1. No.  LOR-1932-21
2. County  Lorain
4. Present Name(s)  Zechiel House
5. Historic or Other Name(s)  Zechiel House
6. Specific Address or Location  207 Woodland
7. City or Village  Oberlin
8. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name:  Oberlin
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    Zone  Easting  Northing
10. Classification:  Building
11. On National Register?  NO
12. Part of Established Hist. Dist.?  NO
13. Other Designation (NR or Local)  
16. Thematic Associations:  College
17. Date(s) or Period  1968
18. Style Class and Design  Dominant Modern Movements
19. Architect or Engineer  Moore and Hutchins
20. Contractor or Builder  
21. Building Type or Plan  Other Building Type
22. Original Use, if apparent  Dormitory
23. Present Use  Dormitory
24. Ownership  Private
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known  Oberlin College
26. Property Acreage  1.57
27. Other Surveys  
28. No. of Stories  Two story
29. Basement?  Unknown
31. Wall Construction  Metal/steel frame
32. Roof Type  Gable
33. No. of Bays  12
34. Exterior Wall Material(s)  Brick
35. Plan Shape  Rectangular
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:  
17. Original/Most significant construct  
17b.  
37. Window Type(s)  Other
38. Building Dimensions  137' x 60'
39. Endangered?  NO
40. Chimney Placement  Gable end, flush
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road  40' approx
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on Reverse if Necessary)
This building is among several campus dormitories constructed in 1968 & designed by architects Moore & Hutchins. Its twin, Bailey, stands just across North Quad to its east, & differs only in the color of its board & batten siding. The main west facade, which faces Woodland, has 3 main sections: a 2-story section on the right, which contains student rooms, a 1-story section with a west-facing gable roof on the left, which contains a lounge, & an entry with a shorter, 1-story flat roof which links the 2. The 2-story section is both wider & longer than the other sections, & thus projects further forward. It has large brick portions at each corner with 1 window in each story; these flank 7 recessed bays of board & batten siding. Each bay also has a window in each story; they are separated by 6 brick piers lined with cement. All windows in the 2-story section include 2 casement windows atop a hopper window. The roof of this section is mostly flat, but slopes upward to form a small size gable in the center. To the left of the 2-story section is the entry, which includes a plain door surrounded by sidelights & a transom, flanked by board & batten walls. The 1-story continued...
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)  
Built in 1968, Zechiel Hall was designed by architects Moore & Hutchins of New York, who also designed Oberlin College's Barnard Hall (1968) and the program house complexes including Kade, Harvey, and Price (1968) and Lord and Saunders (1968), all of which share roughly the same floor plan. The block in which it was built had previously housed a number of private houses and dorms. Today, due primarily to its location across from the campus gym, Zechiel, or 'Zeke,' has a reputation for being the 'jocks' dorm. Zechiel was Oberlin College's last remaining males-only dormitory, changing to co-ed in 2001. The decision to make Zechiel co-educational was very divisive, with many students arguing that male students as well as female students deserved a 'safe space' residence hall, and that the continued...
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)  
This dormitory is located on the corner of two residential streets, and on the same block as several other residence halls.
45. Sources of Information
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1. No. 2. County 3. Township 4. Present Name(s) 5. Historic or Other Name(s) 6. Township 7. Section
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single off center
- Door Position: Recessed
- Orientation: Lateral axis with lateral smaller extension
- Symmetry: Repetition of bay arrangement

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #: 
section to the right contains a gable in the center. Beneath the gable & between two sections of brick, a large window has filled panels that form the top & bottom border. 3 small casement windows on either side flank the large rectangular pane in the center. Set further back to the left is a small brick section with a narrow line of windows atop which the chimney sits, along the ridgeline. The north elevation contains no windows - 2 brick sections with flat roofs flank a gabled center section, which juts out from the sides; at the ridgeline two decorative absences of brick are visible in the chimney, creating the appearance of brick 'pillars' supporting a hood. The chimney partially obscures the view of the 2-story portion's 2nd story northern elevation. As the building's east elevation mirrors the west, though, so does this portion's north elevation mirror that of the south. Facing south beneath the flat part of the roof are brick portions on the outside with windows in each story. Between these, brick & board & batten sections, with a door on the lower right, flank a pattern of alternating filled panels, square hopper windows, & taller textured glass windows which extend from the ground to the roofline of the central gable.

male-only residence hall need not also be the 'jock' dorm. Due to a lack of interest, as demonstrated by room requests, in housing in Zechiel, the dorm was reclassified as co-educational. Today Zechiel houses 40 co-educational students from all classes.

45. Sources (Con't)