

# ROTC Building

Herrick Archives Number 056

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Military Science Building

Military Science Shop(s) and Storage Building

Armory

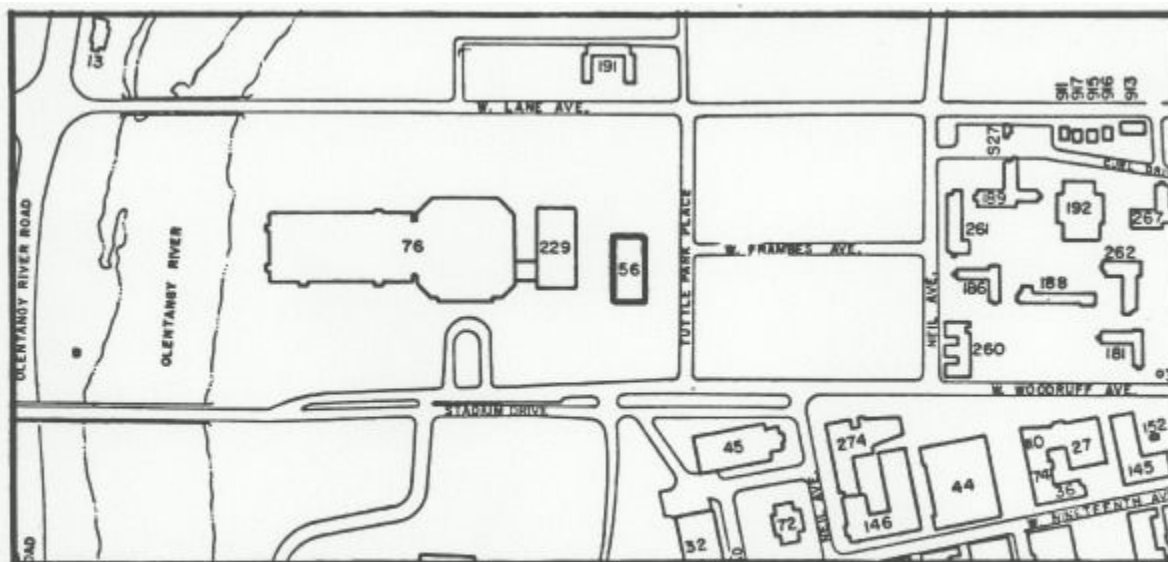
Armory and Military Storage Building

See Addenda Nos. 1, 2

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 2121 Tuttle Park Place. See map below.

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 70 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings show, see Appendix A.

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### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Reinforced concrete frame with concrete block exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and three stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged once.

The addition consisted of an additional floor on each unit.

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

58,912 square feet gross; 43, 585 square feet net assignable

See Addendum No. 3

3.5 Volume of building:

810,370 cubic feet (PP)

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On December 16, 1940 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Howard Dwight Smith and directed that they be filed with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). A revised set of final plans was approved on June 16, 1941.
2. Since construction was by WPA, no contracts were awarded by the University.
3. Ground breaking was on February 17, 1941, according to the Lantern of that date.
4. Records in the University Architect's office (Project 4129) indicate that materials for this building were purchased on orders issued from February 5, 1941 to December 18, 1941. This would suggest an early 1942 completion date.

## C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION--ADDITION

1. On December 11, 1942 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents for the addition as prepared by Howard Dwight Smith and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.
2. Bids were received on November 6, 1942 (A).
3. On December 14, 1942 the Board of Trustees approved Cabinet action awarding contracts to the following contractors:
  - General: G. W. Atkinson & Son
  - Electrical: Superior Electric Engineering Co.
  - Heating: North Side Plumbing Co.
4. Completion and occupancy:

The Board of Trustees on March 8, 1943 approved an extension of time on completion of contracts to March 8, 1943.

The final estimates in the University Architect's records are dated July 30, 1943.

#### D. COST

University Architect's records show \$138,541 as the cost of the original building and \$71,325.84 as the cost of the addition, for a total of \$209,866.84.

These figures include costs borne by the Federal government.

The figure on the University records as of June 30, 1944 is 111,744.64 (B), which presumably is the University's cost.

#### G. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 17448

X 17449

X 7783

X 7784

John H. Herrick  
October 7, 1973

#### ADDENDUM NO. 1

The Board of Trustees on November 2, 1973 named this building the "George L. Converse Hall" in honor of Col. George Leroy Converse, Jr.

John H. Herrick  
December 14, 1973

#### ADDENDUM NO. 2

This building is sometimes referred to as the ROTC (pronounced Rotsy) Building.

John H. Herrick  
July 18, 1980

#### ADDENDUM NO. 3

Campus Planning records now show the net assignable area of this building as 45,562 square feet.

John H. Herrick  
November 7, 1984