

FACTS ABOUT MSUO'S BUILDINGS AND CAMPUS

The main classroom building is South Foundation Hall containing 39 classrooms, in two sizes, for 35 and for 70 students. The three stories are identical. It and North Foundation Hall are named in recognition of the unique work of the MSUO Foundation in shaping a new kind of university.

Every classroom is wired for television teaching. The classrooms on the left side of the first floor are wired to originate television-taught programs - all others to receive them.

Much use is made of color to give charm and warmth to economical and austere materials - such as brick and cinder block.

We depend on artificial light for all classrooms because it is cheaper. Entire walls of glass would increase heat bills and still not provide sufficient light.

One-story North Foundation Hall contains an individual office for each faculty member, plus secretarial service via a dictaphone system connected to their telephones, the administrative offices, secretarial department, temporary library, physics and chemistry laboratories, a tiered lecture hall, and a general-purpose hall. The tiered lecture hall is equipped for science demonstrations and wired to originate TV classes.

North and South Foundation Hall cost \$2,000,000 - a sum donated by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson. The square foot cost is \$14 - an unusually low figure achieved by making the buildings purely functional without ornaments, frills, rugs, curtains or draperies.

These buildings are in use 12 to 14 hours a day - five days a week - 40 weeks a year. Within two years it is expected that MSUO will be operating the year round, thus providing more efficient use of plant and resources.

When MSUO's library is built, (it may be started this summer) the present library will be subdivided into faculty offices.

The four laboratories are for elementary and advanced chemistry and physics. One will be used as a biology laboratory until a science and engineering building south of Foundation Hall is built. Construction on this will start in July.

The Oakland Student Center cost \$700,000 and is made possible by a \$35,000 a year gift from the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. It provides an attractive student lounge, student activity and physical education offices, university bookstore, recreation area, faculty dining room, and a cafeteria with a seating capacity of approximately 500. The kitchen is large enough to prepare meals for 2,500 students. A second dining area can be added on the north side of the Student Center.

Four Student Houses, holding about 48 boys or girls each, are a hope for September. Donations are being sought to finance one unit so its income could make the project self-supporting. These houses are intended to provide the positive values of fraternities and sororities -- small group living -- without their undesirable qualities.

The campus comprises 2,000 acres in three pieces. Of these, 1,600 acres were given by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson in 1957. Present buildings are on the northwest corner of this tract.

Nearly 150 acres on the east side of Adams Road constitute a faculty housing development which will ultimately provide building lots at low cost for some 250 faculty houses. A faculty member will pay local property taxes; and if he leaves the employ of the university must sell to the university or to another faculty member.

The third area is the 320-acre farm given by Miss Sarah VanHoosen Jones in 1957, a farm that has been in her family since 1803 when President James Monroe signed the original land grant. This historic farm is about five miles from MSUO's present buildings and northeast of Rochester.

Famed Meadow Brook Hall, with its wealth of objects of art, is about half a mile due east of the present campus, and a cluster of its chimneys can be seen from the walkway in front of the Student Center. Sunset Terrace, the Wilsons' new home, is several hundred yards north of Meadow Brook Hall to the left of the white fenced field. These buildings are being used by the Wilsons.