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National Park Service

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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: FA-020

Congressional District: second

✓ Name: Martin Hall (Thompson, TR)
✓ Address: Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas
County: Faulkner

Current Owner: Hendrix College
Joe Hatcher, President
Address: Hendrix College
Conway, Arkansas 72032-3080

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson and Harding

Date of Construction: 1918

Stylistic Influence: Collegiate Gothic

Original Use: Boys Dormitory

Present Use: Boys Dormitory

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 550940/3884010

Acreage: less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 1
T5N R14W

The boundaries of the nominated property extend 50 feet from each exterior wall of the building.

Condition

☒ Excellent
☐ Good
☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated
☐ Ruins
☐ Unexposed

☐ Unaltered
☒ Altered

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(Hendrix College, Conway, AR)

Physical Description

Characterizing this three-story-with-basement college dormitory is a verticality appropriate to its Tudor Revival inspiration. Faced with dark red brick, the building has two slightly projecting end wings with gable roofs which project from the rectangular central block which is capped with a steep gable roof. Accenting the verticality are the projecting blocks' steep gable ends with stone coping. The focal point of the facade is the ground level arcade effect created by a series of windows set in wide stone pointed arches. These are set in the central block between two doors at either end of this block. The central window in this series is surrounded by a decorative stone panel in which is inscribed the name and date of the building: "Martin Hall, 1918." The double leaf doors, also set within stone arches, are embellished with Gibbs surrounds. Decorative stone insets enrich the gable ends and the wall above the principal door. A small garden beautifies the central space formed by the two projecting wings. The many multi-paned sash windows are usually grouped in pairs and their wide limestone Gibbs surrounds create a lively and colorful effect.

Statement of Significance

Built in 1918, Martin Hall on the campus of Hendrix College in Conway, is one of the main focal points on the small campus. The building was designed for use as a boys dormitory by the Thompson and Harding architectural firm. Influenced by the Gothic Style, Martin Hall is three-stories with a basement and is of red brick construction. Due to a need for interior renovation, Martin Hall was considered for demolition a few years ago. However, strong support for saving this historic building resulted in Martin Hall remaining a landmark on the campus of Hendrix College. The building has been restored with the aid of the original plans. A basement-level open arcade was enclosed for use as a game room. Still a boys dormitory, Martin Hall remains a functional historic building at the small private Arkansas college.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection Thematic Resources
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Waters House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

12. Bank of Carthage

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

13. Merchants & Farmers Bank

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

14. Thane House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

15. Smith, S. G., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

16. Brown House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

17. Galloway Hall

NR does

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/22/82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

18. President's House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

19. Martin Hall

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Boyd 12/24/82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 12/13/82

20. Farmers State Bank

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 12/22/82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

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Substantive Review

Martin Hall (Thompson, Charles L., Design Collection
TR)
Faulkner County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 11/9/82-3026
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 12/9/82 - 12/24/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 12/22/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*inadequate statement of significance - see comments
on reverse*

Recom. / Criteria Return
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 12/13/82
Accept NR Decision 12/22/82
☐ 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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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: 202 272-3504

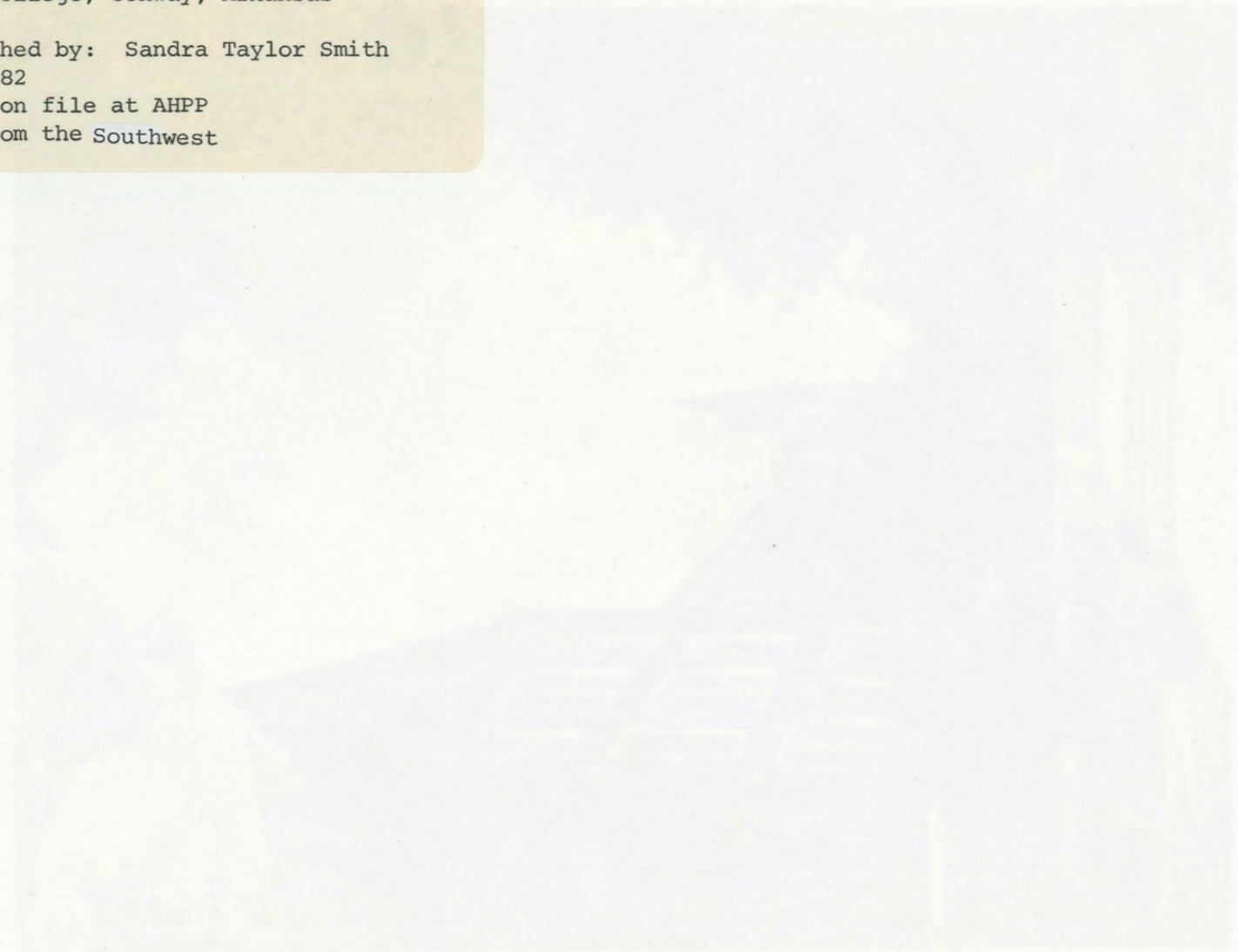
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



STRUCTURES IN ARKANSAS REPRESENTED BY THE
CHARLES L. THOMPSON DESIGN COLLECTION
A THEMATIC GROUP

Code NumberFA-020 (Martin Hall)
Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas

Photographed by: Sandra Taylor Smith
April, 1982
Negative on file at AHPP
Viewed from the Southwest





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Viewed from the West

Structures in Arkansas Represented by the
Charles L. Thompson Design Collection

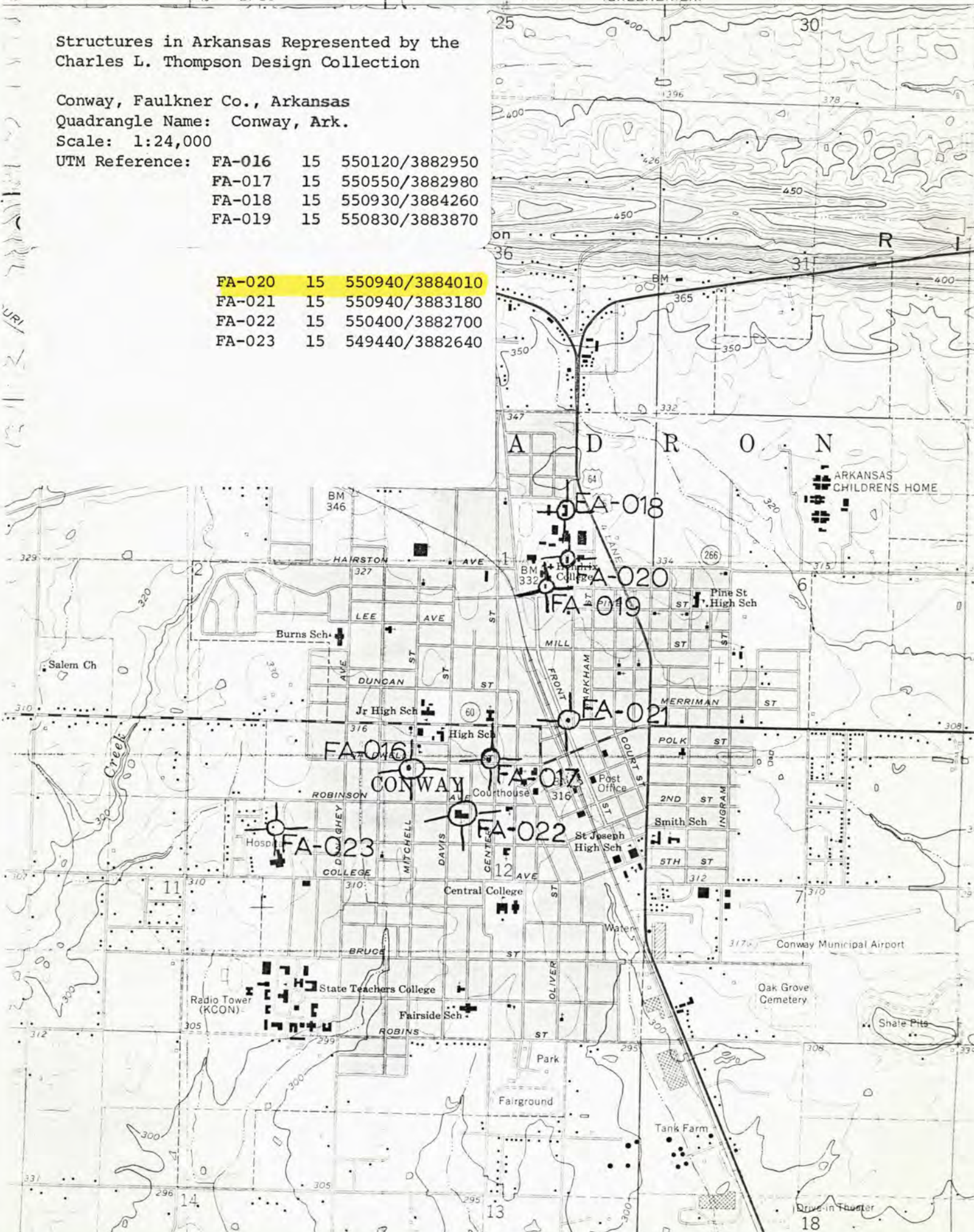
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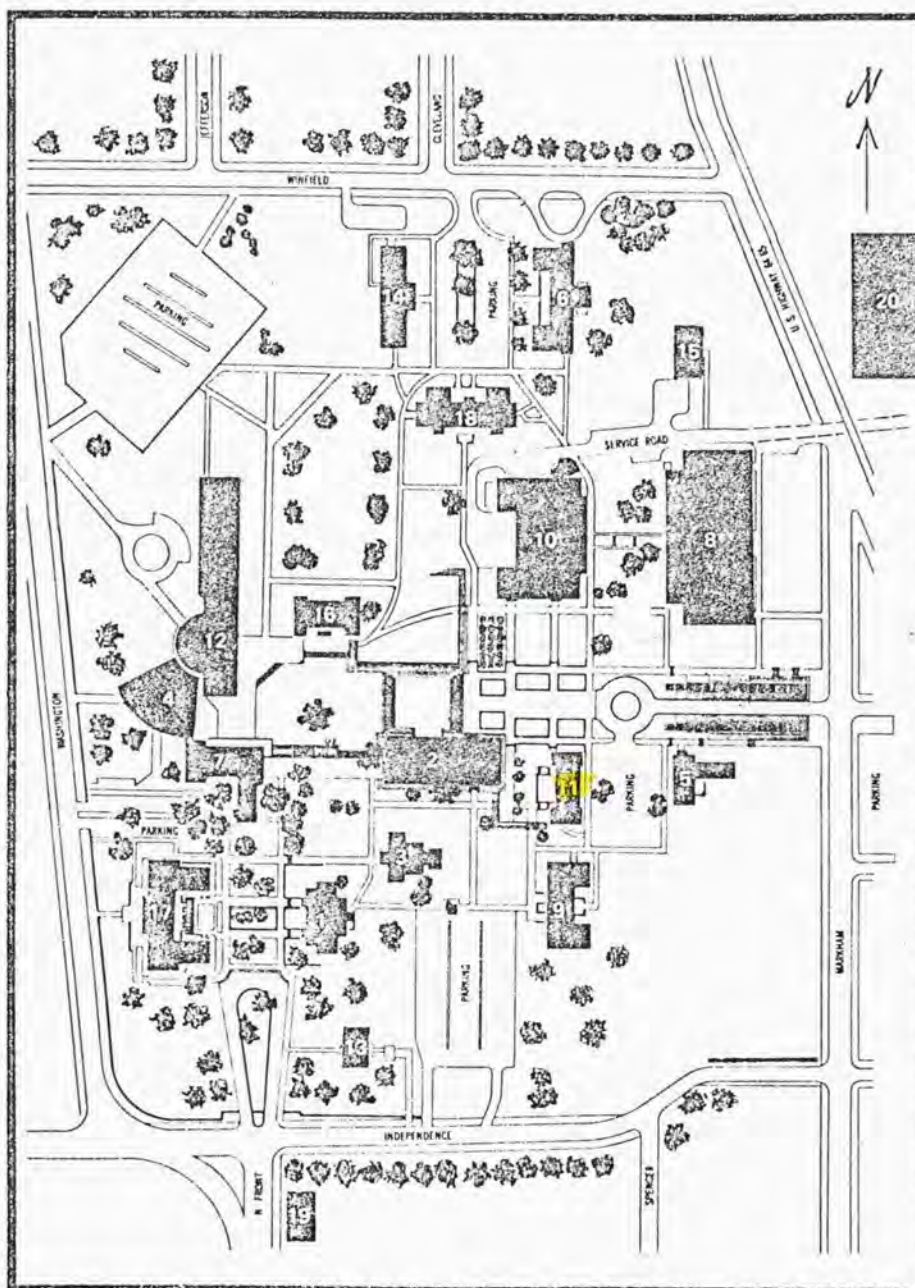
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Scale: 1:24,000

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FA-019 15 550830/3883870

FA-020 15 550940/3884010
FA-021 15 550940/3883180
FA-022 15 550400/3882700
FA-023 15 549440/3882640





HENDRIX BUILDINGS AND CAMPUS PLAN

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1/ Administration Building | 11/ Martin Hall |
| 2/ Olin C. Bailey Library | 12/ Mills Social Science Center |
| 3/ Buhler Biology Building | 13/ President's Hall, Development and College Relations |
| 4/ Cabe Theatre Arts Center | 14/ Raney Hall |
| 5/ Couch Hall | 15/ T. J. Raney Building |
| 6/ Galloway Hall | 16/ Reynolds Physical Science Hall |
| 7/ Greene Chapel and Staples Auditorium | 17/ Trieschmann Fine Arts Building |
| 8/ Grove Physical Education Building | 18/ Veasey Hall |
| 9/ Hardin Hall | 19/ Corner House |
| 10/ Hulen Hall | 20/ Mabee Activity Building and Tennis Courts |