building, Clapp Recital Hall, and Hancher Auditorium—were added. The Arts Campus not only raised the profile of the performing arts within the University, it also gave architectural form to the “Iowa Idea” that the study and practice of the fine arts should be one. This same impulse later produced the Writers' Workshop and has cemented Iowa's place as a leader in arts education.

Art Building, 1936

ARCHITECT: GEORGE HORNER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

During the Depression-era presidencies of Walter Jessup and Eugene A. Gilmore, the University of Iowa undertook a program of construction aimed to maintain a high level of public education even amid budgetary severity. The Art Building was erected in the midst of these difficulties and demonstrated the University's commitment to the arts. The Art Building houses the School of Art and Art History, created by combining the Department of Graphic and Plastic Arts with the Department of the History and Appreciation of Art. This merger, and the new facility, embodied the innovative "Iowa Idea" of appointing practicing artists to a university faculty and in a liberal arts context and put the University of Iowa on the map. Art historian Lester Longman arrived from Princeton in 1936 and, as the first head of the department, took on the task of uniting the programs under one roof. Grant Wood was already on the faculty, and other established artists soon followed.

The Art Building, which colonized the swampy west bank of the Iowa River, was made possible by a Civilian Conservation Corps project that ran a stone wall along the water's edge, keeping it at bay. University architect George Horner designed the building after the plan of Palladio's Villa Emo near Venice, perhaps filtering that idea through



An archival photograph of the late 1930s shows the Art Building prior to the construction of Abramovitz's 1968 Printmaking Wing.

Virginia's James River plantation architecture. By choosing Palladio's farm villas as his source, Horner implicitly nodded at the importance of agriculture in Iowa. The central block, which would have been a Palladian gentleman's residence, housed the library and study of art history and theory, while the outlying buildings—work areas and storage for farm implements in Palladio's time—are studios for art creation. Grant Wood's Mural Studio occupied the north pavilion beyond the arcaded loggia. The original riverfront façade, now blocked by the Printmaking Wing, is marked by a monumental limestone frontispiece inscribed with the ancient poet Horace's words *ARS LONGA VITA BREVIS EST* (Life is short but art endures). The geometric grillwork above the entrance, inspired by Jessup Hall, appropriately references the Pentacrest Classicism.



The triumphal three-arched entrance on Riverside Drive invites passersby to enter the exhibition space at the core of the central block.

Art Building West, 2006

ARCHITECT: STEVEN HOLL ARCHITECTS, NEW YORK /
HLKB ARCHITECTURE, DES MOINES, IOWA

One of the foremost examples of contemporary architecture on campus, this building renews the University's commitment to the "Iowa Idea" of linking humanists and artists. Space for the studio and academic study of art has been reconsolidated here, making up for decades of splintering in various places around campus.

The site on Hutchinson Quarry Pond, recommended by Steven Holl for its visual appeal, creates an informal quad for the school.



The dramatic cantilever projects over Hutchinson Quarry Pond in a synthesis of art and nature.



The prismatic skylight, inspired by Russian Constructivism, illuminates the atrium stair.

That relationship is reinforced by the choice of a weathering Cor-ten steel facing that reflects the red brick of George Horner's original Art Building. Because this building had to be a work of art itself, Holl sought inspiration in Pablo Picasso's 1912 sculpture, *Guitar* (Museum of Modern Art, New York). The conceit is visible in the cantilevered wing—the instrument's fret board—and its curved east façade—the soundbox. The dynamic forms of Art Building West engage and energize the lagoon, weaving it into the life of the campus and encouraging people to linger by the water and adjacent limestone bluff. Art and nature merge sympathetically.

Designing around the school's artistic needs, as well as those of the site, led Holl to create a building of custom exteriors. Channel glass along the north façade and sawtooth skylighting maximize valuable northern light for studios and are examples of the unique glazing of Holl's design. The cantilever tilts upward dramatically, while inside, the extreme projecting end houses the Art Library's imposing two-story reading room. Art Building West plays with a certain fuzzi-

ness, allowing walls and structure to exist independently and different planes to project in unanticipated ways. Employing a concept he designated “horizontal porosity,” Holl opens up interior walls unexpectedly to bring light to the innermost spaces of the building. In the atrium, a seemingly self-supporting steel stair evokes the revolutionary early twentieth-century style of Russian Constructivism and acts as a floating piece of sculpture in this community space (colorplate 16). Turquoise wall accents reference the watery setting while also recalling the distant days of High Modernism and the International style.

Museum of Art, 1969

ARCHITECT: MAX ABRAMOVITZ OF HARRISON AND
ABRAMOVITZ, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

When Owen and Leone Elliott decided to share their collection of contemporary art with the University, they made a proper home for it a condition of the gift. The opportunity to acquire more than seventy paintings by such artists as Matisse, Kandinsky, and Munch prompted



Sculptures by Beverly Pepper (*Omega*, 1974) and George Rickey (*Two Lines Oblique*, 1969) lead the way to the Museum of Art entrance, expressing a common orientation to mid-twentieth-century abstraction.



the University of Iowa Foundation to undertake its first fund-raising drive. The resulting Museum of Art is also home to the work of many other major modern artists. Jackson Pollock's large *Mural*, a gift from Peggy Guggenheim in 1948, hangs there, as does a Robert Motherwell painting commissioned by the museum for the central sculpture court. UI faculty member Grant Wood's autumnal *Plaid Sweater* is also at the collection. The African art collection, one of the most extensive in an American university, was donated by Maxwell and Elizabeth Stanley of Muscatine, longtime supporters of the University.

The Museum of Art was the first campus building resulting from the State Board of Regents' 1965 decision to hold an open selection process that allowed Iowa architectural firms to partner with top design firms all across the nation. Le Corbusier, perhaps the most influential architect of the twentieth century, was initially considered for the project, but the commission ultimately fell to a less radical designer. Max Abramovitz designed the exterior walls of prefabricated aggregate concrete panels, complemented with a glass curtain wall that opens up the building toward the river. The purity of exterior composition owes its formal design to Mies van der Rohe's 1950 Farnsworth House located west of Chicago. Rising on a low, recessed podium and capped with standardized sections of cornice forming a prominent slab roof, the Museum of Art is an uncompromisingly reductive Modernist structure, reflecting the dictums of abstraction that held sway in all the visual arts at that time. The interior was renovated after the Alumni Association and the UI Foundation vacated the building's north wing, allowing for the expansion of the museum's footprint within the building's shell as planned. The unfinished concrete elements of the central sculpture court are characteristic of Brutalism.

The Brutalist sculpture court with oculus was designed for Pollock's *Mural* (1943) and Motherwell's *Elegy for the Spanish Republic* (1965–1975).

Theatre Building, 1936

ARCHITECT: GEORGE HORNER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA /
MAX ABRAMOVITZ OF ABRAMOVITZ-HARRIS-KINGSLAND,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The University of Iowa's reputation as a home for creative faculty and students is supported by the Department of Theatre Arts. By 1937, the "Iowa Idea" had made its way to Tom Williams, an aspiring playwright and transfer student a year short of a degree. He enrolled at the University, earning his B.A. in 1938, and soon thereafter picked up the moniker "Tennessee." Since then, graduates have gone on to many distinctions in film, television, and theatre. Alumni include Mary Beth Hurt and Gene Wilder, who (as Jerry Silberman) graduated from the University in 1955.

The Theatre Building, part of the UI's mid-Depression construction boom, is a testament to intra-University collaboration. George Horner's design benefited from the input of Arnold S. Gillette, who taught set design and construction at the University for more than forty years and championed a thirty-six-foot revolving stage within a stage, one of the first of its kind. This theatre, later named after E. C. Mabie (the guiding force in the department's earliest days), is articulated on the river façade and fly loft by a series of vertical fins typical of the streamlined mode of the Moderne style. (Horner had already used them on the Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory just downstream.) A 1985 renovation added to the old building the David L. Thayer Theatre (named for another emeritus faculty member) and Theatre B. The Modernist addition, red brick with a cornice of limestone detailing, echoes the massing of the original Moderne-style structure, now shorn of all ornament. The white aggregate cladding of the new office wing also serves as a visual podium for the theater blocks rising above and sympathetically continues the extensive row of square-framed windows Abramovitz had designed for the nearby Voxman Music Building fourteen years earlier. A tinted-glass atrium on the building's river side provides access to all three stages, and the terrace in front accommodates outdoor dining during summer repertory.



Moderne meets Modern at the Theatre Building complex.

Lagoon Shelter House, 1939

ARCHITECT: GEORGE HORNER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

A Works Progress Administration project, the Lagoon Shelter House was designed by University architect George Horner. The small riverside structure was sited well north of the then new Theatre Building in an undeveloped area of the Arts Campus adjacent to the University Skating Lagoon. What remains of the depression that once contained the lagoon is still visible in front of the Shelter House. The small interior housed a concession where skaters could buy candy and coffee. Two exterior fireplaces provided warmth for skaters' hands and feet. In season, floodlights illuminated the lagoon at night, and phonograph music was played on a speaker system for the enjoyment of skaters. During the two seasons the Lagoon Shelter House served its original function (1941), there was an annual ice carnival. Owing to the unpredictability of the weather, the ice skating facility was not cost effective and was converted to a canoe house for the Department of Physical Education. The structure is now informally known as the Canoe House.

Constructed of local limestone and rough-hewn timbers, this picturesque building has a low-slung appeal. It epitomizes the architectural concept of rustication, which here is a chief design feature and in harmony with the originally primitive setting. Exposed wood membering and a shed roof add to the design's cottagelike hominess; fireplaces provide additional appeal. While underutilized for years, the building has been retained and holds opportunity for a future return to intimate campus social gatherings.



Rustic charm is the dominant theme of this little example of park architecture on the UI campus.

Voxman Music Building, 1971

ARCHITECT: MAX ABRAMOVITZ OF HARRISON AND
ABRAMOVITZ, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The School of Music was founded in 1906, but it suffered from a tenuous connection to the University. Instruction was in the form of private lessons, the fees for which paid the instructors' salaries. Orchestra, band, choral groups, and glee club were all supported by concert tickets. Philip Greeley Clapp was hired by President Walter A. Jessup (1916–1934) and tasked with making music activities a new University department. That goal was achieved by 1921, but it would be fifty years before the School of Music had a single permanent home: Voxman Music Building (VMB), named after Clapp's successor, Himie Voxman, who led the school for twenty-six years. Voxman's namesake building gave architectural shape to the importance the School of Music plays in the instructional, academic, and cultural life of the University and state.

VMB includes the Rita Benton Music Library, Voxman Hall (band/orchestra rehearsal room), Harper Hall recital room, and choral and opera rehearsal areas. VMB is physically connected to Hancher Auditorium and Clapp Recital Hall, establishing the functional bond with these concert venues and completing the performing arts end of the Arts Campus (colorplate 8). The concrete building itself is a standardized composition with two extended rows of square office windows with frames, all capped with a jutting slab roof. The shadow cast by the cornice weighs down the building and makes it seem even more horizontal and flat to the ground, a sympathetic response to the flow of the nearby river. The powerful geometry of the monumental projections along the river façade mark entrance stairs and provide light to the stairwells. The back of Hancher Auditorium's fly loft looms over the entire building. Voxman Music Building's bold abstractions exemplify the New Formalism phase of Modernism championed by Abramovitz.



Repetition of simple forms and sweeping horizontals make up the formal components of Max Abramovitz's design for Voxman Music Building.

Clapp Recital Hall, 1971

ARCHITECT: MAX ABRAMOVITZ OF HARRISON AND
ABRAMOVITZ, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

When Philip Greeley Clapp came to the University of Iowa in 1919, he commenced formal integration of music into the academic life of the University, offering credit for voice and instrument classes, organizing a symphony orchestra, and bringing national visibility to the program. A pianist and composer as well as teacher, Clapp also hosted a weekly radio course on music appreciation, which ran for nearly three decades on University radio station KSUI. Musical performances at the building named in Clapp's honor range from individual recitals on the tracker-action Casavant organ, chamber music, small- to medium-size instrumental or vocal group concerts to full operas and band concerts.

The austere, Minimalist concrete and glass design of Clapp Recital Hall harmonizes with its neighbors, Hancher Auditorium and Voxman Music Building (also designed by Max Abramovitz). Like those structures to which it is attached (colorplate 8), Clapp takes a reductive, antiornament approach, placing a premium on formal values. In simplicity of composition, however, Clapp exceeds the others. Glass entrance doors on the right are undifferentiated and leave uninterrupted the purity of the grid system. Above the façade's glass curtain wall, a slab roof seems to hover unsupported by the notched cement side walls. This formal effect is repeated by the second-floor balcony recessed inside. Also inside, the lobby staircase functions as a work of monumental abstract sculpture on display for the arriving audience. The shoe-box style performance hall is conceived for intimate musical events. Restraint combined with the architect's total control of the formal elements of design are the order of the day.



The shoebox-shaped, 700-seat performance hall is conceived for solo to mid-size musical ensemble concerts.

Hancher Auditorium, 1972

ARCHITECT: MAX ABRAMOVITZ OF HARRISON AND
ABRAMOVITZ, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Although a performing arts center was included in the 1930s plan for the Arts Campus, it was not until the 1960s that funds for that purpose were obtained. The succeeding campaign led ultimately to the October 30, 1972, dedication and opening of Hancher Auditorium. Since then, it has been a magnet for performing artists. The building is named after Virgil Hancher, fourteenth president of the University of Iowa (1940–1964).

Max Abramovitz was famous as a designer of skyscrapers, but his buildings on the UI Arts Campus are emphatically horizontal. The



The space-frame construction of Hancher Auditorium's roof system makes possible the cantilevering of the expansive façade.



Luther Utterback's *Untitled* (Indiana limestone blocks) of 1976, located north of Hancher Auditorium, is also a site for various student activities.

broad sweep of Hancher Auditorium's façade is made possible by structural bravado and by the building's plan, with the broad base of the triangle facing the approach and the narrowing point turned toward the stage (colorplate 8). Hancher's dominant slab roof with dramatically cantilevered end sections recalls the monumentality of Main Library's south façade of a decade earlier (colorplate 6). Unlike the library's formidable brick walls and dark-tinted glass, however, Hancher features greater and more welcoming transparency. A sweeping glass-curtain wall folds back at the corners to emphasize the cantilevered wings of the roof, as if it were about to take flight.

Two massive piers, canted toward the viewer, do the muscle work to support the roof, but, in a design refinement, the top of each pier stops short of making direct visual contact with the slab above. The actual support member is recessed in shadow, but the effect is something like levitation. Both the cantilevering and the spanning of the impressive foyer inside are made possible structurally by the three-dimensional steel grid, known as a space frame, that covers the entire building—exposed on the interior but masked on the exterior by the slab's revetment. A secondary slab—thinner, lower, and recessed, but



also visible on the exterior—corresponds inside to the foyer balcony level. With the intention to achieve a starker contrast between surface and shadow and thereby to heighten the drama of juxtaposed forms, Abramovitz added ground white quartz to the concrete of which the exterior cladding panels are made.

The ensemble's expansive curtain wall with giant support piers for the projecting roof is reminiscent of Eero Saarinen's design for the Vivian Beaumont Theatre in New York (1963; now Lincoln Center Theater). Abramovitz knew it well since his Philharmonic Hall (1962; now Avery Fischer Hall) is its neighbor. The idea of the interior-exposed space frame elevated on piers and standing forward of the enclosing glass-curtain wall, however, seems to owe even more to Mies van der Rohe's New National Gallery in Berlin (1968).

The space frame of Hancher's performance hall, based on interlocking hexagons, is exposed inside. It floats above the accordionlike side walls, which do not reach it. The spreading plane of the balcony below also seems independent of support.

Levitt Center for University Advancement, 1998

ARCHITECT: CHARLES GWATHMEY OF GWATHMEY, SIEGEL,
AND ASSOCIATES, NEW YORK, NEW YORK / BROOKS BORG
SKILES ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING, DES MOINES, IOWA

The Levitt Center for University Advancement anchors the northern edge of the Arts Campus. From this vantage point, the site offers impressive views of the Iowa River and the University. Given its outreach-related functions and work that stretches beyond the borders of the campus, the building is well situated near the Dubuque Street exit

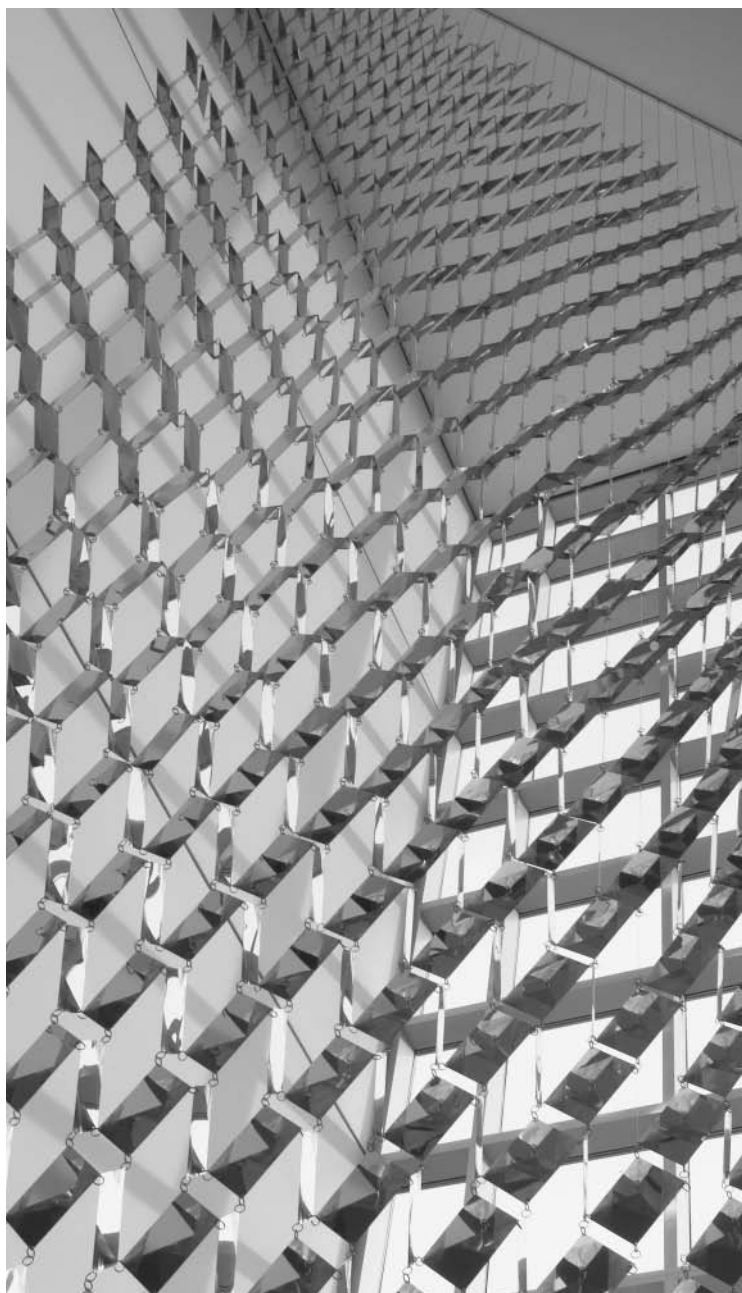


The Levitt Center's glass-walled rotunda acts as a lantern for alumni, benefactors, and visitors.

from Interstate 80. The facility is named for Richard S. and Jeanne S. Levitt, two of the UI's most generous benefactors, and houses the University of Iowa Foundation and the University of Iowa Alumni Association, the University's primary fund-raising and alumni relations programs, respectively. Accordingly, the Levitt Center was funded with private gifts. Its outreach mandate is also reflected in the imagery of the building, which declines the guise of academic halls in favor of an aesthetic more attuned to corporate headquarters.

This look was achieved using a combination of limestone and powder-coated white metal panels for the rain-screen form of wall cladding, along with a variety of glazing—including glass block, a trademark of architect Charles Gwathmey. The use of glass adds to the building's nighttime luster, when the rotunda shines as a lantern to guests approaching the Center and visitors coming to performances at nearby Hancher Auditorium. During the day the solar baffles on the south façade add to the contrast between light and shade. The east-west-oriented main corridor of the rectangular block houses offices on its three middle levels, while level one of the rotunda along with the fourth level of the office block are the showplace locations for meetings, banquets, and other assemblies serving advancement activities for the entire University. The fourth-level rotunda terrace opens from a circular boardroom that crowns the rotunda. The serrated profile of the rectangular office block marks the three adjoining assembly halls from which a projecting external terrace opens up to provide vistas of the Arts Campus and beyond. One of the small twelve-inch-square windows on the fourth level perfectly enframes Frank Gehry's Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories building in the distance, as Gwathmey acknowledges. The orientation of the building is the product of a last-minute change: the entire building was rotated 180 degrees on the chosen site late in schematic design. Rather than marking the corner of a street intersection, the rotunda came instead to signal the axial approach to nearby Hancher Auditorium.

From the outside, the curve of the glass-block cylinder recalls the rotundas of Schaeffer and Macbride Halls, but inside it offers a towering, light-filled atrium. Le Corbusier makes his influence felt here,



with superimposed *pilotis* forming the interior wall structure (color-plate 13). The graceful ramps and stairs with linear guard rails recall details inspired by a trip Le Corbusier took on the oceanliner *Normandie*, a ship he referred to as the paragon of the machine and the epitome of the machine aesthetic he later incorporated into many of his buildings. The sinuous quality of the atrium, with both interior balconies and the curve of the stair, reflect that source. The profile of a domeless drum rises above the rotunda. The reference here is to another French architect, the eighteenth-century visionary, Etienne-Louis Boullée, whose idea is best represented in the United States by the nineteenth-century Ohio state capitol. But, in a surprising and perhaps unique design idea, the Levitt Center drum houses an inverted dome, which dramatically covers the boardroom at the top of the rotunda.

Hu Hung-Shu's stainless steel and aircraft cable sculpture, *D. forever* (1998), hangs in the atrium space adjacent to the Levitt Center rotunda.

Kuhl House, circa 1840

ARCHITECT: ROBERT HUTCHINSON

PREVIOUS NAME: HUTCHINSON-KUHL HOUSE

The oldest extant house in Iowa City, the Kuhl House was built around 1840 by Robert Hutchinson, a carpenter and joiner from New Hampshire. An early arrival to the Iowa Territory, Hutchinson went on to help with the construction of Old Brick, a church adjacent to Main Campus North, and became Iowa City's first town marshal. His descendants sold the house to Ernest Kuhl, a professor of English at the University, in 1927. The Kuhls did extensive renovation to the original farmhouse and eventually sold it to the University in 1977. Initially used as an art studio, the building is now the home of the University of Iowa Press.

Kuhl House's limestone walls and lintels were quarried just north of the building site—the story goes that the blocks used here were rejects from the construction of Old Capitol. The original structure was a sturdy one-story house, with twenty-six-inch-thick foundation walls. When the Kuhls began renovations in 1927, they replaced the original floor planking with hardwood, added a black walnut staircase, and raised the roofline. Hutchinson's original farmhouse became an elegant home, with an additional six feet of height to accommodate a second story, and five dormer windows.



Kuhl House, home of the University of Iowa Press, is the oldest building on the UI campus.

International Center, 1935

ARCHITECT: GEORGE HORNER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

PREVIOUS NAMES: LAW COMMONS, COLLEGE OF LAW

The Law Commons dormitory for students in the College of Law was a WPA project. When more space was needed for the college in the 1950s, a stark modern tower containing classrooms and courtrooms was added to the southwest end of the Commons. Law vacated overcrowded Gilmore Hall and moved into the new building in 1960. Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, dedicated the facility. The complex was turned over to International Programs in 1986 when the new Boyd Law Building opened.

The Georgian Revival Law Commons consists of a central three-story block with pedimented gable, modest entrance treatment, and quoining at the corners. Two lower wings set at angles from the main section form a courtyard shaded with oak trees. The denticulated



Red brick with simple Classical detailing made an ideal architectural image for a law school dormitory.



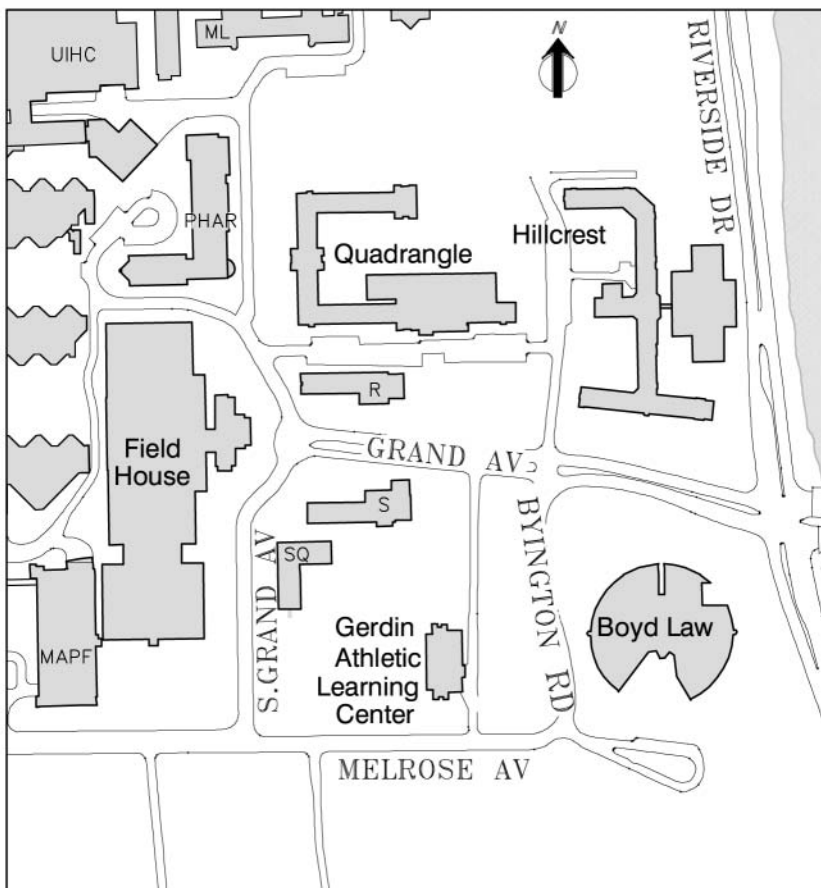
The 1959 addition to the Law Commons was a major stylistic shift from the Georgian Revival of the original building. Instead of the proposed typical Modernist turquoise panel insets, the law faculty opted for judicial-robe black.

cornice provides almost the only ornamentation of the wings, whose unusual placement is a function of the narrowing of the bluff at the northern end. Design restraint and bucolic seclusion are the dominant themes. The building's east wing is anchored by a large lounge noted for the many events and gatherings it has hosted. University architect George Horner's Modernist block, attached to the end of the west wing in 1959, abandoned the historicizing style of the original section for a more contemporary statement of International style Modernism. As seen from the southwest, a brick slab floating above a continuous band of windows forms the visual base for the radically asymmetrical composition of the monolithic addition's elevation. At the corner, a massive brick wall is suspended above a narrow strip of

windows—a Modernist demonstration of the wall as ornament rather than structure. An oversize Brutalist concrete canopy at the main entrance in the courtyard (not shown) provides a stark contrast to the more humanistic detailing of the Georgian Revival building, which had been one of the first campus buildings designed by Horner. The Law Commons addition was his last. The site, which marks an important visual entrance for the campus, is planned to host the University's College of Public Health.

Near West Campus

In 1905 during the presidency of George E. MacLean, the Olmsted brothers (John Charles and Frederick Law, Jr.), sons of Frederick Law Olmsted, recommended the expansion of the University of Iowa to the west, across the river. The first land purchases were made under President Walter A. Jessup (1916–1934), and development began in 1917 with facilities needed for training army troops. Near West Campus, like Main Campus North, is now home to a cluster of on-campus student residence halls. This campus includes the College of Law and is framed on the west by the Field House. A relatively small area along Grand Avenue, it is also one of the most impressive locations at the University of Iowa, perched on a high bluff above the Iowa River.



Hillcrest Residence Hall, 1939

ARCHITECT: SETH J. TEMPLE, DAVENPORT, IOWA

Built during Eugene Gilmore's presidency (1934–1940), Hillcrest Hall originally housed 250 men on four floors. Expansion the next year and in years following increased the number of students it could accommodate, making Hillcrest the largest dormitory on campus until the construction of Burge Hall in 1959. The building was historically popular as a home for student-athletes because of its proximity



Hillcrest's stripped-down version of Collegiate Gothic verges on the complete rejection of ornament in favor of simple Modernism.

to the Field House. It is now the center for residence food services on the west side of campus, housing a comprehensive dining facility renovated and modernized in 2001.

Hillcrest occupies one of the highest bluffs in Iowa City, a dramatic perch from which the dormitory overlooks Main Campus across the river. The building's design emphasizes its lofty site, using ornamental spur buttresses (visible on the south wing's east façade) as vertical accents. This feature acknowledges the dominant Collegiate Gothic character of architecture on the West Campus, which is derived from the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. The style also has as hallmarks projecting bay windows, seen on the east façade, as well as the limestone-framed windows that adorn it. Stone is used for detailing elsewhere but most extensively in this section. Above, a brick parapet disguises service elements located on the roof. Hillcrest was completed just two years before the outbreak of World War II, and its mildly Gothic style was the last example of historicism in architecture to appear on the UI campus. Already by 1942 when South Quadrangle was built, the last vestige of Gothic Revival detailing had been scraped away.

Boyd Law Building, 1986

ARCHITECT: GUNNAR BIRKERTS AND ASSOCIATES,
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Having first outgrown Gilmore Hall and then the Law Commons (International Center), the College of Law moved to its current home, Boyd Law Building, in 1986. Named after law professor, past provost, and past University of Iowa president Willard L. Boyd, the building contains two trial courtrooms (with jury room and judge's chambers), a 300-seat appellate courtroom also used as an auditorium, classrooms, faculty offices, and a 1,100,000-volume law library.

Occupying the slope of a bluff, the design hovers between Late Modernist abstraction and early Postmodern reference to local tradition. Boyd Law Building uses concrete and aluminum paneling



The radial plan of Boyd Law Building opens at the entrance.



Auguste Rodin's bronze, from a six-figure composition of the *Burghers of Calais* (1884–1886; cast 1987), engages themes of justice and civic virtue.

to reflect materials and geometries reminiscent of Iowa agricultural architecture. The central dome and its cylindrical base do double duty, recollecting both grain silos and Old Capitol. The unusual radial plan (colorplate 11), unique on the UI campus and rare in modern architecture in general, is perhaps, once again, homage to the Iowa farmscape. But this design is of exceptional sophistication in its treatment of monumental ideal geometry and the more practical issues of access and light. The perimeter wall opens toward the south to provide a generous welcoming sector at the main entrance, another notch toward the slope of the bluff provides glass curtain walls, while narrow vertical breaks and the large cleft in the north façade allow natural light to descend to lower levels. The result is a building that from the exterior seems somewhat closed but which is nevertheless filled with light inside. The expression of pure geometric forms is so dominant that one commentator has seen in it a reference to the radical visionary architects of late eighteenth-century France, especially to Boullée's 1783 project for Newton's Cenotaph.

At the entrance, Rodin's sculpture represents Jean de Fiennes, the youngest of the leading citizens of Calais who offered themselves, in 1347, to the enemy in exchange for their besieged city. The piece is particularly appropriate for the College of Law context. It expresses the important role of civic responsibility for the sake of the commonwealth.

Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center, 2003

ARCHITECT: OPN ARCHITECTS, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The construction of the Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center, often called just the Athletic Learning Center, was sponsored by a gift from Russell and Ann Gerdin to the University of Iowa Foundation. The Gerdins' generosity was in response to the NCAA's Knight Commission Report identifying the need for universities to provide student-athletes with extra encouragement in their pursuit of academic achievement. The Athletic Learning Center, which houses study rooms, classrooms, and a computer lab, was one of the first dedicated buildings of its kind. Student-athletes receive tutoring and observe study hours in this freestanding unit of the Department of Athletics.

Poised at the border of Near West Campus and the Melrose Avenue neighborhood, the building responds to both neighbors, customizing its elevations depending on the direction they face. Composed of brick and stone, the building's architectural style reflects the nearby residence halls in materials, and the residential homes to the south in design. The mansard roof and dormer windows lend the building an institutional profile, while the gables break up the massing and cultivate a softer, more residential feel. This apparent hybridity is a typical Postmodern option, which allows for multiple and even contradictory references to preexisting local context. Another Postmodern touch is the deliberate violation of convention: the Athletic Learning Center's limestone rustication appears not just at the foundation but also in two bands running above the first- and second-story windows. It even interrupts the two-story, smooth-stone frontispiece of the main entrance.



The Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center combines elements from both academic and domestic architecture.

Field House, 1927

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, RAWSON AND SOUERS,
DES MOINES, IOWA

The Field House has served more functions than nearly any other structure on campus. During the Depression years, it provided cheap accommodations for nearly 100 students who paid \$1 per week to rent a cot and locker on the third floor. Built to incorporate a preexisting armory (1922) at the west end, it functioned as a barracks for the Navy Pre-Flight Training Program during World War II. Its real business, however, has always been sports; it was the home of Hawkeye basketball until 1982, a history that spanned fifty-six seasons. Today it hosts intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational activities, teams, and events.



An archival photograph of the Field House shows the façade prior to the administrative addition of 1955.

The original floor of the Field House was dirt, which made it ideal for track and field events. The building included what was then the largest indoor collegiate swimming pool in the United States, which was meant to double as a reservoir for fire fighting. The interior also contained spaces for every indoor sport or activity offered by the University. On the exterior and in keeping with its neighbors—Hillcrest and Quadrangle Halls—Collegiate Gothic was used to enhance what was otherwise a rather utilitarian façade. Three sets of limestone-tipped spur buttresses project above the massive brick façade and mark the entrance-stair towers for approaching visitors. Arched windows over the portals and at the clerestory above admit generous light to the interior but also give the basilica-like building a Roman *gravitas*. Ornamental touches—including heraldic shields—are apparent in the archival photograph. Since the addition of a Modernist administrative wing against the east façade in 1955, these features are mostly obscured. The Armory was demolished in 1989 to make way for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics' John Pappajohn Pavilion, but the great steel arch on the rear façade of the Field House still reveals the point at which the two structures were once joined. A second remnant was also retained: a large hawk in flight that once hovered over the original competition basketball court.

Quadrangle Residence Hall, 1920

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

As World War I progressed, the military became increasingly short of recruits and eventually established the Student Army Training Corps to combine military and academic training of college students for the formation of officers. These student recruits swarmed to the University of Iowa, overwhelming its ability to house them. President Walter P. Jessup (1916–1934) combined funds from the War Department (intended for the construction of wooden barracks) with state money to build the Quadrangle dormitory. Students referred to the project as “Jessup’s Folly” since the war ended before it could be completed. After opening, however, this facility became a model for residence life on campus. In the 1920s and 1930s it was largely self-governing, and its students often earned the highest GPAs on campus.

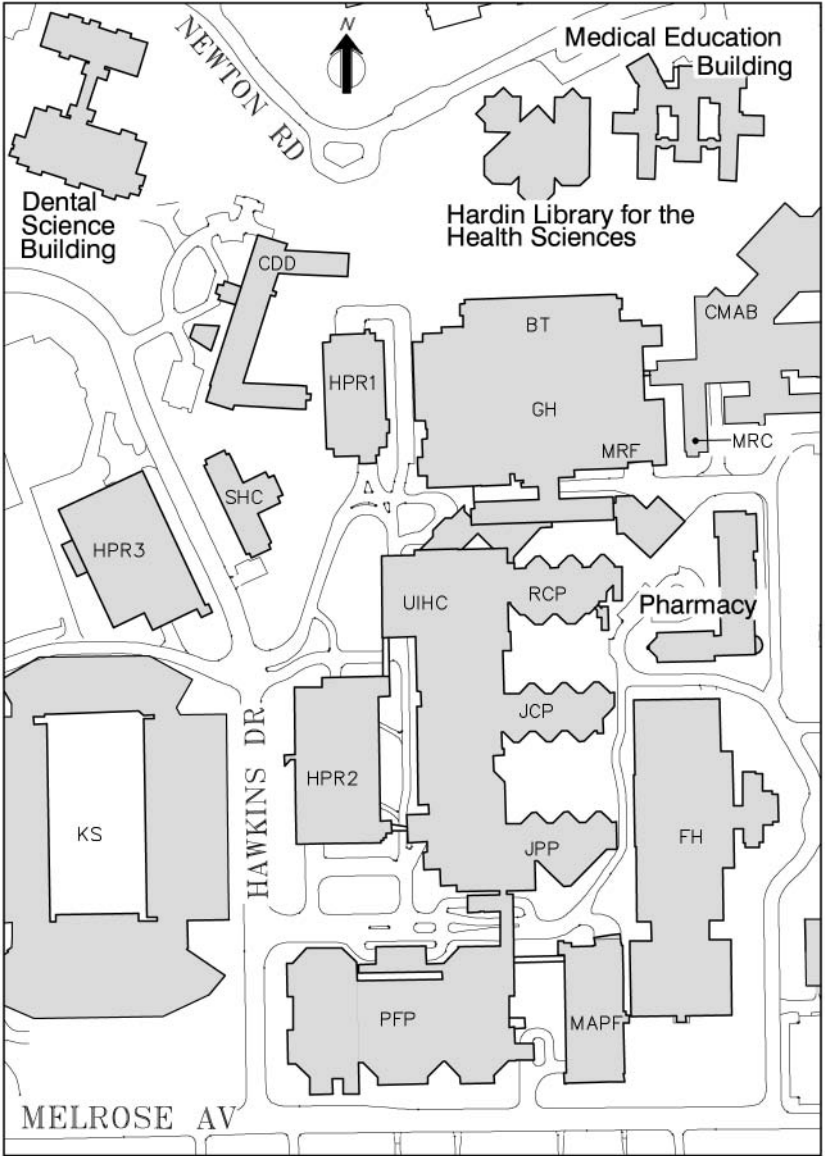
Quadrangle Residence Hall is an example of Collegiate Gothic, as are most of the other early buildings west of the river. Originally a closed quadrangle with four entry pavilions—one in the middle of each side—it was reduced to about two-thirds its original size when the disused northeast quadrant was razed in 1975. The entry at the west side of Quadrangle is topped by a crenellated parapet wall, appropriately communicating its original military function and proximity to the Armory (razed in 1989). Brick reliefs on the entry pavilion’s side bays bring medieval spur buttresses to mind, and the passageways are framed in limestone. Some of the entry pavilions have heraldic shields at the top. The west pavilion, which faces the direction of the Armory, has a limestone-trimmed monumental portal and stretched limestone window lintels and sills to suggest the letter “I.”

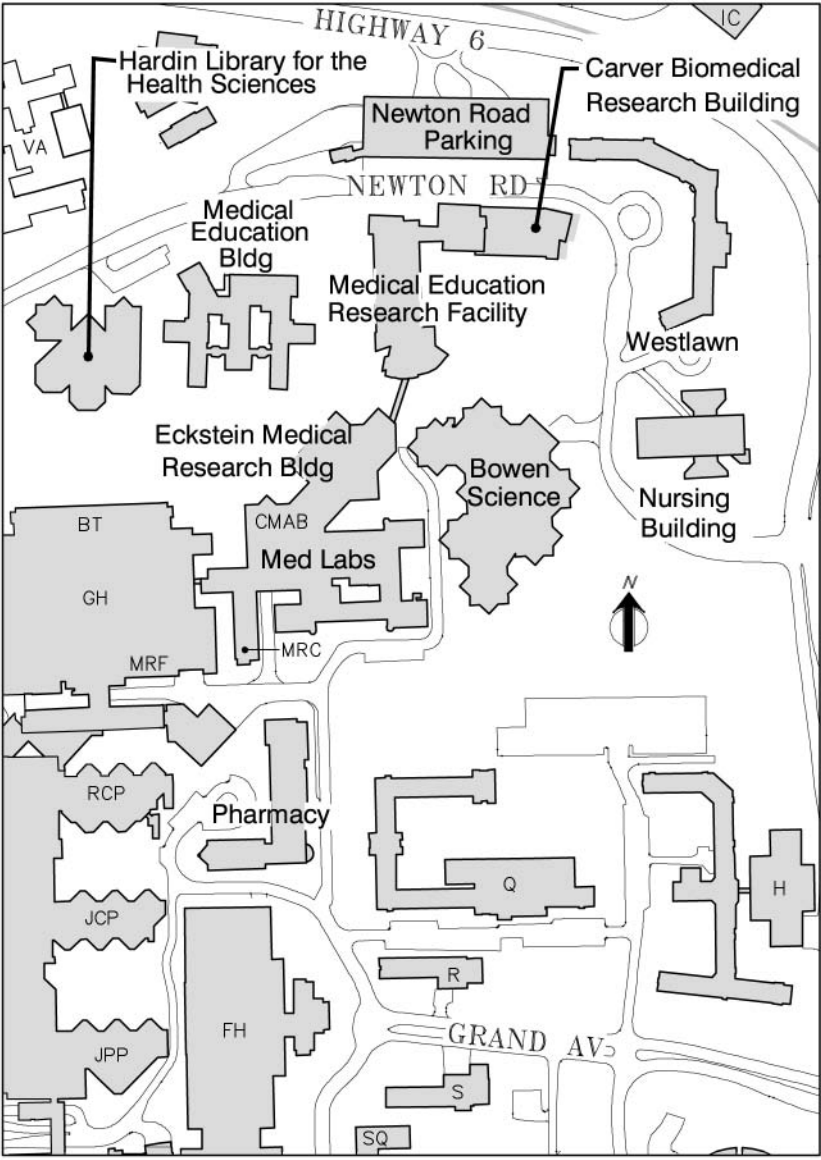


The castellated west entry pavilion of Quadrangle Residence Hall reflects its function and proximity to the Armory.

Medical Campus

When the renowned Olmsted brothers recommended in 1905 that the University of Iowa expand westward across the Iowa River, the Medical Campus began to take shape. By the 1910s, a plan was developed to shift the hospital and medical laboratories from the Iowa Avenue Campus to the open areas on the western bluffs. West Lawn Nurses' Home, Children's Hospital, and the Psychopathic Hospital (all opened in 1919) were the first to make the leap across the river. Architecturally, this new complex would be a Gothic counterpoint to the Beaux-Arts Classicism introduced on the Pentacrest. Today that stylistic vision has taken a Modernist and even Postmodernist turn, but the relocation of the Medical Campus is complete. Removing those buildings from the main campus not only provided room to grow for clinical, teaching, and medical research facilities, but it also freed up space along Iowa Avenue for new development in that historic campus zone.





Bowen Science Building, 1972

ARCHITECT: WALTER NETSCH OF SKIDMORE OWINGS
AND MERRILL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
PREVIOUS NAME: BASIC SCIENCES BUILDING

Howard R. Bowen's presidency (1964–1969) saw major investments in the sciences, including the construction of the Spence Laboratories of Psychology and Van Allen Hall. A new home for basic sciences, which was later renamed after Bowen, was planned during



The ferro-concrete skeletal structure of Bowen Science Building is exposed on the exterior as an articulated frame.



Brutalism appears in the choice of exposed, rough-textured concrete and powerful colliding structural members that support the interior stair. The massiveness of the components engenders an emotional response from the viewer.

his administration and built under President Willard L. Boyd (1969–1981). Funding for this project included a grant of \$5.1 million from the National Science Foundation as part of a project to develop Centers of Excellence across the United States. Today the building hosts the most concentrated site of research on the campus.

Like the Lindquist Center and Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, Bowen Science Building is the work of Walter Netsch and expresses Field Theory, an experimental system developed by Netsch and used in the 1960s and 1970s to generate buildings entirely from their plans. According to Netsch, he wanted to create a “radical” building based on a series of octagons organized along an S-shaped spine and forming flexible laboratory pods. The building’s articulated frame structure, highlighted by the exterior’s brick infill, is spectacularly exposed at all six levels through the projecting center of the east façade. The decision to make the Bowen Science Building’s structure visible extends inside where an Escher-like fantasy interior reveals the skeleton of the building. The building’s siting blocks the visual axis connecting Old Capitol to Medical Laboratories and General Hospital. As if in compensation, however, its exhaust towers acknowledge the vertical accents of the hospital’s venerable neo-Gothic tower.

Wurster Center for Pharmaceutical Technology (Pharmacy Building Addition), 1996

ARCHITECT: BROOKS BORG SKILES ARCHITECTURE

ENGINEERING, DES MOINES, IOWA

The College of Pharmacy flourished under the leadership of dean Louis Zopf (1952–1972). Zopf not only championed the program’s academic reach (including the extension of the curriculum from four to five years and mandatory continuing education for all Iowa pharmacists), but he also was instrumental in the construction of Pharmacy Hall, specifically dedicated to his college’s needs. This original structure, built in 1961 after a design by George Horner, was followed thirty-five years later by the major southward expansion described here.

The pharmaceutical research and development carried out in this laboratory building is expressed in its high-tech aesthetic. In contrast with the old brick-and-tile main building situated to the north, this metal- and concrete-clad design conveys a sleek, cool, technological know-how. The exposed concrete structure and reticulated metal skin add to the laboratory aura of cutting-edge efficiency, as does the decision to express vertical circulation in the form of a glazed, tubular stair tower articulated with paired aluminum bands. A narrow channel at the top of the structure widens toward the east to accommodate venting and other climate-control units.

The original 1961 Pharmacy Building (not shown) revisits the High Modernism International style of the Communications Center (1951), but in place of the Brutalist concrete screen, the sun baffles are clad in humanizing cream-colored terra-cotta tiles, while Le Corbusier’s famed blue panel insets mark the floor levels. Mondrian-like color mosaics fill the vertical bays above the entrances at each end of the building’s central block. The juxtaposition of the traditional materials (brick, terracotta tiles) of the Modernist Pharmacy Building and the Wurster Center’s contemporary materials (metal panels, exposed concrete) offer a telling contrast.



The Wurster Center for Pharmaceutical Technology, tucked away on the Medical Campus, combines futuristic architectural imagery with high-tech function.

Nursing Building, 1971

ARCHITECT: CHARLES HERBERT AND ASSOCIATES,
DES MOINES, IOWA

The College of Nursing has a long history at the University of Iowa. Originally founded as the School of Nursing, it was organized in 1898 upon completion of University Hospital (now Seashore Hall). After attaining the status of a college in 1949, nursing was led by Myrtle Kitchell who oversaw the first matriculation of men in 1950 and the awarding of its first bachelor's degrees in 1953. The College of Nursing now offers continuing education for nurses across Iowa in addition to its regular on-campus curriculum. This broadening of its mission also saw nursing outgrow Westlawn, leading to the construction of its current home in 1971.

The monumental Nursing Building is a Brutalist concrete structure positioned on a dramatic limestone bluff above the Iowa River. The main entrance to the building is on the north flank, facing Westlawn, while a secondary entrance on the south side is below grade, leaving its commanding south façade uninterrupted. Since the street façade is also without a portal, the purity of the building's massive forms is left intact. Perhaps inspired by the prominent site, the architect sought to express the power of modern materials. Studiously avoiding any ostensible reference to nursing as an academic pursuit or profession, the architect adheres instead to Modernist abstractions. The overriding idea is an inverted, stepped pyramid of three levels resting on an immense podium, with each level separated by a thick concrete slab. The exposed vertical stair shaft of the dominant "T" configuration reveals the building's muscle. The two-story main level is contained within a darkened-glass curtain wall marked with eleven attenuated *pilotis* on each side. To ensure the point is well made, the curtain wall pulls back at the corners to isolate the spindly end pier even more. The result is an unusually forceful presentation of Modernist themes: truth and strength of materials.



The Nursing Building makes one of the most powerful architectural statements of any building on campus—three massive concrete slabs rise from a glass curtain wall and a row of tall, slender *pilotis*.

Westlawn, 1919

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: WEST LAWN NURSES' HOME

Westlawn has always been associated with the health sciences. Originally constructed as a dormitory for nursing students, it served that function until 1964. As a residence hall, the building was connected to the hospital by an underground tunnel. Although student nurses no longer commute below ground between the two, the functional connection remains—the building now houses the Student Health Service and University Pharmacy, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics' Child Care Center, and the UI Family Planning Clinic. Westlawn also forms the eastern border of the Health Sciences Campus green, facing the Medical Education and Research Facility complex to the west and giving shape to the campus space between the two buildings and Bowen Science Building on the south.

The shape of Westlawn is determined by three additions to the original central section. Both wings of the building were extended in 1928 with a further extension south in 1945. In 1996 an additional projecting block was added to the east to accommodate Student Health. This section is sympathetic to Westlawn's original design though less ornamented. The Tudor Revival of the building corresponded to that of its contemporaneous neighbors, Children's Hospital (1919, razed in 1999, 2003) and the Medical Education Building (formerly Psychopathic Hospital, 1919). Each incorporated limestone detailing in the red-brick walls. At Westlawn's entrance portal, a Gothic pointed arch meets flanking pilasters, a mixing of Medieval and classical details typical of the Tudor style. Spur buttresses, three-story bay windows, and crenellated parapets create a sense of drama and evoke the perimeter wall of a castle. This visual association is made particularly strong by Westlawn's striking placement along the curving border of the bluffs overlooking the Iowa River.



Westlawn's main entrance portal is located at the intersection of its two main wings. The human scale, Tudor Revival features, and campus green in front give Westlawn its character.

Newton Road Parking Ramp, 2002

ARCHITECT: HLKB ARCHITECTURE, DES MOINES, IOWA

The Newton Road Parking Ramp was designed as part of a master plan intended to increase vehicular access to the expanding Medical Campus. The ramp project created 810 new parking spaces and an associated walkway that shields pedestrians from Newton Road. Foot traffic access is also accommodated by a pedestrian bridge leading to the current International Center and future site of the College of Public Health. The bridge, which crosses over an urban highway and a railroad line, extends the Medical Campus northward and adjacent to the Arts Campus. The multi-use parking ramp structure also includes a chilled water plant serving both the Medical and Arts Campuses.

The parking ramp's design reflects both its function and location. The use of industrial materials supports the structure's utilitarian aesthetic, though they are tailored to suit both the academic and residential areas bordering the ramp. Translucent and clear glass express different functions—the translucent panels along the walkway shield the campus from the ramp's cars, while the clear glass signals points of entry and vertical circulation. Clear glass is also used in a band along the walkway, allowing pedestrians a view of campus. The delicate crystalline volumes of the enclosed stairwell/elevator units at each end of the structure lend it an elegance unusual for a parking facility. On the highway side of the ramp, perforated copper cladding provides a neutral façade that blends in scale with the adjacent Westlawn. The metal panels also conceal cars and their headlights from the residential neighborhood across the highway. The tapered cooling towers, which are rendered in naturally finished precast concrete, help to alleviate the long uniform sweep of the structure's highway façade. The Newton Road Parking Ramp received a 2002 American Institute of Architects Honor Award for its creative design and was a contributing factor to HLKB's distinction as AIA national firm of the year in 2002.



The Newton Road Parking Ramp exemplifies how good design can grace even utilitarian structures.

Medical Education and Research Facility, 2002, and Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building, 2005

ARCHITECT: PAYETTE ASSOCIATES, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS /
BALDWIN WHITE ARCHITECTS, DES MOINES, IOWA (2002)
PAYETTE ASSOCIATES, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS / ROHRBACH
CARLSON PC, IOWA CITY, IOWA (2005)

The Medical Education and Research Facility and its adjacent partner, the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building (2005), provide classroom, laboratory, and research space for work in genetics, cardiovascular health, and respiratory diseases as well as a home for the departments of internal medicine, pediatrics, otolaryngology, and physiology. These facilities, built to operate as one, provide a significant advancement in teaching and research on the Medical Campus.

MERF commands attention with its Postmodern freedom of expression, especially in the atrium where the regularized window arrangements and austere neo-Modernist treatment of the west wing gives way to an exuberant composition of cornices and sun baffles organized in ascending acute angles—all expressed in a towering ensemble of glass and prepatinated copper cladding (colorplate 14). This sheathing draws attention to the building's south end, which looks ready to take flight, penetrating and engaging the sky in the direction of General Hospital. This more fanciful component of the design is reminiscent of 1920s German Expressionist architecture, with the machine-standardized forms of the building's flank being overridden to form an image of emotive viewer-appeal. The exterior thereby expresses the energy and optimism appropriate to the advancement of medical science. It also gestures dramatically and meaningfully toward General Hospital's Gothic Tower, that grandiose architectural embodiment of the aspirations of an earlier epoch in medical science. The building stands as a new visual centerpiece for the Medical Campus. MERF



Just as the vertical profile of nearby General Hospital's Gothic Tower expressed the energy and optimism of the UI's new medical campus in the early years of the twentieth century, so do the upward-striving lines of MERF's atrium architecturally embody a similar resolve to meet the challenges of a new century.

received a 2003 Design Award from the New England Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

CBRB continues the combination of prepatinated copper and stone as the building form shifts to the east. This second structure creates the streetscape of Newton Road and represents the second of a three-stage creation of a large courtyard to anchor the heart of the Medical Campus.

John W. Eckstein Medical Research Building, 1989

ARCHITECT: NBBJ, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON /

HLM DESIGN, IOWA CITY, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: HUMAN BIOLOGY RESEARCH FACILITY

Housing research laboratories associated with the UI Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, the John W. Eckstein Medical Research Building plays an important role in scientific and educational missions of the University of Iowa. Named after an alumnus of the University's medical school and residency program, a professor of internal medicine, and dean of the medical college from 1970 until 1990, the building contains research laboratories for molecular biology, immunology, and genetic engineering.

Rising above a podium created by the passageway connecting three Carver College of Medicine buildings, the Eckstein Medical Research Building is a Late Modern structure of monolithic proportions and impressive massing. Underscaled ribbon windows with horizontally reticulated panes also enhance the impression of size, as do the bands of gray- and red-glazed tiles that give the building a layered effect. To the right of the building, a gabled brick gateway leads to a courtyard linking Eckstein with the College of Medicine Administration Building. The sculpture there is one of the last created by artist Robert Arneson, who was ill with terminal cancer while working on the commission. Arneson's work forms a mirrored gateway in imitation of the brick portal leading to a passageway between Eckstein and the College of Medicine Administration Building. The artist's conception of the human figure as a pillar is echoed by the *pilotis* supporting the passage behind.



The John W. Eckstein Medical Research Building is characterized by a powerful massing of simple blocklike forms.

The courtyard of the Eckstein Building contains *Gateway to Self-Realization* (1992), a work by sculptor Robert Arneson.

Medical Education Building, 1919

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, BIRD AND RAWSON,

DES MOINES, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAMES: PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL,

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

In the original incarnation of the Medical Campus, a cluster of one- and two-story buildings provided specialized care in a quasi-domestic setting. Over the years, however, the expansion of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics has largely subsumed the functions of those early buildings, and only the Medical Education Building remains today. Though it was developed as a psychiatric hospital and served that function until 1990, the building is now a unit of the UI Carver College of Medicine and houses its teaching laboratory.

Like Westlawn, the Medical Education Building is a red-brick Tudor Revival structure. The choice of style has a less institutional, more baronial, feel, with sandstone ornamentation and touches reminiscent of domestic architecture. The pointed arches at the main entrance, window surrounds, and crenellated parapets (above the bay windows) are all rendered in sandstone. The dormers and tall chimneys on the main section's roof add to Medical Education's stately air, while the low flanking wings create a sense of hominess. These wings, really passageways leading to other former wards, also provided patients with abundant cross-ventilation that was considered essential to their treatment.



The Medical Education Building's Tudor Revival style typifies the radical shift from Pentacrest Beaux-Arts Classicism to Medical Campus neo-Medievalism.

Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 1974

ARCHITECT: WALTER NETSCH OF SKIDMORE OWINGS

AND MERRILL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

PREVIOUS NAME: HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

The Hardin Library for the Health Sciences consolidates the collections of five health science libraries—medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, and speech pathology. Its namesake, Dr. Robert C. Hardin, was dean of the College of Medicine from 1962 until 1969 and also served as the University of Iowa's vice president for health affairs under President Willard L. Boyd. Hardin also ran the Blood Transfu-



According to architect Walter Netsch, the abstract geometry of Hardin Library's Brutalist main entrance is intended to recall an open book.

sion Service for the European theater during the Normandy invasion of World War II. The building was renamed in his honor in 1988.

The design of the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences is based on the Field Theory (or shifted grid) method popularized by its architect, Walter Netsch. In this case a grid of squares is rotated forty-five degrees to produce a more versatile plan. The difference here is that, unlike at the Bowen Science Building or the Lindquist Center, the geometrical “field” morphs from one level to the next, moving from rotated square, to octagon, to Greek Cross. The building’s façadeless elevation is nevertheless still entirely a function of the plan at each level. Diagonals and pyramidal volumes play off one another and emphasize the primacy of the plan (colorplate 9). The site performs an influential role in the design; the slope of the land allows the building a low profile as seen from the campus side to the south, with a single-story entrance that masks the bulk of the multistory building below. Hardin Library is constituted of interrupted planes of textured concrete—again, a Brutalist gesture by Netsch. Clusters of white skylights project above and dip below the roofline, creating a strong geometrical effect that also brings light into the interior. The expressive nature of Late Modernism is embodied in the architect’s notion that the stepped interior pathway through the building and down to the lower level suggests walking into a book.

Dental Science Building, 1973

ARCHITECT: SMITH, HINCHMAN AND GRYLS, DETROIT,
MICHIGAN / GEORGE HORNER, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

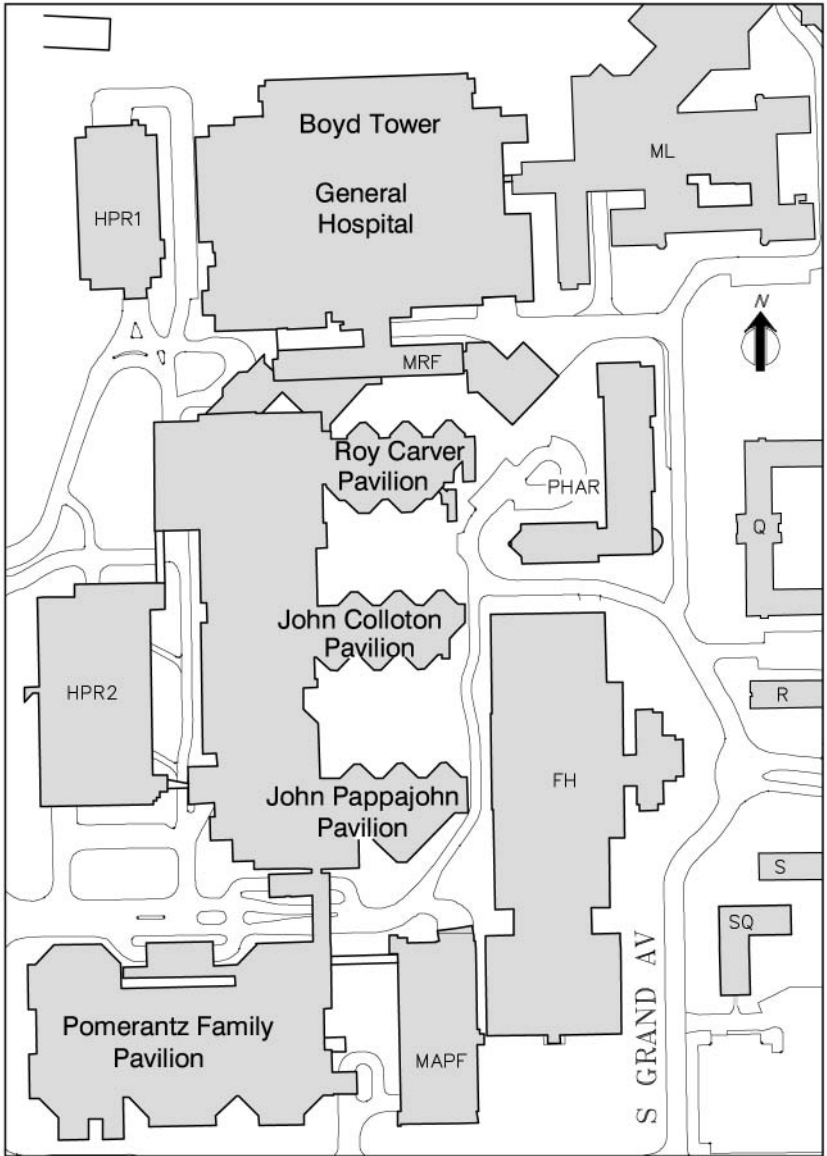
During President Willard L. Boyd's administration (1969–1981), the University of Iowa fully embraced contemporary design, leaving a progressive legacy of campus architecture particularly on the Medical Campus. The Dental Science Building, home to the College of Dentistry, is the latest of three structures erected specifically for this program, which was founded as the Department of Dentistry in 1882. Old Dental Building (1895), a Second Empire style building on the Pentacrest (razed in 1975), was the first designed expressly for dentistry, while the Beaux-Arts–inspired Trowbridge Hall (1917) housed the program until the current building was completed in 1973. A radical departure from the historicism of those earlier designs, the Dental Science Building is the most single-mindedly Brutalist building on the UI campus. Raw concrete, with traces of wooden forms still evident on the surfaces, conveys an austere aesthetic.

Sited on a sloping topography of grassy lawns and stands of pine trees, architecture and nature reside in juxtaposition at Dental Science (colorplate 7). Approached from the north or south, the building presents a fortresslike ensemble of abstract forms, which house air vents and other utilities. Seen from the east or west, however, the building opens up, its broad axial approach revealing a bisected plane joined at the second floor by a two-story glass bridge. The north side is devoted to classrooms, administration, and research and the south to clinical activities and laboratories. Broad stairs, spanning nearly the entire space between the wings, lead under the bridge and up to the parking area to the west. In the walk along the axis of this courtyard, the glass curtain walls of the wings are visible, as are the more human-scaled inner sides of the building. The courtyard also affords views of the



Monumental stairs beneath the glass bridge connect the parallel concrete pavilions of the Dental Science Building.

surrounding landscape to faculty, students, and staff working inside. Pedestrians taking this path from the west parking area toward General Hospital witness monumental pavilions on both sides and a view of the campus beyond.



University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Campus

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) forms the core of the campuses to the west of the Iowa River and a westward border to the University's main campus. As a result of the recommendation of the Olmsted brothers and of Abraham Flexner's 1910 review of the College of Medicine, President Walter Jessup (1916–1934) relocated the University's medical facilities from Iowa Avenue to the bluffs marking the western fringe of both the campus and the city. This move provided space for the construction of new University hospitals in 1919 (Psychopathic Hospital and Children's Hospital) and 1929 (General Hospital). These facilities allowed increased clinical experience for medical students and complied with two state mandates to extend health care to all poor children and adults within the state (1915, 1919). The rise of the Medical Campus and its prominent tower also set the architectural tone for the University's western presence by establishing a Gothic Revival style that contrasted with the dominant Beaux-Arts Classicism to the east. Development of the UIHC campus has been extensive over the past thirty years, and now, as one of the nation's largest teaching hospitals, UIHC is virtually a city unto itself.

Medical Laboratories, 1927

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, RAWSON AND SOUERS,
DES MOINES, IOWA

The Medical Laboratories building, adjacent to the General Hospital, was designed to house the medical library and State Board of Health Laboratories. Built contemporaneously with the General Hospital, the Medical Laboratories were funded along the same structure—half the monies coming from the Rockefeller Foundation and Rockefeller General Board of Education and half from the state. Both projects benefited from the advocacy of Abraham Flexner, whose damning 1910 report to the Carnegie Foundation had prompted a decade of internal reform at the hospital and medical college. Flexner and William R. Boyd, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Iowa State Board of Education, saw the University's self-scrutiny as an ideal founda-



Fanciful sea serpents flank the medical coat of arms on the façade of Medical Laboratories.

tion for experiments in best practices. Their support of the College of Medicine as a potential laboratory for those efforts was instrumental in the \$2,250,000 grant and further development of the transformation already under way.

Modeled on the gatehouse at Henry VIII's Hampton Court, the Medical Laboratories east façade is a Tudor Revival composition of limestone and brick (colorplate 4). The pointed-arch portal, two-story central bay window, and flanking octagonal towers are all characteristic of this style. A medical coat of arms tops the central bay and is framed by scaly serpents—clear allusion to the serpent of Aesculapius, the Greek god of medicine. This same bay also has a panel inscribed "1925," the date recorded on the original blueprints. The slender towers are ornamented at the top with inset tracery panels and copper domes, and the balustraded parapet is topped with finials. The 1842 cornerstone of the Mechanics' Academy (razed in 1897), first hospital on the University of Iowa campus, is incorporated into the east façade of Medical Laboratories. The crenellated polygonal stair towers along the north and south flanks of Medical Laboratories have an even greater affinity to the gatehouse at St. John's College, Cambridge. Appropriately, Oxbridge Collegiate Gothic is the preferred style here.

General Hospital, 1929

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, RAWSON, SOUERS AND THOMAS,
DES MOINES, IOWA

Constructed along with the Medical Laboratories, the 900-bed General Hospital benefited from the interest of Abraham Flexner of the Rockefeller Foundation and William R. Boyd, a Cedar Rapids newspaper publisher and chair of the Finance Committee of the State of Iowa Board of Education. Their interventions produced the funding for this vast capital project, the largest in University history at that point. The 1915 and 1919 indigent care laws passed by the Iowa State Legislature had provided the impetus for the expansion. Those progressive acts of legislation mandated that the University provide health care for the entire state of Iowa, regardless of wealth—a responsibility that would have easily overwhelmed the hospital facilities then on Iowa Avenue (now Seashore Hall). Through collaboration, the state and private philanthropies not only solved questions of access and improved medical education, but also produced a new General Hospital to serve students, faculty, and the community. Upon its completion the General Hospital became one of the largest teaching hospitals in the country, a distinction that remains today.

It was predetermined that the new hospital would be designed in the Gothic style and that it would be, as recorded in early documents, “surmounted by a dome [tower], as a counterpoise to the dome in Old Capitol located directly east of it across the Iowa River.” General Hospital’s Collegiate Gothic Tower, designed by Amos B. Emery of Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers and Thomas, remains the best-known campus landmark—after Old Capitol—the institutional symbol of UIHC as a whole, and the image on its official seal (colorplate 5). The north façade marked the original monumental entrance to the building, while the east elevation was on axis with Old Capitol and easily visible

General Hospital’s former main entrance is the premier example of Collegiate Gothic architecture on the UI campus.



from the Pentacrest's west terrace. The prominence of its design not only established General Hospital as the center of the Gothic western campus, it also had important symbolic value. Just as the Pentacrest's Classicism recalled the civic virtues and high culture of Athens and the Renaissance, the Medieval style of General Hospital recalled the monastic buildings that were the first hospitals. In 1973 plans were revealed for a new seven-story block (Boyd Tower) that, while compromising a significant portion of the original Gothic entry façade, provided close-up views of the Gothic Tower base from within the new atrium. The skyline-forming Gothic Tower still hovers over the new additions and marks the hospital's origin.

As the archival photograph shows, the original structure recalled the late fifteenth-century gate tower of Magdalen College in Oxford with powerful spur buttresses to either side of the entrance and a vertical shaft that culminated in an airy, openwork superstructure. A two-story bay window rose over the entrance portal and four pointed-arch lancet windows topped the parapet. Ascending even further, leafy pinnacles capped the buttresses, and a blind gallery and horizontal band of tracery framed the lower limits of the tower's lacy upper reaches. Thankfully, this last section can still be appreciated today.



Located at the base of the tower's superstructure, a friendly St. George's dragon once greeted patients and visitors as they arrived at General Hospital's main portal. The creature is still visible from the seventh-floor atrium of Boyd Tower.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 1976–2005

ARCHITECT: HLM DESIGN, IOWA CITY, IOWA

What began in 1873 as a twenty-bed operation in the Mechanics' Academy on Iowa Avenue, and moved across the Iowa River in a 350-patient caravan in 1928, is now one of the largest teaching hospitals in the United States. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics serves thousands of Iowans and patients from almost all states and many other countries each year. In fiscal year 2005, the UIHC had 26,369 acute inpatient admissions and 668,456 patient visits to its hospital-based clinics. Its staff numbers more than 7,200. Comprising major clinical and research facilities, the UIHC carries on its work in a vast complex of buildings that, over the course of three decades, has engulfed the original General Hospital and extended three blocks to the south.

Boyd Tower (1976) was the first phase of this far-reaching construction project, but the main body of today's UIHC is made up of four subsequent pavilions, all developed in phases—Roy J. Carver Pavilion (1978–1988), John W. Colloton Pavilion (1980–1992), John Pappajohn Pavilion (1987–2000), and the Pomerantz Family Pavilion (1992–2005). Pomerantz is the most recent addition to the complex and includes a state-of-the-art, image-guided radiation treatment center. Compositional organization of this mammoth aggregation of structures is provided by the west façade, whose imposing sweep is partially blocked by one of four parking ramps serving the hospital. Some consistency and coherence are achieved by the use of ribbon windows, white panel cladding, and exposed *pilotis* structure as the dominant design elements throughout. An emphatic rejection of the historicism of the General Hospital, the structure's overall effect is corporate, with an antiseptic machine aesthetic reminiscent of Mies van der Rohe's 1927 model apartment building for the German Werkbund—all capped with a busy heliport. Fully engaging the therapeutic



The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics imposing west façade brings compositional order to the vast complex of hospital buildings.

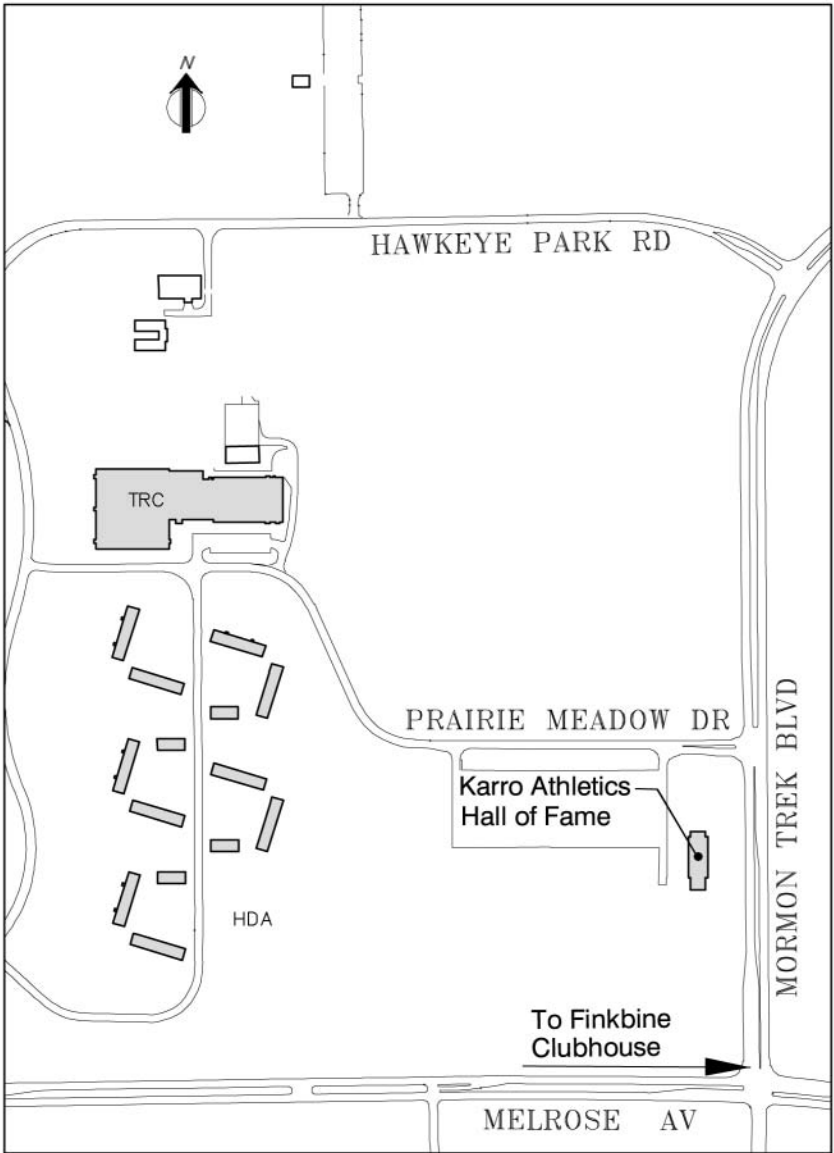
character of art, the UIHC displays a large collection of contemporary painting, sculpture, prints, photographs, and metalsmithing in its public spaces.

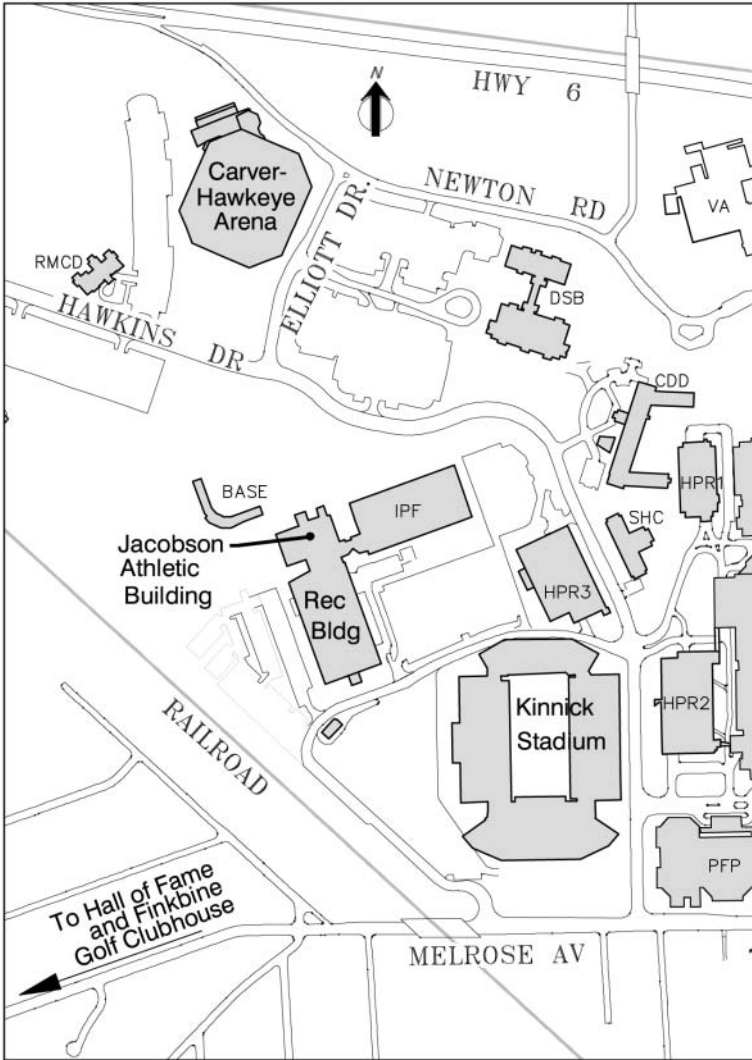
Athletics Campus

The University of Iowa's athletic facilities have expanded far beyond their early days on the east banks of the Iowa River. After the completion of the Field House in 1927, the Athletics Campus moved to more spacious quarters beyond the bluffs on the west side of the Iowa River. There the program matured over the decades, eventually outgrowing the space available in that location as well. As the Athletic Department developed and offered additional sports to its student-athletes, the border of the Athletics Campus stretched some 1.3 miles to the west. This westward shift began with the inclusion of Finkbine Golf Course and has led to the facilities now being developed west of Finkbine.

Anchored by Kinnick Stadium, the Athletics Campus includes the Hayden Fry Football Complex, Duane Banks Baseball Stadium, and Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The gradual shift west of the Athletic Department's center of gravity reflects an increasing conflict between the need for space-intensive athletic facilities and development of academic, research, and hospital-related space. Land close to the core of the University has become still more valuable over time, and the currently developing campus to the west has allowed for continued investment in new, modern assets serving the more than 600 yearly UI student-athletes. Among the facilities being located at this westward edge of the UI campus are the Roy G. Karro Building's Athletics Hall of Fame, Grant Field (the field hockey stadium named after Christine H. B. Grant, former Women's Athletics director), an amphitheater-designed soccer stadium and practice facility, the Klotz Tennis Courts, and the Ashton Cross Country Course, which has become a popular recreation venue for University and community members alike. The remainder of the area is dominated by recreation fields and activities designed for UI student use.

These two areas that make up the Athletics Campus are linked





by the Finkbine Golf Course and an area known as Lower Finkbine (home to a former nine-hole golf course), that hosts the Francis X. Cretzmeyer outdoor track and field venue and the Robert L. Pearl Softball Field.

Kinnick Stadium, 1929

ARCHITECT: PROUDFOOT, RAWSON, SOUERS AND THOMAS,
DES MOINES, IOWA; 2006 RENOVATION, HNTB, KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI / NEUMANN MONSON ARCHITECTS, IOWA CITY,
IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: IOWA STADIUM

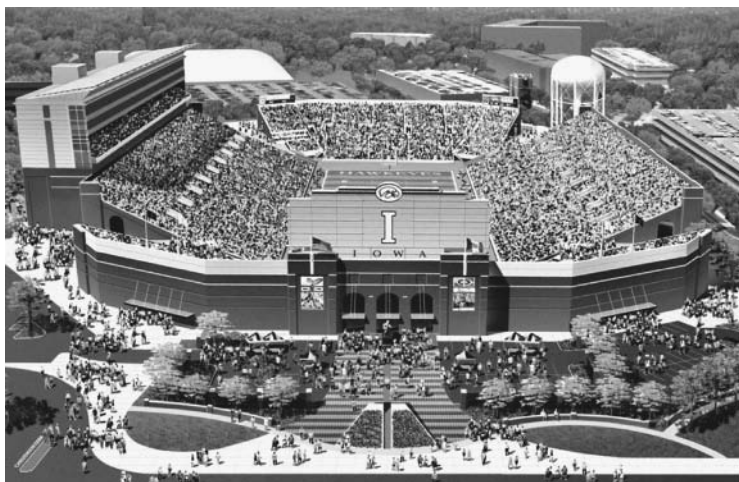
Designed to hold 45,000 fans, Kinnick Stadium was built in less than a year on a site excavated some thirty feet below the surrounding street level. It replaced the former stadium located on the east bank of the Iowa River and was renamed in 1972 in honor of halfback Nile Kinnick, the University of Iowa's most celebrated player. Kinnick, an honors student, class president, and 1939 Heisman Trophy winner, was the backbone of the University of Iowa's legendary "Iowa Ironmen" squad. Following graduation, his life was cut tragically short when his fighter plane crashed during a training mission in World War II.

Hayden Fry, another giant in Iowa football lore, was hired as head coach in 1979. He turned around a perennially losing program and, in 1981, delivered the first winning season in nineteen years and a trip to the Rose Bowl.

Kinnick Stadium's plan, like that of many other football facilities from its period, reflects the Roman Colosseum. The decision to excavate the playing field below grade made possible a relatively modest and elegant external profile in harmony with the nearby residential neighborhood. Entry points are accented with large arches arranged in groups of three. The dominating east and west façades are softened by ornamentation that includes Juliet-style faux balconies and arches infilled with brick. Though built with only the east and west grandstands in the beginning, Kinnick Stadium has had additions through the years that have added bleachers on the north and south and a press box, initially constructed in 1958, onto the west. Kinnick's 2006 renovation (seen in the architect's digital rendering) replaced the south bleachers and scoreboard. A new press box, complete with sky boxes



The original 1929 Iowa Stadium, in a stripped-down Beaux-Arts style, was designed by the architects of the Classical buildings on the Pentacrest. The archival aerial photograph shows the old stadium when still new. In the distance is the new General Hospital with its Gothic Tower and, on the right, the Armory and Field House.



A bird's-eye-view architect's rendering shows the full extent of the 2006 renovation that added the Krause Family entry plaza, south stands, and scoreboard (all in the foreground), and the new Paul W. Brechler press box shown on the left.



Sculptor Lawrence Nowlan stands on the scaffolding behind his full-scale clay model for the twelve-foot-high statue of Nile Kinnick to be located at the main entrance outside the south stands.

and indoor/outdoor club seats, has replaced the original to meet contemporary standards and the needs of media technology but was also designed to respect the venerable 1929 design. The new press box has been named after former athletic director Dr. Paul W. Brechler, who oversaw construction of the first press box (affectionately known thereafter as the “Brechler Hilton”). The stadium renovations through the years have resulted in a seating capacity of nearly 70,000.

The 2006 project also included the construction of a large landscaped approach (Krause Family Plaza) at the south end zone, providing a ceremonial entrance to the stadium and a point of welcome to the campus. New limestone panels bear the seal of the University. A colossal freestanding bronze statue of Nile Kinnick (scholar and athlete) in a pose inspired by Michelangelo’s *David* greets fans entering the stadium. A life-size, high-relief bronze narrative panel just inside the monumental three-arched south entry commemorates the triumphant moment in Kinnick’s career when, in the final minutes of the game, Kinnick carried the ball over the goal line to defeat mighty Notre Dame and secure the Heisman Trophy.

Recreation Building, 1970

ARCHITECT: PORTER/BRIERLY ASSOCIATES,
DES MOINES, IOWA

Best known to out-of-towners as the pregame practice venue of the University of Iowa's Marching Band, the Recreation Building serves a variety of recreation and athletic functions. Iowa football offices are located in the building's north end, as are locker rooms and training facilities for several other sports. The facility also contains 65,000 square feet of open track space, which is used primarily for track and field functions and intercollegiate competition. Tennis courts occupy the infield of the track.

The Recreation Building's external appearance is a function of the laminated wood beam roof structure that stretches above the open track. This distinctive structural system provides for the long spans required by the activities housed below and also adds a rich, natural glow to the building's interior. On the exterior, the thrust of the massive beams is channeled to four muscular concrete buttress piers on each long side. The meeting of roof and brick walls at ground level is mediated by an expanse of tinted glazing that fills the huge triangular configurations. The main entrance is signaled by a gold-colored anodized aluminum screen mounted above doors on the south façade.



The shedlike profile of the Recreation Building is the result of the Modernist dictum that “form follows function.”

Richard O. Jacobson Athletic Building, 1995

ARCHITECT: HLKB ARCHITECTURE, DES MOINES, IOWA

The Richard O. Jacobson Athletic Building was developed to accommodate the growth of the University of Iowa football program. Named in honor of the founder of the Jacobson Companies—Richard O. Jacobson, a graduate of the Tippie College of Business and long-time supporter of the University and Hawkeye athletics—the facility provides additional room for strength training, sports medicine, and locker room areas for football and other UI athletic teams. The structure also links the Recreation Building and the Indoor Practice Facility, known as the Bubble, creating a contiguous neighborhood of facilities named the Hayden Fry Football Complex.

The architect's design for Jacobson borrows from historic athletic facilities to create a building rich with allusions to student-athletes of the past. This is especially evident in the bow-string roof trusses, which recall the geometries of armories of the past. A “battered” wall to the left of the entrance supports cantilevered protective canopies, aggressively penetrates the corrugated-aluminum façade, and runs through the entire length of the building. Flagpoles along the roof's ridge also add a festive air to the building and are in keeping with the atmosphere surrounding athletics at the University. Inside, visitors, staff, and athletes move through spaces that use overscaled features and strong materials to demonstrate the power of the football program. Examples of this symbolic architecture are in the strength training area that features thirteen-foot-high doors, exposed-truss roof structure and tubular air ducts, and extensive mirrored walls that visually multiply the number of machines and athletes. The pillowlike contour of the Indoor Practice Facility rises behind.



The Richard O. Jacobson Athletic Building expresses (in architectural form) concepts related to strength training.

Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 1983

ARCHITECT: CAUDILL ROWLETT SCOTT (CRS ARCHITECTS),
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Carver-Hawkeye Arena, named after Muscatine entrepreneur and philanthropist Roy J. Carver, commemorates his long-standing generosity to the University. Home to basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and the athletic department's administration, Carver-Hawkeye plays a role on campus that exceeds its athletic functions. Aside from shifting the center of athletics from the Field House, its 15,560-seat capacity is also used for concerts, public events, and the commencement ceremonies of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Carver-Hawkeye's innovative design takes advantage of its sloping site and uses the change in elevation to visual and environmental effect. With all but the top concourse level built below grade, the structure achieves significant energy savings. The use of natural light filtering through the glass-block perimeter wall has a similar advantage, as does the exposed-truss system, space-frame roof. This design element creates a notable skyline feature while removing unoccupied structural space to outside the building's envelope and reducing the interior volume that must be heated. The tentlike central section of the roof—presaging Denver Airport—brings light into the arena during daylight hours. At night, interior light penetrates the glass-block exterior walls that function as a beacon for the approaching crowds. Inside, the building's polygonal footprint transitions into an oval amphitheater. This building received a 1984 American Institute of Architects Honor Award. In 2004 the Iowa Chapter of the AIA named Carver-Hawkeye Arena as one of the top one hundred buildings erected in the state of Iowa in the twentieth century.



Unlike Hancher Auditorium's interior-exposed space frame, Carver-Hawkeye Arena celebrates architectonic structure as an aesthetic component of the building's exterior profile.



Lloyd Hamrol's *Stonerise* (1983), a curving wall of monolithic blocks of Iowa limestone, refers to the traditional materials and construction techniques of the Roman Colosseum, Carver-Hawkeye Arena's ancient prototype.

Karro Athletics Hall of Fame, 2002

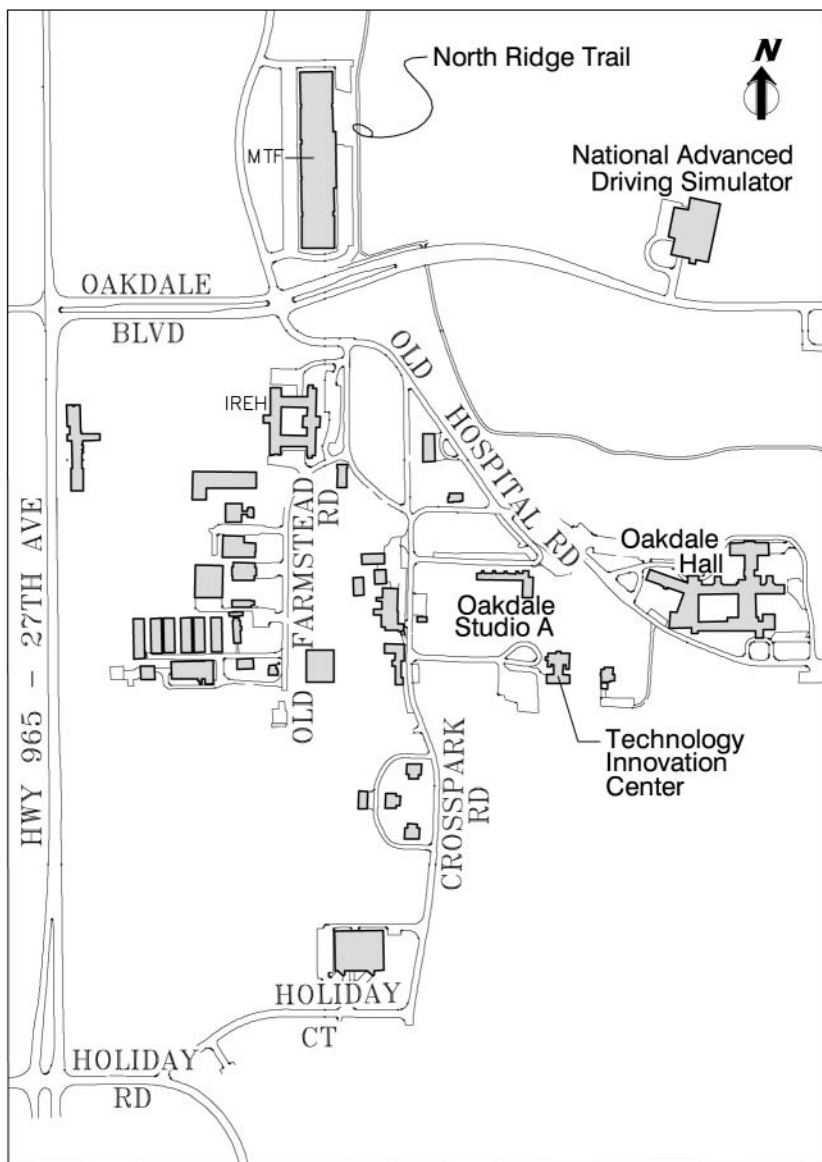
ARCHITECT: HLKB ARCHITECTURE, DES MOINES, IOWA

Celebrating the history of University of Iowa athletics, the Roy G. Karro Building (also called the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame), houses the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, an anchor for the Athletics Campus. Since its construction, the area around it has been further developed with the addition of a new tennis and recreation facility, a soccer stadium, and the relocated Grant Field hockey stadium. The Hall of Fame makes the achievements of University athletics accessible to the public—including Nile Kinnick's famed Heisman Trophy.

The building itself, constructed of cast-in-place concrete, exposed structural steel, and standing seam metal roofing, is formally tied to the sporting facilities celebrated within. While the design is contemporary, it recalls a spectrum of athletic venues in both form and choice of materials. The three-story atrium not only orients the building toward the University's Finkbine Golf Course, but its broad expanse of glazing also accentuates the Hall of Fame's message of welcome. Approaching visitors see in and light streams out, turning the glass into a marquee by night. The building includes subgrade support and service space, a three-story atrium, meeting rooms, and two levels of display space. Topping the entire structure, an interactive area allows young fans to practice shooting baskets and kicking field goals. The rigorously geometrical façade with four square central bays, each with a smoked-glass curtain wall and criss-crossed with tie rods, gives the building much of its unpretentious appearance. Brutalist end-bay walls continue the geometry and contain the building's horizontal composition. The site, adjacent to a protected wetland, was developed with green architectural practices in mind. Runoff is controlled by a meadow wetlands pond that also maintains an ecological balance between plant and animal wildlife. Landscaping with native prairie grasses and the use of drainage swales in the parking lot also minimize the Hall of Fame's environmental impact.



The materials used for the construction of the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame are typical of those used in athletic venues.



Oakdale Research Campus

The Oakdale Research Campus was first developed in 1904 with a state appropriation for a tuberculosis treatment center. This facility, intended to treat patients in an isolated pastoral setting, was a series of wooden cottages set among the plot's majestic oak trees. A permanent brick sanatorium was added to the site in 1917.

Since 1965, Oakdale has been administered by the University of Iowa. Now mainly a research campus, its 250 acres about the Oakdale Research Park, a venture aimed at nurturing corporate relationships with the University. The passing decades have seen a dramatic increase in density in the corridor connecting Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, and this Coralville neighborhood has become home to major University and commercial research endeavors. All the while, this rather isolated campus, eight miles north and west of the Main Campus, maintains its original bucolic setting.

Oakdale Hall, 1917

ARCHITECT: UNKNOWN

PREVIOUS NAME: OAKDALE STATE TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

At the height of its use as a sanatorium in the late 1940s, Oakdale Hall provided care for up to 400 inpatients each year. With the development of streptomycin in 1944, the regimen for which the sanatorium was designed radically changed, the number served gradually waned, and in 1965 the entire Oakdale campus and its facilities became part of the University of Iowa. Pulmonary and tuberculosis care was finally transferred to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in 1981. Since then, Oakdale Hall has been home to a variety of University programs and now houses as primary tenants the University Hygienic Laboratory and the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies.

Oakdale Hall was built as five red-brick blocks with the center section slightly recessed. In the archival aerial photograph taken from the southwest, those five pavilions—all in a line—are seen near the center of the aggregation of buildings. A virtually ornament-free structure, it was aimed solely at providing the care needed by the patients. The ample windows on three stories opened onto long, narrow wards where patients' beds were located for maximum direct exposure to light and air—all year round. Sunlight was deemed especially efficacious—a top-floor solarium and parallel sidewalks in the courtyard provided patient exposure. While that original plan can still be appreciated from the air, the building's presence has been altered significantly by a series of additions over the decades. The 1937 administrative wing to the west is easily discerned, as it angles out of alignment with the original building. The wedge-shaped section at the center is an auditorium used to provide entertainment for the patients. Now occupying the two wings to the southeast, the University Hygienic Laboratory will vacate the aging facility in the coming years, and after that Oakdale Hall faces an uncertain future.



An aerial photograph best shows the many components of Oakdale Hall—at its core is the former Oakdale State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Oakdale Studio A, 1950

ARCHITECT: MORGAN AND GELATT, BURLINGTON, IOWA

PREVIOUS NAME: OAKDALE EMPLOYEE APARTMENT BUILDING

The Oakdale State Tuberculosis Sanatorium required housing for support personnel—physicians, nurses, medical aides, and administrative staff. Studio A was one of the ancillary residential buildings erected for employees; construction took place simultaneously with the Crosspark Road project of duplex apartments to the west, intended for the sanatorium’s doctors. The original structure included twenty-four family units and twenty-six “bachelor units.” An addition of the early 1960s increased its capacity by another twelve units. Today the building houses primarily faculty artist studios.

The International style Modernism of Studio A makes a fitting aesthetic match to the building’s function and context; the total elimination of ornament expresses the practical considerations of a state-funded undertaking. (It would be another fifteen years before Oakdale would be transferred to the University.) It also reveals the alliance between low-budget projects and stripped-down Modernism. The architect, however, has found inspiration in Walter Gropius’s 1920s Bauhaus in Dessau, Germany—simple asymmetrically massed blocks reinterpreted in red brick. The building’s interest lies in the variation of elemental geometries, an aesthetic option that still has architectural concerns beyond cost-effectiveness. Ferro-concrete balconies and porch canopies create projecting planes, and the grid geometry of the stone-clad stair tower’s glazing provides a nodal point where the two wings of apartments join. In Oakdale Studio A, the apartment building reflects Gropius’s vision of a “machine for living.” Its uncompromising design predates by one year the Communications Center, the first International style building on the Main Campus, and thus holds a position of note within the history of campus architecture.



Oakdale Studio A holds the distinction of being the oldest Modernist building on the University of Iowa campus.

Technology Innovation Center, 1924

ARCHITECT: UNKNOWN

PREVIOUS NAME: MEDICAL ADMISSIONS BUILDING

As part of the Oakdale State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, the Medical Admissions Building processed new patients for treatment. In 1937, the construction of a new medical admissions wing on the sanatorium proper made that function obsolete, and the building was converted into a nurses' dormitory. Decades later, the 1981 incorporation of tubercular patients into the wards of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics freed the building again and, since 1984, it has been home to the Technology Innovation Center. This program, the University of Iowa's business incubator, provides laboratory space and technical support to academics and entrepreneurs working in collaboration. Their projects then continue to fruition as new commercial enterprises in the Oakdale Research Park.

Like Oakdale Hall and its cluster of associated buildings, the Technology Innovation Center is a minimally ornamented red-brick structure. Detailing on the façade is rudimentary with a limestone keystone in the porch's arch, a gabled central dormer, and soldiering of the brick toward the top of the wall. The one exception to this minimal detailing is the double-armed cross inset at the corners of the main façade. This unusual embellishment is the Cross of Lorraine, sometimes known as the Patriarchal Cross. The crusader Godefroy de Boullion, Duke of Lorraine, made it his standard after capturing Jerusalem in 1099. In 1920, the American Lung Association adopted the Cross of Lorraine as a symbol of its crusade against tuberculosis. Its incorporation into the design of this building just four years later makes this one of the earliest examples of the architectural use of this symbol.



First a medical admissions office for the nearby sanatorium, the building is now the Technology Innovation Center, the business incubator of the University of Iowa Oakdale Research Campus.

National Advanced Driving Simulator, 1998

ARCHITECT: NEUMANN MONSON ARCHITECTS, IOWA CITY, IOWA

Built into a slope on the Oakdale Campus, the National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS) is the most sophisticated facility of its kind. The starkly functionalist building accommodates a simulation chamber within which a twenty-four-foot-diameter sphere that contains the vehicle to be tested moves. This laboratory allows University of Iowa researchers, the Iowa Department of Transportation, and private entities throughout the world the opportunity to assess ground vehicles in a setting that nearly precisely approximates real driving conditions.

The NADS building functions as an assembly of shapes, expressing on its exterior the geometries and masses of the functional units contained within. A largely utilitarian steel-frame structure, the building uses Postmodern accents to add detail to its façade. Differing shades of the corrugated metal siding denote the different activities of the building's sections and create visual relationships with other nearby Oakdale buildings. Small sun shades protecting the office windows also signal the distinction between areas. The sun-filled entry lobby, with an aluminum-framed glass wall and half-gable steel-frame canopy, uses its choice of forms to convey a message of welcome to visitors.



The advanced technology contained in the National Advanced Driving Simulator is only hinted at in the Minimalist building that houses it.



The Mechanical Engineering Building of 1932, probably University architect George Horner's most original design, was the first major building on campus to reject any allusion to architectural styles of the past and to have almost no ornamentation except for the minimal Art Deco moldings above the entrance. The plain treatment of the limestone exterior and the metal industrial windows adhere instead to a machine aesthetic to convey the practical discipline it houses.

George L. Horner, University Architect and Planner, 1906–1981

Born in Tiskilwa, Illinois, in 1906 and educated at the University of Illinois's School of Architecture, George Horner came to the University of Iowa in 1930. Working from the University architect's office on the third floor of the Old Dental Building on the Pentacrest and later from Gilmore Hall, he gave shape to an architectural and campus planning profile that embodied the aspirations of five University administrations. Walter Jessup was University president when George Horner arrived on campus, and Horner retired almost fifty years later during Willard Boyd's administration. Jessup was the greatest builder in UI history, and Boyd was responsible (more than any other University president) for bringing cutting-edge design and nationally recognized projects to campus. Horner was a key figure in both of those noteworthy periods of University architecture, shepherding the projects of outside architects and producing designs of his own. As an architect-in-residence, he was unusually active as a designer through three decades of UI architectural history. In 1946 he took a faculty appointment in the School of Fine Arts while retaining his position as University architect.

Most of Horner's own designs were built during the UI's Depression-construction boom of the 1930s and were associated with federally funded WPA initiatives. The birth of the "Iowa Idea," uniting the study and practice of the fine arts, coincided with Horner's hire and inspired the Arts Campus, which includes some of his finest work. The Art Building, the Theatre Building, and the IMU Pedestrian Bridge were all designed to nurture the arts and connect them to the greater life of campus. Horner was also responsible for that campus's low-slung Lagoon Shelter House, a WPA project he collaborated on during the active prewar period.

Horner's architectural training at Illinois was still in the Beaux-Arts tradition but, like his famous classmate, Max Abramovitz, he

would have been aware of the machine-aesthetic architecture appearing in Europe during the 1920s. This familiarity is evident in the stark plainness of one of his first UI projects, the Mechanical Engineering Building (1932), whose ornament-free walls and steel industrial windows make it his most radical work. Horner was only twenty-six at the time. When called upon to do so, he could also produce historical revival work such as the neo-Georgian Law Commons of 1935. He was most comfortable, however, with a modest version of the Art Deco or Streamline Moderne which was both frugal and progressive at the same time, as seen in the limestone-tipped brick vertical fins on the façades of Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory and the Theatre Building.

His most ambitious design, the 1936 Art Building, is both revivalist and contemporary at once. The neo-Palladian plan, with arcaded loggias linking the central block to the outlying studio pavilions, alludes to the architecture of the Italian Renaissance, while the stripped-down limestone frontispiece of the river façade looks more to the contemporary Moderne moment, as do most of the interior fixtures. In the late 1950s Horner tried his hand at International style Modernism in the Law Commons addition and the Medical Research Center, perhaps with mixed results, but those designs, too, typify his rather pragmatic and unassuming design mentality.

The importance of Horner's work extends beyond the University of Iowa. As one of the founding members of the Association of University Architects, Horner helped bring prominence to its role in campus planning, and it became the flagship professional organization of campus planners. He served as president of that organization, as well as the Iowa Association of Architects, and only retired from the University in 1979. It was not a retirement from architectural administration, however, as Horner went on to consult for numerous institutions as they set about creating university architect offices of their own. Horner died in Rancho Bernardo, California, in 1981, but his legacy is ever present in the annals of campus planning and the swath of well-designed structures he left at the University of Iowa: Music Building Rehearsal Hall, 1931; Mechanical Engineering Building, 1932; Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory additions: central block and

south wing, 1933; Law Commons (now International Center), 1935; Art Building, 1936; Theatre Building, 1936; IMU Pedestrian Bridge, 1936; Motor Pool, 1937; Lagoon Shelter House, 1939; Currier Residence Hall addition: north wing, 1940; Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse, 1942; South Quadrangle, 1942; Westlawn addition: south extension, 1945; Danforth Chapel, 1952; Parklawn Residence Hall, 1955; Medical Research Center, 1957; and Law Commons (International Center) addition, 1959.

Buildings

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Adler Journalism Building [Philip D. Adler Journalism & Mass Communication Building]	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	2005	Main Campus South
Art Building Addition: Printmaking (east) Wing	George Horner, University of Iowa Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1936 1968	Arts Campus
Addition: south wing	Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1969	
Addition: ceramics kilns	Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1975	
Art Building West	Steven Holl Architects, New York NY/HLKB Architects, Des Moines IA	2006	Arts Campus
Becker Communication Studies Building [Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building]	Thorson-Brom-Broshar-Snyder, Waterloo IA	1984	Main Campus South
Biological Sciences Library	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1902	Iowa Avenue Campus
Renovation	Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering LLP, Des Moines IA	2004	
Biology Bridge	Siah Armajani, Minneapolis MN/Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, Des Moines IA	2000	Iowa Avenue Campus
Biology Building	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1905	Iowa Avenue Campus
Addition: Dubuque Street wing	Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	1965, 1971	
Biology Building East	Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering: William Anderson, Des Moines IA	2000	Iowa Avenue Campus
Blank Honors Center	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	2003	Main Campus North
Bowen Science Building	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	1972	Medical Campus
Bowman House	O. H. Carpenter, Iowa City IA	1921	Main Campus North

Entries in bold are described more fully in the text

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Boyd Law Building	Gunnar Birkerts & Associates, Birmingham MI/Wehner, Pattschull, & Pfiffner, Iowa City IA	1986	Near West Campus
Boyd Tower (UIHC)	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1976	UIHC Campus
Burge Residence Hall	Charles Altfillisch, Decorah IA	1959	Main Campus North
Renovation: dining hall	Rohrbach Carlson PC, Iowa City IA	2003	
Calvin Hall	R. S. Finkbine, Des Moines IA	1885	Main Campus North
Cambus Maintenance Facility	Shive-Hattery, Iowa City IA	1972	Main Campus South
Carver Biomedical Research Building [Roy J. & Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building]	Payette Associates, Boston MA/Rohrbach Carlson, Iowa City IA	2005	Medical Campus
Carver-Hawkeye Arena	Caudill Rowlett Scott [CRS] Architects, Houston TX/Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	1983	Athletics Campus
Carver Pavilion [Roy J. Carver Pavilion] (UIHC)	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1988	UIHC Campus
Center for Disabilities & Development	Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	1954	Medical Campus
Chemistry Building	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1922	Main Campus North
Clapp Recital Hall	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1971	Arts Campus
College of Medicine Administration Building	NBBJ, Seattle WA/HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1991	Medical Campus
Colloton Pavilion [John W. Colloton Pavilion] (UIHC)	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1992	UIHC Campus
Communications Center	Brooks Borg, Architects-Engineers, Des Moines IA	1951	Main Campus South
Currier Residence Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1914	Main Campus North
Addition: southwest wing extension	Unknown	1928	
Addition: north wing	George Horner, University of Iowa	1940	
Addition: north wing extension	George Horner, University of Iowa	1949	
Renovation	George Horner, University of Iowa	1946	
Danforth Chapel	George Horner, University of Iowa	1952	River Valley Campus
Daum Residence Hall	Altfillisch, Olson, Gray, Decorah IA	1964	Main Campus North
Dental Science Building	Smith, Hinchman & Gryls, Detroit MI/George Horner, University of Iowa	1973	Medical Campus

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Dey House Addition: Glenn Schaeffer Library	Unknown OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	1857 2006	Main Campus North
Eckstein Medical Research Building [John W. Eckstein Medical Research Building]	NBBJ, Seattle WA/HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1989	Medical Campus
Engineering Research Facility	Brooks Borg & Skiles, Architects-Engineers, Des Moines IA	1986	Main Campus South
English-Philosophy Building	Sasaki, Walker, & Associates, Inc., Watertown MA/Prall Architects, Des Moines IA	1966	River Valley Campus
Field House Addition: Athletic Office Building Renovation Renovation	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA George Horner, University of Iowa, with Charles Altfillisch, Decorah IA Bussard Dikis Associates, Des Moines IA Unknown	1927 1955 1984 1995	Near West Campus
Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse Addition	George Horner, University of Iowa Nowysz & Associates, Iowa City IA	1942 1986	Athletics Campus
General Hospital (UIHC) Addition	Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas, Des Moines IA HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1929 1973	UIHC Campus
Gerdin Athletic Learning Center [Russell & Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center]	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	2003	Near West Campus
Gilmore Hall Addition: 3rd & 4th floors Renovation Renovation	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA Unknown Unknown Baldwin White Architects PC, Des Moines IA	1910 1961 1966 1995	Main Campus North
Halsey Hall Addition: west wing	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA Keffler & Jones, Des Moines IA	1915 1950	Main Campus North
Hancher Auditorium	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1972	Arts Campus
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	1974	Medical Campus
Hawkeye Court Apartments	Emery-Prall Associates, Des Moines IA	1967	Athletics Campus

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Hawkeye Drive Apartments	Dane D. Morgan & Associates, Burlington IA	1959	Athletics Campus
Hillcrest Residence Hall	Seth J. Temple, Davenport IA	1939	Near West Campus
Hope Lodge	Plunkett Raysich Architects, Madison WI	2007	Athletics Campus
Hospital Parking Ramp 1	Brown, Healey & Bock, Cedar Rapids IA	1968	UIHC Campus
Hospital Parking Ramp 2	Walker Parking, Minneapolis MN/Brown, Healey & Bock, Cedar Rapids IA	1978	UIHC Campus
Hospital Parking Ramp 3	Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1988	Athletics Campus
Indoor Practice Facility	University of Iowa Architect's Office	1986	Athletics Campus
Institute for Rural & Environmental Health	Unknown	1967	Oakdale Research Campus
International Center	George Horner, University of Iowa	1935	Arts Campus
Addition: south block	George Horner, University of Iowa	1959	
Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories	Frank O. Gehry, Los Angeles CA/HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	1992	River Valley Campus
Iowa Avenue Bridge	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1916	River Valley Campus
Iowa Memorial Union	Boyd & Moore, Des Moines IA	1927	River Valley Campus
Addition	Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	1955	
Addition: Iowa House	Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	1965	
Renovation	Bussard Dikis Associates, Des Moines IA	1988	
Addition	Burt, Hill, Kosar, Rittelmann Associates, Boston MA/OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	ca. 2008	
Iowa Memorial Union Pedestrian Bridge [IMU Bridge]	George Horner, University of Iowa	1936	River Valley Campus
Iowa Memorial Union Parking Ramp	Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	1964	Main Campus North
Jacobson Athletic Building [Richard O. Jacobson Athletic Building]	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	1995	Athletics Campus
Jessup Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1924	Pentacrest
Karro Athletics Hall of Fame [Roy G. Karro Building/Athletics Hall of Fame]	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	2002	Athletics Campus
Kinnick Stadium	Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas, Des Moines IA	1929	Athletics Campus

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Renovation & Addition: press & sky boxes, south stands	HNTB, Kansas City MO	2006	
Kuhl House	Robert Hutchinson, owner/builder	ca. 1840	Arts Campus
Renovation	University of Iowa Architect's Office	1987	
Lagoon Shelter House	George Horner, University of Iowa	1939	Arts Campus
Levitt Center for University Advancement	Gwathmey Siegel & Associates: Charles Gwathmey, New York NY/Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, Des Moines IA	1998	Arts Campus
Lindquist Center	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	1973	Main Campus South
Addition: north building	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL	1980	
Macbride Hall	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1908	Pentacrest
Renovation: Iowa Hall	McConnell-Stevely-Anderson Architects and Planners, Cedar Rapids IA	1983	
MacLean Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1912	Pentacrest
Addition	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1920	
Main Library	Keffer & Jones, Des Moines IA	1951	Main Campus South
Addition: south extension	Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	1971	
Mayflower Residence Hall	CPMI, Des Moines IA	1968	Main Campus North
Medical Education & Research Facility	Payette Associates, Boston MA/Baldwin White Architects, Des Moines IA	2002	Medical Campus
Addition: Carver Biomedical Research Building	Payette Associates, Boston MA/Rohrbach Carlson PC, Iowa City IA	2005	
Medical Education Building	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1919	Medical Campus
Medical Laboratories	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	1927	UIHC Campus
Medical Research Center	George Horner, University of Iowa/Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	1957	Medical Campus
Medical Research Facility	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1964	UIHC Campus
Melrose Avenue Parking Facility [Hospital Parking Ramp 4]	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	2005	UIHC Campus

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Motor Pool	George Horner, University of Iowa	1937	Main Campus South
Multi-Tenant Facility	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	1990	Oakdale Research Campus
Museum of Art	Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1969	Arts Campus
Addition: Carver wing	Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1975	
Addition: Alumni Center	Abramovitz-Harris-Kingsland, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1984	
National Advanced Driving Simulator	Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1998	Oakdale Research Campus
Newton Road Parking Ramp	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	2002	Medical Campus
North Campus Parking	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	1990	Main Campus North
North Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1925	Main Campus North
Nursing Building	Charles Herbert & Associates, Des Moines IA/George Horner, University of Iowa	1971	Medical Campus
Oakdale Hall	Unknown	1917	Oakdale Research Campus
Addition: nurses' dormitory	Unknown	1924	
Addition: medical administration	Unknown	1937	
Addition: auditorium & clinic	Unknown	1951	
Addition: patients' ward	Unknown	1954	
Addition: kitchen & rehabilitation	Unknown	1958	
Renovation	Unknown	1964	
Oakdale Studio A	Morgan & Gelatt, Burlington IA	1950	Oakdale Research Campus
Addition: twelve units	Morgan & Gelatt, Burlington IA	1963	
Old Capitol	John Francis Rague, Springfield IL/ Chauncey Swan, Iowa City IA	1842	Pentacrest
Renovation	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1924	
Restoration	Ferry & Henderson, Springfield IL/ Viggo M. Jensen, Iowa City IA	1974	
Restoration	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	2006	
Old Music Building	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1918	Iowa Avenue Campus
Addition: rehearsal hall	George Horner, University of Iowa	1931	

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Pappajohn Business Building [John Pappajohn Business Building]	Architectural Resources, Cambridge MA/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1993	Main Campus North
Pappajohn Pavilion (UIHC)	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	2000	UIHC Campus
Parklawn Residence Hall	George Horner, University of Iowa	1955	Arts Campus
Pharmacy Building	Woodburn O'Neil Architects and Engineers, West Des Moines IA	1961	Medical Campus
Addition: Wurster Center	Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering: William Anderson, Des Moines IA	1996	
Phillips Hall	Woodburn O'Neil Architects and Engineers, West Des Moines IA	1965	Iowa Avenue Campus
Pomerantz Center	Savage-Ver Ploeg & Associates, Inc., West Des Moines IA	2005	Main Campus North
Pomerantz Family Pavilion (UIHC)	HLM Design, Iowa City IA (includes the Center for Excellence in Image-Guided Radiation Therapy)	2005	UIHC Campus
Power Plant	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	1928	River Valley Campus
Addition: central & south wings	George Horner, University of Iowa	1933	
President's Residence	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1908	Main Campus North
Addition: garage, east extension	Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	1988	
Renovation	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	2005	
Quadrangle Residence Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1920	Near West Campus
Addition: inner ring	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	1925	
Renovation	Unknown	1935	
Addition: cafeteria	Unknown	1956	
Renovation	Stewart Robinson Laffin	1964	
Recreation Building	Porter/Brierly Associates, Des Moines IA	1970	Athletics Campus
Rienow Residence Hall	Smith, Voorhees & Jensen, Des Moines IA/Sioux City IA	1966	Near West Campus
Ronald McDonald House Addition	HLM Design, Iowa City IA Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1985 2001	Athletics Campus
Schaeffer Hall	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1902	Pentacrest
Renovation	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	1998	
Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts & Sciences	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1905	Main Campus South
Addition: materials testing lab	UI Mechanical Engineering Professor B. P. Fleming	1907	

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Addition: Mechanical Engineering Building	George Horner, University of Iowa	1932	
Addition: radio	George Horner, University of Iowa	1939	
Addition: electrical engineering	N. Clifford Prall, Des Moines IA	1964	
Addition: south wing	Anshen + Allen, Los Angeles CA/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	2001	
Seashore Hall	Josselyn & Taylor, Cedar Rapids IA	1899	Iowa Avenue Campus
Addition: east wing, porch, main entrance	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	1908	
Addition: north pavilions	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1915	
Shambaugh House	O. H. Carpenter, Iowa City IA	1900	Main Campus North
Slater Residence Hall	Smith, Voorhees & Jensen, Des Moines IA/Sioux City IA	1968	Near West Campus
South Quadrangle	George Horner, University of Iowa	1942	Near West Campus
Spence Laboratories of Psychology	Louis C. Kingston, Davenport IA	1968	Iowa Avenue Campus
Stadium at Robert L. Pearl Softball Field	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	1999	Athletics Campus
Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory [C. Maxwell Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory]	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	1928	River Valley Campus
Addition: central & south wings	George Horner, University of Iowa	1933	
Renovation	OPN Architects, Cedar Rapids IA	2002	
Stanley Residence Hall & Ecklund Lounge	Altfillisch, Olson, Gray & Thompson, Decorah IA	1966	Main Campus North
Technology Innovation Center	Unknown	1924	Oakdale Research Campus
Theatre Building	George Horner, University of Iowa	1936	Arts Campus
Addition: David L. Thayer Theatre & Theatre B	Abramovitz-Harris-Kingsland: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1985	
Trowbridge Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1918	Main Campus North
University Services Building	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	1999	Main Campus South
Van Allen Hall	Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	1964	Iowa Avenue Campus
Voxman Music Building	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	1971	Arts Campus

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Water Plant	Stanley Engineering, Muscatine IA	1963	River Valley Campus
Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing Center	Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	1967	Medical Campus
Westlawn	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	1919	Medical Campus
Renovation	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	1928	
Addition: south extension	George Horner, University of Iowa	1945	
Addition: Student Health expansion	Unknown	1996	
Wurster Center for Pharmaceutical Technology	Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, Des Moines IA	1996	Medical Campus

Architects

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Abramovitz-Harris-Kingsland: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Museum of Art addition: Alumni Center	1984	Arts Campus
Abramovitz-Harris-Kingsland, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Theatre Building addition: David L. Thayer Theatre & Theatre B	1985	Arts Campus
Charles Altfillisch, Decorah IA	Burge Residence Hall	1959	Main Campus North
Altfillisch, Olson, Gray, Decorah IA	Daum Residence Hall	1964	Main Campus North
Altfillisch, Olson, Gray & Thompson, Decorah IA	Stanley Residence Hall & Ecklund Lounge	1966	Main Campus North
Anshen + Allen, Los Angeles CA/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Seamans Center addition: south wing	2001	Main Campus South
Architectural Resources, Cambridge MA/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Pappajohn Business Building	1993	Main Campus North
Siah Armajani, Minneapolis MN/ Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, Des Moines IA	Biology Bridge	2000	Iowa Avenue Campus
Gunnar Birkerts & Associates, Birmingham MI/Wehner, Pattschull, & Pfiffner, Iowa City IA	Boyd Law Building	1986	Near West Campus
Boyd & Moore, Des Moines IA	Iowa Memorial Union	1927	River Valley Campus
Brooks Borg, Architects-Engineers, Des Moines IA	Communications Center	1951	Main Campus South
Brooks Borg & Skiles, Architects-Engineers, Des Moines IA	Engineering Research Facility	1986	Main Campus South
Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering: William Anderson, Des Moines IA	Pharmacy Building addition: Wurster Center	1996	Medical Campus
Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering LLP: William Anderson, Des Moines IA	Biology Building East	2000	Iowa Avenue Campus
Brown, Healey & Bock, Cedar Rapids IA	Hospital Parking Ramp 1	1968	UIHC Campus
Burt, Hill, Kosar, Rittelmann Associates, Boston MA/OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Iowa Memorial Union addition	ca. 2008	River Valley Campus
O. H. Carpenter, Iowa City IA	Shambaugh House	1900	Main Campus North
O. H. Carpenter, Iowa City IA	Bowman House	1921	Main Campus North
Caudill Rowlett Scott [CRS] Architects, Houston TX/Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	Carver-Hawkeye Arena	1983	Athletics Campus

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CPMI, Des Moines IA	Mayflower Residence Hall	1968	Main Campus North
Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	Van Allen Hall	1964	Iowa Avenue Campus
Emery-Prall & Associates, Des Moines IA	Hawkeye Court Apartments	1967	Athletics Campus
R. S. Finkbine, Des Moines IA	Calvin Hall	1885	Main Campus North
Frank O. Gehry & Associates, Los Angeles CA/HLKB Architects, Des Moines IA	Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories	1992	River Valley Campus
Gwathmey Siegel & Associates: Charles Gwathmey, New York NY/ Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, Des Moines IA	Levitt Center for University Advancement	1998	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Art Building addition: Printmaking (east) Wing	1968	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Art Building addition: south wing	1969	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Museum of Art	1969	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Clapp Recital Hall	1971	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Voxman Music Building	1971	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Hancher Auditorium	1972	Arts Campus
Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Art Building addition: ceramics kilns	1975	Arts Campus
Charles Herbert & Associates, Des Moines IA/George Horner, University of Iowa	Nursing Building	1971	Medical Campus
HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	North Campus Parking	1990	Main Campus North
HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	Multi-Tenant Facility	1990	Oakdale Research Campus

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HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	Richard O. Jacobson Athletic Building	1995	Athletics Campus
HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	Roy G. Karro Building	2002	Athletics Campus
HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	Newton Road Parking Ramp	2002	Medical Campus
HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	Blank Honors Center	2003	Main Campus North
HLKB [Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck] Architecture, Des Moines IA	Melrose Avenue Parking Facility (Hospital Parking Ramp 4)	2005	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Medical Research Facility	1964	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Boyd Tower	1976	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Roy J. Carver Pavilion	1988	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Ronald McDonald House	1985	Athletics Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	John W. Colloton Pavilion	1992	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	John Pappajohn Pavilion	2000	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	College of Medicine Administration Building	1991	Medical Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Pomerantz Family Pavilion	2005	UIHC Campus
HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Stadium at Robert L. Pearl Softball Field	1999	Athletics Campus
Steven Holl Architects, New York NY/HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Art Building West	2006	Arts Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Old Music Building addition: rehearsal hall	1931	Iowa Avenue Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Seamans Center addition: Mechanical Engineering	1932	Main Campus South
George Horner, University of Iowa	International Center (Law Commons)	1935	Arts Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Art Building	1936	Arts Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Theatre Building	1936	Arts Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Iowa Memorial Union Pedestrian Bridge	1936	River Valley Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Motor Pool	1937	Main Campus South
George Horner, University of Iowa	Lagoon Shelter House	1939	Arts Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse	1942	Athletics Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	South Quadrangle	1942	Near West Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Danforth Chapel	1952	River Valley Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	Parklawn Residence Hall	1955	Arts Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa/ Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	Medical Research Center	1957	Medical Campus
George Horner, University of Iowa	International Center addition: west block	1959	Arts Campus

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Robert Hutchinson, owner/builder	Kuhl House	ca. 1840	Arts Campus
Josselyn & Taylor, Cedar Rapids IA	Seashore Hall	1899	Iowa Avenue Campus
Keffer & Jones, Des Moines IA	Halsey Hall addition: west wing	1950	Main Campus North
Keffer & Jones, Des Moines IA	Main Library	1951	Main Campus South
Louis C. Kingston, Davenport IA	Spence Laboratories of Psychology	1968	Iowa Avenue Campus
Dane D. Morgan & Associates, Burlington IA	Hawkeye Drive Apartments	1959	Athletics Campus
Morgan & Gelatt, Burlington IA	Oakdale Studio A	1950	Oakdale Research Campus
NBBJ, Seattle WA/HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Eckstein Medical Research Building	1989	Medical Campus
Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Hospital Parking Ramp 3	1988	Athletics Campus
Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	National Advanced Driving Simulator	1998	Oakdale Research Campus
OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	University Services Building	1999	Main Campus South
OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Gerdin Athletic Learning Center	2003	Near West Campus
OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Adler Journalism Building	2005	Main Campus South
OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Dey House addition: Glenn Schaeffer Library	2006	Main Campus North
Payette Associates, Boston MA/Rohrbach Carlson, Iowa City IA	Roy J. & Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building	2005	Medical Campus
Payette Associates, Boston MA/Baldwin White Architects, Des Moines IA	Medical Education & Research Facility	2002	Medical Campus
Plunkett Raysich Architects, Madison WI	Hope Lodge	2007	Athletics Campus
Porter/Brierly Associates, Des Moines IA	Recreation Building	1970	Athletics Campus
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Biological Sciences Library	1902	Iowa Avenue Campus
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Schaeffer Hall	1902	Pentacrest
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Biology Building	1905	Iowa Avenue Campus
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts & Sciences	1905	Main Campus South
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Macbride Hall	1908	Pentacrest
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	President's Residence	1908	Main Campus North

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Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Seashore Hall additions: east wing, porch, main entrance	1908	Iowa Avenue Campus
Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Gilmore Hall	1910	Main Campus North
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	MacLean Hall	1912	Pentacrest
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Currier Residence Hall	1914	Main Campus North
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Halsey Hall	1915	Main Campus North
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Seashore Hall addition: north pavilions	1915	Iowa Avenue Campus
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Old Music Building	1918	Iowa Avenue Campus
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Trowbridge Hall	1918	Main Campus North
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Medical Education Building	1919	Medical Campus
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Westlawn	1919	Medical Campus
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Quadrangle Residence Hall	1920	Near West Campus
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Chemistry Building	1922	Main Campus North
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Jessup Hall	1924	Pentacrest
Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	North Hall	1925	Main Campus North
Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	Field House	1927	Near West Campus
Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	Medical Laboratories	1927	UIHC Campus
Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	Power Plant	1928	River Valley Campus
Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory	1928	River Valley Campus
Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas, Des Moines IA	General Hospital	1929	UIHC Campus
Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas, Des Moines IA	Kinnick Stadium	1929	Athletics Campus
John Francis Rague, Springfield IL/Chauncey Swan, Iowa City IA	Old Capitol	1842	Pentacrest
Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	Center for Disabilities & Development	1954	Medical Campus
Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	Biology Building addition: Dubuque Street wing	1965	Iowa Avenue Campus

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Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	Main Library addition: south extension	1971	Main Campus South
Rohrbach Carlson, Iowa City IA	Roy J. & Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building	2005	Medical Campus
Sasaki, Walker & Associates, Inc., Watertown MA/Prall Architects, Des Moines IA	English-Philosophy Building	1966	River Valley Campus
Savage-Ver Ploeg & Associates Inc., West Des Moines IA	Pomerantz Center	2005	Main Campus North
Shive-Hattery, Iowa City IA	Campus Maintenance Facility	1972	Main Campus South
Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	Bowen Science Building	1972	Medical Campus
Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	Lindquist Center	1973	Main Campus South
Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	Hardin Library for the Health Sciences	1974	Medical Campus
Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL	Lindquist Center addition: north building	1980	Main Campus South
Smith, Hinchman & Gryls, Detroit MI/George Horner, University of Iowa	Dental Science Building	1973	Medical Campus
Smith, Voorhees & Jensen, Des Moines IA/Sioux City IA	Rienow Residence Hall	1966	Near West Campus
Smith, Voorhees & Jensen, Des Moines IA/Sioux City IA	Slater Residence Hall	1968	Near West Campus
Stanley Engineering, Muscatine IA	Water Plant	1963	River Valley Campus
Seth J. Temple, Davenport IA	Hillcrest Residence Hall	1939	Near West Campus
Thorson-Brom-Broshar-Snyder Architects, Waterloo IA	Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building	1984	Main Campus South
Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	Iowa Memorial Union Parking Ramp	1964	Main Campus North
Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	Iowa Memorial Union addition: Iowa House	1965	River Valley Campus
University of Iowa Architect's Office	Indoor Practice Facility	1986	Athletics Campus
Walker Parking, Minneapolis MN/Brown, Healey & Bock, Cedar Rapids IA	Hospital Parking Ramp 2	1978	UIHC Campus
Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	Pharmacy Building	1961	Medical Campus
Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	Phillips Hall	1965	Iowa Avenue Campus

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Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing Center	1967	Medical Campus
Unknown	Dey House	1857	Main Campus North
Unknown	Oakdale Hall	1917	Oakdale Research Campus
Unknown	Technology Innovation Center	1924	Oakdale Research Campus
Unknown	Oakdale Hall addition: medical administration	1937	Oakdale Research Campus
Unknown	Oakdale Hall addition: auditorium & clinic	1951	Oakdale Research Campus
Unknown	Institute for Rural & Environmental Health	1967	Oakdale Research Campus

Chronology of Building Completion / Occupancy Dates

<i>Year</i>	<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
ca. 1840	Kuhl House	Robert Hutchinson, owner/builder	Arts Campus
1842	Old Capitol	John Francis Rague, Springfield IL/Chauncey Swan, Iowa City IA	Pentacrest
1857	Dey House	Unknown	Main Campus North
1885	Calvin Hall	R. S. Finkbine, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1899	Seashore Hall	Josselyn & Taylor, Cedar Rapids IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1900	Shambaugh House	O. H. Carpenter, Iowa City IA	Main Campus North
1902	Biological Sciences Library	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1902	Schaeffer Hall	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Pentacrest
1905	Biology Building	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1905	Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts & Sciences	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Main Campus South
1908	Macbride Hall	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Pentacrest
1908	President's Residence	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1908	Seashore Hall addition: east wing, porch, main entrance	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1910	Gilmore Hall	Proudfoot & Bird, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1912	MacLean Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Pentacrest
1914	Currier Residence Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1915	Halsey Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1915	Seashore Hall addition: north pavilions	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1916	Iowa Avenue Bridge	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1917	Oakdale Hall	Unknown	Oakdale Research Campus
1918	Old Music Building	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1918	Trowbridge Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1919	Medical Education Building	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
1919	Westlawn	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
1920	Quadrangle Residence Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Near West Campus

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1921	Bowman House	O. H. Carpenter, Iowa City IA	Main Campus North
1922	Chemistry Building	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1924	Jessup Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Pentacrest
1924	Technology Innovation Center	Unknown	Oakdale Research Campus
1925	North Hall	Proudfoot, Bird & Rawson, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1927	Field House	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	Near West Campus
1927	Iowa Memorial Union	Boyd & Moore, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1927	Medical Laboratories	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	UIHC Campus
1928	Power Plant	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1928	Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory	Proudfoot, Rawson & Souers, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1929	General Hospital	Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas, Des Moines IA	UIHC Campus
1929	Kinnick Stadium	Proudfoot, Rawson, Souers & Thomas, Des Moines IA	Athletics Campus
1931	Old Music Building addition: rehearsal hall	George Horner, University of Iowa	Iowa Avenue Campus
1932	Seamans Center addition: Mechanical Engineering	George Horner, University of Iowa	Main Campus South
1935	International Center (Law Commons)	George Horner, University of Iowa	Medical Campus
1936	Art Building	George Horner, University of Iowa	Arts Campus
1936	IMU Pedestrian Bridge	George Horner, University of Iowa	River Valley Campus
1936	Theatre Building	George Horner, University of Iowa	Arts Campus
1937	Motor Pool	George Horner, University of Iowa	Main Campus South
1937	Oakdale Hall addition: medical administration	Unknown	Oakdale Research Campus
1939	Hillcrest Residence Hall	Seth J. Temple, Davenport IA	Near West Campus
1939	Lagoon Shelter House	George Horner, University of Iowa	Arts Campus
1942	Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse	George Horner, University of Iowa	Athletics Campus
1942	South Quadrangle	George Horner, University of Iowa	Near West Campus
1950	Halsey Hall addition: west wing	Keffer & Jones, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1950	Oakdale Studio A	Morgan & Gelatt, Burlington IA	Oakdale Research Campus
1951	Communications Center	Brooks Borg, Architects-Engineers, Des Moines IA	Main Campus South
1951	Main Library	Keffer & Jones, Des Moines IA	Main Campus South

<i>Year</i>	<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Architect/Project Architect</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
1951	Oakdale Hall addition: auditorium & clinic	Unknown	Oakdale Research Campus
1952	Danforth Chapel	George Horner, University of Iowa	River Valley Campus
1954	Center for Disabilities & Development	Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	Medical Campus
1955	Parklawn Residence Hall	George Horner, University of Iowa	Arts Campus
1957	Medical Research Center	George Horner, University of Iowa/ Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
1959	Burge Residence Hall	Charles Altfillisch, Decorah IA	Main Campus North
1959	Hawkeye Drive Apartments	Dane D. Morgan & Associates, Burlington IA	Athletics Campus
1959	International Center addition: west block	George Horner, University of Iowa	Arts Campus
1961	Pharmacy Building	Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
1963	Water Plant	Stanley Engineering, Muscatine IA	River Valley Campus
1964	Daum Residence Hall	Altfillisch, Olson, Gray, Decorah IA	Main Campus North
1964	Iowa Memorial Union Parking Ramp	Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1964	Medical Research Facility	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	UIHC Campus
1964	Van Allen Hall	Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1965	Biology Building addition: Dubuque Street wing	Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1965	Iowa Memorial Union addition: Iowa House	Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter & Lyon, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1965	Phillips Hall	Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1966	English-Philosophy Building	Sasaki, Walker & Associates, Inc., Watertown MA/Prall Architects, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1966	Rienow Residence Hall	Smith, Voorhees & Jensen, Des Moines IA/Sioux City IA	Near West Campus
1966	Stanley Residence Hall & Ecklund Lounge	Altfillisch, Olson, Gray & Thompson, Decorah IA	Main Campus North
1967	Hawkeye Court Apartments	Emery-Prall Associates, Des Moines IA	Athletics Campus
1967	Institute for Rural & Environmental Health	Unknown	Oakdale Research Campus
1967	Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing Center	Woodburn O'Neil Architects & Engineers, West Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
1968	Art Building addition: Printmaking (east) Wing	Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1968	Hospital Parking Ramp 1	Brown, Healey & Bock, Cedar Rapids IA	UIHC Campus

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1968	Mayflower Residence Hall	CPMI, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1968	Slater Residence Hall	Smith, Voorhees & Jensen, Des Moines IA/Sioux City IA	Near West Campus
1968	Spence Laboratories of Psychology	Louis C. Kingston, Davenport IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
1969	Art Building addition: south wing	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1969	Museum of Art	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1970	Recreation Building	Porter/Brierly Associates, Des Moines IA	Athletics Campus
1971	Clapp Recital Hall	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1971	Main Library addition: south extension	Charles Richardson & Associates, Davenport IA	Main Campus South
1971	Nursing Building	Charles Herbert & Associates, Des Moines IA/George Horner, University of Iowa	Medical Campus
1971	Voxman Music Building	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1972	Bowen Science Building	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	Medical Campus
1972	Campus Maintenance Facility	Shive-Hattery, Iowa City IA	Main Campus South
1972	Hancher Auditorium	Harrison & Abramovitz: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1973	Dental Science Building	Smith, Hinchman & Gryls, Detroit MI/George Horner, University of Iowa	Medical Campus
1973	Lindquist Center	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	Main Campus South
1974	Hardin Library for the Health Sciences	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL/George Horner, University of Iowa	Medical Campus

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1975	Art Building addition: ceramics kilns	Harrison & Abramovitz, New York NY/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1976	Boyd Tower	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	UIHC Campus
1978	Hospital Parking Ramp 2	Walker Parking, Minneapolis MN/ Brown, Healey & Bock, Cedar Rapids IA	UIHC Campus
1980	Lindquist Center addition: north building	Skidmore Owings & Merrill: Walter Netsch, Chicago IL	Main Campus South
1983	Carver-Hawkeye Arena	Caudill Rowlett Scott [CRS] Architects, Houston TX/Durrant Group, Dubuque IA	Athletics Campus
1984	Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building	Thorson-Brom-Brosnar-Snyder, Waterloo IA	Main Campus South
1984	Museum of Art addition: Alumni Center	Abramovitz-Harris-Kingsland: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1985	Ronald McDonald House	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Athletics Campus
1985	Theatre Building addition: David L. Thayer Theatre & Theatre B	Abramovitz-Harris-Kingsland: Max Abramovitz, New York NY/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Arts Campus
1986	Boyd Law Building	Gunnar Birkerts & Associates, Birmingham MI/Wehner, Pattschull, & Pfiffner, Iowa City IA	Near West Campus
1986	Engineering Research Facility	Brooks Borg & Skiles, Architects- Engineers, Des Moines IA	Main Campus South
1986	Indoor Practice Facility	University of Iowa Architect's Office	Athletics Campus
1988	Roy J. Carver Pavilion	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	UIHC Campus
1988	Hospital Parking Ramp 3	Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Athletics Campus
1989	John W. Eckstein Medical Research Building	NBBJ, Seattle WA/HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Medical Campus
1990	North Campus Parking	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
1990	Multi-Tenant Facility	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Oakdale Research Campus
1991	College of Medicine Administration Building	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Medical Campus
1992	John W. Colloton Pavilion	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	UIHC Campus
1992	Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories	Frank O. Gehry, Los Angeles CA/ HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	River Valley Campus
1993	John Pappajohn Business Building	Architectural Resources, Cambridge MA/Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Main Campus North

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1995	Jacobson Athletic Building	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Athletics Campus
1996	Pharmacy Building addition: Wurster Center	Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering: William Anderson, Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
1998	Levitt Center for University Advancement	Gwathmey Siegel & Associates: Charles Gwathmey, New York NY/ Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, Des Moines IA	Arts Campus
1998	National Advanced Driving Simulator	Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Oakdale Research Campus
1999	Stadium at Robert L. Pearl Softball Field	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	Athletics Campus
1999	University Services Building	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Main Campus South
2000	Biology Bridge	Siah Armajani, Minneapolis MN/ Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering, LLP, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
2000	Biology Building East	Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering: William Anderson, Des Moines IA	Iowa Avenue Campus
2000	Pappajohn Pavilion	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	UIHC Campus
2001	Seamans Center addition: south wing	Anshen + Allen, Los Angeles CA/ Neumann Monson Architects, Iowa City IA	Main Campus South
2002	Roy G. Karro Building	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Athletics Campus
2002	Newton Road Parking Ramp	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
2002	Medical Education & Research Facility	Payette Associates, Boston MA/ Baldwin White Architects, Des Moines IA	Medical Campus
2003	Blank Honors Center	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
2003	Russell & Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Near West Campus
2005	Roy J. & Lucille A. Carver Biomedical Research Building	Payette Associates, Boston MA/ Rohrbach Carlson, Iowa City IA	Medical Campus
2005	Melrose Avenue Parking Facility	HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	UIHC Campus
2005	Philip D. Adler Journalism & Mass Communication Building	OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	Main Campus South
2005	Pomerantz Center	Savage-Ver Ploeg & Associates Inc., West Des Moines IA	Main Campus North
2005	Pomerantz Family Pavilion	HLM Design, Iowa City IA	UIHC Campus
2006	Art Building West	Steven Holl Architects, New York NY/HLKB Architecture, Des Moines IA	Arts Campus

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2006	Dey House addition: Glenn Schaeffer Library	OPN Architects, Cedar Rapids IA	Main Campus North
ca. 2007	Hope Lodge	Plunkett Raysich Architects, Madison WI	Athletics Campus
ca. 2008	Iowa Memorial Union addition	Burt, Hill, Kosar, Rittelmann Associates, Boston MA/OPN Architects, Inc., Cedar Rapids IA	River Valley Campus

Sculptures

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Title of Sculpture</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Campus Zone</i>
Hancher Auditorium	Ernest Trova (b. 1927)	Profile Canto II	1973	Cor-ten steel	Arts Campus
Hancher Auditorium	Luther Utterback (1948–1997)	Untitled	1976	Indiana limestone blocks	Arts Campus
Hancher Auditorium	George Walker (b. 1924)	Grizzly Bear	1973	Plywood, paint	Arts Campus
Levitt Center for University Advancement	Shirley Wyrick (b. 1936)	Building a Foundation	1998	Cast bronze	Arts Campus
Levitt Center for University Advancement	Hu Hung-Shu (b. 1935)	D. Forever	1998	Stainless steel, aircraft cable	Arts Campus
Museum of Art	Beverly Pepper (b. 1924)	Omega	1974	Painted steel	Arts Campus
Museum of Art	Mark di Suvero (b. 1933)	Untitled	1971	Painted steel	Arts Campus
Museum of Art	George Rickey (1907–2002)	Four Rectangles Oblique: Variation II	1975	Stainless steel	Arts Campus
Museum of Art	George Rickey (1907–2002)	Two Lines Oblique	1969	Stainless steel	Arts Campus
Museum of Art	Lila Katzen (1932–1998)	Oracle	1974	Cor-ten, stainless steel	Arts Campus
Museum of Art	David Jokinen (1951–1999)	Untitled installation	1989	Colored concrete, iron, stone, earth	Arts Campus
Voxman Music Building	Shirley Wyrick (b. 1936)	River Dance	2001	Steel, glass, cast iron, & wire	Arts Campus
Carver-Hawkeye Arena	Lloyd Hamrol (b. 1937)	Stonerise	1983	Iowa limestone blocks	Athletics Campus
Carver-Hawkeye Arena	David Lawton (unknown)	Hawk	1990	Stainless steel	Athletics Campus
Carver-Hawkeye Arena (interior)	David Luck (b. 1947)	Shared Rhythms	1984	Copper, brass, other metals	Athletics Campus

Entries in **bold** are described more fully in the text

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Kinnick Stadium	Lawrence Nowlan (b. 1965)	Nile Kinnick	2006	Bronze	Athletics Campus
John Pappajohn Business Building	Scott Burton (1939–1989)	Concrete tables/stools (eight pairs of concrete tables)	1992	Cast concrete	Main Campus North
Philip D. Adler Journalism & Mass Communication Building	James Sanborn (b. 1945)	lacto	2004	Metallic cylinder	Main Campus South
Samuel L. Becker Communication Studies Building (interior)	David Middlebrook (b. 1944)	Small World	1986	Bronze, Italian marble, clay	Main Campus South
Lindquist Center	Louise Nevelson (1900–1988)	Voyage	1975	Cor-ten steel, black paint	Main Campus South
Lindquist Center (interior)	Takashi Naraha (unknown)	Sculpture 79-9	1979	Black Swedish granite	Main Campus South
Lindquist Center (interior)	Fletcher Benton (b. 1931)	Folded Circle, 2 Squares	1977	Polished bronze, granite	Main Campus South
Lindquist Center (interior)	Melvin Schuler (b. 1924)	Geometric Abstraction No. 2	1979	Copper over redwood	Main Campus South
Lindquist Center (interior)	Barry Tinsley (b. 1942)	Those Hills Again	1979	Steel	Main Campus South
Bowen Science Building (interior); formerly located at Museum of Art	Pol Bury (b. 1922)	Kinetic Fountain	1969	Stainless steel	Medical Campus
Boyd Tower	Ronda Reinke (b. 1952)	To Cleve's Creamery from Grandpa's Farm	1980	Cast iron	Medical Campus
John W. Eckstein Medical Research Building	Robert Arneson (1930–1992)	Gateway to Self-Realization	1992	Painted bronze, stainless steel	Medical Campus

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John Pappajohn Pavilion	Fletcher Benton (b. 1931)	Folded Square Alphabet D	1980	Painted steel plate	Medical Campus
Roy J. Carver Pavilion	Julius Schmidt (b. 1923)	Untitled	1985	Cast bronze	Medical Campus
Boyd Law Building	Auguste Rodin (1840–1917)	Jean de Fiennes (one figure from The Burghers of Calais, 1884–1886)	1987	Bronze cast (contemporary cast IV/IV, 1987, authorized by the estate of Auguste Rodin)	Near West Campus
Boyd Law Building (interior)	Hu Hung-Shu (b. 1935)	For All Seasons	1987	Stainless steel, aircraft cable	Near West Campus
National Advanced Driving Simulator	J. Nelson (unknown)	Gemini	1994	Steel	Oakdale Campus
Schaeffer Hall (interior)	William Carlson (b. 1950)	Reticulated Aperture	1999	Cast glass panels	Pentacrest
English-Philosophy Building	Darrell Petit (b. 1960)	Critical Point	1990	Railroad ties	River Valley Campus
English-Philosophy Building	Paul Slepak (b. 1946)	Untitled	1978	Cor-ten steel	River Valley Campus
Iowa Memorial Union	Elizabeth Catlett (b. 1915)	Stepping Out	2000	Bronze	River Valley Campus
Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories	Sol Lewitt (b. 1928)	2-3-1-1	1994	Aluminum, white paint	River Valley Campus

Glossary

- arcade**—A series of consecutive arches supported by piers or columns
- arch, blind**—An arch without an opening; applied as a decorative treatment to a flat surface
- arch, pointed**—Characteristic of Gothic architecture, this arch culminates with a point instead of the conventional semicircular curve
- architrave**—An element of classical architecture comprising the lowest portion of the entablature; the component below the frieze
- Art Deco**—A style derived from the 1925 Paris Exposition of Decorative Arts; characterized by repetition of sleek, curvilinear forms in imitation of machine-made objects
- Art Moderne**—Design popular in the 1920s to 1940s incorporating motifs suggestive of machine-made objects; see also Art Deco
- articulated frame**—The external expression of the internal structure of a building
- atrium**—A large reception room or open courtyard, usually the first space entered, which provides a transitional space to other parts of a building
- axial relationships**—The relation of buildings, streets, or other design elements to one another along a center line
- balustrade**—Composed of short posts (balusters) that support a horizontal rail; this can be used as a decorative feature, to enclose a space, or as a handrail
- basilica**—For ancient Romans, a large open meeting hall; became the predominant plan for Christian churches
- bas-relief**—A sculpture that projects only slightly from the surrounding surface; also called low relief
- bay**—One of a series of upright wall sections defined by flanking columns, pilasters, piers, buttresses, or other vertical elements
- Beaux-Arts Classicism**—A style of architecture popular in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries influenced by the principles of the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris and using motifs from Roman architecture
- bracket**—A small, ornamental architectural piece protruding from a wall and used to support another element above it
- Brutalism**—A mid twentieth-century style emphasizing the aesthetic of exposed concrete, especially with the surface texture of the wooden forms
- cantilever**—A projecting horizontal element that is seemingly unsupported, like a balcony

capital—The upper, decorative component of a column

casement window—A side-hinged window having a vertical sash

castellated—containing parts of a medieval castle, such as crenellations

Chicago window—A large, oblong window flanked by two narrow sash windows

Civilian Conservation Corps—A New Deal program (1933–1941) designed to provide employment for men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five on flood control jobs and other environmental projects

cladding—A protective covering applied to the external surface of a structure

Classical, Classicism—A style used in, or reflecting qualities and motifs of, Greek and Roman art and architecture; characterized by symmetry and rationality

Classical Revival—A later return to Greco-Roman visual arts; see also neo-Classical or Beaux-Arts Classicism

clerestory—A row of windows along the upper part of a wall

Collegiate Gothic—A secular version of Gothic architecture revived for nineteenth-century university campuses

colonette—A slender, shorter form of a column, usually for decoration

Colonial—Eighteenth-century American domestic architecture, primarily brick and clapboard

Colonial Revival—A historicizing trend in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries of domestic architecture that references eighteenth-century forms of the American colonies

column—A freestanding vertical element comprised of a base, shaft, and capital

column, engaged—A column embedded into a wall

console—An ornamental bracket, often an S-curve shape, supporting or buttressing a structural element above or behind

Constructivism—An art movement originating in Russia in the early twentieth century; in architecture it emphasized the structure and the industrial materials of a building

corbels—A projecting element supporting an upper structure, as under a balcony

Corinthian—An order of classical architecture characterized by capitals with acanthus-leaf ornamentation

cornice—The uppermost portion of an entablature; a projecting molding that runs along the top of a building

crenellation/crenellated—Notches cut into a parapet surrounding a platform or roof; most notably the battlements on top of a castle tower offering protection to archers

curtain wall—A nonload-bearing section of a wall; using one material, usually glass, that gives a uniform appearance

denticulation—A series of small, toothlike squares (dentils) running horizontally under a cornice

Doric—An order of classical architecture characterized by a simple, cushion capital and containing triglyphs and metopes in the frieze of the entablature
dormer—A window projecting from the sloping side of a roof

English Gothic—The medieval architecture of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries typical of England

entablature—The horizontal feature above columns in classical architecture that is divided into three parts: cornice (uppermost element), frieze (inscription or sculptural relief), and architrave

façade—Exterior surface or front of an edifice

Field Theory—A design methodology of the 1970s employing multiples of a geometrical unit (“field”) for the generation of building floor plans

finials—A series of crowning vertical ornaments extending above the primary massing of a building

Flemish Bond brickwork—Alternating short and long bricks along each horizontal course

fluting—Consecutive concave grooves running along the length of a column shaft or pilaster

frieze—A horizontal band between the cornice and architrave in a classical entablature, sometimes containing an inscription

frontispiece—An element designating the main entrance or primary façade of a building

gable—The triangular (or variant) shape formed by the end of a pitched roof

gallery, blind—A continuous arcade of closed arches serving to decorate a wall

gambrel roof—A roof where each gable is composed of one gradually inclining plane and one steep, nearly vertical plane; similar to a mansard roof

Georgian Revival—The nineteenth-century return to visual forms of the Georgian period

Georgian style—An architectural and decorative program employing elements of Renaissance Classicism; associated with the tastes of England’s kings George I–IV (1714–1830) and typical of the American colonies and early U.S. republic

German Expressionism—In architecture, a style developed in Germany in the 1920s aimed at emotional appeal

glazing—An opening covered by glass; a wall of glass

Gothic—The dominant architectural style in Europe from the twelfth to the fifteenth century, having pointed arches, masonry rib vaulting, and extensive stained-glass windows

Gothic Revival—A stylistic trend employing characteristics of Gothic architecture beginning in the mid eighteenth century in Europe and extending into the early twentieth century in the U.S.

Greek Revival—A neo-Classical style that aimed to recreate the characteristics of Greek, as opposed to Roman, architecture; characterized by simplified forms

headers and stretchers—A header is a brick laid with its short end showing on the exterior of a wall; a stretcher is laid with its long side showing

hip roof—A roof where the gables, instead of extending vertically, slope back toward the ridge

incising—A process by which a design is cut into a material

International—An architectural style appearing first in Europe in 1920–1930; characterized by a machine aesthetic and historical allusions

International style Modernism—See International style

ionic—An order of classical architecture characterized by a capital comprised of two volute scrolls

Italian Baroque—A style popular from the late sixteenth century to the early eighteenth century; a synthesis of architecture, painting, and sculpture characterized by elliptical forms, dynamic compositions, and an emphasis on highlights and shadow

Italian Renaissance—The period of the late fourteenth to sixteenth centuries marked by a revival of classical ideals and motifs

Italianate—A style of architecture popular in the nineteenth century recalling Italian Renaissance architectural and decorative forms

keystone—The stone at the pinnacle of an arch

lancet window—A slim, vertically arched window with a pointed, spearlike top

lantern—A small round or polygonal crowning structure with narrow windows admitting light to an interior space

lintel—A horizontal element supported by two vertical posts and forming an open space such as a doorway or window

loggia—A roofed, open gallery featuring an arcade or colonnade along the side of a building

Lombard band—A prominent horizontal decorative line composed of small blind arches and running along the top of a wall or other structural element; a characteristic feature of Romanesque architecture

lunette—A flat, semicircular surface, often over a door, used as a space for murals, mosaics, sculpture, or as a decorative treatment in itself

machine aesthetic—An emphasis on the machine-made and industrial, with mass-produced elements in structural and surface treatments

mansard roof—A roof where all four sides have a double slope, the lower one being more severe

massing—The exterior assemblage or orientation of a building's spatial volumes

Medieval—Architectural styles characteristic of the Middle Ages, primarily Romanesque and Gothic

Medieval Revival—Nineteenth- and early twentieth-century styles employing Romanesque and Gothic motifs

metope—The square space between triglyphs on a Doric frieze

Minimalism—A style aimed at simplifying forms to essential geometric elements; lacking decoration

Modern—A general stylistic orientation of the twentieth century that rejected historical motifs in favor of machine aesthetics and the utilization of new materials and structural systems

Moderne—A style popular in the 1920s through 1940s and based on a machine aesthetic, often with streamlined effects

Modernism—In architecture, a style that rejected all reference to historical or past styles

modular—A method of building design where proportions of space and structure are determined by the geometric ratios between part and whole

monolithic—Created from a single piece of material (e.g., stone); a monolithic column shaft cut from the quarry as one piece, not made up of assembled cut drums

mullion—A thin, vertical pier separating the openings of adjacent windows or doors

mutule—One of a series of projecting rectangular blocks supporting a cornice

neo-Classical—An eighteenth-century revival of ancient Greek and Roman architecture

neo-Gothic—Any post-medieval use of Gothic forms or motifs; see also Gothic Revival

neo-Miesian—Architecture influenced by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886–1969)

New Formalism—A modernist style (since the 1960s) characterized by symmetry and stylized classical composition

oculus—A small circular opening or “eye” at the top of a dome or in a wall

pagoda—A stepped tower of multiple roof structures; often associated with Buddhist temples

Palladianism—An architectural style inspired by sixteenth-century Italian architect Palladio adapting elements from Roman architecture to contemporary building types

palmette—A decorative element resembling a palm leaf

parapet—A protective wall creating a barrier against a severe drop

pavilion—A vertically projecting exterior volume of a larger building

pediment—A triangular-shaped gable crowning a portico, door, or window

pier—A freestanding vertical element, usually rectangular in form, supporting a structure above

pilaster—An engaged pier that seems embedded into the wall, similar to an engaged column, used for decorative purposes

piloti—An exposed, usually round pillar in front of a recessed first-story wall and supporting the second floor of a building

podium—A platform providing a base for a building

portico—A structure that covers the area before the entrance to a building; usually takes the shape of a temple façade with a pediment, entablature, and columns

Postmodernism—A variety of late twentieth-century styles that reacted to Modernism and moved toward more diverse, individual styles, sometimes introducing ornament and motifs from earlier styles

Prairie—An architectural style with its roots in the American Midwest (Frank Lloyd Wright); emphasized the relationship of a building to its site, focused on the use of natural materials, and stressed horizontality

PWA—The Public Works Administration (1933–1947) was a Roosevelt-era federally funded program for infrastructure development

punched window—A window deeply inset into a wall and often without enframingent

Queen Anne—An architectural style influenced by the tastes of England's Queen Anne (early sixteenth century), developed in the U.S. in the late nineteenth century; characterized by multiple gables and asymmetry

quoins, quoining—Distinctively cut stones at the corner of a wall, usually to emphasize or decorate

relief—An image carved into a flat surface so that the forms project from, but remain attached to, the background

revetment—External cladding of fine material, such as marble or other high quality stone, over an otherwise structural surface

ribbon window—One of a series of horizontal windows, separated only by mullions, that forms a band across the exterior wall of a building

Rococo—A style of the late Baroque characterized by elegant curvilinear forms and pastel colors

Romanesque—An architectural style of the Middle Ages characterized by the use of round arches and weighty masonry construction

Romanesque Revival—A nineteenth-century emulation of Romanesque architecture, usually emphasizing round arches and heavy masonry

rotunda—A building or room, circular in plan, usually topped by a dome

Russian Constructivism—See Constructivism

rustication—Masonry made to look as if cut from large stone blocks, usually left with a rough surface texture

scroll—A decorative spiral form

Second Empire—A French style popular in the second half of the nineteenth century, during the reign of Napoleon III, showing a profusion of ornament

slab roof—A flat roof, often of a simple slab of concrete or stone

solarium—A sun terrace

space-frame construction—Interconnected truss-framework roof structure that can cover large spaces

Spanish Colonial Revival—The reuse of forms and motifs from the Spanish Colonial occupation in North America; stuccoed surfaces, terra-cotta tile roofs, and curvilinear elements are characteristic

spur buttress—In masonry construction, a sloping pier built against a wall to help strengthen the wall and alleviate the outward thrust of the weight from above

Streamline Moderne—Popular in the 1930s and 1940s; characterized by aerodynamic forms like rounded corners and horizontal bands

swag—A carved ornament in the form of a garland or cloth draped over two supports

terra-cotta—An unglazed fired clay often used for architectural decoration or as a building material

terrazzo—A flooring made from marble chips and cement that is polished after drying

tracery—Ornamental stonework carved in graceful, organic patterns

transept—The lateral space crossing a longitudinal space; in ecclesiastical architecture, it is the arm of the cross-shaped church plan

triglyph—Part of a frieze in the Doric order; an element of Classical architecture made to resemble the end of a wooden beam

truss—A framework of timbers that supports the roof

Tudor Revival—A nineteenth-century revival of a mixture of English Gothic and Renaissance architecture

volute—Spiral scroll, appearing in a pair, comprising an Ionic capital

Werkbund—An association of German designers of the first half of the twentieth century; in the late 1920s its leaders, Mies van der Rohe among them, rejected traditional styles in favor of the strong advocacy of Modern architecture

Westwerk—The west end of a church (Carolingian or Romanesque) that opens to the nave and is usually crowned by a tower

widow's walk—A balustraded or otherwise railed rooftop platform

WPA—The Works Projects Administration (1935–1943) was a federally funded building program aimed at reemploying an idled workforce in the construction of public buildings, many of which were of Moderne style

Zigzag Moderne—See Art Deco

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