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street & number 116 E. San Rafael Street n/a not for publication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

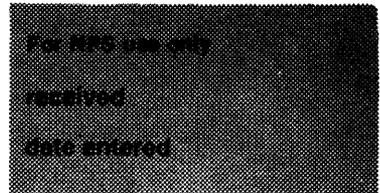
Completing the entrance composition are flanking half round towers extending to the main eave and capped with flared conical roofs. Colonette jambs extend from the first floor opening sills to second floor head of the three window bays of each tower. The recessed spandrels have a projecting panel.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

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

Acree of nominated property .7 acre

Quadrangle name Colorado Springs

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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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
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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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 Sudler

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

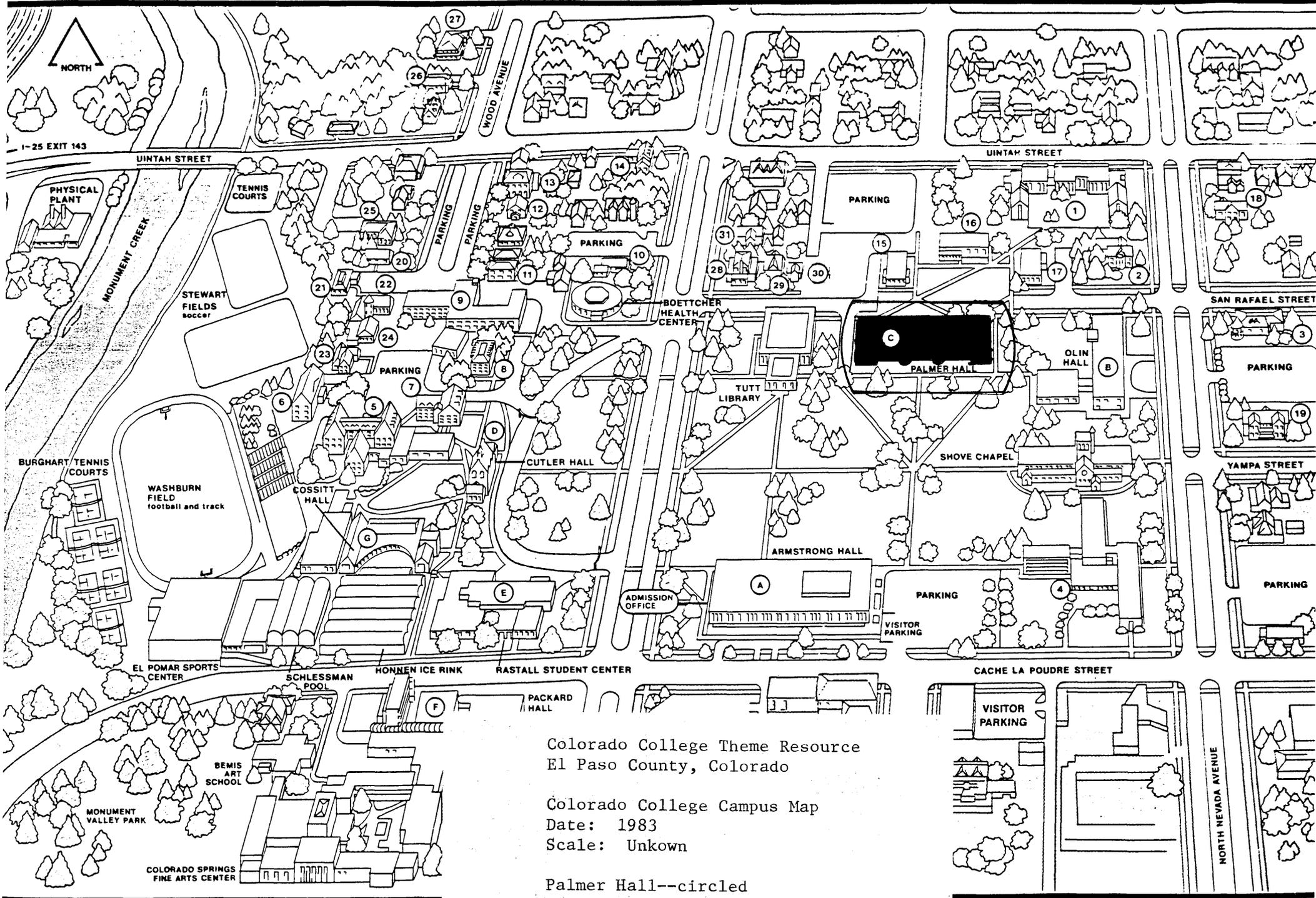
date 7/3/86

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