

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM
University of Oregon Cultural Resources Survey
Eugene, Lane County, Oregon
Summer 2006, Updated 2025

RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: Cascade Annex West Wing
Historic building name: Press Building/Tech Services
Building address: 1254 Franklin Boulevard
Ranking: Non-Contributing

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Utilitarian
Building plan (footprint shape): rectangle
Number of stories: 1
Foundation material(s): concrete
Primary exterior wall material: poured concrete covered in rough stucco
Secondary exterior wall material: none
Roof configuration/type: flat, slight slope
Primary roof material: BUR
Primary window type: multi-pane industrial metal with horizontal pivot
Primary window material: metal
Decorative features and materials: metal I-beam awning (non-historic)
Landscape features: perimeter sidewalk, asphalt parking lot on north and alley on west, concrete brick retaining wall on south side
Associated resources: adjacent to Cascade Annex East, connected to Onyx Bridge
Comments: South 60% of this building was razed in 1987 to clear site for Cascade Hall

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1925
Architect: Lawrence & Holford
Builder/Contractor: H.W. Hopkins
Moved? (yes/no): No Date of move(s): N/A
Description/dates of major additions/alterations: 1926 enlargement; 1946 roof restoration after a fire; 1950 door added in place of existing window; 1961 Onyx Bridge constructed on top of building; 1987 south 60 % was razed (Brockmeyer McDonald Architects); 2001 interior partition demolition and addition of door in place of a window on north facade; multiple interior alterations to accommodate changing occupancies over the life of the building

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Press Building

Current use(s) or function(s): Science shops and labs

Area(s) of significance: Education

Period of significance: 1925

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

This building was designed by Ellis Lawrence in 1925 to house the press operations on campus. It is a simple rectangular poured concrete building with a rough stucco finish and multi-pane metal windows. Per the original drawings, it was intended to have a sawtooth roof with north facing windows but due to cost, it was redesigned as flat with skylights. A small addition in 1926 was the workroom for San Francisco printer John Henry Nash, although the architectural details of this lack documentary evidence. Special equipment was moved into the building for the printing of one book a year under the supervision of Mr. Nash. One of the first books printed was the biography of recently deceased University President Prince Lucien Campbell. The Daily Emerald was printed there as well. The original interior configuration consisted of two large rooms (press room and bindery) with a couple of offices along the west wall. The interior was modified multiple times to accommodate changing uses over the life of the building so that by 1987, the floor plans show all smaller offices and laboratories rather than a large interior space. In 1946 there was a fire and the roof was reconstructed. In this same year, Cascade Annex East was constructed adjacent to it on the east. At the time of construction, its dimensions and massing mirrored Cascade Annex West, although a few feet longer extending to the south. Drawings from 1952 show this length differentiation but later drawings show them the same length. Documentation of the exact date of this change is inconclusive. In 1950, a window of the west facade was converted to an entry door. In 1961, the Onyx Bridge was constructed on top of the building. In 1963, a freezer room and air-conditioned animal room was constructed within the south end of the building to accommodate the science laboratories. The southern 60% of the building was demolished in 1987 to clear the site for Cascade Hall. In 2001, there was extensive remodeling to house the science stores, which included interior demolition of the north offices, infill of the west door and conversion of the central north window into a door with a decorative I-beam awning. Currently, the building sits dwarfed under the Onyx Bridge, connected to Cascade Annex East at the southeastern corner and surrounded by an asphalt parking lot, loading ramp and alley on the north, east and west facades, respectively.

This building lacks integrity for listing on the National Register because Onyx Bridge was built on top of the annex, 60% was razed, and interior modifications over time have greatly diminished the existing historic fabric. It has been ranked as a non-contributing resource for its very low significance to the campus and poor integrity.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENTHistoric Significance (check one): High Medium Low Very Low or NoneIntegrity (check one): Excellent Good Fair PoorCondition (check one): Excellent Good Fair PoorBuilding designation: City Landmark National Register National Historic Landmark Not listedPreliminary National Register eligibility findingsBuilding is potentially eligible: Individually or As a contributing resource in a district only

If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):

 A. Associated with significant events C. Distinctive architecturally B. Associated with significant persons D. Archaeologically importantIf 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

DOCUMENTATION

Indicate resources consulted when researching this building (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University archives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UO Planning Office files | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Building permits | <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO files |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> State Library | <input type="checkbox"/> State Historic Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Historic Society | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic photographs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical encyclopedias | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary indexes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other : <u>see below</u> |

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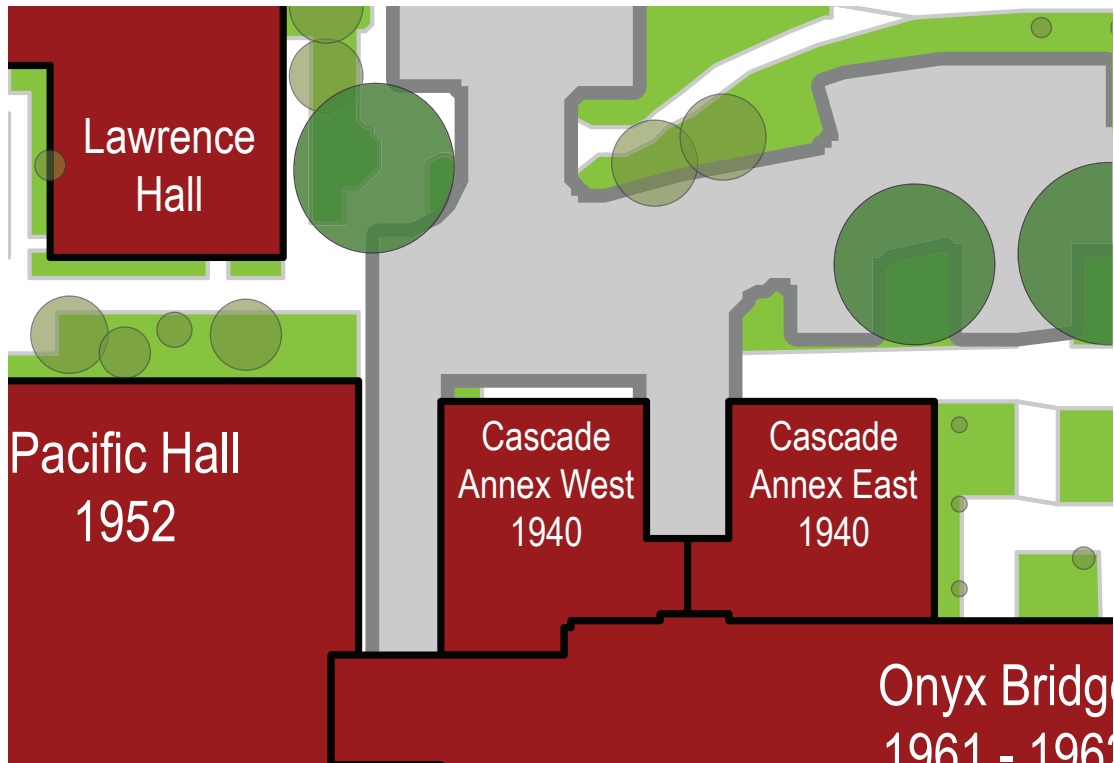
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