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ARIZONA STATE HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY

HISTORIC PROPERTY NAME Mathews Hall	
COMMON PROPERTY NAME Mathews Hall	
PROPERTY LOCATION-STREET & NO. ASU Campus (Building 172)	
CITY, TOWN/VICINITY OF Tempe	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. NA
OWNER OF PROPERTY Arizona Board of Regents	PHONE
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 1535 West Jefferson	
CITY, TOWN Phoenix	STATE Arizona
	ZIP 85007
FORM PREPARED BY Janus Associates, Inc.	DATE 12/82
STREET & NO./P.O. BOX 2121 South Priest Suite 127	PHONE 967-7117
CITY, TOWN Tempe	STATE Arizona
	ZIP 85282
PHOTO BY Tempe Historical Society	DATE
VIEW looking north northeast	
HISTORIC USE dormitory	
PRESENT USE offices	ACREAGE less/one
ARCHITECT/BUILDER L. G. Knipe	
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES 1918	

COUNTY Maricopa	INVENTORY NO. 172
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QUAD/COUNTY MAP

CURRENT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPH



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Matthews Hall is a symmetrical two-story elongated building (135ft by 40ft) with telescoping side wings and projecting sleeping porch bays. Constructed of buff brick on a concrete foundation, the interiors and detailing are of wood. The Prairie School style is seen in the building's massing and details, including broad wooden cornices and eaves, Union Jack vent covers, and grouped double-hung windows. Single windows have steel lintels and raised brick emphasis. Internally, the basic configuration of the dormitory is intact, with five of the original sixteen paired room designs remaining. Other interior features include the stairway and original living room fireplace.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/HISTORY

Matthews Hall is the oldest intact dormitory on the ASU campus and is architecturally significant for its Prairie School stylistic qualities. Influenced by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, Prairie school designs feature elongated massing, projecting wings and bays, wide eaves and grouped windows. All of these features are found in Matthews Hall. Originally a women's dormitory, the building also reflects the attempt to deal with the climate by capturing night breezes by projecting sleeping spaces out from the main building. The building is also associated with Carrie Matthews, wife of Arthur Matthews, who was president of the school for thirty years (1900-1930).

STREET & NO. P.O. BOX	1233 West Jefferson
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STATE	Arizona
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SOURCES OF ABOVE INFORMATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY

- ASU Archives, specification data, building plans
- Sanborn Map 1927
- Arthur Matthews biographical file, ASU Archives

VIEW	looking north northeast
HISTORIC USE	dormitory
PRESENT USE	offices
ARCHITECT/BUILDER	L. C. Knipe
CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION DATES	1910

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA/LEGAL DESCRIPTION/VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 22, T1N, R4E
 ASU Campus
 Tempe Quad *See sketch map*
 Z-12, E-413040, N-3698040

Matthews Hall is a 2 1/2 story building with telescoping side wings and projecting sleeping porch bays. Constructed of buff brick on a concrete foundation, the interior features a massing and wood. The Prairie School style is seen in the building's massing and details, including broad wooden cornices and eaves, wide overhanging eaves, and grouped double-hung windows. Internally, the basic configuration is intact, with five of the original sixteen paired room designs remaining. Other interior features include the stairway and original living room fireplace.

GENERAL COMMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR PROPERTY