Ohio Historic Preservation Office



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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number BUT-0251 5-01 4. Present Name(s) 1. No. BUT-02515-01 The Hub 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 2. County The Hub Butler 2. County 6. Specific Address or Location 35. Plan Shape 19a. Design Sources Butler **Central Quad** 20. Contractor or Builder 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: between High and Spring Streets 17. Original/Most significant construct 21. Building Type or Plan 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 17b 22. Original Use, if apparent Plaza/Square/Green 7. City or Village 37. Window Type(s) Present or Historic Name(s) Oxford The Hub 23. Present Use 9. U.T.M. Reference 38. Building Dimensions Plaza/Square/Green Oxford Quadrangle Name: 16 694771 4375460 39. Endangered? NO Easting Northing Zone 24. Ownership Public By What? 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known 10. Classification: Site Miami University NO 11. On National Register? 40. Chimney Placement Oxford, Ohio 45056 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 16. Thematic Associations: 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies University 29. Basement? Structure Type 30. Foundation Material 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) 31. Wall Construction post-1966 Date 18. Style Class and Design 32. Roof Type None Associated Activity Roof Material 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) 33. No. of Bays Side Bays 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI) 19. Architect or Engineer 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Archaeological (OAI)

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

The Hub is the name for the circular plaza in the Central Quad of Miami University, a spot reached by eight walkways that create spokes of a wheel from an aerial view. At its center, the Hub has a bronze Miami University seal set into a concrete border surrounded by a brick plaza. Four benches are set at its border.

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

Occupying the figurative central point of the Miami campus, the Hub is steeped in local significance and symbolism. This feature was added to the Miami landscape after 1966. The university seal, first drawn in 1826, contains the motto Prodesse Quam Conspici, 'To Accomplish Rather Than to be Conspicuous.' The open book represents accumulation of knowledge, the globe represents the world of the present, and the telescope symbolizes probing the future. Tradition says that stepping on the seal ensures failure of your next exam.

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

The Hub occupies the center of an academic green space known as Central Quad. Sidewalks radiate out from the circle to the academic buildings on the four sides of the quad. Numerous mature trees exist throughout the green space.

45. Sources of Information

Miami University walking tour; Gordon, Stephen C., communication, 4-6-2009.



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8. Site Plan with North Arrow	54. Farmstead Plan :	7	
	Field	Door Selection:	
		Door Position:	
Bett Tower	TUNIVE	Orientation:	
		Symmetry:	
Report Associated With Project: NADB #:			



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