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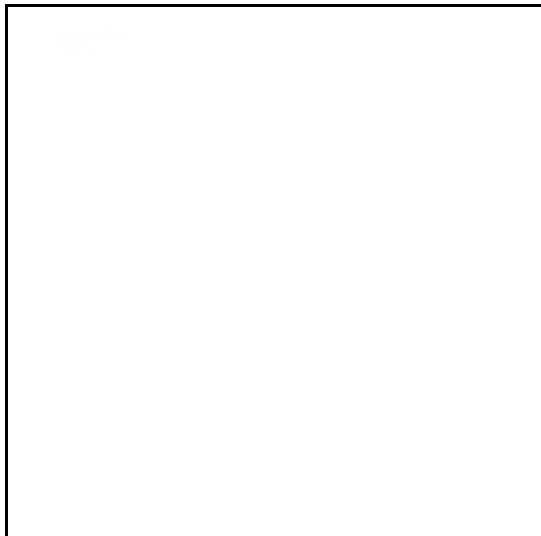
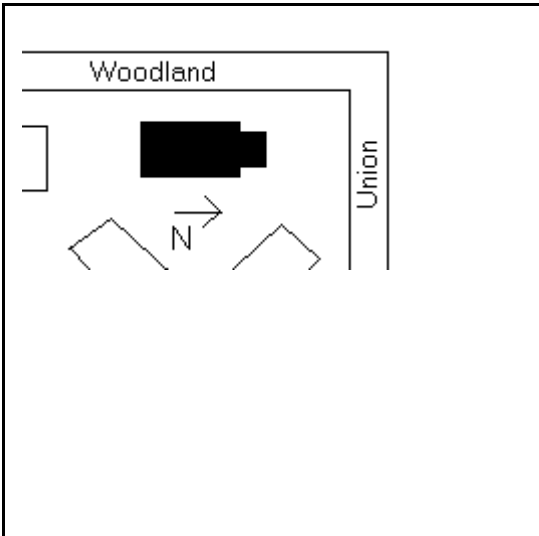
RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-1932-21		4. Present Name(s) Zechiel House		LOR-1932-21
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Zechiel House		
6. Specific Address or Location 207 Woodland		19a. Design Sources		Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900075106069		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building Type		2. County
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397694 4572283 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Dormitory		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Dormitory		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College		Zechiel House
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage 1.57		
16. Thematic Associations: College		27. Other Surveys		207 Woodland
17. Date(s) or Period 1968		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Modern Movements		29. Basement? Unknown		6. Specific Address or Location
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Poured concrete		
19. Architect or Engineer Moore and Hutchins		31. Wall Construction Metal/steel frame		2. County
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Built-up (tar paper, membrane, graveled)		
		33. No. of Bays 12 Side Bays 3		Zechiel House
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick Board and batten		
		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		2. County
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.		
		37. Window Type(s) Other Other		Zechiel House
		38. Building Dimensions 137' x 60'		
		39. Endangered? NO By What?		207 Woodland
		40. Chimney Placement Gable end, flush		
		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 40' approx		6. Specific Address or Location
		51. Condition of Property: Excellent		
		52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity		207 Woodland
		53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>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 side 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...</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>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...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>This dormitory is located on the corner of two residential streets, and on the same block as several other residence halls.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>'Housing: Traditional Housing: Zechiel Hall,' accessed http://www.oberlin.edu/reslife/housing/Hhouses/Hzechiel.html; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2005.; Baumann, Roland M, Jessica G. Broadwell, continued...</p>				
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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 #:



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

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.

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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.

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45. Sources (Con't)

and Michael Morgenstern, compilers, Roland M. Baumann, general editor, 'Architecture of the Oberlin College Campus,' available <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/resources/architecture/index.html>; Lalli, Nina, compiler, 'Zeke Goes Co-Ed,' 'News Year in Review,' The Oberlin Review, 2001-05-25, available: <http://www.oberlin.edu/stupub/ocreview/archives/2001.05.18/news/article07.htm>; Catignani, Ryan, and Michael McClendon, Letter to the Editor, 'Zeke Boys Defend Community,' The Oberlin Review, Vol. 129, No. 12, 2000-12-15, available: <http://www.oberlin.edu/stupub/ocreview/archives/2000.12.15/perspectives/letters.html>;