

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

Palmer Hall (Theme Resource—Colorado College)
historic

Palmer Hall
and/or common

2. Location

street & number 116 E. San Rafael Street n/a not for publication

city, town Colorado Springs n/a vicinity of

state Colorado code 08 county El Paso code 041

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	n/a being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

The Colorado College/Gresham Riley, President
name

street & number

Colorado Springs n/a vicinity of state Colorado
city, town

5. Location of Legal Description

El Paso County Clerk and Recorder
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

27 E. Vermijo
street & number

Colorado Springs state Colorado
city, town

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no
title

9/30/83 federal state county local
date

Colorado Historical Society, OAHP, 1300 Broadway
depository for survey records

Denver state Colorado 80203
city, town

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Palmer Hall constructed in 1904, is located on the eastern portion of the Colorado College campus, and dominates the north edge of a large open square. The building was designed by Andrews, Jacques, and Rantoul of Boston in the Romanesque Revival style. It is a massive 2-story rectangular building with raised basement, 278 feet in width and 90 feet deep. The material is rock-faced peachblow sandstone, random ashlar coursed, with trim of dressed sandstone. The sandstone was from quarries on the Fryng Pan River near Aspen, Colorado.

The 2-story structure on a high basement, is a symmetrically designed 5-part composition with a steeply pitched hipped roof of slate and a prominent central entrance. The roof, widely overhanging exposed rafter tips at the eaves, has a high central section, lower wings, and shallow hips over projecting end pavilions. Pairs of wide chimneys with corbeled caps project above the ridges of the wings. At the south entrance, the roof eave gently curves up and supports a large half hipped dormer with five lineal windows.

The projecting end pavilions, at the facade, contain three bays. Segmentally arched basement windows with voussoirs extend to a continuous, but flush, water table course of contrasting stone texture. Double hung sash fill the window openings typically with deep beveled reveals at the first floor and chamfered jambs at the second floor. Spandrels are emphasized with a projecting stone panel between the first and second floor windows. Sills and flat lintels are rock faced and blend into the ashlar masonry.

Flanking the central entrance are three-bay ranges with pairs of openings with a center stone mullion at the first and second floor, above large segmentally arched openings at the basement. A projecting panel is set within the spandrel above and below each mullion.

The central entrance is the most distinguishing feature of the building. Three round arches spring from square columns and pilasters, with moulded capitals, set at the half level of the high basement. The arcade screens an entrance loggia opening to three fanlighted, double leaf doorways. The voussoir architrave courses of the arches are received on impost blocks set on the water table course of the foundation. Above the arcade, corresponding to the spandrel height, is a wide band inscribed, YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. The inscription forms the sill below a band of three pairs of window openings each having small colonette as jambs. Center mullions are paired colonettes.

Completing the entrance composition are flanking half round towers extending to the main eave and capped with flared conical roofs. Colonette jambs extend from the first floor opening sills to second floor head of the three window bays of each tower. The recessed spandrels have a projecting panel.

Five bay side elevations typically are set with paired window openings with deep beveled and chamfered, at the second floor reveals. The west central entrance has a half hipped roof below a pair of long narrow window openings lighting the stair landing. The central east entrance pierces the foundation.

The rear elevation is characterized by the large central section projecting above the

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main eave of the end pavillion and the flanking, one-bay ranges. At the second floor of the central section the paired window openings rise into semicircular arched openings set above sill panels. Roundels are set at the ends carrying the rhythm of the arched openings. Basement windows at the center are triple openings and flat headed. Those basement openings of the pavillion and ranges are typically segmentally arched.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904

Builder/Architect Andrews, Jacques & Rantoul of Boston

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Palmer Hall is significant as one of the important buildings on the Colorado College campus symbolizing the founding of the college and its early development and as the finest remaining example of Romanesque Revival architecture in Colorado Springs. The building, designed by the nationally recognized architectural firm of Andrews, Jacques, and Rantoul of Boston in 1901, is the only survivor of four similarly designed buildings originally on the campus.

Palmer Hall, named in honor of General William Jackson Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs, was sited on the campus to specifically block the northward extension of Tejon Street and the street car line. Thus the building reflects the influence of the college on the growth of Colorado Springs.

Originally built as a science building to house laboratories for chemistry, physics, and biology, it marked substantial curricular changes at the college at the time of its construction (1904). A college of engineering was established, providing degree programs in electrical, mining and civil engineering. Those changes and others transformed the local college into a nationally recognized educational center.

Using the basement laboratories in Palmer Hall, Gerald B. Webb, a faculty member, made significant discoveries regarding the treatment of tuberculosis in the 1920s. Webb founded the Colorado Foundation of Research in Tuberculosis.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Reid, J. Juan. Colorado College: The First Century, 1874-1974. Colorado Colorado Springs: The Colorado College, 1979.
Colorado Springs Gazette, clippings in Special Collections, Tutt Library, Colorado College.
Hershey, Charlie Brown. Colorado College. 1874-1949. Colorado Springs: The College, 1952.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .7 acre

Quadrangle name Colorado Springs

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated area includes the land on which the building sits, in addition to a 15' border extending from each exterior wall.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara Neilon, Curator, Special Collections, Ed: GM & Rodd Wheaton, Tutt Library/Barbara Norgren

organization Colorado College/Preservation Consultant date October, 1985

street & number Colorado College/7453 E. Jefferson Dr. telephone 473-2233 Ext. 668

city or town Colorado Springs/Denver state Colorado

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Barbara Neilon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date May 6, 1986

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register.

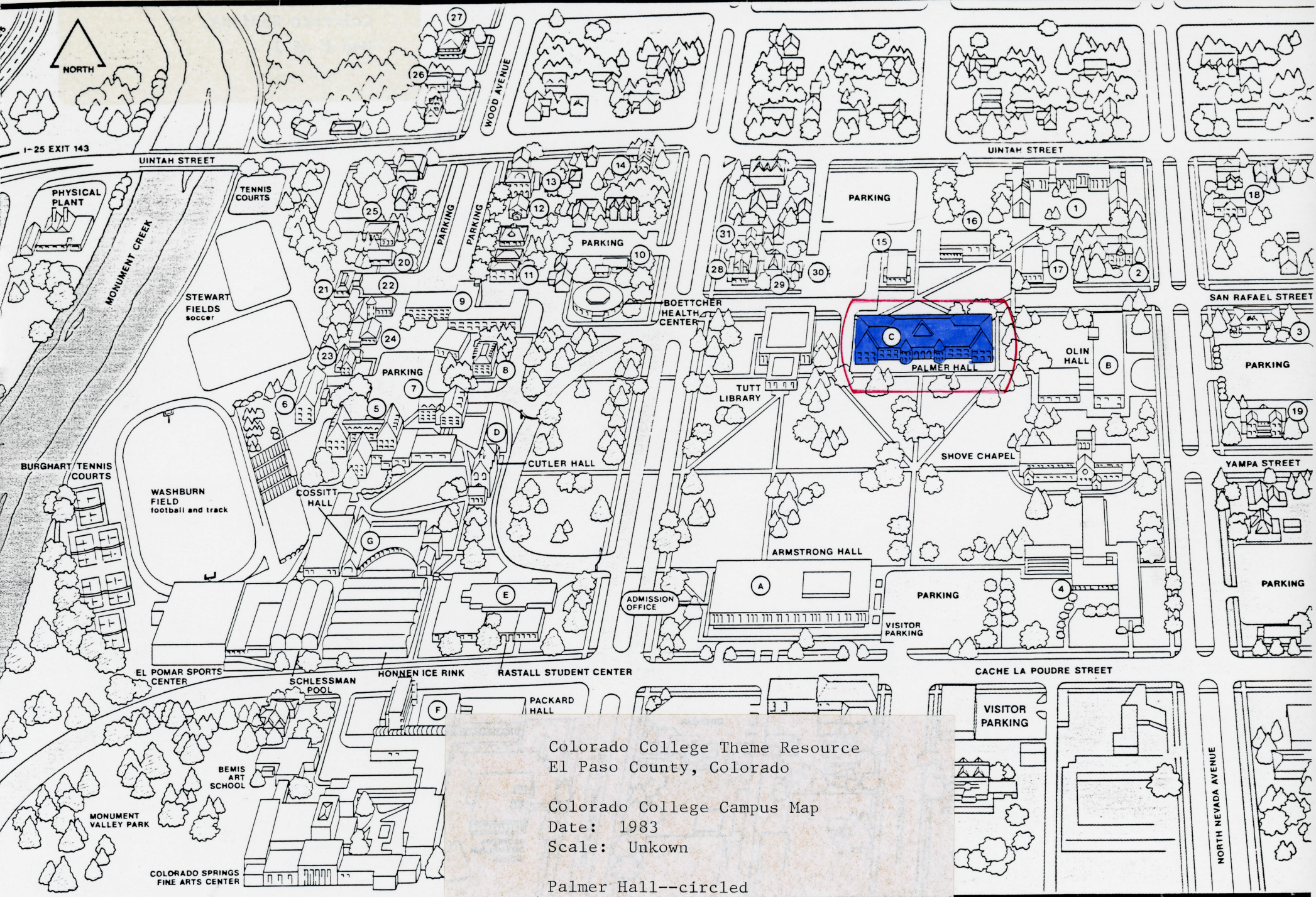
date 7/3/86

James M. McPherson
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

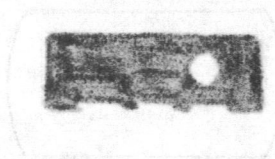


Colorado College Theme Resource
El Paso County, Colorado

Colorado College Campus Map
Date: 1983
Scale: Unkown

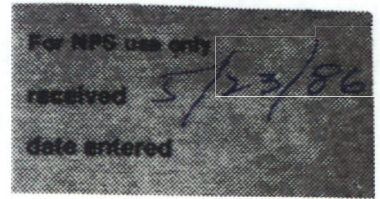
Palmer Hall--circled

PALMER HALL
Colorado Springs, CO
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Colorado College TR
State El Paso County, CO

Comm
Substantive Review *William B. Barbery 7/3/86*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Cutler Hall

Substantive Review *for* Keeper

William B. Barbery 7/3/86

Attest

2. Palmer Hall

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Jaydon McChesney 7/3/86

Attest

3. Montgomery Hall, Colorado College

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

9/13/90

Attest

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Palmer Hall (Colorado College TR)
El Paso County
COLORADO

MAY 23 1986

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National Register

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 6/19/86 - 7/7/86

Action: ACCEPT 7/3/86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name _____

2. Location _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property _____

5. Location of Legal Description _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Palmer Hall (Colorado College TB)
El Paso County
COLORADO

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

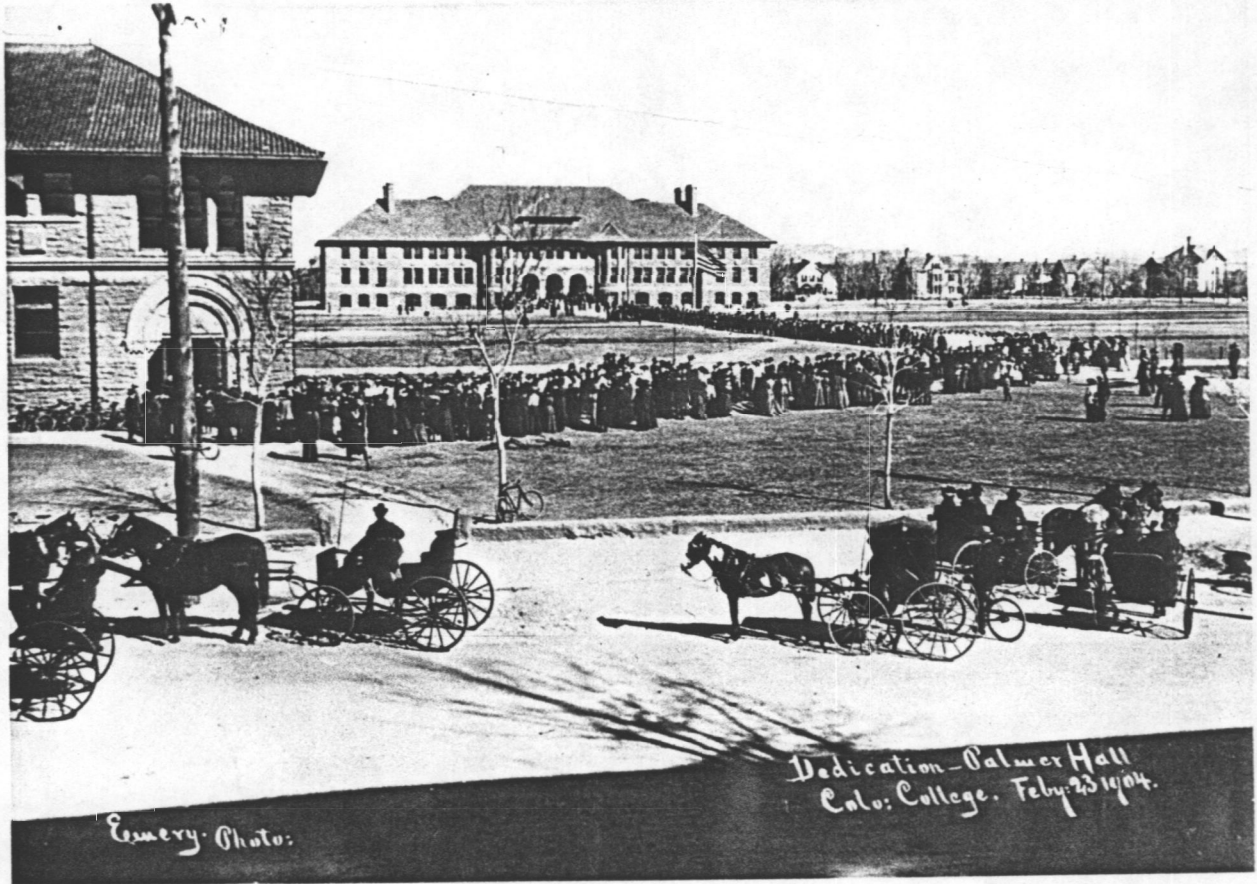
title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Property Name: Colorado College Theme Resource
Palmer Hall

Location: El Paso County, Colorado

Photographer/Date: Emery/1904

Negatives: Special Collections, Tutt Library,
Colorado College, Colorado Springs,
Colorado

Camera View: South (front) Elevation

Photo No.: 1



COLORADO COLLEGE THEME RESOURCE
PALMER HALL

Location: El Paso County, Colorado

Photographer/Date: H.L. Standley/1949

Negatives: Special Collections, Tutt Library,
Colorado College, Colorado Springs
Colorado

Camera View: South (front) and east walls

Photo No.: 2



YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

Property Name: Colorado College Theme Resource
Palmer Hall

Location: El Paso County, Colorado

Photographer/Date: Jay Beaton/January, 1986

Negatives: Colorado College Relations Office,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Camera View: South Facade

Photo No.: 3



Property Name: Colorado College Theme Resource
Palmer Hall

Location: El Paso County, Colorado

Photographer/Date: Jay Beaton/January, 1986

Negatives: Colorado College Relations Office,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Camera View: view from southwest

Photo No.: 4



Property Name: Colorado College Theme Resource
Palmer Hall

Location: El Paso County, Colorado

Photographer/Date: Jay Beaton/January, 1986

Negatives: Colorado College Relations Office,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Camera View: North (rear) Elevation

Photo No.: 5



Property Name: Colorado College Theme Resource
Palmer Hall

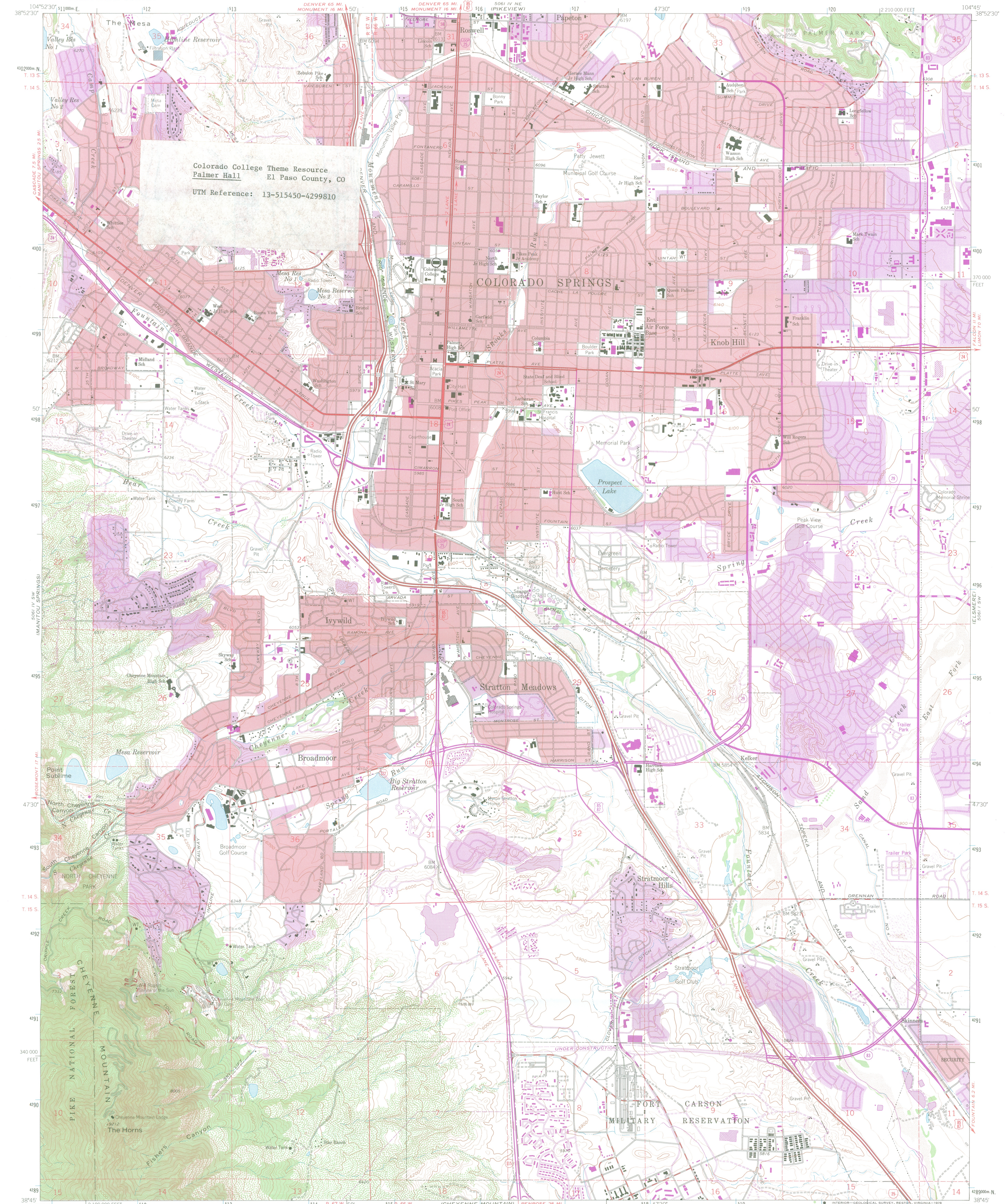
Location: El Paso County, Colorado

Photographer/Date: Jav Beaton/ January, 1986

Negatives: Colorado College Relations Office,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Camera View: East Elevation

Photo No.: 6



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1947. Field checked 1948. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961

Polycyclic projection. 1927 North American datum. 10,000-foot grid based on Colorado coordinate system, central zone 1000 meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 13, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1969 and 1975. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

N3845-W10445/7.5

1961
PHOTOREVISED 1969 AND 1975
AMS 5061 IV SE-SERIES V877

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