

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Regents  
**From:** Board Office  
**Subject:** Naming of Green Space  
**Date:** September 5, 2000

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the naming of green space south of the Main Library in honor of Richard E. Gibson, former Associate Vice President and Director, Facilities Services Group.

**Executive Summary:**

The University of Iowa requests that the Board of Regents approve the naming of a green space south of the Main Library in honor of Richard E. Gibson.

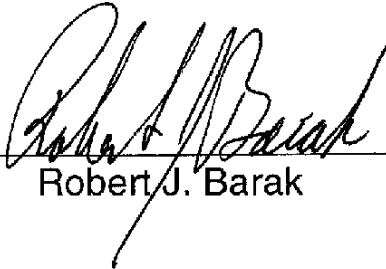
When Richard Gibson first came to work at the University of Iowa, there were fewer than 12,000 students. During his forty years at SUI, he played a substantial part in ensuring that the University's facilities grew appropriately to accommodate a substantial growth in population. He helped make the campus not only a more pleasant place to work and study, but a place of which all Iowans can be proud. He worked tirelessly to improve the quality of the services provided and to develop many outdoor spaces on campus to more closely align expectations of students, parents and other campus visitors with the University's campus plan.

Mr. Gibson, who graduated from the University of Iowa in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science in commerce, came to work at SUI in 1960 as assistant registrar. In 1965, he was named director of space assignment and utilization. He was appointed director of facilities planning and utilization in 1970, and director of planning and administrative services in 1985. In 1995, physical plant services were added to his responsibilities and, in 1996, he assumed his current title. The Facilities Services group includes 650 employees working in areas ranging among architectural engineering and custodial services to power plant operation and landscape design.

Because of Richard Gibson's long and exceptional service to the University, SUI wishes to honor him with the naming of this green space. A strong endorsement of this naming request

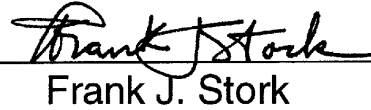
has come from the University Campus Planning Committee which is comprised of students, faculty and staff representatives. A map indicating the green space is attached.

Mr. Gibson retired from the University on June 30, 2000.

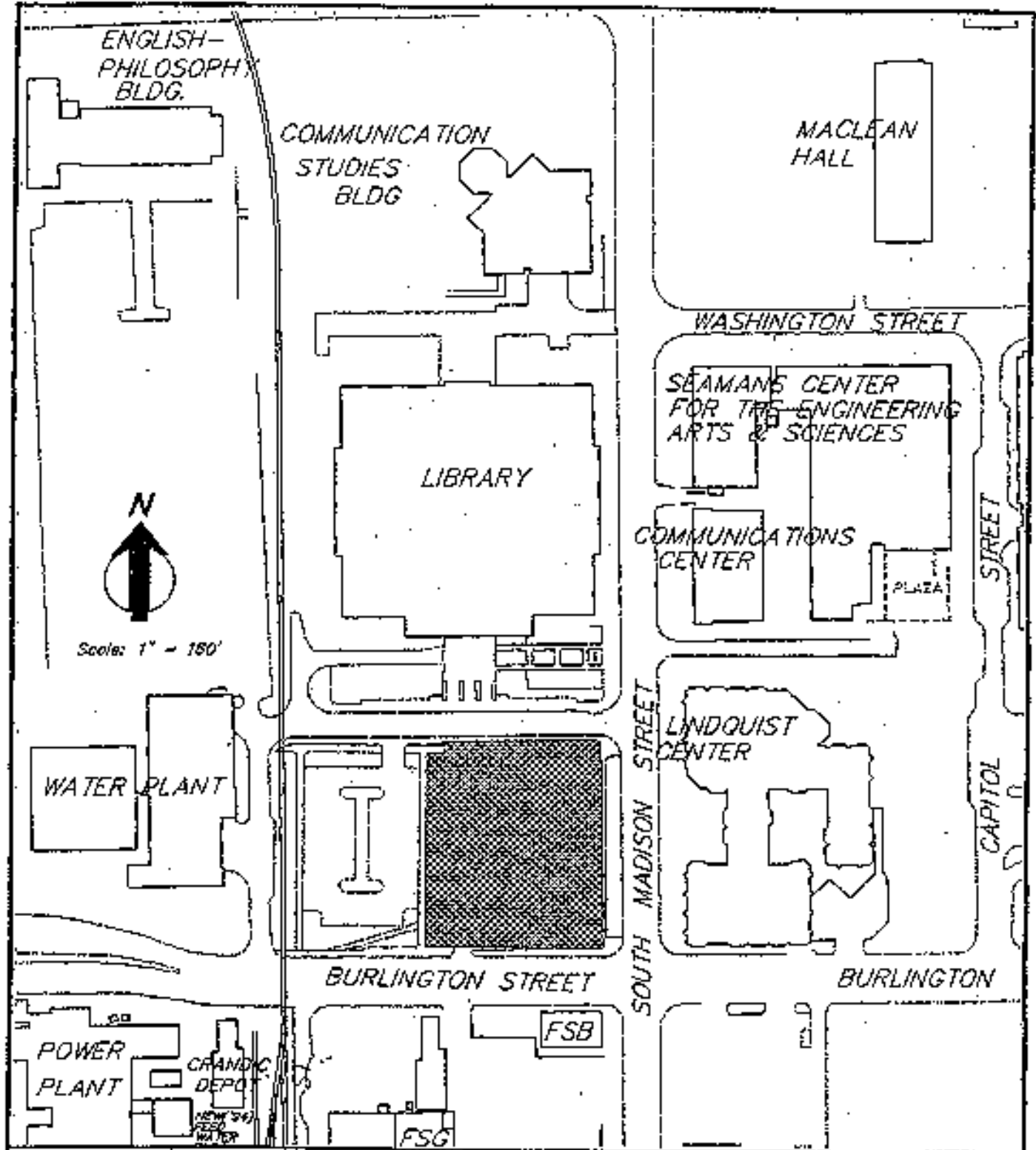


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