RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Current building name: Oregon Hall  
Historic building name: n/a  
Building address: 1585 East 13th Ave.  
Ranking: Non-Contributing

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural style classification: Modern  
Building plan (footprint shape): L-shaped  
Number of stories: Three, west wing; four, east wing  
Foundation material(s): Concrete  
Primary exterior wall material: Brick  
Secondary exterior wall material: n/a  
Roof configuration/type: Flat  
Primary roof material: Unknown  
Primary window type: Fixed sash, in horizontal bands of six  
Primary window material: Metal  
Decorative features and materials: Simple decorative brickwork frames the windows, doors and balconies.

Landscape features: The north side features a large lawn with a walking path and a University of Oregon sign. The south side features sidewalks and large raised planter area (a small grass area supported by a retaining wall).

Associated resources: 13th Ave. Axis  
Comments: Oregon Hall is asymmetrical. While it has four stories, much of the building is only three stories. The building features a recessed entry to the south side and recessed balconies above. The north side of the building features a third floor terrace.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date of construction: 1974  
Architect: Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership of Portland  
Builder/Contractor: Nortec, Inc (Structural, Mechanical, Electrical Engineers)  
Moved? (yes/no): No  
Date of move(s): n/a  
Description/dates of major additions/alterations:
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS & SIGNIFICANCE

Original use(s) or function(s): Educational
Current use(s) or function(s): Student Services, Administration
Area(s) of significance: Education, Architecture
Period of significance: 1974

Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary):

Oregon Hall was designed in 1974 by the architectural firm Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca Partnership of Portland. Oregon Hall is a brick asymmetrical building with windows in horizontal bands of six panes. The west wing of the building is three stories. This wing features a recessed entry that faces south with recessed balconies above. On the north side of the west wing, a third floor terrace is featured. The east wing of the building is four stories. The two wings converge at the northeast corners and are emphasized by a tower-like projection.

Oregon Hall currently houses administration offices including admissions, financial aid, registrar, and student affairs. These offices were previously housed in Emerald Hall, which was demolished.

In 1962 the University hired urban designer Lawrence Lackey to create a new campus plan. He produced a "fixed image map" which projected future campus development. The placement of Oregon Hall, along with the Bean Residence Hall Complex and various science facilities, were a part of Lackey's plan. Oregon Hall was built during a transitional period on campus. Although Christopher Alexander published The Oregon Experiment in the early 1970s, buildings influenced by this plan do not show up on campus until 1976. It is possible that Oregon Hall was one of the last buildings constructed prior to the adaptation of Alexander's plan. However, more research is needed to determine this.

Oregon Hall has high intensity and is in excellent condition, but currently it has little significance, lacks distinction and is not fifty years old. Therefore, it is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. At present, it is categorized as a non-contributing resource given its very low significance relative to other campus buildings.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Historic Significance (check one): _ High _ Medium _ Low X Very Low or None
Integrity (check one): X Excellent _ Good _ Fair _ Poor
Condition (check one): X Excellent _ 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 or _ As a contributing resource in a district only

If eligible individually, applicable criteria (check all that apply):
_ A. Associated with significant events
_ B. Associated with significant persons
_ C. Distinctive architecturally
_ D. Archaeologically important

If applicable, building qualifies under NR Criterion Considerations: _ Yes X No If yes, which apply:
Building is NOT eligible: X Intact but lacks distinction or _ Altered/loss of integrity or 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
- UO Planning Office files
- Building permits
- State Library
- Personal interviews
- Obituary indexes
- Newspapers
- SHPO files
- State Historic Society
- Historic photographs
- Other

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RECORDING INFORMATION

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