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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-02526-01 4. Present Name(s) Murstein Alumni Center		enter
2. County Butler	5. Historic or Other Name(s) Murstein Alumni Ce	enter 252
6. Specific Address or Location 725 East Chestnut Street	19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape U-shaped 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number	20. Contractor or Builder Frank Messser & Sons 21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
7. City or Village Oxford	22. Original Use, if apparent College/University	37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 695057 43745	23. Present Use College/University	4 over 4 38. Building Dimensions
Zone Easting Northin 10. Classification: Building 11. On National Register? NO	g 24. Ownership Public 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University	4 over 4 38. Building Dimensions 39. Endangered? By What? 40. Chimney Placement
13. Part of Established Hist, Dist? NO 15. Other Designation (NR or Local)	Oxford, Ohio 45056 26. Property Acreage 27. Other Surveys	40. Chimney Placement Lateral Exterior 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
16. Thematic Associations: University	28. No. of Stories Two story 29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material	51. Condition of Property: Excellent 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type
17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alter 1968 18. Style Class and Design	ation Date(s) Unknown 31. Wall Construction Unknown	Date
High Georgian Revival 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)	32. Roof Type Truncated hip Roof Material Slate	Associated Activity
19. Architect or Engineer	33. No. of Bays 8 Side Ba 34. Exterior Wall Material(s)	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)
Cellarius and Hilmer	Flemish bond	Archaeological (OAI)

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

The Alumni Center is an example of the Georgian Revival style, with a center 2-story hipped roof form flanked by lower wings in a U-shaped plan. The central block has 3 bays with 6-over-6 windows and a trabeated center entrance with rounded portico. Its broad hipped roof is topped by a widow's walk with balustrade. To the east and west are low 1-story wings that terminate in gables turned to face the street. The east wing has an entrance to the guest lodge within a recessed porch. At the rear of the building, the wings extend south to form the U-plan, with a terrace in the center. At the exposed lower level, there are three arched French doors leading to the terrace. The center window on the second floor on this side features a door with balcony. A second round portico exists in the center of the west wing, adjacent to the building's parking lot. The interior plan includes a lobby and library on the ground floor of the main section, with stairs leading down to a large gathering room at the rear terrace level.

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

Ground was broken for Miami University's new alumni center on June 18, 1966. Plans for the building were by architects Cellarius and Hilmer. The initial gift for the facility came from William Murstein, a Hamilton and Cincinnati philanthropist who was a long-time friend of Miami's development and alumni activities. During construction, a gift was received from former MU Trustee Fred W. Climer and his wife Irene White Climer, both class of 1917, for a guest lodge to be attached to the alumni center. Known as the Climer Guest Lodge, this section of the building contained 9 guest suites for use by official guests of the university. The new facility was dedicated in 1968, providing a headquarters, meeting place, and location for records storage for the University Alumni Association.

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

The Murstein Center is located at the southern end of the Miami University campus. The rear of the property overlooks Peffer Memorial Park in the valley below. Stone steps and a walk lead down to the park. A paved parking area exists to the west of the building.

45. Sources of Information

The Miami University Alumni Center brochure, c. 1968; The Miami Alumnus, 1966-1979, various issues; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005.

46. Prepared By: **Judy** 49. PIR Reviewer:

Williams

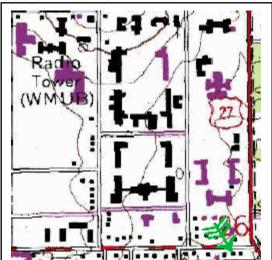
47. Organization: Historic Preservation Consultant

48. Date Recorded: **04/13/2009**

50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection:

Single centered

Door Position:

Flush

Orientation:

Lateral axis with multiple smaller lateral extension

Symmetry:

Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:





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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)			