2.2.27 Sacramento City College Historic District

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The Sacramento City College Historic District consists of five buildings, designed by Sacramento architect, Harry J. Devine, Sr., under the Public Works Administration (PWA) grants. The Annex, the first project, consisting of the Library and Classrooms building, the Gymnasium, and the Fine Arts Building, was built around a Quadrangle, already partially surrounded by the existing, now razed, Romanesque Revival buildings of the mid 1920’s campus construction program. These new buildings were spaced among the existing ones. The other two buildings of the Historic District, the Engineering Technology Building (now the Fine Arts Center), and the Aeronautical Addition, were built two years later as part of the extensions, and are located to the east of the auditorium, not on the Quadrangle. Also included in the extensions were the Cafeteria and Student Management Building, and the Home Economics Building. The former lost its integrity with a 1963 addition, and the latter has been demolished and replaced.

All of the buildings have the PWA Modern style mixed with elements of traditional revival styles. They are characterized by monolithic reinforced concrete elements softened by brick. The buildings are tied to one another stylistically, by materials, and by repetition of design elements. While individually several of the buildings have had additions and alterations, both the individual buildings and the District as a whole retain integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The setting has been altered by changes to the Quadrangle, the loss of the 1920’s buildings, and the addition of the newer buildings.
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