567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, OH 43211 614/298-2000

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-01889-01 REV 4. Present Name(s) Beta Bell Tower				
2. County Butler	5. Historic or Othe	Name(s) Beta Campanile		
6. Specific Address or Location East High Street		19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape Square	2. County Butler
-		20. Contractor or Builder	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:	Ter inty
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type	17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.	
7. City or Village		22. Original Use, if apparent Monument/Marker		
Oxford			37. Window Type(s) Other	Be -
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxfor		23. Present Use Monument/Marker	38. Building Dimensions	Beta Bell Tower
16 694716 Zone Easting	4375582 Northing		39. Endangered? NO	 10
10. Classification: Building	Northing	24. Ownership Public 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known	By What?	or Historic Name(s.
11. On National Register?)	Miami University		ıe(s)
Tr. On Puttonial Register:		Oxford, Ohio 45056	40. Chimney Placement	
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?	NO	26. Property Acreage	No chimney observed	
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		27. Other Surveys	41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	
		28. No. of Stories	51. Condition of Property: Excellent	
16. Thematic Associations: Social/Fraternal Organizations University		29. Basement?	52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies	1
		30. Foundation Material	Structure Type	
17. Date(s) or Period 1939	17b. Alteration Date(s)	Concrete frame 31. Wall Construction Brick bearing	Date	
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Georgian Revival		32. Roof Type Polygonal	Associated Activity	
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		Roof Material Metal		
		33. No. of Bays 1 Side Bays 1	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers:	1
19. Architect or Engineer		34. Exterior Wall Material(s)	Historic (OHI)	
Charles F. Cellarius		Flemish bond	Archaeological (OAI)	†
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

This stately, square bell tower sits on a foundation of steel ribbed concrete. The brick walled tower is topped by an open cupola with a weathervane. A large door is centered on the north side of the tower. There is a plaque west of the door that honors the fraternity's founders. On the west side of the tower is a plaque stating that the tower was given to Miami by Theta Beta Pi, 'the first college fraternity to be founded west of the Allegheny Mountains.' On the south side of the tower there is a small, recessed arched window with six lights. Below it is a plaque stating the fraternity's commitment to the cultivation of intelligence, friendship and fidelity. Finally, a plaque on the east side states that the peal of bells was dedicated to the service of Miami 100 years after the fraternity's founding.

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

The Campanile was presented to Miami University by Beta Theta Pi national fraternity as a gift in honor of its centennial anniversary in 1939. The fraternity was founded at Miami in 1839. The cornerstone of the bell tower was laid on November 10, 1940 and the tower was dedicated on May 17, 1941. The bells, which had arrived in 1939, were hung temporarily in the east tower of old Harrison Hall. The four bells are individually inscribed with the Greek letters Beta, Theta, and Pi, along with the years 1839-1939. Weighing 3000, 1200, 800 and 600 pounds each, the bells ring in the keys of E flat, A flat, B flat and C, respectively. They were first sounded at their presentation to the University at the Beta Theta Pi Centenary Convention in 1939.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

The Beta Bell Tower is located on East High Street, directly south of Ogden Hall, built as a men's dormitory in 1924. At the base of the tower is a small stone terrace and stone benches, along with landscaping.

45. Sources of Information

Miami University Archives, Selected Buildings of Miami; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; Tatnall, Carrie, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, 1999; Scott, Mike and Tipton, Alex, Getty Campus Heritage Grant Student Project, Professor Curt Ellison, Fall 2008.

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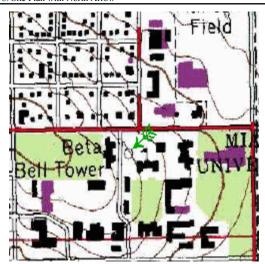
48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008

50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan :

Door Selection:

Door Position:

Orientation:

Multiple facade orientation

Symmetry:

Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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43. History and Significance (Con't)					
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)					
45. Sources (Con't)					