

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	2450 SW Jefferson Way Corvallis, Benton County (97331)	historic name:	Langton Hall
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	Men's Gymnasium
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		township/rng/sect/qtr sect:	11S 5W 34
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	
elig evaluation:	eligible/contributing	total elig resources:	total inelig resources:
prim constr date:	1915	NR Status:	Listed in Historic District
	second date: 1920	date indiv listed:	
primary orig use:		orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Mediterranean Revival	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Standard Brick	architect:	Bennes, John V.
secondary siding:		builder:	
plan type:	School (General)		
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Survey/Grouping Included In:	Type of Grouping	Date Listed	Date Compiled
College Hill West Nomination Survey	Survey & Inventory Project		2000
Oregon State University Historic District	Listed Historic District	06/25/2008	2007
Farmstead/Cluster Name:		Oregon State University	
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	N/A	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess Project(s):	None
RLS survey date:	05/16/2007	Federal Tax Project(s):	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>Langton Hall is a two story, Italian Renaissance style building. It includes a large gymnasium, offices, practice rooms, and a swimming pool. Alterations: 1920: Pool and offices added; 1980's: replaced skylights and windows in the pool and gym; 1990's replaced roof; 2003: replaced roof Pool installation- 1920 Exterior painting- 1977-79 Re-roofing- 1979-80 Swimming pool drainage modifications- 1982 Attic Insulation- 1982 Mechanical room steam pipe modification- 1983 Diving Board Handrails- 1982-84 Re-roofing- 1986-87 Landscape: Langton Hall is surrounded by trees and shrubbery of typical "old OSU" fashion. Setting: The building is located near the center of campus, across the street from the Memorial Union. Alterations: 1920: Pool and offices added; 1980's: replaced skylights and windows in the pool and gym; 1990's replaced roof; 2003: replaced roof</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Langton Hall, originally called the Men's Gymnasium, was completed in 1915 for use in men's athletics and assemblies. Though completed in 1915, OSU lacked the funds necessary to equip the building appropriately. During the 1916-1917 school year, the newly appointed Director of Athletics, A.D. Browne, had this to say. "The gymnasium building provides ample space for all indoor activities, but much of the work is ineffectively carried on, on account of inadequate facilities. There is great need for gymnasium and wrestling mats, apparatus, lockers, and a drying room. The unfurnished rooms now used regularly for departmental work should be completed and furnished to meet the needs of the men. No system of physical education is complete without a swimming pool, and the students of O. A. C. are deserving of a pool that will be adequate for teaching swimming to all and conducting an extensive program of aquatic activities." (Biennial Reports 1916-17, pg 83) In 1920 his wish was granted when the institution provided more than \$85,000 for the completion of the gym, as well as the swimming pool Browne had requested. During the same year a bronze statue called "The Runner" was erected outside of the gymnasium. It was one first pieces of art to decorate the OSU campus. The Men's Gymnasium was home to the Beaver's basketball games and commencement ceremonies until the completion of Gill Coliseum in 1950. In 1974 the building was renamed Langton Hall after Clair V. Langton, head of health and physical education from 1928 to 1964. Today the building is home to intramural sports offices and the department of exercise and sports science. It also is used for physical education classes and is the wrestler training facility.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
Title Records	Census Records	Property Tax Records	Local Histories
Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	✓ SHPO Files	Interviews
Obituaries	Newspapers	✓ State Archives	✓ Historic Photographs
City Directories	Building Permits	✓ State Library	
Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:		Other Repository:	
Bibliography:			
<p>RLS DATA Biennial Reports 1916-17 OSU Alumni Association- Up Close and Personal: Campus Tour http://alumni.oregonstate.edu/eclips/carry/oct25_2002.html Harriet's Collection HC0077</p>			