



SILVERSWORD

Friends of Old Maui High School

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Historic MHS Administration Building Marks Centennial



Administration Building, SILVERSWORD 1931

*“The arcade of triumphal arches
rises — roofless, silent and monumental.
...This, the main building of
Maui High School, constructed in 1921,
is now an eloquent shell.”*

(Paul Wood, In Flight magazine, 2005)

On the evening of December 6, 1921, the Maui High School Administration Building was dedicated, with a ceremony befitting the monumental 17,000 square foot Mission Revival Style structure. Designed by famed Hawaii architect Charles W. Dickey, the Administration Building was meant to be inspiring, and it was.

Graced with a dramatic arched façade, sheltering pergolas, a cupola and classical ornamentation - all of which would soon be covered by vines - it has stood for 100 years as a symbol of excellence and achievement at the Hāmākuapoko campus.

Built at a cost of \$66,000, it was Maui's first reinforced concrete building. In the next five decades, the Administration Building's classrooms and offices saw more than ten thousand students pour through Maui High. Their eagerness to learn was matched by idealistic teachers, recruited from the Mainland, who emphasized a liberal, classical education and democratic ideals, plus Mainland-inspired sports and extra-curricular activities.

Beginning with its first class of 141 students in 1921, the Administration Building saw graduates become leaders in their communities, the state and the nation.

We join all Sabers in celebrating the centennial of this historic Maui High School building.



Old Maui High School Administration Building and Barn, circa 1920s, from MHS archive



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Artist Jim Kingwell paints the Administration Building on location.

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Proceeds will help fund Friends' efforts to preserve and re-use the Administration Building and campus. Order now-supply is limited! Use form on page 3.

Architecture of Building Deemed Historically Significant

The following is adapted from a 2004 draft of a National Register of Historic Places STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Architectural Historian Muffy Gushi.

Old Maui High School is historically and architecturally important, established in 1913, and a landmark in a community that no longer exists but once was a vital part of the sugar plantation history of Hawaii...The Administration Building, built in 1920-21, was designed by Charles W. Dickey, who became known as the father of Hawaiian architecture, whose designs were influenced by Hawaii's unique tropical climate and culture...

Placement of the structure atop a knoll, and the broad lawn fronting the building emphasize the grandeur of the site. The approach to the building and its elevation reflect the importance of education...The building is sited to take advantage of views of the ocean, and Dickey's design also acknowledges the environmental elements, serving as a windbreak and protecting the grassy areas in front, where student activities were centered in the early days of the school... Photographs show how the lawn was used by students, and the broad concrete walkway at the top of the steps served as a stage for May Day pageants and other festivities.

The building is the finest example on Maui of ornamentation applied to a reinforced concrete building.

Although the population has moved away from Hāmākuapoko, the old school is an attractive site for future restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive reuse. The campus could again serve as a community resource, as well as a historic monument to a significant era in Maui's history and a tribute to the thousands of alumni whose lives were enhanced by their education and experiences at Old Maui High.



Photo: Chris McDonough

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**“NAME THE PHOTO”
QUIZ ANSWER**

Girls’ Physical Education Building is the answer to the “Name the Photo” quiz. Next to the tennis/basketball court, the girls’ Phys. Ed. building opened in 1952. It contained dozens of showers and lockers, sharing a modern water heater with the boys’ Phys. Ed. building next door. Many readers sent answers, but only four got it right!



Interior of girls 1952 Physical Education building and showers.

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