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1. Name
Light Hall

2. Location
street & number: North side of College Ave. at B St., WNMU
city, town: Silver City state: New Mexico code: 035
county: Grant code: NM-017

3. Classification
Category: Building
Ownership: Public
Status: Occupied
Present Use: Classrooms

4. Owner of Property
name: Regents of Western New Mexico University
street & number: Western New Mexico University
city, town: Silver City state: New Mexico

5. Location of legal Description
courthouse, etc.: Grant County Courthouse
street & number: Cooper and Broadway
city, town: Silver City state: New Mexico

6. Representation in Existing Surveys
On State Register of Historic Places.

7. Description
Condition: Fair
Description: Light Hall is a two-story painted brick Renaissance Style building with a truncated hipped roof, asphalt shingles, gabled dormer-type louvers, and exposed rafters. Windows are 6/6 double hung wood with brick sills. Window sills on the lower floor are continuous brick. Entrance has double leaf metal and glass doors arched transome with eight lites. There is an ornamental cast concrete entablature with two round pilasters on square bases that frame a keystone arch at the front entrance. The entrance to the auditorium section of the building has three sets of double leaf metal and glass doors with arched transoms and lites resembling the front entrance. The arches are brick and there are brick pilasters with cast tops between the doors. Exterior details include elaborate brickwork on north end which includes a round recessed panel outlined in raised brick. Light Hall was designed by the architectural firm of Trost and Trost and constructed as a library and auditorium in 1928. Light Hall is presently used for classrooms. It is built in a "T" shape. The building was one of the first buildings built off of the original campus property, and is located on College Avenue on the south side of the campus.

8. Significance
Period: 1900-
Areas of Significance: Architecture
Dates: 1928

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Builder/Architect: Trost and Trost

Statement of Significance, Criterion C: Light Hall is one of two buildings built in 1928 and one of three buildings designed by Trost and Trost on the Western New Mexico University campus. Light Hall is significant because it is one of three buildings designed by the architectural firm of Trost and Trost on Western's campus and the first building in the period between 1906 and 1928 to vary from the California Mission Revival Style. Built in the Renaissance Revival Style, Light Hall does not look out of place with the other buildings of the period. The Renaissance Style of Light Hall is similar in general appearance to the California Mission Revival style of associated buildings from the period. The differences in style show in the details, such as the round pilasters and entablature at the entrance, the lack of a mission arch, sharper and squarer edges. Light Hall is a successful attempt by the architects to add variety to the style of buildings on campus without distroying the schools architectural theme of the period. Light Hall and its associated building, Bowden Hall, are the first buildings constructed outside the original twenty acre campus and mark the beginning of a 30 year period of expansion for Western.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographic Data

Acreage: 0.23acre
Quadrangle name & scale: Silver City Quadrangle; 1:24,000
UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
12	754575	3629625

Verbal boundary description and justification: On the lands of Western New Mexico University from the corner of B St. and College Ave., proceed north 50 feet to the SE corner of Light Hall; Using the SE corner of the building as the point of beginning continue north 110 feet; turn west and proceed 110 feet; turn south and proceed 110 feet; turn east and proceed 110 feet to the point of origin (note: this verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for Light Hall. This description is the area around the building measured and described for the Historic Register generally using a landmark as a beginning and ending point for easier reference.).

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