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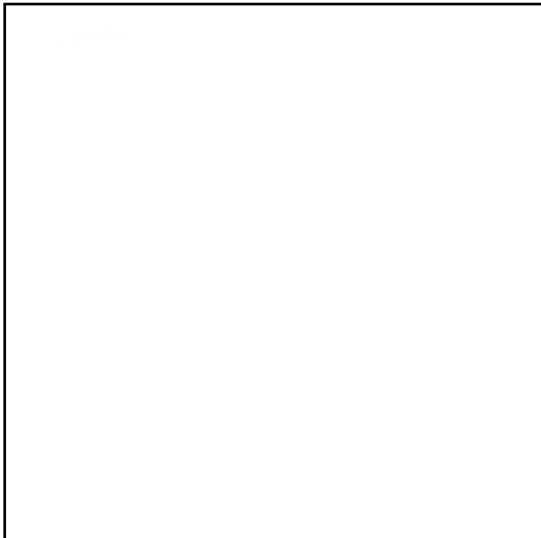
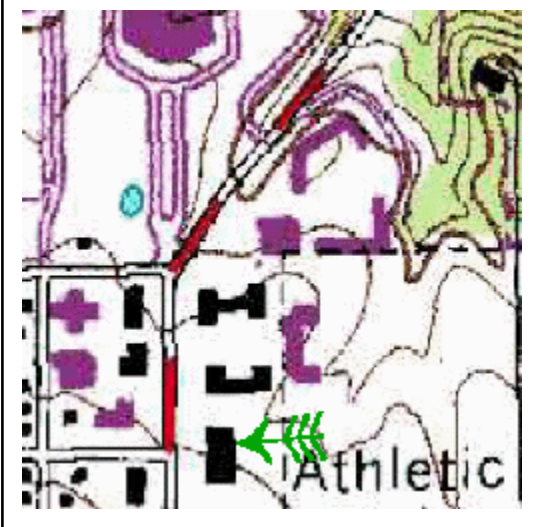
1. No. BUT-02506-01		4. Present Name(s) Billings Hall		6-01 BUT-0250
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Billings Natatorium		
6. Specific Address or Location 289 Tallawanda Avenue		19a. Design Sources		2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Frank Messer & Sons		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Billings Hall
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694797 4375990 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Swimming Pool		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use		Butler
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Public		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056		Butler
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: Swimming University		27. Other Surveys		Butler
17. Date(s) or Period 1952		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Neo-Classical Revival		29. Basement? Yes		Butler
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
19. Architect or Engineer Charles F. Cellarius		31. Wall Construction Unknown		Butler
		32. Roof Type Flat Roof Material Built-up (tar paper, membrane, graveled)		
		33. No. of Bays 10 Side Bays		Butler
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
35. Plan Shape Rectangular				
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct				
17b.				
37. Window Type(s) Casement				
38. Building Dimensions				
39. Endangered? NO By What?				
40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed				
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road				
51. Condition of Property: Excellent				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Billings Hall is a two-story brick flat-roofed building with Neo-Classical Revival features. It consists of a volume two-story section that housed the swimming pool, flanked by a smaller one-story wing that functions as the main entrance. The natatorium facade has seven bays recessed between embedded stone pilasters topped by a stone cornice with wide frieze and brick parapet. The one-story entrance wing has a similar treatment, with a three-bay recessed porch created by square stone piers topped by the stone cornice with wide frieze and brick parapet.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Billings Natatorium was constructed in 1952 as the first natatorium on the Miami University campus. The architect was Charles F. Cellarius, architect of so many of Miami's mid-20th century buildings. The facility was named for John Shaw Billings, MU class of 1857, who was a noted physician, librarian, and public health authority. It provided the university with an indoor facility for swimming in connection with physical education classes and intercollegiate swimming competition. Recreational swimming was offered weekday afternoons and evenings. The facility included locker rooms for men and women. Billings remained a swimming facility until 1994 when it was converted to the university's North Chiller Facility.				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Billings Hall faces Tallawanda Road in the north campus area of Miami University. It is adjacent to another former athletic facility, Withrow Court.				
45. Sources of Information Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; The Miami Student, 'Aquatic Programs in New Natatorium Announced by Ray,' September 19, 1952.				
46. Prepared By: Judy Williams		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

6. Specific Address or Location
289 Tallawanda Avenue

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Lateral axis with lateral smaller extension

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

43. History and Significance (Con't)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)