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This is the first NEWSLETTER from MSUO! We hope it will answer many of the questions which you have about your new university. As more specific information becomes available, it will be released in future editions of the NEWSLETTER.

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PUBLICATIONS: The second official MSUO publication--the MSUO BULLETIN--will be available about the middle of January. The MSUO CATALOG, originally scheduled for January, will be distributed sometime in February. Both of these publications will be mailed automatically to all of the people who have written to the MSUO office for information.

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS: The following are the requirements for admission to MSUO:

1. Graduation from an approved high school in the top half of the graduating class.
2. Recommendation of the high school principal that the applicant is a sound college risk.
3. Pursuance of a college preparatory curriculum having a total of 15 units.
4. Under the Michigan Secondary School-College Agreement, MSUO will accept students from among the more able graduates of accredited high schools without regard to the pattern of subject matter completed, provided such students are recommended by their high school principal.
5. If a student is not from the upper one-half of the class, he may still apply to MSUO to take qualifying examinations. The results of these examinations, plus other criteria established by the university, will determine whether or not he will be admitted to a degree program.
6. A fee of \$10 must accompany all applications for admission. This fee will be applied toward the first term tuition for those students who are accepted and enrolled.

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ENROLLMENT: For the beginning class in September 1959, only freshman students will be accepted. Four years hence, this will be our first graduating class. We anticipate at least 600 students next September, but facilities are being built to handle a peak load of 1200. In addition to

the regular full time students, we plan to offer a part time freshman program, which will be held for the most part in the evening. Students in the part time program will be enrolled in the same academic departments (and have the same professors) as the regular full time students. The school day will thus extend from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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TUITION AND FEES: MSUO will operate on a term system; that is, three terms a year instead of two semesters. Tuition and fees will be \$255 per year. You should add to the tuition cost \$40 per term for books and materials. Costs thus total \$375 per year. Board and room, of course, is an individual matter.

The regular school year of three terms will be organized in such a way as to provide opportunity for a full term of work in the summertime. Tuition for summer school will be extra.

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CURRICULAR PROGRAMS: Four-year degree programs will be offered in the following fields:

Business Administration.....	Accounting General Business Administration
Engineering.....	Mechanical Electrical
Teacher Education.....	Elementary Secondary
Liberal Arts.....	All of the standard arts and science majors

Programs will be added as required.

For the first two years at MSUO, all students will take a general education program with a strong liberal arts base. In addition to general education requirements, engineering students will be involved in specific mathematics subjects. Detailed curricular programs will be announced in the catalog.

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CAMPUS FACILITIES: The first major building at MSUO is now under construction. This building is in two units, one unit of three stories and another of one story. The three-story unit contains 39 classrooms of which 33 will be wired for closed-circuit television and will accommodate 35 students each. The remaining 6 classrooms will be about twice this size. The one-story section contains 4 laboratories (2 elementary and 2 advanced) plus supporting rooms for the science program, a library which will seat about 200 students at a time, and an office wing containing a total of 30 offices. This structure also includes a lecture room to seat 159 students, plus another area of the same size which will be used as an all-purpose center. The building should be completed sometime in July.

Parking facilities adjacent to the main building will accommodate 500 cars.

The second major building, the Student Center, will be constructed to the east of the main building and will be started about the middle of January. This will include a cafeteria and dining room with a capacity of 200, two

lounges, office and activities space for student groups and a large recreation area. It is scheduled for completion in September of 1959.

Architectural plans are now being drawn for three additional buildings: an intramural building, which will house both athletic and recreational facilities; a library, which will be the picture center of the campus; and a science-engineering building. All of these buildings will probably be built with private funds.

Also on the campus at the present time is a temporary office building on the corner of Butler and Adams Roads, housing the MSUO Administration and the Continuing Education Administration. Behind this are two buildings which have been remodeled for use as classroom and auditorium facilities. These are now being used for Continuing Education classes.

When one speaks of "campus facilities," it would be a mistake not to mention the tremendous possibilities for outdoor education and recreational activities. Meadow Brook is a beautiful rolling estate with two lakes, a stream, woods and plains. With creative planning, it is possible to develop the finest outdoor program in America, both for curricular and extracurricular programs.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR: The calendar for the school year 1959-60 has been planned as follows:

February 1959 - Entrance examinations. These will probably be given once each week starting in February and continuing through the summer.

August 1959 - Freshman Orientation Clinic
(Dates to be announced later)

September 17-18 - Registration for First Term

September 21--December 8- First Term Classes

December 9-14 - First Term Examinations

January 4-5 - Registration for Second Term

January 6--March 16 - Second Term Classes

March 17-22 - Second Term Examinations

March 29-30 - Registration for Third Term

March 31--June 9 - Third Term Classes

June 10-15 - Third Term Examinations

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: An extracurricular program for MSUO has been planned only in part, because we hope to develop a cooperative planning relationship between students and faculty. Whether or not we will have clubs, sororities, fraternities, student organizations or various other kinds of activities, will be a judgment of the combined faculty and student body. We hope that a broad-range program of student activities will be developed through our Student Activities Department on the new campus.

In the fall of 1959, we hope to offer an extensive physical education, health and recreation program. Probably this will be voluntary and coeducational in nature, offering students the opportunity to develop a wide variety of recreational skills which will be important to them at this time, as well as in later life. The possibility for meaningful recreational programs at MSUO is almost limitless.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Many questions regarding scholarships for MSUO have been raised. It is not possible at this time to be very specific about scholarships, although the following information should be helpful:

1. A scholarship policy for MSUO will be released about February 1. This will include information about scholarship standards, special requirements, procedures for application and processing.
2. As it now stands, we will offer one tuition scholarship to each high school in the Oakland and Macomb Counties area.
3. In addition, we hope to offer approximately 100 privately-endowed scholarships, most of which will be for tuition only.

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The MSUO NEWSLETTER will be released by the Student Services Office periodically and forwarded to those persons who are on our automatic mailing list. If you have other questions about MSUO, please do not hesitate to write or phone our office. The address is on the letterhead, and the telephone number is FEderal 8-4515. Inquiries are welcomed.