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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. BUT-00144-01 REV 4. P	Present Name(s) Hall Auditorium		BUT-0014 4-01
2. County Butler 5. H	Historic or Other Name(s) Benton Hall, Administration Buildin	Name(s) Benton Hall, Administration Building	
6. Specific Address or Location 101 South Campus Avenue	19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape Rectangular	2. County Butler
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number	20. Contractor or Builder Lloyd & Johnson 21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b. Substantial alteration/addition	unty Yr
7. City or Village Oxford	22. Original Use, if apparent College/University	37. Window Type(s) 8 over 8	4. Pr Ha
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oxford 16 694425 4375488	23. Present Use College/University	38. Building Dimensions	4. Present or Historic N Hall Auditorium
Zone Easting Northing 10. Classification: Building 11. On National Register? NO	24. Ownership Public 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Miami University	39. Endangered? NO By What?	4. Present or Historic Name(s) Hall Auditorium
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO 15. Other Designation (NR or Local)	Oxford, Ohio 45056 26. Property Acreage 27. Other Surveys	40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	
16. Thematic Associations: University	28. No. of Stories Two story 29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material	51. Condition of Property: Excellent 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type	
17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration 1908 1992 18. Style Class and Design	Rock-Faced Plain Ashlar, w/ cut stone water table	Date	
Dominant Renaissance Revival 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)	32. Roof Type Truncated hip Roof Material Clay tile	Associated Activity	
19. Architect or Engineer	33. No. of Bays 9 Side Bays 11 34. Exterior Wall Material(s)	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers: Historic (OHI)	
Gustav W. Drach	Common or American bond	Archaeological (OAI)	1

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

This is a handsome Renaissance Revival style building with clay tile hipped roof, projecting eaves with stylized brackets, and facade with arcaded limestone entry portico. The facade is divided into 3 sections of 3 bays each, with the two side pavilions projecting to create a center recess. Windows are replacements, but they reflect the original sash pattern, 8/8 with a 4-pane transom. The portico has three arched bays, embedded pilasters, a classical entablature cornice, and decorative balustrade. The arches are repeated at the three entry doors. The sides of the building at the location of the auditorium have five window bays, with large square-headed windows at the first floor and round-arched windows at the second floor, all with the appearance of multi-paned sash. At the rear of the building, the 1992 addition is 2 stories in height, with a flat roof, gently curved rear elevation, and facing in brick and concrete block. Much of the interior lobby dates from that renovation and the original U-shaped auditorium was replaced.

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

Hall Auditorium was completed in 1908 and served as the Administration Building and Auditorium for Miami University until a new administration building was constructed in 1956. It housed administrative offices and was the location for commencement exercises for many years. The auditorium provided seating for 1200. The building was the design of Gustav W. Drach (1861-1940), a Cincinnati architect whose work included the Textile Building (1905) and Woodward High School (1910) in Cincinnati. In 1926, the building was named Benton Hall, after Guy Potter Benton, Miami's 12th president, 1902-1911. It became home of Miami's Music Department in 1956, with a remodeling that included teaching studios, a large classroom, a listening room and listening booths. It was renamed Hall Auditorium in 1969 in

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

Hall Auditorium is located at the western edge of the Miami University campus, near Campus Avenue and East High Street. It faces onto the grassy area that is the location of Slant Walk. King Library was built immediately adjacent to the building in 1966.

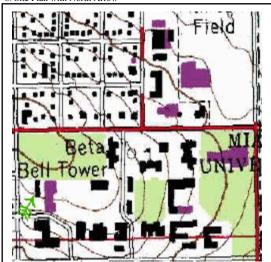
45. Sources of Information

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46. Prepared By: **Judy** 49. PIR Reviewer:

Specific Address or Location
 South Campus Avenue

8. Site Plan with North Arrow



54. Farmstead Plan

Door Selection:

Three or more

Door Position:

Recessed

Orientation:

Other

Symmetry:

Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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honor of Miami's fifth president, John W. Hall. In 1992, the building underwent a significant renovation, with an addition to the auditorium on the south side. The building currently houses the Classics Department, along with the auditorium.		

45. Sources (Con't)

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