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**1. Name**

Rogers Administration Building

**2. Location**

street & number: National Ave., NMHU  
city, town: Las Vegas state: New Mexico code: 035  
county: San Miguel code: NM-047

**3. Classification**

Category: Building  
Ownership: Public  
Status: Occupied  
Present Use: Administration

**4. Owner of Property**

name: Regents of the New Mexico Highlands University  
street & number: New Mexico Highlands University  
city, town: Las Vegas state: New Mexico

**5. Location of legal Description**

courthouse, etc.: San Miguel County Courthouse  
street & number: San Miguel County Courthouse  
city, town: Las Vegas state: New Mexico

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

On State Register of Historic Places.

**7. Description**

Condition: Excellent

Description: The Rogers Administration Building is a Period Revival Style(Spanish Colonial) two story masonry and stucco building with a French Tile roof, moderately enclosed overhang with scroll-shaped stone brackets. The corners of the building have stone quoins. The second story windows are 15/15 double hung with arched heads separated by Corinthian-like pilasters. First story windows are 10/15 double hung resting on rusticated podium. Entrance has double-leaf door with dentil cornice in deep arched recess, with cartouche panel. The building was designed by John Gaw Meem and built in 1933 as a library. The current use is administration. The building has a "T" shape.

**8. Significance**

Period: 1900-  
Areas of Significance: Architecture  
Dates: 1933  
Builder/Architect: John Gaw Meem

Statement of Significance, Criterion C: Rogers Administration Building is the only building on the campus of New Mexico Highlands University to be included in this nomination. Rogers Administration Building is significant because it was a WPA project, and it is an excellent example of modified Spanish Colonial style architecture. This building has a Spanish Colonial feel with its arched

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upper story windows separated by corinthian-like pilasters. At the same time there is a Mediterranean look to the building with its French Tile hip roofs and stone quoins on the corners framing the white plaster exterior walls. The building was designed by John Gaw Meem in 1933. John Gaw Meem deserves more credit than any other individual for the conservation, development and propagation of the southwestern regional style architecture, which finds its greatest expression in the Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. Meem is best known for his Pueblo Revival Style architecture; however, he excelled at adapting other architectural styles to have distinctly southwestern flavors. The Rogers Administration Building at NMHU and the Graham Gymnasium at Western New Mexico University are excellent examples. Meem is the only architect, other than George Williamson, to designed buildings on three different New Mexico campuses.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographic Data**

**Acreage:** 0.41 acre  
**Quadrangle name & scale:** Las Vegas Quadrangle; 1:24,000  
**UTM References:**  

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>
13	480118	3938885

**Verbal boundary description and justification:** On the lands of New Mexico Highlands University from the SW corner of Eighth St. and National Ave., proceed west 250 feet, turn south and proceed 40 feet to the NE corner of Rogers Administrative Building; using the NE corner of the building as the point of beginning, proceed west 150 feet to the NW corner of the building; turn south and proceed 120 feet to the southern edge of the parking lot; turn east and proceed 150 feet; turn north and proceed 120 feet to the point of origin (note: this verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for Rogers Administration Building. 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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