CAMPUS VIEWS

BEAUMONT Tower marks the site of the first building in the country to teach agriculture as a science. It is the hub of the campus. Around it classrooms, buildings and lawns unfold in a pattern of masonry and green.

THE campus of Michigan State College has come to be known as one of the most beautiful in the nation. It consists of 540 acres and contains 124 permanent and 988 temporary structures. More than 11,000 acres of land are included in college property at East Lansing and throughout the state.

BUT statistics do not reveal the beauty of Michigan State College. It must be seen in order to have its reputation appreciated.

THE purpose of this Pictorial Supplement is to present the highlights of the Spartan campus and some of the traditions fostered there.

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Magic of infra-red film catches the Red Cedar river on a spectacular spring day. The river, which flows through the campus, is one of the outstanding features of the college.

Five bridges connect the south campus with the main north campus. The majority of college buildings are on the north campus. Located on the south campus are Macklin Field football stadium, Basic College classrooms and Shaw Hall mens dormitory, whose 1600 capacity rate it the largest in the nation.

"Gliding down the river on a sunny afternoon" is more than a wishful tune for Michigan State College students. Opening in early spring and operating through the summer, the MSC Canoe shelter rents canoes at a minimum charge to students.

Seen in the background behind the shelter is the college Auditorium.
The college Auditorium is the home of the MSC Lecture-Concert series, which brings leading music and stage artists to the campus. All-college dances and other large-scale performances are also held there. It has a seating capacity of more than 5,000.

Also located in the Auditorium building are college radio stations, VKAR and WKAR FM; Fairchild theater for smaller scale performances; and the college museum.

Wild ducks on the Red Cedar remain a constant attraction to both students and visitors of Michigan State College. The birds remain on the river the year around. They make no migration because of a constant supply of food supplied by the college in the winter and the "easy pickins" always available from thoughtful students.

In the spring, bridges across the river are jammed with students between classes watching the "Momma" ducks parade their youngsters down the river in strict formation.
Womens dormitories are located in a quadrangle in the western section of the campus. The quadrangle consists of Williams, Mayo, Campbell, London, Yakeley, and Gilcrest halls. They have a combined capacity of 1,660 coeds. Each dormitory contains a lounge, recreation rooms and dining facilities.

The Michigan State Union building is the center of student activity. Its facilities rate it as one of the outstanding Unions in the nation. All student activities in the building are controlled by a Student Union Board.

Included in its facilities are 16 modern bowling alleys, 20 billiard tables, grill, cafeteria; music room, art room, card room, mens and womens lounges, ballroom, and meeting rooms.
The Home Economics building houses the third oldest school at Michigan State College. Home Economics courses were added in 1896 to meet the growing demand of students for college training in new fields.

Today Home Economics, as taught at the college, is not just an advanced course in how to bake a tasty cake. Rather, it is an intricate science that is as demanding or more so as any field offered at Michigan State.
Soph-Frosh Day is one of the most high-spirited of Michigan State traditions. Each May, members of the sophomore and freshman classes meet head on in greased pole climbing, kick ball, egg throwing, and rope-pulling across the Red Cedar.

The rope-pulling contest always contains the most coveted victory and in recent years a little green jug has been presented to the winning class. The losing class has its compensations. After the "weaker" side has been dragged into the river it shows it's a good loser by dunking all coed spectators of the opposite class in the stream.

The J-Hop sponsored by the junior class each winter is the highlight of the Michigan State social year. More than 3,000 couples stream to the auditorium for the two night affair. Top name bands in the nation are on hand to provide the music.

One of the J-Hop nights is a strictly formal affair; the other night is informal. Decorations are begun months in advance for the huge auditorium with "the ceiling the limit." At this dance as at all open college dances, no corsages are allowed. This is to cut down the student expense for attending.
Graduation is the end of a four-year career. For thousands of Michigan State College seniors every year it marks the completion of a life of textbooks and football cheers and the beginning of job hunting and career seeking.

Commencement at MSC is held in Jenison fieldhouse. Placed at the east of the fieldhouse is the speaker's dias. Professors in their multi-colored hoods are on the right. Graduates fill a large share of the folding chairs set on the fieldhouse floor. More than 12,000 spectators in the permanent and temporary bleachers can watch the ceremonies.

"The last mile" for graduating seniors is but a two-block walk from Macklin field, where the graduates are organized into schools, to Jenison fieldhouse, where degrees are granted.

Last chance for the seniors to show their initiative is the annual Senior Water Carnival. Early in each June, the seniors sponsor the three-day water extravaganza on the Red Cedar river.

Floats are made by all college living groups and are judged on the basis of originality and craftsmanship. Up to 3,000 spectators attend each of the showings.
Macklin field is the fifth largest football stadium in the Midwest. Enlarged to a 50,009 capacity, it was dedicated in the Michigan game of 1949. Its locker, press and parking facilities have been rated tops in the nation.

Football is KING at sports-conscious Michigan State. Within the past decade the Spartans have risen in all sports to a top position in the nation. This rise was culminated with Michigan State being accepted into the powerful Big Ten in 1949.

The football pictures on this page typify the spirit and vigor with which the game is played by the Green and White squads.

Besides football, Michigan State participates in 13 other intercollegiate sports, besides sponsoring an extensive intramural program for its own students. Sports in which Michigan State competes against other colleges are: football, basketball, baseball, track, cross country, swimming (mens), swimming (womens), gymnastics, fencing, hockey, boxing, wrestling, golf, and tennis.