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Due to the increased pace of construction, this issue is dedicated to current and upcoming Capitol complex projects. Updates will be shared in upcoming issues published in our usual format.

The Changing Face of the Capitol Complex

Old Historical Building Gets New Name

The Old Historical Building became the Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building through a joint resolution passed during the last legislative session. The move honors Ola Babcock Miller's many contributions to the state. According to the resolution, she was a leader for women's suffrage, served as the first female Secretary of State, and was instrumental in founding the Iowa State Patrol.

Soldiers, Sailors Restored

Dismantling nineteen levels of scaffolding around the Soldiers and Sailors Monument is the sign that restoration is complete. Restoration included stone replacement and repair, replicating missing pieces of the statue, and cleaning all surfaces with finely ground English walnut shells, a technology reportedly borrowed from the airline industry.

The \$250,000 project was jointly funded through a Legislative appropriation and private contributions collected by volunteers from veterans groups and elementary school children.

Right Place Right Time

Picture a row of dominoes, one standing in front of the other. If properly planned, every domino falls in its place after the first one goes -- no matter how many are in the row.

Like a row of dominoes, Capitol complex construction projects are so intertwined that placement and timing are critical to success. But unlike the dominoes, the projects are neither simple nor linear.

Since plans include building a parking ramp on top of a surface parking lot, other parking must be found for those who currently use the lot. Structures on the building site must be demolished. A design must be completed and the site prepared. Only then can construction begin.

But there are other concurrent projects. Plans for parking lots, which include putting a new building on top of one of them, mean additional parking reassignments, more demolition, more designs, and more preparation of building sites. Throw in some rain, building material shortages, and a few surprises, and you start to see the picture formed by the row of dominoes as construction plans begin to fall into place on the Capitol complex.

Silver Lining In Parking Cloud

Remember, parking will get worse before it gets better.

This is the advice Department of General Services project managers are giving those who work on and visit the Capitol complex.

Several parking improvements are described inside this issue. Improvements include a 900-stall parking ramp north of the New Historical Building and expansion of parking lots 12 and 16, north of Grand and east of the Ola Babcock Miller (Old Historical) Building.

But design and construction are slow processes, frequently made even slower by Iowa's weather. Building a parking ramp and improving lots means taking out of use existing parking spaces and increased sharing of space in other areas of the complex.

While long-range plans include additional parking, they also include demolition and repairs of existing parking and construction of new buildings on current lots.

For the next several years it will be a zero sum game as parking space is taken out of use and new space is added. However, in the long run, there is a silver lining as the long-term plan unfolds.



Look inside.

Buildings

A Capitol

Interior and exterior Capitol restoration continues throughout Fiscal Year (FY) 2000. Work on the mezzanines will not take place until the Legislature can find new locations for their staff. One option being considered is an annex east of the Capitol for legislative staff. If this happens, construction on the mezzanines may not occur for two or three more years.

FY 2000 funding will enable the Department of Cultural Affairs to conduct a study of what it will take to preserve the flags in the Capitol.

B Lucas

Interior and exterior Lucas Building renovations continue throughout FY 2001. Following the "top down" plan, inside work is shifting to the third and fourth floors. Completion of work on the building's north side has allowed reopening the main entrance (although other entrances will continue to be affected throughout construction.)

C Old Historical Ola Babcock Miller State Office Building

Interior and exterior restoration in the Ola Babcock Miller Building continues throughout FY 2000 and into 2001. This building was renamed during the last legislative session.

D Capitol Annex

The Capitol Annex, now vacant, needs repairs that would be cost prohibitive. It will be demolished during FY 2000 and the adjacent parking lot, Lot #12, expanded.

E Judicial Building

Construction of a judicial building is planned for FY 2001. (Design, construction and maintenance of this building are under the control of the Judicial Branch.) The parking lot for contractors currently at this site must be relocated. (See P-C.)

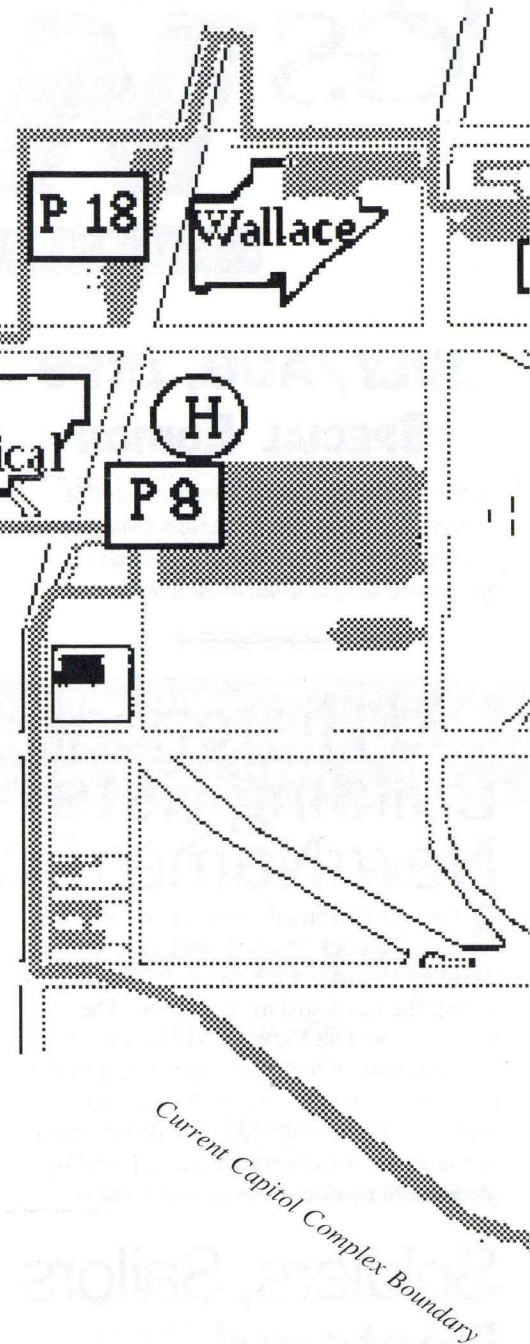
F Pedestrian Bridge

A study to determine the design and cost of a pedestrian bridge to reconnect the Capitol grounds north and south of Court Avenue will begin during FY 2000. This bridge takes on added importance with a judicial building planned south of Court Avenue.

G Legislative Building

The Legislative Council is currently evaluating how best to meet the legislative support staffs' needs for office space. One option being considered is an annex east of the Capitol. Interior restoration in the Capitol includes removing the mezzanines where many staff are currently located. The mezzanines need to be removed and cannot be until alternative offices are established.

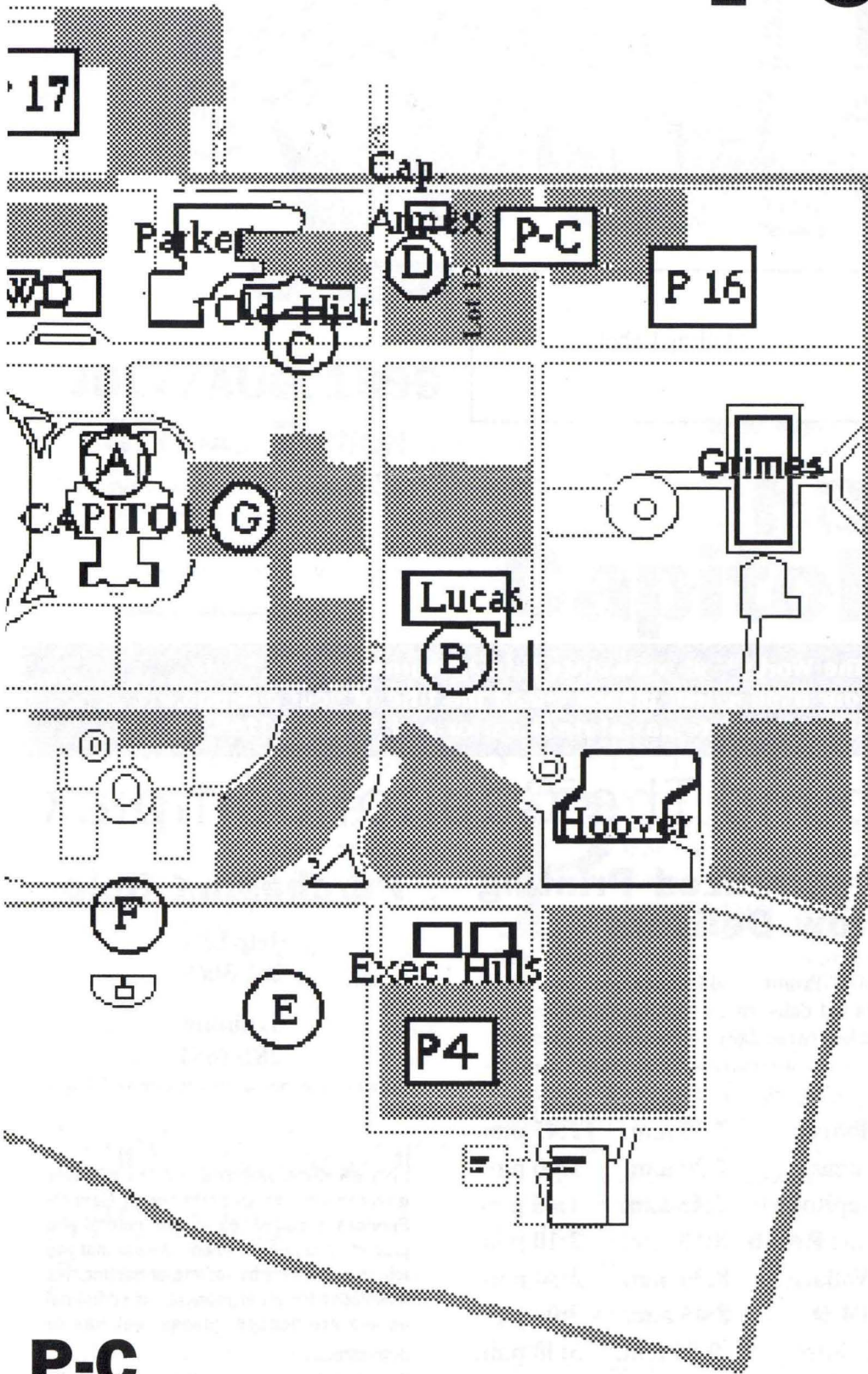
Design, construction, and maintenance of the legislative office building are under the control of the Legislature.



H Hall of Pride

This building project, initiated by the Iowa High School Athletic Association, will honor the accomplishments of Iowans. Additional private funds are needed to construct the building. If fund-raising is successful and the Legislative Council approves the site, construction could occur during FY 2001.

Parking



Parking Lot 4

P4

This gravel lot south of Executive Hills was paved. There will be additional work this summer to finish installing lights and painting stripes on the lot.

Parking Lot 8

P8

The west end of the lot will be partitioned for 60 spaces to replace current historical building visitor and volunteer parking in Lot 18. This must be done before work can begin on Lot 18. (See P 18) The estimated time for this work is Spring, 2000.

Parking Lot 16

P16

This parking lot, north of the Grimes Building across Grand Avenue, is slated for expansion this summer. The expanded lot is temporary, and will be gravel. The expansion will provide an additional 50 visitor and 221 employee spaces.

Parking Lot 17

P17

The Department of General Services is working on behalf of the state to purchase property adjacent to the current Parking Lot #17. If successful, the area will be converted to gravel parking during FY 2001.

Parking Lot 18

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Designs are being drafted for a 900 stall parking ramp north of the New Historical Building. Before the ramp is built, several things must happen. Current parking must be relocated. A building and other structures on the site must be demolished. Workers should begin building the ramp in the spring of 2000.

P-C Parking for Construction Contractors

The current contractor parking, located at site E west of Executive Hills, must be moved to make way for the new Judicial Building. It is being moved north of Grand, following razing of the Capitol Annex.



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Other News Around The Capitol Complex

What Do You Think?

People like you from across the complex are helping employees in DGS' Capitol Complex Maintenance by filling out "How Did We Do Today" cards like the one below. The customer feedback card is left at the end of a job. The division is using the results to find ways to improve.

If you receive a card, please fill it out. If you would like to provide feedback and do not get a card, call the Capitol Complex Maintenance Division at 281-8806 to get one.

HOW DID WE DO TODAY?
Our main objective in Department of General Services, Capitol Complex Maintenance is to provide "Quality Service" in a timely manner. Please let us know how we did today?

Date Requested:	Date Completed:				
Requested by:	Department:				
Job Performed by: <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenters <input type="checkbox"/> Electricians <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Painters <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbers					
Employer Name:					
Circle one	Outstanding	Exceeds Requirements	Fully Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Not Satisfied
Job Quality	5	4	3	2	1
Timeliness	5	4	3	2	1

Comments: Is there anything we could have done differently to better suit your needs? (please give brief explanation)

Thank you for your input!

Centralized Printing Now Delivers

DGS' Printing and Imaging Division has started delivering centralized printing orders twice daily on the Capitol Complex. You can also make arrangements for an off-complex delivery in the Des Moines area.

Hoover	7:15 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
Lucas	7:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Capitol	7:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Voc. Rehab.	8:10 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Wallace	8:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
IDED	8:45 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
Grimes	9:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.

Deliveries are made to each building's printing satellite office. If you have questions, please contact the Customer Service desk at the Division of Printing and Imaging.

Printing and Imaging
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281-5231

Purchasing Help

Help Line
281-3069

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281-8851

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