

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

RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: Clinical Services Building

Historic building name: Clinical Services Building

Building address: 901 East 18th Ave.

Ranking: Non-Contributing

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Modernist

Building plan (footprint shape): Irregular

Number of stories: 2-3

Foundation material(s): Concrete

Primary exterior wall material: Concrete

Secondary exterior wall material: Brick

Roof configuration/type: Irregular, broad, sloping angles

Primary roof material: Metal

Primary window type: Fixed, solid pane construction

Primary window material: Metal

Decorative features and materials: Poured concrete "rafter tails"

Landscape features: Building cut to grade on hillside, surrounding trees and planted ornamentals

Associated resources: Southwest Campus Axis

Comments: No additional comments

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1967-1969

Architect: Balzhiser, Seder and Rhodes, Architects

Builder/Contractor: Unknown

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

Description/dates of major additions/alterations: 11/1984 and 7/3/1985: "Energy Retrofit Design" by Brown and Caldwell, Consulting Engineers of Eugene, Oregon. Electrical interior upgrade for the basement, first, second, and third floors.

6/21/1985: Interior alterations to "Rooms 01 and 03", University of Oregon Physical Plant Department, Job # 5523

7/22/1985-2/27/1986: "Plumbing and Fire Protection, Floor Plan", by EMC Engineers, Inc. Job# 5505.7

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Training and research for the physically handicapped

Current use(s) or function(s): Same as above

Area(s) of significance: Education, medical, Architecture

Period of significance: 1969-unknown

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Balzhiser, Seder, and Rhodes had plans drafted up in 1968 for a "Clinical Service Building for Mental Retardation". Materials for the interior included "poured in place concrete," solid brick walls, grouted brick walls, and solid brick and concrete walls. Framing called for 2.5-inch metal studs placed two feet on-center, with 1.5-inch sound attenuating batting insulation. Exterior materials for the north and east exterior elevations included striated colored concrete, smooth colored concrete, brick, vertical wood paneling, glass and corten steel roof. Materials for the south and west elevations were the same, with the addition of pre-cast concrete panels, and stucco infill between the upper story windows.

With the only alterations noted above on the interior, it appears that little has changed about this unusual building. The dedication was held on January 23rd, 1970. Paul Jacobson, then dean of the College of Education, presided over the ceremony. Speakers were Clay Meyers, Oregon Secretary of State; Dale Parnell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Roy Lieuallen, State Chancellor of Higher Education; and Robert Clark, University President. Of interest, Arthur Flemming, President of Macalester College and former University President, and Wayne Morse, former U.S. Senator from Oregon, were the main speakers for the dedication.

The Clinical Services Building was originally funded by the Kennedy Administration and was to "provide a service setting for interdisciplinary training and pool the skills of psychologists, speech pathologists, pediatricians, medical specialists, social workers, and educators," and operated in conjunction with the University Medical School. During 1970, this facility was only one of two on the West Coast, and it is unknown if this is still the case at the time of this survey. At present, the building is utilized for similar purposes for which it was first constructed. The Head Start Classroom and Center on Human Development is also housed in building.

It could be eligible for the National Register when it reaches 50 years of age if it maintains its current high integrity and good condition and if an argument can be made for the building's significance. Despite its excellent integrity, it is currently ranked as a non-contributing campus resource for its very low significance.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Historic Significance (check one): High Medium Low Very Low or None

Integrity (check one): Excellent Good Fair Poor

Condition (check one): Excellent Good Fair Poor

Building designation: City Landmark National Register National Historic Landmark Not listed

Preliminary National Register eligibility findings

Building 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 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 | Other <u>See below</u> |

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Clinical Services: Pools Skills for Handicapped," *Daily Emerald*, January 16, 1970, p. 6.

"Clinical Observation: The Spy Technique," *Daily Emerald*, January 16, 1970, p. 7.

"Clinical Services Hold Opening Dedication," *Daily Emerald*, January 23, 1970, p. 7.

"Fleming, Morse Speak at Dedication: New Clinic Ready for Retarded," *Daily Emerald*, January 26, 1970, p. 1.

University of Oregon Planning Office and Facilities Services, Plans:

Alterations:

University of Oregon Physical Plant Department

June 21, 1985, Sheet C-1, Job Number 5523, Drawing Number 8455438427, Alterations, Rooms 01 and 03, Clinical Services Building, 901 18th Avenue East, Eugene, Oregon.

EMC Engineers, Inc., Denver, Eugene, Atlanta, 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 325, Eugene, OR.

July 22, 1985, Drawing M-1, Project # 5505.7, As-Built, February 27, 1986, Plumbing and Fire Protection Floor Plan.

July 22, 1985, Drawing M-2, HVAC Floor Plan and Details

Brown and Caldwell, Consulting Engineers, Eugene, OR.

July 3, 1985, Drawing M-3, Energy Retrofit Design, As-Built

November, 1984, Drawing E-201, Energy Retrofit Design, Basement and Third Floor Plans

November, 1984, Drawing E-202, Energy Retrofit Design, First Floor Plan

November, 1984, Drawing E-203, Energy Retrofit Design, Second Floor Plan

Original Plans:

Balzhiser, Seder, and Rhodes, Architects, 725 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR.

February 16, 1968, Clinical Service Building for Mental Retardation, all sheets available.

RECORDING INFORMATION

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PHOTOGRAPH



SITE PLAN

