



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

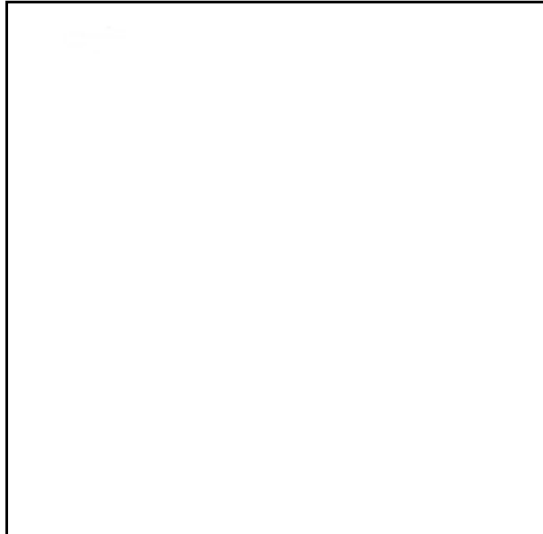
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>BUT-02507-01</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Shriver Center</b>		7-01 <b>BUT-0250</b>
2. County <b>Butler</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Miami University Center</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>701 East Spring Street</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County <b>Butler</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village <b>Oxford</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) <b>Shriver Center</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oxford</b> <b>16 695013 4375247</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>College/University</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>College/University</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>Irregular</b>
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Public</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Miami University</b> <b>Oxford, Ohio 45056</b>		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b> 17b. 37. Window Type(s) <b>8 over 8</b> <b>Other</b>
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>University</b>		27. Other Surveys		38. Building Dimensions
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1957</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Three story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>Dominant Georgian Revival</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Unknown</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Charles F. Cellarius (1957), Cellarius &amp; Hilmer (1963)</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Unknown</b>		40. Chimney Placement
		32. Roof Type <b>Hipped Gable</b> Roof Material <b>Slate</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>27</b> Side Bays <b>2</b>		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Flemish bond</b>		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>The Shriver Center is a large three-story brick building designed by Charles F. Cellarius in a Georgian Revival style. The long symmetrical facade is defined by a three-story central pavilion with hipped roof and bracketed cornice, two-story portico with square columns and balustrade at the roof, and three round-arched entrances with stone surrounds. Extending to either side of the pavilion are two-story wings with gabled ends facing the street. The gables have a round-arched opening in the gable and three round-arched windows at the ground level. Windows are generally 8-over-8 sash; first floor windows are 8/12. Set back from the main facade are large wings to the west (original construction) and to the east (added in 1963). The building underwent a rehabilitation with a new rear addition in 1991, designed by Glaser and Associates.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>Originally called the Miami University Center, this building has served as the student union. It was built in 1957, with an expansion on the east side in 1963. Its construction required the removal of the McFarland House and McFarland Observatory from this site. Construction was funded by student fee increases but also by state funding through the Ohio General Assembly. The cornerstone of the building was laid in June 1957 and it was dedicated in September of that same year. This large building was built to serve as a student social center, with lounge rooms, library, ballroom, snack bar, private meeting rooms and recreation rooms; contain space for student organizations such as the student newspaper, yearbook, and Student Senate; and house a bookstore and branch post office. In 1981, the continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>The Center has a significant presence in the heart of the Miami University campus. It occupies one side of a block on Spring Street adjacent to the Fine Arts Quadrangle. The main front entrance is reached by a curved drive from Spring Street.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Flintermann, Peter, Miami Buildings Past and Present, 1966; MU Physical Facilities, Building Information, 2005; The Miami Alumnus, November, 1957.</p>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Judy Williams</b>		47. Organization: <b>Historic Preservation Consultant</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>701 East Spring Street</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>07/30/2008</b>		
		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)*

**Center was named after Dr. Phillip R. Shriver, who was a professor of History and 17th president of Miami from 1965 to 1981. The building is commonly known as the Shriver Center today, and it continues to house dining, conference and meeting facilities, and the University Bookstore.**

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*45. Sources (Con't)*