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Introduction from the Author  
Should you choose to attend Miami University, you could very well spend the next four years of your life explaining to family and friends that no, there isn't a beach where you go to school and no, you don't frequently see palm trees and thong bikinis! Founded in 1809 (before Florida was even a state), Miami University of Ohio is named after the Miami Indian tribe, who now live in Oklahoma, but once inhabited the area where the University was built—the Miami River Valley of Ohio. Confused yet? Good. If you've purchased this book, then you probably already know a thing or two about Miami of Ohio. You may or may not know about its academic reputation. Miami prides itself on focusing primarily on its young, fertile undergraduate students—one reason why the school is often referred to as Mother Miami. When students leave, they become part of the Miami family, a network of alumni, professors, and students all with one major connection—Oxford, Ohio. At Miami, students learn and grow in an academically-competitive environment. However, despite the workload, there always seems to be time for extracurricular activities and social events. Before you make the final decision about where you want to spend thousands of dollars to receive a higher education, ask yourself how you envision the perfect college experience. Is it important to you that the majority of the student body attends every football game? Do you have your heart set on joining a sorority or fraternity at a school with an active Greek community? Do busy streets and countless nightclubs surround your ideal college campus, or do you think you'd be happier in a small town? What kinds of amenities do you want your college to offer? The questions that encapsulate the college experience are endless and go far beyond academics. This guidebook will give you a look at the underbelly of Miami University and will present you with many different student opinions. Who knows? Perhaps Miami is the school of your dream—seven without the beaches and palm trees. Tiffany Garrett, Author Miami University

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During the writing of College Prowlers guidebooks, we felt it was critical that our content was unbiased and unaffiliated with any college or university. We think it's important that our readers get honest information and a realistic impression of the student opinions on any campus—that's why if any aspect of a particular school is terrible, we (unlike a campus brochure) intend to publish it. While we do keep an eye out for the occasional extremist—the cheerleader or the cynic—we take pride in letting the students tell it like it is. We strive to create a book that's as representative as possible of each particular campus. Our books cover both the good and the bad, and whether the survey responses point to recurring trends or a variation in opinion, these sentiments are directly and proportionally expressed through our guides. College Prowler guidebooks are in the hands of students throughout the entire process of their creation. Because you can't make student-written guides without the students, we have students at each campus who help write, randomly survey their peers, edit, layout, and perform accuracy checks on every book that we publish. From the very beginning, student writers gather the most up-to-date stats, facts, and inside information on their colleges. They fill each section with student quotes and summarize the findings in editorial reviews. In addition, each school receives a collection of letter grades (A through F) that reflect student opinion and help to represent contentment, prominence, or satisfaction for each of our 20 specific categories. Just as in grade school, the higher the mark the more content, more prominent, or more satisfied the students are with the particular category. Once a book is written, additional students serve as editors and check for accuracy even more extensively. Our bounce-back team—a group of randomly selected students who have no involvement with the project—are asked to read over the material in order to help ensure that the book accurately expresses every aspect of the university and its students. This same process is applied to the 200-plus schools College Prowler currently covers. Each book is the result of endless student contributions, hundreds of pages of research and writing, and countless hours of hard work. All of this has led to the creation of a student information network that stretches across the nation to every school that we cover. It's no easy accomplishment, but it's the reason that our guides are such a great resource. When reading our books and looking at our grades, keep in mind that every college is different and that the students who make up each school are not uniform—as a result, it is important to assess schools on a case-by-case basis. Because it's impossible to summarize an entire school with a single number or description, each book provides a dialogue, not a decision, that's made up of 20 different topics and hundreds of student quotes. In the end, we hope that this guide will serve as a valuable tool in your

college selection process. Enjoy!