

HISTORIC NAME: Main Building, Concordia College  
 CURRENT NAME: Old Main  
 LEGAL DESC.: Block 16, Sprague's First Addition

COUNTY: Clay JAN 29 1980  
 CITY/TWP.: Moorhead  
 ADDRESS: S. 8th Street

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Primary <u>Architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Education</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Restricted \_\_\_\_\_  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
 OCCUPIED: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE:  
 College Offices

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1906

ORIGINAL USE: College Administration

ORIGINAL OWNER: Concordia College

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Milton M. Beebe, Fargo

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Concordia College Corp.  
 Moorhead, MN 56560

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

UTM REFERENCE:

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FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey  
 DATE: October 1979

Fargo South 7.5 quad.

#### DESCRIPTION:

Old Main at Concordia College, a red brick and rusticated stone "two-story raised-basement structure, is pure turn-of-the-century Beaux Arts. It has a five-part scheme with a projecting two-story portico in the center, balanced on each side with projecting corner pavillions." The pedimented portico has Ionic columns supported by rusticated stone pillars. A circular window adorns the gable. The main doorway has side lights and fan lights in a brick arch with radiating voussoirs and a keystone.

The first floor windows are semi-circular arched and appear in three-part groupings within the individual bays of the building. Second-floor windows are rectangular and similarly grouped. Decorative brick archwork is formed throughout the building. Decorative details include a central cupola and engaged columns.

The original windows were replaced with a recent interior remodeling. The new windows are sympathetic to the original design.

#### SIGNIFICANCE:

Concordia College's Old Main is perhaps the best example of Classical Revival architecture in the Moorhead area. The central location on the college campus and the surrounding grounds go far in establishing the architectural character of the campus. Old Main is the most significant building associated with Concordia College, a Lutheran School started in 1891. The Northwestern College Association purchased the campus which had operated from 1882-1887 as Bishop Whipple School, an Episcopal School. (Whipple Hall dates from 1882, but has had numerous alterations and additions). The remodeled interior of Old Main has altered only the windows when viewed from the exterior.

Gebhard, David and Tom Martinson, A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1977. p. 225

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