

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM

Note: For properties 35 years old and newer, starred (*) sections are the only required fields.

*County: **Benton**

*Street Address: College Drive, OSU				*City: Corvallis			
USGS Quad Name: Corvallis			GPS Latitude: 443354		Longitude: 1231649		
Township: 11	Range: 05	Section: 34	Block:	Lot:	Map #: 11534	Tax Lot #: 100	
*Date of Construction: c. 1892		Historic Name: Cauthorn Hall		Historic Use or Function: School			
Grouping or Cluster Name: None		*Current Name or Use: Educational office		Associated Archaeological Site: Unknown			
Architectural Classification(s): Colonial Revival			Plan Type/Shape: Complex		Number of Stories: 3.5		
Foundation Material: Stone			Structural Framing: Unknown		Moved? No		
Roof Type/Material: Gable / Composition shingle			Window Type/Material: 1/1 double hung				
Exterior Surface Materials Primary: Drop		Secondary: Wood shingle		Decorative: Pressed tin ornament			
Exterior Alterations or Additions/Approximate Date: Front entry porch steps and rail; loss of original front porch; rear entry, porch extension, and wheel chair lift; some window replacement in the basement; rear basement level automobile ramp and entrance;							
Number and Type of Associated Resources: OSU resources							
Integrity: Good		Condition: Good		Local Ranking:		National Register Listed? No	
Preliminary National Register Findings:		Potentially Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually or <input type="checkbox"/> As a contributing resource in a district Not Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> Intact but lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Altered (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Potentially eligible individually or in district <input type="checkbox"/> Reversible/Ineligible as it lacks distinction <input type="checkbox"/> Not 50 years old <input type="checkbox"/> Irretrievable loss of integrity					
Description of Physical and Landscape Features:							
<p>Fairbanks Hall was constructed in the Colonial Revival style and features a 3-1/2 story, complex plan. The nearly-symmetrical building rests on a stone foundation and is clad in V-notch drop siding. The side-facing gable roof is covered with composition shingles and is pierced by four dormers on both the front and rear. Windows are wood one-over-one double hung with slightly projecting headers, which often appear paired on a continuous sill. The central gable entry hood is supported by capped, square posts, which rests on square piers with recessed panels. It features a closed pediment with full entablature, rake board and molding, and decorative fish-scale shingles. Other decorative features include the dentil course and molding; water table and cap; belt course and cap at each floor; brackets; and cornerboards. The front dormers feature a finial projection, a closed pediment with fish-scale shingles, and square shingles on the sides. A metal skirting, pressed with the impression of concrete block, wraps the front and rear porches. Alterations include the loss of the original front porch, which ran the length of the central bay, and the replacement entry porch and steps. A cupola was blown off the roof by the 1962 Columbus Day Storm. The rear porch has been extended to the north to access a single-story, flat-roof addition and to incorporate a wheel chair lift. The basement includes some window replacement and the addition of an automobile ramp. The small hip roof brick building to the south was originally the laundry facility for Fairbanks Hall.</p>							
Statement of Significance [Required ONLY for Intensive Level Surveys] (use additional sheets if necessary)							
<p>In February 1891, the Legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the construction of a student hall and dorm for boys at the Oregon Agricultural College. The building featured running water, steam heat, electricity, and sleeping room for 100 students, and was named in honor of Thomas E. Cauthorn. Cauthorn was a founder of the OAC and a Senator for Benton and Polk counties, who in 1882, introduced the legislation that funded the construction of the dormitory. He was also a partner with his father in the merchandise house, A. Cauthorn & Son, and was the mayor of Corvallis in 1883.</p> <p>Beginning in 1900 and lasting four years, Cauthorn Hall became the first cooperative living association at the college. From 1921 to 1927, the dormitory housed students in the army training corps for service in World War I. After this time, the building was converted into a women's dormitory and renamed Kidder Hall, in honor of Ida Kidder, the first professional librarian at Oregon State University. Due to a lack of enrollment during the Depression, the building was closed. With the assistance of the WPA (Work Progress Administration), in 1935-36 Kidder Hall was converted into classroom space for the Art Department and, later, History Department.</p> <p><u>In 1964, the building underwent a second name change to Fairbanks Hall.</u> J. Leo Fairbanks was a renowned artist and chair of the Art Department from 1923-1946. In 1943, he designed the Oregon Trail Medallion used on historical markers. The Art Department is still located in this building today. <u>(Cauthorn's and Kidder's names were subsequently used on a new buildings.)</u></p>							
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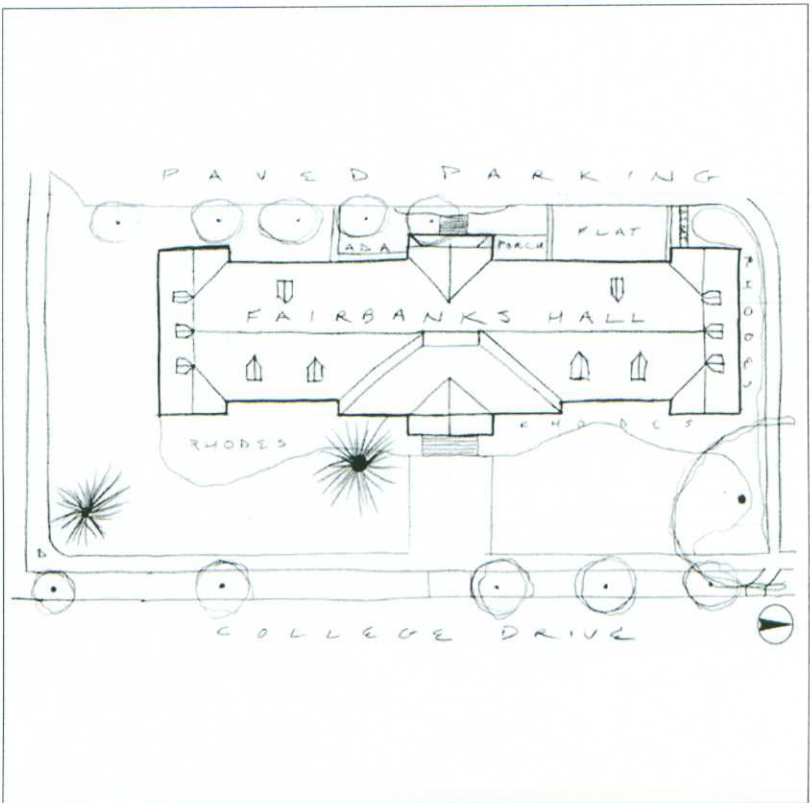
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Site Plan:



Location:



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Architect and/or Builder:	Owner Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed
Addition or Subdivision Name: Unplatted	Owner Name: OREGON STATE BOARD HIGHER ED
Area(s) of Significance: 20th Century Architecture	Address: P O BOX 1086
Property Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> District	City State ZIP: CORVALLIS OR 97339-1086
	Phone:

Documentation		
Research Sources: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title/Deed Records <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Directories <input type="checkbox"/> Census Records <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building Permits <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Records <input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files <input type="checkbox"/> State Archives <input type="checkbox"/> State Library <input type="checkbox"/> Local Histories <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Photographs	Local Library (specify): University Library (specify): OSU Archives Historical Society (specify): Other (specify):

Bibliographic References (books, articles, interviews, etc.):

"1963 Feasibility Study for Kidder Hall" by Bear, McNeil, Schneider, Bloodworth & Hawes

"Fairbanks Hall: A Mirror into the Oregon State University Past", Diane McComb Williams, 1991

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