

# Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
<b>address:</b>	2250 SW Jefferson Way Corvallis, Benton County (97331)	<b>historic name:</b>	Waldo Hall
<b>assoc addresses:</b>		<b>current/other names:</b>	Clara Humason Hall
<b>location descr:</b>		<b>block/lot/tax lot:</b>	
		<b>twtnshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:</b>	11S 5W 34
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
<b>resource type:</b>	Building	<b>height (stories):</b>	
<b>elig evaluation:</b>	eligible/contributing	<b>total elig resources:</b>	
<b>prim constr date:</b>	1907	<b>NR Status:</b>	Listed in Historic District
	<b>second date:</b> 1939	<b>date indiv listed:</b>	
<b>primary orig use:</b>		<b>orig use comments:</b>	
<b>second orig use:</b>		<b>prim style comments:</b>	
<b>primary style:</b>	Romanesque	<b>sec style comments:</b>	
<b>secondary style:</b>		<b>siding comments:</b>	
<b>primary siding:</b>	Standard Brick	<b>architect:</b>	Burggraff, Charles H.
<b>secondary siding:</b>		<b>builder:</b>	
<b>plan type:</b>	School (General)		
<b>comments/notes:</b>			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
<b>Survey/Grouping Included In:</b>	<b>Type of Grouping</b>	<b>Date Listed</b>	<b>Date Compiled</b>
College Hill West Nomination Survey	Survey & Inventory Project		2000
Oregon State University Historic District	Listed Historic District	06/25/2008	2007
<b>Farmstead/Cluster Name:</b>		Oregon State University	
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
<b>NR date listed:</b>	N/A	<b>106 Project(s):</b>	None
<b>ILS survey date:</b>		<b>Special Assess Project(s):</b>	None
<b>RLS survey date:</b>	05/16/2007	<b>Federal Tax Project(s):</b>	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>Waldo Hall is a four-story, Richardsonian Romanesque style building that measures 96' x 240' and encompasses 73,404 sq feet. The building has a shallow hipped roof with steep front gable, and is made of brick. Ornamental cream-colored pressed brick cover the exterior front and sides, and red brick is featured on the back, around windows, and as highlights on corners. The building's main entrance is two stories with an arch of pioneer sandstone carved into a leaf pattern. "Waldo Hall," "1907" imprinted in stone above the arch, which is flanked by two short granite columns. There are four-story towers flanking the entry, each with decorative panels under the tower caps bearing carvings with naturalistic forms. Alterations: Waldo Hall received its first renovations in 1939 when the college replaced the wiring, sewer main, copper gutter, plumbing fixtures, and painted and decorated parlors. In 1959 it was renovated for Men's Dormitory and renovated in 1966 for office space. In 1991 an elevator was added, roofing downspouts were replaced, and windows were painted. Exterior added in 1998. Landscape: Waldo Hall is on OSU's main campus and is bordered by Jefferson Way to the north, Snell Hall to the east, and Langton Hall to the west. Setting: Waldo Hall is located just east of the center of OSU's main campus, in sector C. Alterations: 1939: replaced wiring, sewer main, copper gutter, plumbing fixtures, painted and decorated parlors; 1959: renovated for Men's Dormitory; 1966: renovated for office space; 1990's added elevator, replaced roofing downspouts, painted windows; 1998 added exter</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Waldo Hall was the first dormitory that was constructed for use by women. Previously, women were housed in boarding houses, or, from 1892-1907, Alpha Hall, which was built for men and later converted into a women's dorm when men were relocated to Fairbanks Hall. The hall was named after Clara Humason Waldo, a proponent of higher education for women, who was appointed as regent of Oregon Agricultural College in 1905—the first woman to hold the position. She was a regent until 1919. She was also the first woman to address graduates at commencement at OAC in 1923. Waldo Hall originally had 115 double occupancy rooms, as well as kitchen and dining facilities, a reception room, laundry room, and apartments for female faculty members. Also, it is thought to be the first dormitory on campus to have indoor plumbing and toilets. It remained the largest female dormitory at OSU until it was converted for men's use in 1959. Males had occupied the dormitory prior to this date, however. During both World Wars, Waldo Hall housed military men stationed on campus. During WWI the women moved into the fraternity houses, and the men there were required to live in the men's dorm or barracks. Waldo's third floor was temporarily converted into a student hospital, as the college health center was taken over and staffed by the military. Waldo Hall remained a men's dormitory until it was renovated for office space in 1966. Since then it has provided offices for the Department of Anthropology, Health and Health Care Admin, OSU Publications, as well as the Communication Skills Center, the Educational Opportunities Program, and Upward Bound.</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	
<b>Local Library:</b>		<b>University Library:</b>	Oregon State University
<b>Historical Society:</b>		<b>Other Repository:</b>	
<b>Bibliography:</b>			

Bear, McNeil, Schneider, Bloodworth, and Hawes. Feasibility Study For Waldo Hall. Corvallis: Oregon State University, 1963.\* Carlson, Ted. "Mansion of Memories." The Oregon Stater. 1957.\* Glab, Christina, and Eric Wilson. "Waldo Hall: The Life and Times of an OSU Dormitory: Structure and Historical Insight." 1989.\* Oberst, Gail. "OSU installs elevator in Waldo Hall." Albany Democrat-Herald. Feb. 28, 1991. Stinnett, Lynne. "Waldo Hall: Oregon State University." 1980.\* \* Available in the OSU Archives Memorabilia Collection, Box 31 – Buildings – Waldo Hall