ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Administration/Science Building		COUNTY of SMaricopasispribli	INVENTORY NO. 206
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Fine Arts Annex		QUAD/COUNTY MAP CO	She ASU campus. Science, Englis
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. ASU Campus (Building 11)		C	
CITY,TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. NA		
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CITY,TOWN STATE ZIP Tempe Arizona 85282			
PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Societ	y DATE 1981		
VIEW looking north			
HISTORIC USE Administration/Academic			
PRESENT USE Academic	ACREAGE less/one		
ARCHITECT/BUILDER D. W. Millard/Harvey D.			
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES 1909/1950			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The Science Building is a two-story symmetrical brick structure measuring 70 feet by 92 feet. Constructed on a granite foundation, the building rises to a steeplypitched hipped roof covered with copper shingles with matching parapet gables on the east facade. The main facade faces west onto the open quad in front of Old Main. A fire stair and restroom projection was added to this facade in 1950 (Mel Ensign, architect). Although intrusive, this addition is reversible. Openings are generally supported with segmental arches, but areas of original decorative brickwork remain, such as the south entry. Windows are double-hung. Panal doors have transoms. The eaves are boxed and detailed with dentils.

Internally the building retains its spatial arrangement and many features, including floors, doors, casements, baseboards and moldings. An original vault is located on the first floor.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

The Science Building is the most intact academic building over 50 years old on the ASU campus. Considering the changes in function (Administration, Science, English, ROTC, Art) and the inappropriate addition to the west facade, the basic integrity of the building is high. This building is also important for its location, forming the third side of the historic quad of the Teachers College.

SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

ASU Archives building plans, specification data

Sanborn Maps 1911, 1927

ASU Story, Ernest Hopkins and Alfred Thomas

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

ASU campus

Tempe Quad

Z-12, E-413290, N-3698140

see sketchmap

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY

Administration/Science Building

Statement of Significance (Addendum)

Criterion A

The Administration/Science Building possesses historical significance for its association with the origins and development of the educational system in the State of Arizona. Constructed during the Territorial period, it is important as one of two survivors of the original three buildings which comprised the campus of the Territorial Normal School. It is the second oldest building on the Arizona State University campus.

The construction of this building is directly linked to the development of Tempe. As a direct result of the expansion of the Normal School, Tempe experienced rapid population growth. In 1909 the original townsite was expanded by the opening of the Gage Addition, the same year of construction for the Administration/Science Building. This steady growth of the community, as well as the Normal School, continued until the Depression (MRA text, Item 7, page 6, and Item 8, page 6).

Criterion C

The Administration/Science Building possesses architectural significance as a well preserved example of a major academic building from Arizona's Territorial period and exhibits the primarily Queen Anne style design of most major public buildings built in the Arizona Territory up to that time. Although the building evokes the Queen Anne style due to its scale, massing, and steeply pitched roof, the presence of denticulated cornices, an arcaded entry, and a pedimented Palladian dormer are evidence of the growing presence and influence of Neo Classic architecture throughout the Territory after the turn of the century (MRA text, Item 7, page 6).

Within its local context, the Administration/Science Building and the adjacent Old Main Building (NR 1-07-85) on the present ASU campus are the only two educational buildings which embody this phase in the architectural history of Tempe, as well as being unique to the Salt River Valley. It is also only these two buildings that reflect the initial Territorial period establishment of the Arizona Normal School and reflect the birth of the present Arizona State University campus.

