

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

**RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

Current building name: Computing Center  
Historic building name: Computing Center  
Building address: 1225 Kincaid Street  
Ranking: Non-Contributing

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Architectural style classification: Modern  
Building plan (footprint shape): Rectangle  
Number of stories: 2  
Foundation material(s): Concrete  
Primary exterior wall material: Brick  
Secondary exterior wall material: Stucco  
Roof configuration/type: Flat  
Primary roof material: Vinyl  
Primary window type: fixed rectangular panes above and below operable horizontal pivot transoms  
Primary window material: Aluminum  
Decorative features and materials: vertical brick coursing, simplistic massing, extremely vertical windows  
Landscape features: Located at the west end of the University Hall Walk with ramps, stairs, a loading dock, foundation plantings (trees: Birch, Flowering Cherry, Flame Ash; shrubs: primarily rhododendron; assorted perennials), rectangular concrete planter (north façade), brick and concrete planters (south courtyard) and two benches (south courtyard)  
Associated resources: The Computing Center abuts Lillis Business Complex, but the buildings remain unconnected; adjacent to Dads' Gates Axis, University Hall Walk Axis  
Comments

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

Date of construction: 1967  
Architect: Morin and Longwood  
Builder/Contractor: Vik Construction Co.  
Moved? (yes/no): No                      Date of move(s): N/A  
Description/dates of major additions/alterations: Second story addition, 1970 by Morin and Longwood; addition of skylights, replacement of ceiling tiles, and enlargement of bathrooms by architects Robertson and Sherwood in 2001; south entry plaza redesigned, 2004, Cameron, McCarthy, Gilbert and Scheibe.

**HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE**

Original use(s) or function(s): Computing center

Current use(s) or function(s): Computing center

Area(s) of significance: Education

Period of significance: 1966

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

The Computing Center, constructed in 1966 and opened in 1967, was designed in the Modern style by architects Morin and Longwood. It has a rectangular building plan, 2 stories, and a concrete foundation. The primary exterior wall material is brick, with stucco as the secondary material. The roof is flat with vinyl roofing material, and the building has aluminum framed pane windows. Vertical brick coursing and the simplistic, horizontal box massing contradicted by a sense of verticality inferred by the narrow, tall windows are the only decorative features. The surrounding landscape consists of shrub beds.

Ever since it was erected, the Computing Center has functioned as a resource center for all campus computer needs, and may prove to be significant for its relationship to the roots of the computer age on campus. The purpose of the center is to both provide educational facilities and to provide scientific computations for research projects. University faculty and students had to use facilities in other parts of Oregon as well as California for their computing needs prior to its construction. The Computing Center was supported partially by a \$30,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. It was originally a single story structure but it is rumored to have been designed to support a second story. This alleged intention was fully realized in 1970 when a second-story addition was done by the original architects, creating the building that is seen today. The only other changes to the building are the addition of skylights, replacement of ceiling tiles, and enlargement of bathrooms by architects Robertson and Sherwood in 2001. In addition, the southern entry plaza was redesigned when the Lillis Business Center was constructed in 2004.

While the building has much of its integrity intact and is in good condition, it is not exemplar in style. It is ranked as a non-contributing resource due to its very low significance compared to other campus buildings.

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT**Historic 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 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

**DOCUMENTATION**

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> University archives        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UO Planning Office files | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers               |
| <input 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> |

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Primary source materials, Computing Center architectural drawings located in the UO Planning Office/Facilities Services hanging files.

"Statistical Laboratory and computing center to open," Eugene (OR) Oregon Daily Emerald, 21 September 1960. p. 10.

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**RECORDING INFORMATION**

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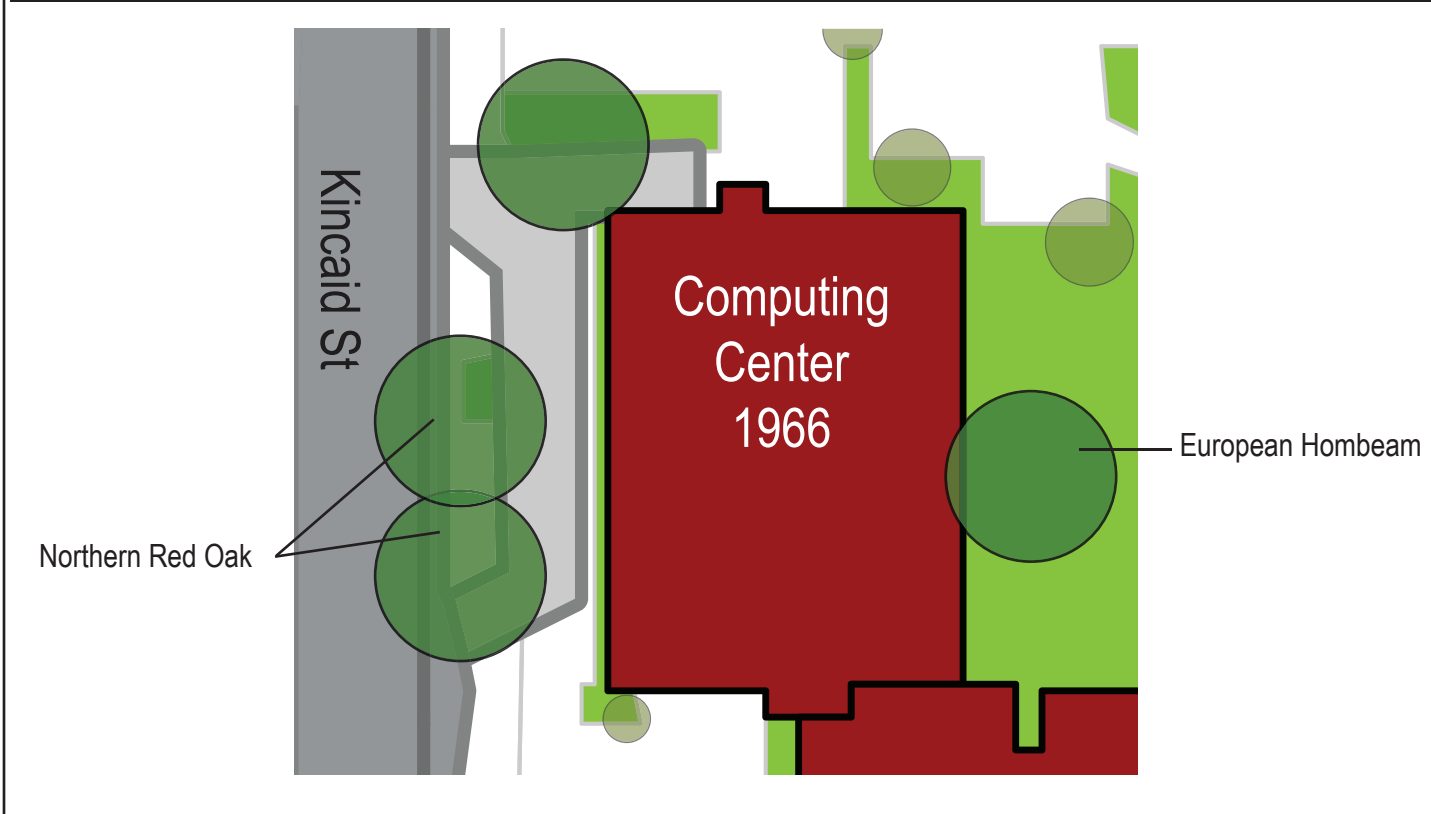
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**PHOTOGRAPH**



**SITE PLAN**



**Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup>"Statistical Laboratory and computing center to open," Eugene (OR) Oregon Daily Emerald, 21 September 1960. p. 10.