HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

University of Oregon Cultural Resources Survey Eugene, Lane County, Oregon Summer 2006

RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: Education (A) (East)

Historic building name: Education (East), Education Building

Building address: 1580 Kincaid St.

Ranking: Secondary

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Georgian Colonial Revival

Building plan (footprint shape): rectangular

Number of stories: 1

Foundation material(s): concrete

Primary exterior wall material: brick

Secondary exterior wall material: n/a

Roof configuration/type: gabled hip

Primary roof material: composition shingle

Primary window type: multi-pane horizontal pivot

Primary window material: wood

Decorative features and materials: cast stone sill panels, entablature with two concrete Classical columns at north entrance, lamp medallion in broken pediment over north entrance, dentil course, brick quoins, molded fascia, raking cornice, wood head course Landscape features: large Douglas Fir trees, curved walkways and lawns

Associated resources: covered walk on west side, courtyard, Education West, Education South, Kincaid Green, Southwest Campus Green

Comments:

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1921

Architect: Lawrence and Holford

Builder/Contractor: W. A. Weaver, construction superintendent; Davis Bldg. Co. (masonry); Standard Art Stone Co. (cast stone); Sturges & Sturges (plumbing/heating); A. Lombard (plastering); J. C. English Co., Portland (lighting fixtures); Stein Bros., Eugene (concrete)

Moved? (yes/no): no Date of move(s): N/A

Description/dates of major additions/alterations: 1960: interior remodel, rear attic extension; 1978: attic remodel; 1980: courtyard addition, covered walk to Education South; 1992: roof and exterior restoration (Soderstrom Architects, Portland), exterior masonry restoration and sealing, wood trim/siding restoration, exterior door and window restoration

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Period of significance: 1921

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Education classes

Current use(s) or function(s): Education classes

Area(s) of significance: Education, 20th c. Architecture

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

The Education A Building, or Education East, designed by Ellis Lawrence, was built at the same time as the Education West building. Education East was originally built as the home for the School of Education, begun in 1910 and the 4th professional school at the U of O. Lawrence's 1916 Education Building (now Gilbert Hall) was the home for this School for only 5 years until Education East was completed in 1921, adjacent to the University High School. It still serves as the School of Education's home along with the other buildings of the Education Complex. The Colonial Revival style was recommended for secondary buildings by Lawrence in his 1914 Campus Plan. Education East's massing and detailing place it within that style, especially with the front entry Tuscan Doric columns, broken pediment with lamp medallion (representing the lamp of learning), and formal entablature over the door. The scholar's walk between East and West is part of the original Lawrence plan, while the covered walk to the south and the enclosure of the courtyard follow the principles of the Oregon Experiment.

This 1-story building is an important part of the Education Complex and in the history of the School of Education at the U of O. As seen in Lawrence's other groupings (Women's Memorial Quad, The Memorial Quad, etc.), the Education Complex uses buildings organized with clear relationships to each other and which form exterior spaces. Education A/East encloses a courtyard (formerly the high school exercise court) that was designed by Will Martin, a U of O architecture graduate who also designed the Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland. The covered walk to the south is also attributed to Martin and was added in 1980, the same year as the courtyard enclosure. According to the Lawrence Survey, "the 1980 addition to the School developed and enhanced this courtyard, forming one of the most successful spaces on campus." Exterior restoration work was done in 1992 and the building maintains high exterior integrity. Despite an interior remodel in 1960, a rear attic extension in 1960, and an attic remodel in 1978, the interior of Education East also maintains a good level of integrity. That is, it maintains the feel of its original use through materials and layout.

The style, material and orientation to a central courtyard make this building a unique and architecturally significant work of Ellis Lawrence. It could qualify individually for the National Register under Criterion C as an Ellis Lawrence designed building and as a good representative of the Colonial Revival style on the U of O campus. Hence, its period of significance is its date of construction, 1921. If it were to be considered under Criterion A for its role in the development of the School of Education and the U of O campus, the period of significance would likely be extended.

This building has been ranked as a secondary resource for its medium significance and good integrity.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Historic Significance (check one): _ High <u>X</u> Medium _ Low Very Low or None Integrity (check one): _ Excellent X Good _ Fair _ Poor Condition (check one): _ Excellent X Good _ Fair _ Poor
Building designation: _ City Landmark _ National Register _ National Historic Landmark X Not listed
Preliminary National Register eligibility findings Building is potentially eligible: X Individually or _As a contributing resource in a district only
If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):
_ A. Associated with significant events X C. Distinctive architecturally _ B. Associated with significant persons _ D. Archaeologically important
If applicable, building qualifies under NR Criterion Considerations: _ Yes _ No If yes, which apply:
Building is NOT eligible: _ Intact but lacks distinction or _ Altered/loss of integrity or _ Not 50 years old

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DOCUMENTATION Indicate resources consulted when researching this building (check all that apply): X UO Planning Office files _ Newspapers X University archives _ SHPO files _ Building permits X Sanborn maps _ State Library State Archives State Historic Society Local Historic Society X Historic photographs Personal interviews Biographical encyclopedias Obituary indexes X Other see below

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Continuation Sheet 1



Figure 1. Education Complex, south covered walk



