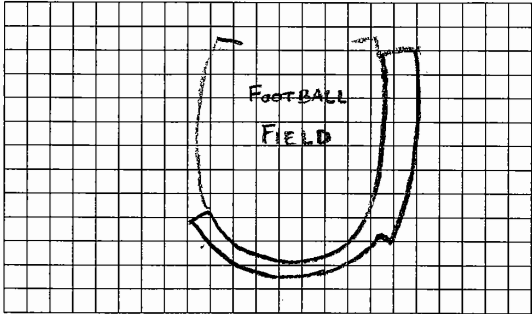


HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY RECORD

NOT FOR FIELD USE			
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PROJECT NAME: Boulder Survey of Historic Places-Scattered Resources, 1995		COUNTY: Boulder	CITY: Boulder	STATE ID NO.: 5BL6088
		TEMPORARY NO.: N/A		
CURRENT BUILDING NAME: Folsom Field		OWNER: REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CU CAMPUS BOULDER CO 80309		
ADDRESS: CU CAMPUS BOULDER, CO 80309		TOWNSHIP 1N RANGE 70W SECTION 31 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
HISTORIC NAME: University Stadium		U.S.G.S. QUAD NAME: Boulder YEAR: 1966 (PR1979) X 7.5' 15'		
DISTRICT NAME: University of Colorado		BLOCK: N/A LOT(S): N/A ADDITION: CU Campus YR. OF ADDITION: N/A		
FILM ROLL NO.: 95B-22 BY: T.H. Simmons	NEGATIVE NO.: 20; 26-8	LOCATION OF NEGATIVES: Boulder City Plng.	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ESTIMATE: ACTUAL: 1924 SOURCE: Deno, "Body & Soul," 44.	
ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH HERE			USE: PRESENT: Football Stadium HISTORIC: Football Stadium	
			CONDITION: EXCELLENT X GOOD FAIR DETERIORATING	
			EXTENT OF ALTERATIONS: MINOR X MODERATE MAJOR DESCRIBE: Superstructure added to perimeter; stadium pressbox built; athletic center built at open north end.	
			CONTINUED YES X NO	
STYLE: University of Colorado		STORIES: 2	ORIGINAL SITE X MOVED DATE(S) OF MOVE:	
MATERIALS: Stone, Wood, Brick, Concrete		SQ. FOOTAGE: N/A	NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY	
ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Football stadium built into natural ravine on university campus. Grassy football field surrounded by raised, horseshoe arched, seating areas surmounted by arched superstructure. Structure composed of steel resting on concrete caissons driven into bedrock. Exterior walls of superstructure composed of base and entrance towers of layered sandstone, with red brick surrounding multi-light windows of upper story; concrete cornice and piers. Arcaded wall attached to Field House has three arched entrances into stadium. Redwood seats. Shed roofed ticket office at south. Paved plaza to west. On north end of stadium is recent Dal Ward Field House. Concrete driveway and parking on east raised above ground; shops under driveway. Adjacent to athletic field on east.			INDIVIDUAL: YES X NO	
			CONTRIBUTING TO DISTRICT: X YES NO	
			LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION: No NAME: DATE:	
			ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS? X YES NO TYPE: University Buildings IF INVENTORIED, LIST ID NOS.:	
ADDITIONAL PAGES: YES X NO		CONTINUED? YES X NO		

PLAN SHAPE: 	ARCHITECT: Waldo E. Brockway, sup. eng.	STATE ID NO.: 5BL6088
	SOURCE: Deno, "Body & Soul," 44.	ORIGINAL OWNER: University of Colorado
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown	SOURCE: Ibid.
SOURCE:	THEME(S): University of Colorado, 1877-Present	

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY (DESCRIPTION, NAMES, DATES, ETC., RELATING TO MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO ORIGINAL STRUCTURE):
 Stadium Building added in 1956. Stadium Pressbox built in 1968. Dal Ward Athletic Center erected in 1991.

CONTINUED YES X NO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (DISCUSS IMPORTANT PERSONS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STRUCTURE):

In 1923-1924, the university formulated plans to replace the old Gamble Field, located on the present site of the University Memorial Center. Professor Whitney C. Huntington suggested that the site of a natural ravine located east of the gymnasium be employed. Plans were made which provided for the construction of a wooden stadium in the sides of a bowl to be created by enlarging the ravine. In January 1924, the university's Construction Department began removing dirt from the ravine with a steam shovel. Although the financing of the structure had not yet been finalized, the university wanted the stadium to be ready for the 1924 football season. Professor Fred G. Folsom, member of the Law School faculty, suggested a business trust to finance the stadium. The stadium was dedicated in November 1924, when it was cited as "the only stadium of its kind and magnitude between Chicago and the Pacific coast." The dedication ceremonies were attended by Governor William E. Sweet. In 1944, the stadium was named in honor of Folsom, who had taught for 31 years in the law school. The original seating capacity of the stadium was 26,000 and the facility contained a football field and quarter-mile track. The original stadium plans provided for expansion, which raised the seating capacity to 45,000 in 1956, adding 33 new rows of seats along the east side and 20 around the horseshoe.

CONTINUED YES X NO

SIGNIFICANCE (CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORIES AND BRIEFLY JUSTIFY BELOW):

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER
- POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES
- X REPRESENTS A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

- ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT PERSONS
- X ASSOCIATED WITH SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PATTERNS
- CONTRIBUTES TO AN HISTORIC DISTRICT

TIER EVALUATION:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Folsom Stadium is significant for its association with the history of university football in Colorado, having been built in 1924 as the stadium for football games on the University of Colorado campus. The structure is representative of stadium construction in its layout with depressed bowl surrounded by spectator seating, surmounted by athletic offices and ticket house. The building also reflects elements of the University of Colorado style in its use of layered sandstone for the first story and entrance towers of the superstructure.

CONTINUED YES X - NO

REFERENCES (BE SPECIFIC):

William Deno, "Body and Soul," (Boulder: Regents of the University of Colorado, 1994); William Davis, "Glory Colorado!" (Boulder: Pruett Press, 1965); University of Colorado, Norlin Library, University Archives, University of Colorado History Collection.

CONTINUED YES X NO

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