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
** 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
  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
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 Perry 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
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY—NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

COMMON:
- Parrington Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
- University of Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
- Seattle, 98105

STATE:
- Washington

STATE CODE:
- 53

COUNTY:
- King

COUNTY CODE:
- 46

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural □ Government □ Park □
- Commercial □ Industrial □ Private Residence □
- Educational □ Military □ Religious □
- Entertainment □ Museum □ Scientific □

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
- Board of Regents, University of Washington

STREET AND NUMBER:
- University of Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
- Seattle, 98105

STATE:
- Washington

STATE CODE:
- 53

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

STATE CODE:
- 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
- Municipal Art Commission list of Historic Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY:
- 1968

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
- Municipal Art Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
- Seattle Municipal Building

CITY OR TOWN:
- Seattle, 98104

STATE:
- Washington

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Hon. Thomas M. Pelly

Cong. Dist. #1
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Parrington Hall is a large painted brick building with curved wings at each end. It is four stories, with basement. It has sandstone trim and shingle roof.

Parrington is an old and imposing structure toward the northeast corner of the University of Washington campus.
### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1902 to present

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Aboriginal
- Engineering
- Political
- Urban Planning
- Prehistoric
- Religion/Philosophy
- Other (Specify)
- Historic
- Science
- Architecture
- Agriculture
- Social/Human-Communications
- Art
- Literature
- Conservation
- Architecture
- Commerce
- Theater
- Conservation
- Music
- Transportation

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Parrington Hall was built in 1902 from the designs of architects Josenhans and Allan. Originally called Science Hall, it was renamed for Vernon Louis Parrington who thought it the ugliest building he had ever seen. It is used for English and Speech classes and offices.

Parrington originally contained a large library on the third floor.

The interior was planned "with an eye to its practical usefulness", and proved skimpy and not durable. The general fund allocated $70,000 for the original building but nothing for equipment. It is of wooden joist construction.

It was remodeled in 1931 for $128,000, again in 1938 for a total of $20,000 and in 1962 (reroof and repaint) for $52,000. In 1963 the third floor was converted from library to additional classrooms and laboratories.

Parrington was the second classroom facility of the "new" campus. It has long been one of the focal points for the fine English department work at the University. It is an example of the simple, even basic, college architecture of the early years of the century, and has sentimental value to generations of University students.
University of Washington, Plant Facilities and Architects Office, information file, continuing notes on campus buildings.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Margaret A. Corley, King County Liaison

ORGANIZATION: Seattle Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 2161 East Hamlin Street

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98102

STATE: Washington

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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. Odegaard
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

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
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CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98105
STATE: Washington

3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT: Lenggenhager
DATE OF PHOTO: 1950's
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4. IDENTIFICATION
SCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, LTO:
#1 -- view northeast of the south (front) facade. western 2/3 only
#2 - View north of the south (front) facade. Wings partly hidden in trees.

Washington State

University of Washington, Seattle, 98105

University of Washington

Office of Info. Serv., University of Washington, Seattle

Parrington Hall

Location:

Description, View, Direction, etc.

#2 - View north of the south (front) facade. Wings partly hidden in trees.