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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Business Administration Building; University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville

other name/site number: WA0347

2. Location

street & number: Campus Drive

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Fayetteville

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Washington code: AR 143 zip code: 72701

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public-state

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940

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#### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Carlump. J. Byrd  
Signature of certifying official

7-14-92  
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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#### 5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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National Register

Delores Byrd 9/4/92

for Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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#### 6. Function or Use

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Historic: EDUCATION

Sub: College

Current: EDUCATION

Sub: College

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## 7. Description

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Architectural Classification:

Collegiate Gothic  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation Concrete\_\_\_\_\_ roof Asphalt\_\_\_\_\_  
walls Stone\_\_\_\_\_ other N/A\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally\_\_\_\_\_.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C\_\_\_\_\_

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance: EDUCATION\_\_\_\_\_  
ARCHITECTURE\_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL HISTORY\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period(s) of Significance: 1939-1940\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates: 1939\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person(s): N/A\_\_\_\_\_  
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Cultural Affiliation: N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Public Works Administration\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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**Summary**

The Business Administration Building at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is a two story, stone and concrete masonry classroom building designed in the Collegiate Gothic style. Its irregular plan features a principal front section with a central entrance and two rear "T" sections, the larger of which projects from the northern end of the rear. Its flat, built-up tar roof is hidden by a raised, crenelated stone parapet, and its cut stone walls are supported by a continuous concrete foundation.

**Elaboration**

The Business Administration Building at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is a two story, stone and concrete masonry classroom building set upon a raised basement and designed in the Collegiate Gothic style. Its irregular plan features a principal front section with a central entrance and two rear "T" sections, the larger of which projects from the northern end of the rear. Its flat, built-up tar roof is hidden by a raised, crenelated stone parapet, and its cut stone walls are supported by a continuous concrete foundation.

The eastern or front elevation is symmetrical and composed of a slightly-recessed, seven-bay central section flanked by two projecting five-bay sections. The central section is dominated by a central, projecting entrance bay with a stepped and raised parapet that projects above the otherwise uniform, crenelated raised parapet that adorns the roof around the rest of the building. A three-sided oriole window projects from the second floor of the entrance bay and is lighted with a pair of nine-over-nine sash windows on the front and a single identical window on each of the flanking sides. The single-leaf entrance below is recessed behind a full entrance arch trimmed with alternating flush stones similar to the flush stone quoins on the ends of the building. The two storys and basement to either side of the entrance bay are lighted with a pair of nine-over-nine sash windows next to the entrance bay and two more bays to either side that are each filled with three nine-over-nine sash windows. The five window bays in each of the projecting end sections are each lighted with a pair of nine-over-nine sash windows on all levels. A cornice mold and flush stone stringcourse connects the entire facade, and the windows on the main floor are capped with label molds.

The southern elevation is lighted with two triple-windows at the western end of the ell's basement level and accessed via a single-leaf door to the east, next to the projecting end wall of the front section. The floors of this ell above the basement are each lighted with two sets of

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triple windows to the west and a pair of windows to the east. The end wall to the east of the ell is symmetrical, consisting of a central projecting wall bay flanked by two slightly-recessed wall bays. The end wall is blank on the basement level but fenestrated above with a triple central window bay flanked on each side by a single sash window on each of the upper two floors. The northern elevation is similar to the front elevation in that it is composed of two projecting end wall bays flanking a central recessed wall and entrance bay. The end wall bays are each lighted on the first story with a central triple window flanked by single windows to either side; the second floor of the eastern end bay is lighted with the same window configuration, while the second story of the western end bay is blank. The connecting section is lighted on both floors with triple windows of the same sash configuration seen elsewhere, and is accessed via a single-leaf entry placed at the western end, next to the projecting end bay. The projecting cornice mold and flush stone stringcourse continues to these elevations also, as do the label molds over the first story windows.

The western elevation is formed by the ends of the two projecting ells flanking the rear of the main, front section of the building, creating a U-shaped form overall. The end of the northern ell is lighted on both principle floors and the basement with five symmetrically-placed window bays, each containing a pair of double-hung sash windows. The end of the southern ell is blank, as an earlier building to which the Business Administration Building was attached (the Commerce Building) has since been removed and only the adjoining wall remains. The rear wall of the main section is itself symmetrical and accessed via three separate entries, one in the center and the other two at either end of this portion of the facade. The central entry is framed by a pair of pilasters and an entablature with a balustrade; the other entries are not as elaborate. A large, multi-pane window surmounts the central entrance, and otherwise this section is fenestrated with window bays containing triple windows. The northern elevation of the southern ell is lighted with two sets of triple windows, symmetrically-placed on each of the three stories. The southern elevation of the northern ell is longer, consisting of a slightly-projecting western bay that contains three symmetrically-placed window bays, and a slightly-recessed section to the east, featuring a western entrance and five window bays on each floor, each containing a set of triple windows.

The interior of the Business Administration Building retains much of its original detail, including the tile dado and flooring in the hallways and the metal balustrade in the stairwells. The exterior is intact with the exception of the removed section at the western end of the southern ell; however, this was an earlier structure and was not part of the Business Administration Building's original design. The building's overall condition is good.



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**Business Administration Building; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**

The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville was officially founded as a federal land grant university in 1871 through the passage by the Arkansas state legislature of "An Act for the Location, Organization, and Maintenance of the Arkansas Industrial University, with a Normal Department Therein." The state had been empowered to establish such schools since March 2, 1827, when Congress passed an act that set aside two townships within the Territory of Arkansas to be selected from the best federal land and sold for the sole purpose of establishing a state university; yet for reasons that were primarily political, this did not occur until after the Civil War.

The board of trustees oversaw the financing and construction of University Hall -- affectionately known as "Old Main" (NR-Listed 6/15/70) -- as the first building erected on the campus. The University continued to grow gradually throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, responding to increased enrollment, an expanding curriculum, and greater emphasis upon extracurricular activities. This trend continued during the 1920's and did not abate in the 1930's in spite of the Depression. As was the case with many public sites and institutions around the state, the labor force was largely contributed by the Emergency Relief Administration (ERA), the federal agency established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to hire the nation's unemployed for the purpose of carrying out a broad variety of projects in the public interest. The Works Progress Administration (WPA), the National Youth Administration (NYA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) were all subsidiary organizations whose work in Arkansas was overseen by the ERA.

The Business Administration Building was constructed in 1939 by the Public Works Administration. As such, it was built during the period covered by the historic context *The Evolution of the Public School System in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940*, and stands as an unusual example of a large, stone and concrete masonry classroom building with an irregular "U"-shaped plan designed in the Collegiate Gothic style (e.g., the crenellated parapet, the central stone oriole window and the crenellated Gothic central entrance tower that dominates the composition). Its use during this period as an educational classroom building for a public university clearly identifies it with this historic context and with this property type. It is significant locally under Criterion A through its direct associations with the history of the evolution of the public school system in the Ozark Mountain region of the state during this period, and under Criterion C as the best example locally of this application of the Collegiate Gothic style to this particular floor plan.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See "Public Schools in the Arkansas Ozarks, 1920-1940" Multiple Property Form, Section H.

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately two

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>394550</u>	<u>3991880</u>	B	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>
C	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	D	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>	<u>   </u>

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line running along the eastern edge of Campus Drive with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's southern elevation and located approximately 20 feet to the south thereof, proceed easterly along said line for a distance of approximately 300 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's eastern elevation; thence proceed northerly along said line for a distance of approximately 300 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running parallel to the building's northern elevation; thence proceed westerly along said line for a distance of approximately 300 feet to its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern edge of Campus Drive; thence proceed southerly along said line for a distance of approximately 300 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

This boundary includes both the historic resource and all the surrounding property known to have been historically associated therewith that retains its integrity.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Organization: Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Date: July 13, 1992

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City or Town: Little Rock State: AR ZIP: 72201



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Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
ARKANSAS

Date Listed

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92001115 Aggie Hall  
92001113 Aggie Workshop  
92001098 Agriculture Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
92001125 Alco School  
92001203 Bergman High School  
92001214 Berryville Agriculture Building  
92001215 Berryville Gymnasium  
92001178 Boswell School Substantive Review  
92001112 Bruno School Building  
92001128 Buford School Building Substantive Review  
92001099 Business Administration Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
92001194 Cafeteria Building--Cleveland School  
92001200 Calico Rock Home Economics Building  
92001213 Caraway Hall--Arkansas Tech University  
92001217 Cedarville School Building  
92001206 Center Valley Well House  
92001100 Chemistry Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
92001101 Chi Omega Greek Theatre--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
92001202 Clarksville High School Building No. 1  
92001123 Coal Gap School  
92001122 Damascus Gymnasium  
92001118 Dodson Memorial Building  
92001121 Durham School  
92001192 Enterprise School  
92001110 Eros School Building  
92001205 Everton School  
92001116 Fairview School Building  
92001120 Fishback School  
92001212 Girls' Domestic Science and Arts Building--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review  
92001196 Guy High School Gymnasium  
92001197 Guy Home Economics Building  
92001114 Hirst--Mathew Hall  
92001102 Home Economics Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
92001210 Hughes Hall--Arkansas Tech University Substantive Review  
92001106 Jamestown School

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Business Administration Building--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Washington

DATE RECEIVED: 7/28/92 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/14/92  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/30/92 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/11/92  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 92001099

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/4/92 DATE

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_count      \_\_\_resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_historic      \_\_\_current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_architectural classification  
\_\_\_materials  
\_\_\_descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_acreage      \_\_\_verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_UTMs      \_\_\_boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_sketch maps    \_\_\_USGS maps    \_\_\_photographs    \_\_\_presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to .

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
FAYETTEVILLE, WASHINGTON Co., ARKANSAS  
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MARCH, 1990  
NEGATIVE ON FILE AT AHPP  
VIEW FROM NORTHEAST





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Please refer to the map in the  
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for this property

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