HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT

SUMMARY MINUTES

FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON
JULY 30, 1971
10:00 A.M.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mr. Albert Culverwell
Dr. Robert Greengo
Mr. Richard McCurdy
Mr. Ralph Rudeen, Acting for Charles H. Odegaard
Mr. William Schneider
Dr. David Stratton
Mr. William Trogdon
Mrs. Irene Williams

The following members were not present:

Mr. Robert Ashley
Mr. Kenneth Hopkins
Mr. Bruce LeRoy
Mr. Charles Odegaard
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPORT

Nominations Reviewed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and
Recommended for Consideration by the Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation for Placement on the National Register of Historic Places

* Sent to Washington, D.C. for Consideration  ** On the National Register

Benton County
   Columbia Park Island

Chelan County
   Rock Island Dam
   Lincoln Rock
   Pioneer Village
   Stevens Pass
   Blewett Arrastra

Franklin County
   Ainsworth

Garfield County
   Garfield County Courthouse
   Houser and Sons Flour Mill
   Lewis and Clark Trail and Travois Road

Jefferson County
   ** Old German Consulate
   ** Manresa Hall
   ** Point Wilson Lighthouse
King County (continued)

** Pioneer Square District
** Pike Place Market District
    Green River Gorge District
    Fort Lawton
    Wellington Disaster Site
* Alki Beach Park
    Denny Park
* Boeing Airplane Company, Building #105

X Columns - University of Washington
    Observatory - University of Washington
    Denny Hall - University of Washington
    Parrington Hall - University of Washington
    Architecture Hall - University of Washington
    Lewis Hall - University of Washington
    Clark Hall - University of Washington
    Alexander Hall - Seattle Pacific College
    Gorst Field - Ideal Cement Company
    Maple Donation Claim - Boeing Field
    Round the World Flight - Sand Point Naval Air Station
    Battle of Seattle Site (plaque)
    U.S.S. Nebraska Launching, and Skinner and Eddy Shipyard

* Yesler Wharf and "Decatur Anchorage Site"
    Hospital Ship "Idaho"
    Colman Dock
    Ferry Service to West Seattle
    Carson Boren Home Site
    Miike Maru Arrival Site
    Great White Fleet Disembarkation Site
    Washington Territorial University Site
    Fraternal Order of Eagles Site
    First Post Office Site
    First Public School Site
    Start of Seattle Fire, 1889
    First Catholic Hospital Site
    Arthur Denny Home Site
    Sailing of Willapa and Arrival of Ton of Gold Site
    First Service Station Site
    Peter Kirk Building

** Marymoor Prehistoric Indian Site
    Bothell First Schoolhouse

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Mr. Douglas Whisman
Historic Preservation Department
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
P.O. Box 1128
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Mr. Whisman:

On February 26, 1971 certain structures on the University of Washington campus were nominated for inclusion on the national register of historic places. Following a review of these nominations by the University's Architectural Commission and the Board of Regents the nomination of the following structures met with the approval of the University:

1. University of Washington Columns
2. The Observatory
3. Denny Hall
4. Architecture Hall
5. Lewis Hall

The two structures which were deleted were Parrington Hall and Clark Hall.

This letter is in response to a call from Mrs. George Corley who inquired as to what action the University had taken upon the original request. I regret that you have never been informed of the official action taken by the University, and I hope that this letter will rectify that situation. If you have any further question please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

H. S. Thomson
Director
Mr. Ralph H. Rudeen, Chief
Interpretive Services
Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission
P.O. Box 1128
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Mr. Rudeen:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning wherein I asked for an extension of time to respond to your letter of February 26 in which you designated the following properties for placement on the National Register of Historic Places:

- University of Washington Columns
- Observatory
- Denny Hall
- Parrington Hall
- Architecture Hall
- Lewis Hall
- Clark Hall

Before commenting on the designating of these properties for the National Register, I would like to review the nominations with the University's Architectural Commission and with other members of the University's administration. With your concurrence, I will delay responding until the nominations have been reviewed with the above groups.

Sincerely,

Ernest M. Conrad
Vice President for Business and Finance

EMC:ms

cc: Dr. Odegaard
Dr. Cartwright
Mr. Harding
Mr. Thomson
February 26, 1971

Honorable Wesley C. Uhlman
Mayor of the City of Seattle
Seattle City Hall
Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mayor Uhlman:

We are pleased to inform you that the properties listed on the attached sheet have been considered for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. These nominations have been favorably reviewed by the State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

These applications are to be forwarded to the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. on March 10, 1971, to be considered for placement on the Register. In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions we will be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph H. Rudeen, Chief
Interpretive Services

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Attachment
NOMINATIONS TO BE SENT IN FOR PLACEMENT ON NATIONAL REGISTER

Snagboat - W.T. Preston
Alki Point Light
Ronald Hall
Sam Hill Home
Rainier Club
Union Station
Bell Apartments
Colman Building
University of Washington Columns
Denny Hall
Architecture Hall
Clark Hall
Ideal Cement Company
Fraternal Order of Eagles Site
Arthur Denny Home Site
Alki Beach Park
Denny Park
Park Dept. Division of Playgrounds
U.S.S. Nebraska Launching
Relief
Ward Home
Eliza Ferry Leary Home
Ellsworth Storey Cottages
German Club
King Street Station
Richard Ballinger Home
Jefferson Park Ladies Club
Observatory
Parrington Hall
Lewis Hall
Alexander Hall
Carson Boren Home Site
First Public School Site
First Service Station Site
Fire Station #23
Iron Pergola
Battle of Seattle Site (Plaque)
Volunteer Park Water Tower
Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

COMMON: University of Washington Columns

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: University of Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98105

STATE: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

<table>
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<th>CATEGORY (Check One)</th>
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<td>District [ ] Building [ ] Structure [ ] Site [ ] Object [ ]</td>
<td>Public [ ] Private [ ] Both [ ]</td>
<td>Public Acquisition: [ ] In Process [ ] Being Considered [ ]</td>
<td>Occupied [ ] Unoccupied [ ] Yes [ ] Restricted [ ] Preservation work in progress [ ] Unrestricted [ ]</td>
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment

Other (Specify) [ ]

artifact or relic

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: University of Washington, Board of Regents

STREET AND NUMBER: University of Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98105

STATE: Washington

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: King County Auditor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98104

STATE: Washington

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: four objects

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:
The four white painted wood columns were originally across the front portico of the University of Washington building built in the center of the town of Seattle in 1861. The columns were hand carved by a local cabinetmaker.

When the campus was moved in 1893 to the north part of town, the main building was torn down, but the columns were saved and placed in their present setting of a wood and parklike glen.
The University of Washington was established in Seattle in 1861. The main (only) educational building was a square wooden two-story structure with a wide front portico edged with four greek columns. The building was planned and built by John Pike, a local carpenter. Architects later admired his fine construction in classical style. The building was constructed by A. P. Delin, O. C. Shorey, and Ossian J. Carr. The columns were hand carved by these men.

The land for the University of Washington was donated by Arthur A. Denny, Charles Terry, and Edward Lander. The original campus was ten acres on a knoll above the small town of Seattle. Seattle was founded in 1851, but had the vision ten years later to bid for the site of the territorial university. The donations of land made the location firm up, and the deed was dated April, 1861.

By the late 1880's Seattle had grown to the point that it surrounded the ten acre campus, and also had enough students desiring to enter the University that the campus was too small. Land was purchased in the north end of the city, in several parcels. The regents planned to sell the downtown tract, but just at that time were caught financially by the depression of 1893. Reluctantly they kept the "Metropolitan tract", tore down the old buildings, and later built office buildings, a theater, a hotel, etc. on their ten original acres. This metropolitan tract is now in the millions of dollars of income annually to the University of Washington.

The columns of the old University of Washington building were of sentimental value to the school and city. The columns are part of the school emblem, and are part of many traditions and ceremonies. They were saved and moved to the present campus and set up in a "Sylvan Theater" in the lower central part of the campus.

The columns remain part of the tradition, emblem, and sentimental focus of the University of Washington students and alumni.
As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [X] Local [ ]

Name: Charles H. Odegard
Title: Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

| **1. NAME** |  
| --- | ---  
| **COMMON:** | University of Washington Columns  
| **AND/OR HISTORIC:** |  

| **2. LOCATION** |  
| --- | ---  
| **STREET AND NUMBER:** | University of Washington  
| **CITY OR TOWN:** | Seattle, 98105  
| **STATE:** | Washington  
| **CODE:** | 53  
| **COUNTY:** | King  
| **CODE:** | 033  

| **3. MAP REFERENCE** |  
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| **SOURCE:** | U.S. G.S. Seattle North Quadrangle  
| **SCALE:** | 1:24000  
| **DATE:** | 1949  

| **4. REQUIREMENTS** |  
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**LOCATION**
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- **CITY OR TOWN**: Seattle
- **STATE**: Washington
- **CODE**: 53
- **COUNTY**: King

**SOURCE**
- **USGS 7.5-minute Quad**: Seattle North quadrangle
- **SCALE**: 1:24000
- **DATE**: 1949

**REQUIREMENTS**
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2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Property boundaries on all maps are required.
2. North arrow is necessary.
3. Latitude and longitude reference is required.
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME
COMMON: University of Washington Columns
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: 

University of Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98105

STATE: Washington

CODE: 51
COUNTY: King

CODE: 033

3. MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE:

USGS 7.5', Seattle North quadrangle / J. of H. map

SCALE: 1:24000 / 1 1/3 " equals 600'

DATE: 1949 / 1967

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| DATE OF PHOTO: | unknown |
| NEGATIVE FILED AT: | Seattle Historical Society, Seattle, Washington |

| **4. IDENTIFICATION** | |
| DESCRIBE VIEW DIRECTION, ETC. | View to east and north in afternoon sun. |
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   - **AND/OR HISTORIC:**

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