



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

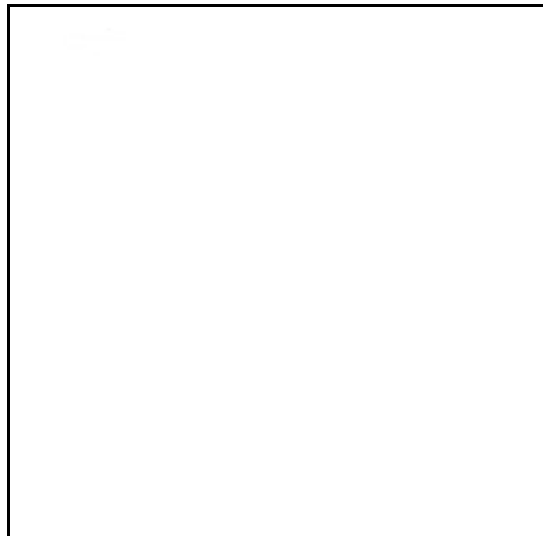
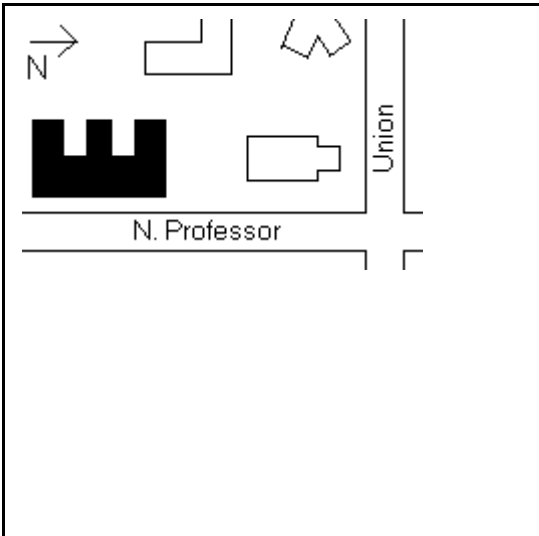
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>LOR-1920-21</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>East Hall</b>		LOR-1920-21
2. County <b>Lorain</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>East Hall</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>176 North Professor</b>		19a. Design Sources		Lorain
		20. Contractor or Builder		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>0900075106056</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building Type</b>		2. County
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Dormitory</b>		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> <b>17 397825 4572180</b> Zone Easting Northing		23. Present Use <b>Dormitory</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		24. Ownership <b>Private</b>		
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Oberlin College</b>		East Hall
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		26. Property Acreage <b>1.18</b>		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		27. Other Surveys		176 North Professor
16. Thematic Associations: <b>College</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Three story</b>		
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1964</b>		29. Basement?		6. Specific Address or Location
17b. Alteration Date(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Concrete block</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>Dominant Modern Movements</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Metal/steel frame</b>		176 North Professor
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		32. Roof Type <b>Flat</b> Roof Material <b>Unknown</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer <b>Potter, Tyler, Martin and Roth</b>		33. No. of Bays <b>19</b> Side Bays <b>10</b>		176 North Professor
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Brick</b> <b>Random ashlar</b>		
35. Plan Shape <b>E-shaped</b>				
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b>				
37. Window Type(s) <b>Other</b>				
38. Building Dimensions <b>212' x 107'</b>				
39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?				
40. Chimney Placement <b>Lateral wall flush</b>				
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road <b>45' approx</b>				
51. Condition of Property: <b>Excellent</b>				
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) <b>This dormitory, which Virginia &amp; Lee McAlester would describe as 'Contemporary' style was designed in 1964 by architects Potter, Tyler, Martin &amp; Roth. Its 3 major wings are connected in the east to form an 'E' shape, with the 'spokes' at the west elevation. The 3-story building has mainly a brick exterior, but each end of the main (east-facing) facade is capped in the corners by a large 3-story bay of patterned ashlar which juts out a few feet from the main facade. Facing north &amp; south toward the center of the building, the two narrow strips created where these ashlar bays project out are covered with windows. The windows form a repeating pattern of filled panels, long, narrow rectangular windows, &amp; small square awning windows extend from the ground to the flat roof. These windows have prominent metal vertical mullions that extend beyond the roofline. Between the 2 projecting ashlar bays, the building's main facade includes 4 sections with 3 to 5 windows evenly-spaced in each story. These windows include an awning window atop a hopper window &amp; continue all around the building with slip sills. These 4 brick sections are separated by 3 projecting sections with continued...</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>This dormitory was constructed in 1964 and designed by Potter, Tyler, Martin &amp; Roth, architects from Cincinnati who also designed several other OC dormitories. The building houses 176 students and has the second largest number of single rooms on campus with a third floor known as the 'quiet hall.' Third floor residents are asked to be mindful of others, to form a community so they can live and study together in a peaceful environment and keep noise to a minimum. They must apply for residency on that specific floor. Lounges are scattered around the building. A kitchenette is located on the second floor.</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>This dormitory is located on a residential street. To the rear is a grassy quad bordered by several other college buildings.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>www.oberlin.edu/stupub/ocreview/archives/1997.05.09/news/program.html.;\nwww.oberlin.edu/reslife/TOUR/tour.html.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to continued...</b>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Laurie Stein</b>		47. Organization: <b>Oberlin Heritage Center</b>		48. Date Recorded: <b>11/18/2005</b>
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:  
**Repetition of bay arrangement**

Report Associated With Project:

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*42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

entrances in the 1st story & ribbons of windows extending to the roof. Brick pillars which extend, like the mullions, beyond the roofline flank the 3 projecting sections with entries and windows. Large, flat metal hoods supported by thin rectangular metal poles cover each of the three entrances, which contain doors of metal & glass flanked by large glass windows. Above the entrances on the left & right, ribbons of windows in an alternating rectangle-rectangle-small square awning pattern extend to the roofline, with the metal mullions continuing slightly beyond. The middle entrance differs slightly from those on the left & right; it is positioned not beneath but beside this projecting section with the ribbons of windows, so that in the center, the windows continue all the way to the ground. The central section of windows also includes filled panels in its pattern of rectangular & square awning windows, similar to the narrow strips on the side of the ashlar portions. This central entry, to the right of the windows, contains double doors and sidelights. A wide cement frieze runs all around the building. The ashlar portions continue around the corners from the main facade to the south & north elevations. Here 3-story plain ashlar columns flank ribbons of filled panels, square awnings, and rectangular windows similar to those on the main facade. Left of this section, the south elevation contains 8 windows in each story, with a pair right next to each other closest to the left corner. The north elevation largely mirrors the south, except the 1st story includes 2 double door side entrances above a cement stoop, as well as a few grates in place of windows. In the west elevation, the 'spokes' of the 'E' shape of the building create 2 inner courtyards which open to a campus quad on one side & are enclosed by the dormitory on the other 3. These courtyards are paved with cement on the outside & planted with vegetation on the inside. The right courtyard has 2 entrances, facing north & south. The left courtyard has 1 south-facing entrance. These are positioned toward the outside (west) of the courtyard, with 1 column of windows between them & the corners. These entrances echo those in the main facade, with glass & metal doors covered by a hood & ribbons of windows extending to the roofline with continuing mullions. The rest of the courtyard-facing elevations contain evenly-spaced awning/hopper windows with slip sills in each story & adjoining pairs to the outside of each entrance. Facing west, the 3 'spokes' contain 3 columns in the center, flanked by brick, which alternate filled panels with awning/hopper windows.

*43. History and Significance (Con't)*

*44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)*

*45. Sources (Con't)*

American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, (1833-1960).' Oberlin College, 1961.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2005.