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IN MEMORIAL: President Thomas S. Monson, first counselor in the First Presidency in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, remembers the late President Howard W. Hunter

at the ground-breaking for the law library addition, which bears President Hunter's name. The new addition is scheduled for completion by the winter of 1996.

Law library addition ground broken

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As ground was broken for the \$11-million law library addition Wednesday, BYU President Rex E. Lee and the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints took time to reflect upon the life and work of former President Howard W. Hunter, the former lawyer and prophet whose name will adorn the edifice.

The new addition to the library, to be completed by the winter of 1996, will double the actual floor space of the current library. The newly created space will allow for the inclusion of computer training and study facilities,

group study rooms, video-viewing rooms, microfiche storage and viewing centers as well as casual reading rooms. It will also provide much needed space for the continually growing library collection.

The work on the addition will begin immediately. The three-story structure will wrap in a horseshoe fashion around the north side of the law school. As a result of the addition, 76 parking spaces will be lost, with 110 being unusable until the construction is completed in the winter of 1996.

The new addition to the library as well as the current library of the J. Reuben Clark Law School will be named in honor of President Hunter.

President Lee said BYU distinguish-

es itself from other universities by choosing not to name their buildings after major financial contributors.

Instead, BYU names its buildings for men and women whose integrity and devotion to fundamental principles of the gospel made them outstanding and responsible professionals. In light of this tradition, it is fitting that the law school and library will carry the names of Presidents Hunter and Clark, President Lee said.

"They are two of the greatest lawyers and two of the greatest men that this dispensation has produced," President Lee said.

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President Thomas S. Monson, first counselor in the First Presidency, agreed with President Lee. He said President Clark would be honored to have President Hunter join him as a namesake of the prominent law school. President Monson continued to praise the humble and devoted prophet who loved and always stressed the importance of academia.

"He loved books, he loved learning,

he loved history, he loved the law, but most of all he loved the gospel of Jesus Christ," Monson said.

President Gordon B. Hinckley also expressed his admiration of President Hunter, a man whom he worked closely with in many Church callings for more than 30 years.

The addition, slated to cost \$11 million, will be funded by private grants. Many of the grants have been donated

by BYU law school graduates. President Lee praised Jon and Karen Huntsman, close friends of President Hunter, who donated half of the funds necessary to complete the project.

"The Huntsmans have chosen to commemorate in perpetuity their special relationship with President Hunter," President Lee said.

The law school must now raise the remainder of the costs, said Lee. He

said it is a task he admitted would not be easy but could be accomplished because of the generosity of people like the Huntsmans.