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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number BUT-0249 4-01 4. Present Name(s) 1. No. BUT-02494-01 **Roudebush Hall** 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 2. County Administration Building Butler 2. County 6. Specific Address or Location 35. Plan Shape 19a. Design Sources Butler Rectangular 501 East High Street 20. Contractor or Builder 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: Frank Messer & Sons 17. Original/Most significant construct 21. Building Type or Plan 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number Other Building Type 17b 22. Original Use, if apparent College/University 7. City or Village 37. Window Type(s) Office Present or Historic Name(s) Oxford Modern Replacements Roudebush Hall 23. Present Use 9. U.T.M. Reference 38. Building Dimensions College/University Oxford Quadrangle Name: Office 16 694774 4375552 39. Endangered? NO Northing Zone Easting 24. Ownership Public By What? 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known 10. Classification: Building Miami University NO 11. On National Register? 40. Chimney Placement Oxford, Ohio 45056 Other 26. Property Acreage 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 15. Other Designation (NR or Local) 27. Other Surveys 51. Condition of Property: 28. No. of Stories Excellent Two story 16. Thematic Associations: 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies University 29. Basement? Yes Structure Type 30. Foundation Material Unknown 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 31. Wall Construction <u>1955-1956</u> 2001 Unknown Date 18. Style Class and Design 32. Roof Type **Neo-Classical Revival** Dominant Associated Activity Hip Roof Material 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Clay tile 33. No. of Bays 19 Side Bays 7 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) 19. Architect or Engineer 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Charles F. Cellarius Flemish bond Archaeological (OAI) 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) 6. Specific Address or Location 501 East High Street Roudebush Hall is a 2-story brick building designed in a Neo-Classical Revival style. Its rectangular form has 2 primary elevations, facing north and south. The main north elevation, facing High Street, is dominated by a 2-story stone entry portico with four columns topped by a pediment and classical entablature. The entry terrace has a slate floor, wrought iron railings and curved steps at each end. The center door has a stone surround with broken pediment. The university's crest is in the gable and the word 'Administration' is carved in the frieze. There are modillions at the cornice of the porch and central hipped roof section of the building. Flanking wings have gabled ends facing the street. Windows have splayed brick lintels with stone keystones. The south elevation faces the quadrangle. At the center section is a projecting entrance pavilion with pediment and embedded brick pilasters that extend as piers to form a recessed entry porch at the base. Roudebush Hall is carved in the frieze. Flanking wings have gabled ends. The east side of the building has a semicircular entry portico with stone columns and wrought iron railing. 43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) Occupying a prominent location in the central campus, this was originally known as the Administration Building when it was built in 1955-1956. It was constructed at an estimated cost of \$900,000 funded by the Ohio General Assembly. The building provided a centralized location for administrative and business offices for Miami, including offices for the President, Vice President, Provost, Dean of Men and Dean of Women; a meeting room for the Board of Trustees; the Admissions and Registrar's Office; Accounting and Purchasing Offices; and an Alumni and Sesquicentennial Office. The building was renamed in honor of Wallace P. Roudebush in 1961. Roudebush was a 1911 Miami graduate who was a university administrator for many years. In 2000-2001, the building was rehabilitated and a wing was added 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) Roudebush Hall is set well back from High Street with a semicircular green space (with flagpole) in front that is defined by a curved drive. Its south side faces the central quad with the Hub at its center. The building is on a north-south axis with Upham Hall across the quad. 45. Sources of Information The Miami Alumnus, September 1, 1955; Physical Plant Department, Construction Information, 1975; MU Physical Facilities, building information, 2005; MU Archives, building files.

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow	54. Farmstead Plan :	
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Beta Bett Tower	NU NU	Orientation: Lateral axis Symmetry:
		Bilateral symmetry

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