

"MSC, We Love Thy Shadows" Theme of E. Lansing College

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If you plan to register as a freshman at Michigan State College this fall, you are probably wondering what your next four years will be like. I can only say that if you take advantage of half the things offered you, you'll wish there were eight years instead of four.

The MSC Freshman of 1954-55 has the added prestige of starting school during State's centennial year. He can enroll in any one of seven schools ranging from agriculture to veterinary medicine. Four basic courses are required of every student—communications skills, natural science, humanities, and social sciences.

From them, you get a broad background and preparation for advanced work in your major field. If you have aspirations beyond your bachelor degree, the school of graduate studies offers courses in all departments of the college.

ONE OF the most important questions every student asks is, "Where am I going to live?" There are three separate men's living units and nine women's dorms. They have recreation rooms, lounges, and kitchens for those study hour snacks.

Each dorm elects its own officers and here is an excellent opportunity to get to know other people in your dorm and work with them. There are inter-dorm councils which exchange ideas and plan such functions as the women's inter-dorm dance and the dorm sings which are held in the spring. The 24 social fraternities and 13 sororities offer their members the chance to live together in their respective houses. It is usually only the seniors and juniors who are able to live in the houses, so even if you join a sorority or fraternity, you will have two years of dorm life.

IF YOU join a fraternity or sorority, you will belong to a group of about 60-70 who probably have interests similar to yours. These groups have service projects, give parties, and provide a chance to belong to a smaller social group on this large campus.

During rushing, you meet many people whom you will later see on campus and who may become your best friends. Whether or not you become a "Greek," you'll be glad you rushed, and for those of you who join, it can be one of your most rewarding experiences.

There is an organization for everyone, whether it is a religious, athletic, or governing body. The Union board runs the Union building where you'll spend many hours "grilling."

THIS BOARD puts on record dances every weekend and sponsors all types of tournaments. The Fresh-Soph council is made up of representatives of both classes and runs their activities. Then, of course, there is the Student Congress which appropriates funds, runs elections, and acts pretty much as any other government body.

From these few examples, you can see there is a wide variety of organizations from which to



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choose the ones for which you are suited. Each of our seven schools has its own honorary groups, but there also are some general ones such as Tower Guard, the Sophomore Girl Group, Mortar Board, the Senior Women's Honorary, Blue Key and Excalibur, the Junior-Senior Men's and Senior Men's Groups respectively, and Green Helmet, the Sophomore Men's Honorary.

THESE GROUPS help at registration, offer scholarships, and are some of the most active groups on the campus, and to be elected to any of them is one of the highest honors you can receive. Being the newest member of the Big 10, we are proud of our athletic teams. Our football team went to the Rose Bowl last year and we are hoping for another championship this year.

connected with football are pep rallies, homecoming, when each living unit erects a display which is judged, and, of course, our homecoming queen.

As State's candidate for Miss Big 10 has brought home the cup for the last two years, you can see we have no lack of "queens." We can't forget our other athletic teams either, because they're all important in making the athletic phase of college important.

IN ADDITION to studying and joining organizations, every student should enjoy the activities taking place on campus. I've already mentioned homecoming and pep rallies, but the fun doesn't stop after fall term.

The biggest dance of all, the J Hop, is held in winter term. Sprung also is during winter term. Here in the Field House is divided into booths and the living units pair up and put on enter-

tainment such as pipe throwing contests and duck-the-girl events. You buy a ticket for every show you enter and the proceeds go to our Campus Chest, the college charity fund.

WITH SPRING Term come elections for next year's officers, the Ugliest Man on Campus Contest, (proceeds also going to Campus Chest) and the Homecoming and dorm sings in the bandshell, and probably the biggest event of all, Water Carnival.

Again the living units pair up and construct floats which go down our own Red Cedar River. This is a contest and for weeks before, there are secret plans made all over campus for the "best float of all."

Round up in these activities, certain traditions have grown up at MSC. There is May Morning Sing when the members of Mortar Board and Tower Guard are announced, Lantern Night when the outstanding Senior Girls are honored, serenades when a boy's fraternity sings to the girl he has asked to wear his pin, and the bench by Beaumont Tower where only engaged couples may sit.

EVERY SCHOOL has its own traditions which seem particularly fitting to its own students, and that's the way you'll feel about the traditions at State. I've tried to tell you some of the outstanding things about Michigan State, and I hope you've chosen my school as yours. If you have, be sure to enter into as much as you can, because only in this way will you be able to say at the end of your four years, "MSC, we love thy shadows," as our alma mater song does.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—all the society editor about them.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Teachers Meet Day In Advance Of School Classes

Teachers in the Birmingham area will be starting school a day or two ahead of the youngsters, as the 1954-55 program follows its customary pattern. In Birmingham, teacher conferences will be held Sept. 1-3 when faculty members will meet newcomers to their group and all will learn of the proposed school program for the year.

Discussions of class procedure, new buildings and school expansion will be held, with Supt. Dwight B. Ireland bringing the faculty up to date on physical facilities of the district.

In Birmingham, the heads of the several schools comprising the Birmingham district will meet with the teachers in their units. These sessions will concern themselves with the activities of the individual school.

IN SOUTHFIELD, the high school principal, Marjorie Van Arney, will meet with teachers the afternoon of Sept. 7, to discuss classroom programs for the year. A morning meeting will deal with the overall school program.

Bloomfield Hills faculty mem-

bers will have their annual workshop Sept. 2 and 3. Leaders in the educational field will be present to speak to the groups, arranging guidance schedules for the term. A meeting on Sept. 7 of all teachers and Supt. Eugene L. Johnson will be highlighted by discussion of classroom plans for the year.

The area's three parochial schools, Holy Name, St. Hugo of the Hills and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs were unable, at this time, to list any pre-school plans, since the Sisters comprising the three faculties had not yet returned to their posts.

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