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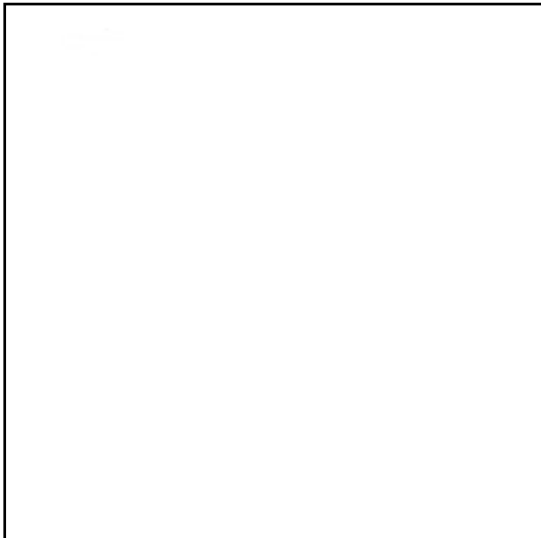
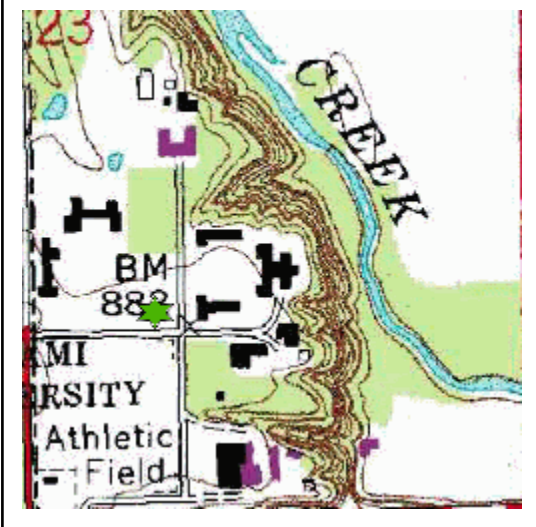
1. No. BUT-02492-01		4. Present Name(s) Dorsey Hall		BUT-02492-01
2. County Butler		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Dorsey Hall		
6. Specific Address or Location 900 East High Street		19a. Design Sources		Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder Frank Messer & Sons		
7. City or Village Oxford		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		2. County Butler
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695289 4375692 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Dormitory		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Dorsey Hall
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, OH 45056		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: University		27. Other Surveys		
17. Date(s) or Period 1962		28. No. of Stories Three and a half story		
17b. Alteration Date(s)		29. Basement? Yes		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Georgian Revival		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		31. Wall Construction Unknown		
19. Architect or Engineer Cellarius & Hilmer		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 19 Side Bays 8		
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flemish bond		
		35. Plan Shape H-shaped		
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct		
		37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8		
		38. Building Dimensions 6 over 6		
		39. Endangered? NO By What?		
		40. Chimney Placement Three or more chimneys		
		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)				
<p>Dorsey Hall is a 3-1/2 story red brick building, H-shaped. The symmetrical farade faces south, with a central entrance and 2-1/2 story gable end projections. A two-story semi-circular porch covers the entry. The porch is supported by simplified Corinthian columns and has a geometric balustrade and cornice modillions. The twelve-light wood door has sidelights and a large surround, with a curved pediment. Two other doors are present, on the farade in the gable ends. Other features of the building include 8-over-8 window sash, Flemish bond brick pattern, splayed-brick lintels (some on the first floor have keystones), fanlight windows, cornice modillions and pedimented dormers.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Completed in 1962 at a cost of \$5,352,000, Dorsey Hall was designed by Cellarius and Hilmer. The residence hall, designed to house 254 female freshmen, was dedicated on October 6, 1962. The building was named in honor of James Maxwell Dorsey. An early Oxford area pioneer, James Dorsey started as select school in 1811, which he operated for seven years. In 1818, he was the superintendent for Miami's first building, Old Main, and served as university treasurer from 1824 to 1827.</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>Facing Cook Field, Dorsey Hall is in the northeastern portion of the campus. It is located near Symmes Hall and the formal gardens and is in the area that was referred to as the men's quadrangle, in the early 1950s.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975; Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings, Past and Present; Miami Alumnus, n.d.; Millett, Dr. John D., The President's Note Book, 1962; New Women's Dormitory, The Post & Times-Star, Cincinnati, 3/30/1961.</p>				
46. Prepared By: Nathalie Wright		47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant		48. Date Recorded: 07/30/2008
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Three or more

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Lateral axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

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)