

President Hannah's remarks at
Dedication of Spartan Warrior
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Michigan State College is properly proud of this beautiful campus. Trees and shrubs, and flowers, and lawns, and the wide variety of birds they foster provides an environment for a college education that permits those persons able to see the simple things that happen about all of us every day that can make life so much more interesting an opportunity to appreciate the Art of Nature.

Cicero -- "All the arts relating to human life are linked together by a subtle bond of mutual relationship."

One of the possessions of all educated persons should be an appreciation for the beautiful and for the arts. A little appreciation for good music, for good painting, for sculpture can make life much more interesting for all of us.

The real function of the Art Department at this college is not only to train a few artists but to bring to the maximum number of all of us at least a little understanding and appreciation of the artistic.

We are proud of the Art Department and their ability to create worthwhile work. DeMartelly and some of his fine paintings and etchings, Pollock and the fine murals in the auditorium, and Jungwirth and this figure we are dedicating this morning.

It has been interesting for me to see this great figure grow from a few wooden laths tied together to the clay model--the clay figures ready to be fired and this finished figure.

It reminds me that this quotation from Emerson is certainly true: "There is no way to success in art but to take off your coat, grind paint, and work like a digger on the railroad, all day and every day."

Jungwirth has truly worked like a digger on the railroad, and worked hard and long.

He can well be proud of this accomplishment. We are proud of it for him. In the years ahead, this Spartan Warrior in this beautiful and proper setting will become one of the distinguishing marks of this campus that all students and visitors will associate with this college and this campus in much the same way that Beaumont Tower is now generally recognized as the proper symbol of Michigan State College.

It is a real pleasure for me to congratulate Mr. Jungwirth for his fine work, and to accept and dedicate formally this Spartan Warrior as a proper exemplification of the youth and spirit of Michigan State College.