**RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION**

Current building name: Hamilton Hall Complex (East and West)
Historic building name: Hamilton Hall Complex (East and West)
Building address: East Complex/1364 Columbia Street, West Complex/1365 Agate Street
Ranking: Non-Contributing

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

Architectural style classification: International
Building plan (footprint shape): radiating
Number of stories: 4
Foundation material(s): concrete
Primary exterior wall material: brick veneer
Secondary exterior wall material: aluminum panels
Roof configuration/type: flat
Primary roof material: elastic membrane
Primary window type: sliding industrial sash
Primary window material: aluminum
Decorative features and materials: black panels under windows for all sections; brick and hollow tile lattice work on McClain, Boynton, Collier, and Robbins sections of the complex; pink aggregate panels and lattice work on Dunn and Cloran
Landscape features: deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, foundation plantings, landscaped area to south (“Humpy Lumpy”), covered bike parking
Associated resources: It lies across Agate St. at the western terminus of the Promenade
Comments:

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY**

Date of construction: 1960-1961
Architect: Church, Newberry & Roehr
Builder/Contractor: unknown
Moved? (yes/no): no  Date of move(s): N/A
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Dormitory
Current use(s) or function(s): Dormitory
Area(s) of significance: Architecture, Education
Period of significance: 1960-1961

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Built in two phases, Hamilton Hall is less than fifty years old and is an example of Modernist design ideas on the UO campus. It echoes specific International style examples in its design and construction, especially in the piloti on the Agate St. façade which resemble the arrangement of the ground floor of the Seagrams Building by Mies van der Rohe and Phillip Johnson, perhaps the most famous example of the International style. Other decoration include use of contrasting construction panels to create a sort of decorative checkerboard effect, the brick and hollow tile lattice work on McClain, Boynton, Collier, and Robbins units of the complex and the pink aggregate panels and lattice work on Dunn and Cloran units. Hamilton Hall’s many semi-enclosed internal courtyards and common areas reflect Modernist ideas about reorganization of living space.

Hamilton was named for Judge James W. Hamilton, member of the Board of Regents and president from 1913-1925. The building consists of ten separate rectangular, 4 story units: Boynton, Cloran, McClain, Tingle, Spiller, Robbins, Dunn, Collier, Burgess, and Watson. Each unit is named for a former faculty member of the UO.

Hamilton Hall has good integrity. No discernible changes have been made to the fabric or design of the exterior. Interior changes have been limited to minor remodeling work and changes in use. Hamilton Hall may contribute to a campus historic district once it reaches 50 years of age as an example of Modernist architecture at the peak of its ascendancy and how it was applied to campus residential life. However, at this time Hamilton Hall is ranked as a non-contributing resource.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Historic Significance (check one): ___High _ Medium _ Low _X 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: _ Individually _ 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 _ Altered/loss of integrity _X Not 50 years old
DOCUMENTATION

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

- University archives
- Sanborn maps
- State Archives
- Local Historic Society
- Biographical encyclopedias
- X UO Planning Office files
- Building permits
- State Library
- Personal interviews
- Obituary indexes
- Newspapers
- SHPO files
- State Historic Society
- Historic photographs
- Other

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Plans and Specifications for Hamilton Hall, Building Files, Facilities Services, University of Oregon.


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PHOTOGRAPH

Hamilton Hall Complex, taken from northwest (corner of 13th and Agate Streets)
(See Continuation Sheet 1 for additional photos of this building)

SITE PLAN

- Coast Redwood
- Caucasian Wingnut
- Scarlet Oak
- Red Maple
- Pin Oak
- American Sweetgum
- American Plantree
- Deodar Cedar
Figure 1. Hamilton Hall. Semi-enclosed courtyard.

Figure 2. Hamilton Hall. Dunn's endwall.

Figure 3. Hamilton Hall's wooden marker