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**OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE TO HOLD
APRIL 19 PUBLIC HEARING ON BUILDING 26**

DAYTON, Ohio --The Ohio Historic Preservation Office will hold a public hearing about Building 26 at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, at Carillon Park in cooperation with the University of Dayton.

Mark J. Epstein, head of the resource protection and review department for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, will chair the meeting, which is designed to solicit public input about a report by the ASC Group Inc. that finds the building ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Congressman Michael Turner requested that UD ask the Ohio Historic Preservation Office to convene the hearing.

During World War II, the building served as the top-secret site for NCR engineer and University of Dayton alumnus Joseph Desch's development of a code-breaking machine credited with helping to bring the war to a close.

The meeting will include a background briefing by UD officials; an explanation of the report by Doug Terpstra, an architectural historian with the ASC Group Inc.; and an opportunity for interested members of the public to offer their views on the report.

The report can be found here: <http://udcampusmasterplan.udayton.edu/architecture.pdf>.

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office is Ohio's official historic preservation agency. A part of the Ohio Historical Society, it identifies historic places in Ohio, nominates properties to the National Register of Historic Places, reviews federally assisted projects for effects on historic, architectural and archaeological resources in Ohio, consults on the conservation of older buildings and sites, and offers educational programs and publications.