

*We*  
*Accept our Heritage..*





## *And* What is our Heritage?

It was a simple thing to understand . . . this heritage of ours . . . when we were children. We learned of a little band of Pilgrims who left homes and loved ones to sail an uncharted ocean to a strange land. They sought freedom of worship.

We heard of men like Thomas Jefferson whose words led the fight for popular government and political freedom. Of Abraham Lincoln, who could not reason that one man should be the involuntary servant of another. "Sweet land of Liberty," we sang . . . for we knew that all these things were our common heritage.

We grew in stature and we learned that, true enough, we did live in the greatest country in the world. There wasn't much that the peoples living in other lands could give us, so it seemed fair enough just to ask to be left alone. That seemed easy, too, with the broad Atlantic on our eastern shores and the Pacific on the west reaching from California, to the Orient.

War came to Europe in 1914. No concern of ours. We had enough land . . . our Bill of Rights . . . our heritage of freedom . . . no one could take that away from us.

But we found that trouble for other peoples in the world meant trouble for us. We entered the War. The Allies won and everyone was happy because now we were through with wars for good. Never again.

Yes, it was easy to see that everything was going to be fine from now on. But in 1929 something went wrong with the economic set-up . . . and we had breadlines in the U. S. A. . . . and unrest throughout the world.

And then one day we overheard a conversation about an Austrian house painter who had organized a movement called . . . "Strength Through Joy." Looked like it might grow into something big. Oh, well. The Italian Black Shirts marched against Ethiopia and the Japanese militarists planned their Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. No concern of ours. We weren't even in the League.

As it turned out it did grow into something big. Big enough to put almost one-third of the men and women who ever attended Michigan State College into uniform in the service of their Country . . . with at least another

third engaged in vital war work.

*"That kid who was lost on the early run to Berlin yesterday. Smart kid. Said he was going back to school after the War. Believe he said it was Michigan State. I hope he gets back out."*

*"Remember that cute girl at the Red Cross club on Saipan? I went to school with her back in East Lansing."*



*"I learned later that one of the men in our group in the Death March out of Bataan was from Michigan State, too. He died in the camp."*

Over 6400 served . . . 340 gave their lives.

Three hundred and forty Michigan State men fought and died in World War II. They fought for their lives and the lives of their children on the beach at Salerno and in the flak-filled skies over Nagasaki just as surely as if they were defending their own doorstep . . . in Bay City . . . or Toledo . . . or Eaton Rapids.

They died, yes, but they gave us the right to tell the story about that little band of Pilgrims over and over again. By their sacrifice they saved us from a heritage of concentration camps . . . scientific breeding for a master race . . . "thought" police . . . and terror at every corner.



Though your lips are silent, our war dead, we hear you speak. In life, you asked not for honor but only for a safe return to a quiet life in a peaceful world. To that end . . . to grant your children and generations yet unborn that "quiet life" . . . we dedicate our purpose. There can be no peace for us until there is peace in your stilled hearts.

We will not . . . we cannot . . . close out your deeds as we might turn the page of a book. We dedicate to your memory not a cold monument of stone but a structure where there is warmth and understanding for the heart and wisdom for the mind. It is our plan for survival. It is our heritage.



## The Memorial Chapel

A sacred spot for quiet retreat . . . an edifice for religious services and vespers . . . scene of campus weddings . . . the Memorial Chapel will forever bear remembrance of those who served our Country and gave their lives in the cause of "the dignity and worth of the human person."

Long felt by many alumni and friends to be the outstanding need on the campus, the Chapel will serve to fill the lack of a building for religious purposes. And only by the support of such a giving program among alumni and friends will Michigan State ever have a chapel on campus, since state appropriations will not fill such a need.

Approached from the beauty of the covered walk, the Memorial Chapel will present a feeling of welcome to all faiths. By virtue of the simplicity of its design the Chapel holds only to the philosophy of freedom of worship . . . "each in his own way."

### MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

*A partial list of memorial opportunities in the Memorial Chapel*

Pipe Organ.....	\$30,000	Chancel Furniture.....	\$15,000
Bronze Memorial Doors.....	\$3,000	Stained Glass Windows . .	\$1,500-\$7,500
Inscription in Stone of Names of War Dead . . .	\$500 for each section of 50 names		

As one enters the narthex through bronze doors, the entablature of Michigan State's war dead will first meet the sight. Inscribed in stone in a frieze around the walls of the vestibule will be the names of the 340 men who made the supreme sacrifice. The Service Book listing the names of all who served and the Donors

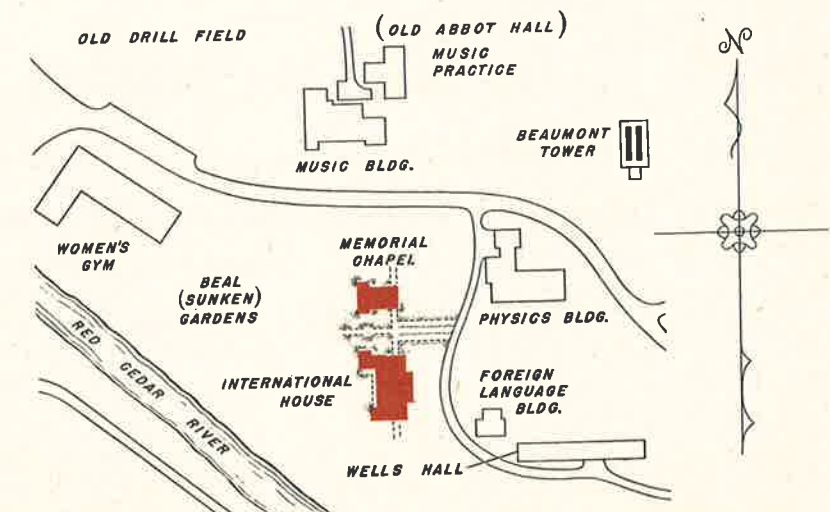


Book with the names of all who gave will be kept in the narthex.

Inside the Chapel, the light flooding through the stained glass windows in all four sides of the structure will create an atmosphere of devout purpose. The Chapel will seat two hundred persons and will contain the only pipe organ on campus. The chancel, pews, and choir stalls will be in keeping with the simple style of the edifice.

The Memorial Chapel will provide an inspirational approach to peace in the future.

*The Memorial Center will be located in a beautiful spot on the old section of the campus.*



## The International House

Meeting ground for American students with students of many nations . . . a place for close study of the social, economic, and political life of our world neighbors . . . the International House will serve as a living and working tribute to those who gave their lives in giving us another chance to achieve world understanding and cooperation.

Overlooking the beauty of the Beal Gardens and the Red Cedar, the International House—together with the Memorial Chapel—will, in style of design, bear resemblance to the present Music Building. Ralph R. Calder, architect for the Memorial Center, also designed the Music Building.

Entering the building from the covered walk, one will pass a small reception room before reaching the lounge with its two large open fireplaces. Directly across the hallway, and designed to be combined with the lounge for large social functions, will be the dining room with an

adjoining kitchen. Glass doors will open from the dining room onto the terrace.

The windows of the library and exhibition room and of a smaller reading room will face the Peace Fountain and formal gardens of the Memorial Center. On festive occasions the flags of the United Nations will be displayed in a circular pattern around the fountain.

The Director's office will be located on the first floor with living quarters on the second. Also on the second floor will be guest rooms for distinguished visitors to the campus. The basement will contain recreation rooms.

The International House, larger unit of the \$300,000 Memorial Center, will provide an intelligent and practical approach to peace in the future.



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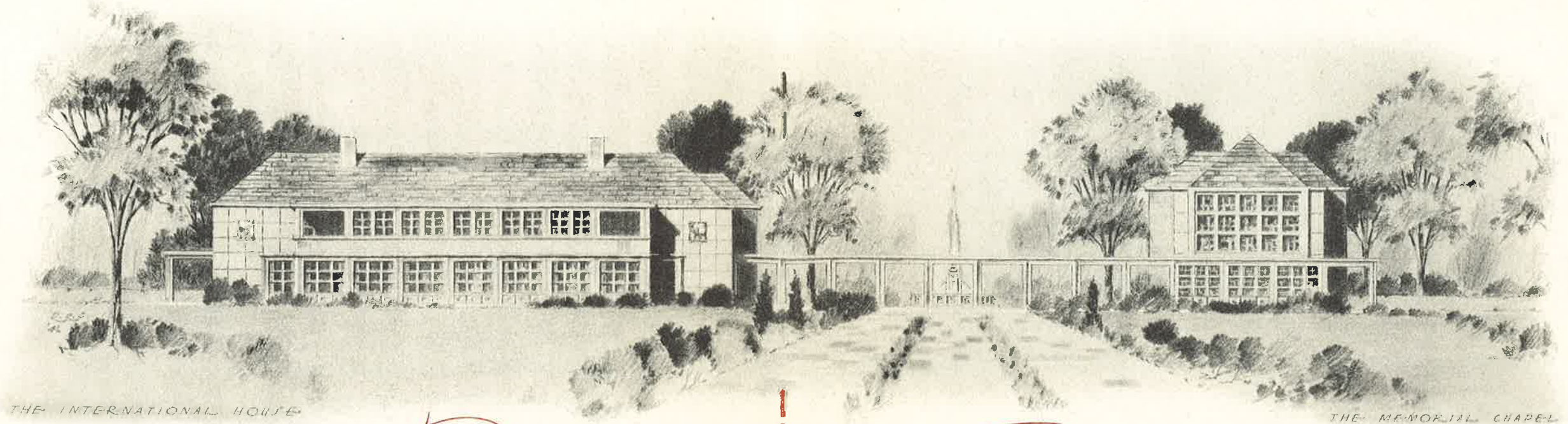
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Main Lounge . . . . .	\$15,000	Dining Room . . . . .	\$15,000
Peace Fountain in Court . . . . .	\$10,000	Library and Reading Room . . . . .	\$ 8,000
Guest Rooms . . . . .	\$1,200 Each		

*The Music Building established on the campus the forward-looking beauty of the Modern Collegiate design as a favored architectural style. The Memorial Center will follow this style.*

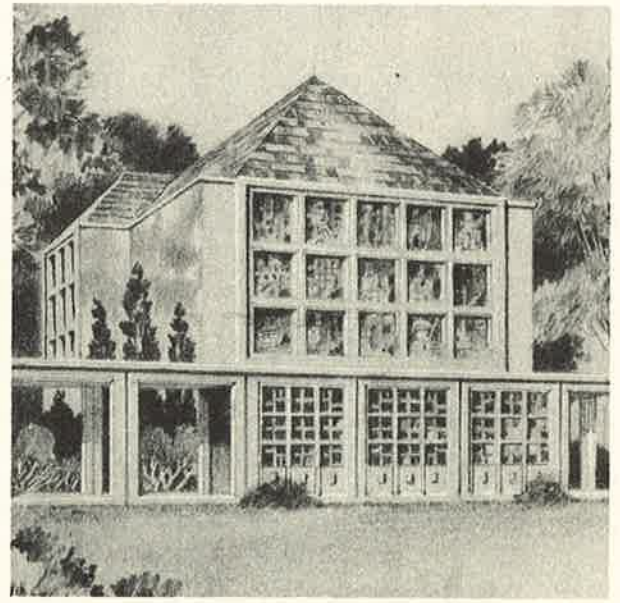




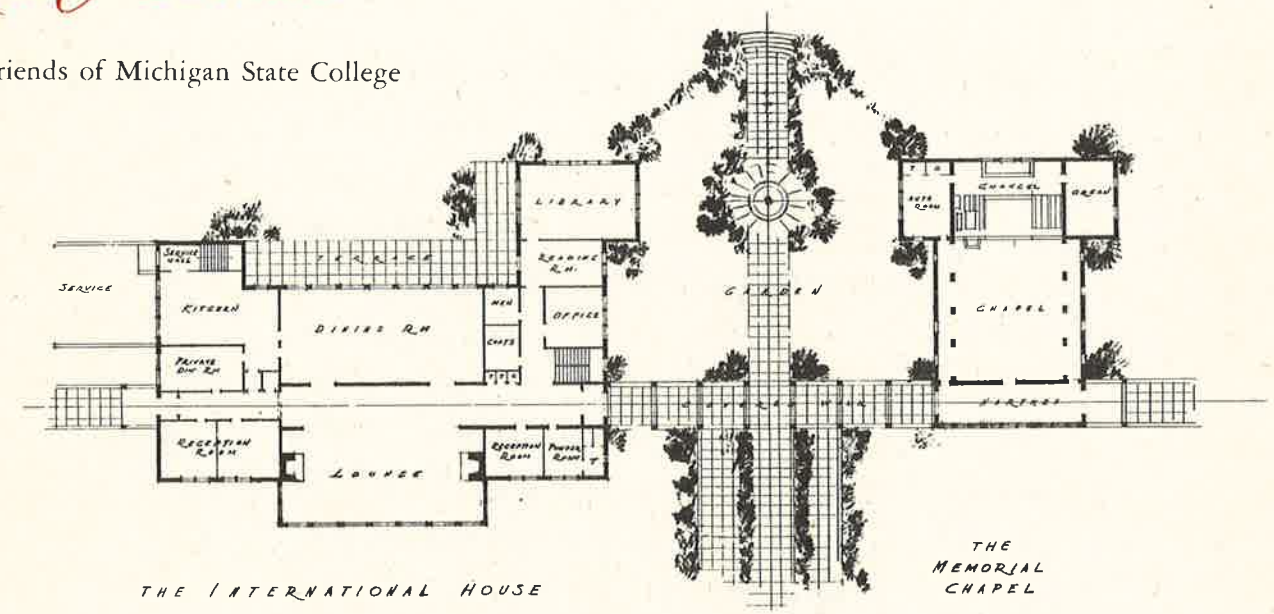


# The Memorial Center

A tribute by the students, alumni, faculty, and friends of Michigan State College



A  
CLOSE VIEW  
OF THE  
CHAPEL



IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED—DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO DIED—IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR





*Spring Parade. More than 100 of the ROTC men on the field that April day in 1941 lost their lives in World War II.*

**F**ew colleges in the country made a greater contribution during World War II than did Michigan State. The campus itself was training ground for the Army while many of the laboratories were used for vital scientific work.

Untold numbers of her graduates worked in governmental and industrial research and production. Over 6400 men and women served the nation in uniform. One out of every nineteen in the Services gave his life.

And few colleges will have a more forward-looking memorial than the Memorial Center at Michigan State. Students, alumni, members of the faculty, and friends have shown an enthusiastic spirit which not only recognizes the Memorial Center Fund as a memorial effort but also as the only type of financial program which would ever fill the need for a chapel on campus and provide a suitable meeting place for foreign and American students. Support from the State Government will not cover such an exigency.

## The Plan of Giving

The plan of giving to the Memorial Center Fund is designed to make possible a sincere and thoughtful gift from every former student and friend of Michigan State College. Above all, let no one refrain from giving because his subscription is not as large as he would like it to be.

Obviously, it would be very difficult to secure the required amount (estimated costs exceed \$300,000) in outright cash gifts. However, it is possible to attain this goal if each subscriber is enabled to spread his gift payment over a given pledge period, thus allowing everyone to make a pledge far above any sum which could be given at any one time.

Pledges are payable until June 30, 1948, in any plan of installments suitable to the donor. Every dollar subscribed to the Memorial Center Fund will be used for the construction of the World War II memorial. No other purposes will be served.

The Memorial Center will afford opportunities for alumni and friends of Michigan State College to create memorials which will honor names they cherish. Partial lists of opportunities are found in another section of this brochure. Those who seek complete information are encouraged to write directly to the Department of Alumni Relations.

Donors wishing to designate their gift toward the construction of an individual building may indicate their choice on the reverse side of the pledge card merely by writing "Memorial Chapel" or "International House."

The sum needed for the construction of the Memorial Center represents a subscription of \$1000 for every Michigan State man who gave his life or a gift of \$50 for every man and woman who served in the armed forces.

Your contribution may be made in the name of one of these. The inspirational and intelligent approach to world peace which will come as a result of the building of this memorial makes this investment seem small indeed.

The names of all donors (amounts of individual gifts will not be given) will be listed in a Donors Book to be kept in the narthex of the Memorial Chapel along with the Service Book containing the names of those Michigan State men and women who served the nation in uniform during World War II.

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The Federal Government, through its income and inheritance tax laws, encourages the support of educational, religious, and charitable institutions. The following table is illustrative of this fact. Though gifts of any size may be made, the present Federal income tax law allows deductions up to 15 per cent of adjusted gross income, which is, broadly speaking, gross income less business deductions. It is to be remembered that givers to the Memorial Center Fund may divide their gift payments to realize full deduction privileges for the two years, 1947 and 1948. To determine the cash cost to you of your individual gift use the percentage column as a guide.

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME	MAXIMUM DEDUCTIBLE GIFT	CASH COST OF GIFT TO GIVER	NET COST TO GIVER (PER CENT)
\$ 3,000	\$ 450	\$ 364.50	81.00%
5,000	750	598.00	79.10
8,000	1,200	903.60	75.30
10,000	1,500	1,091.50	71.50
30,000	4,500	2,020.50	43.95
50,000	7,500	2,678.75	34.45
100,000	15,000	3,229.50	20.20

Note: For purposes of simplicity, it has been assumed that the taxpayer is married and has two children; has other (non-charitable) deductions of 10 per cent of his adjusted gross income and that his wife has no income.

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## THE MEN OF MY COMMAND

'Tis midnight and I stand  
Amid the sleeping forms of men—  
The men of my command.  
And, as their troubled murmurs stir  
The quiet of the night,  
I wonder at the subject of their dreams.  
What matter if tomorrow I command again;  
Tonight they are my sons.

This one—the father lying at my feet—  
Laughs and plays (in dream) with the son he's never seen.  
(God grant his safe return.)  
And over there, a dozen paces to my right,  
A boy—man now, he's just passed twenty-one—  
Sobs a name, his brother's.  
Today's long-looked-for mail notified him of his  
Brother's death.

And on the other side—  
But what was that? A child's frightened cry?  
No! I see from whence it came;  
That youngster there who's writhing in his sleep  
(He's dreaming of that shelling we received the other day,  
And who can blame him; 'twas his first.)  
"Marilyn!" Whose voice cried out? Oh, yes!  
I know the man, and the name he speaks—his wife's.  
Spoke in remorse for the last letter, penned in anger's heat.  
I censored it, you see, and know its content.  
He'll be glad tomorrow when I give it back.  
I withheld it from the mail, for I knew his anger'd cool,  
And he'd regret the sending of it.

But now my reverie is broken;  
Other thoughts and sounds impinge upon my mind,  
(The distant sentinel's sharp challenge,  
The jackal's cry, the scudding clouds that chase the  
Moonlight from the sky, to let it reappear again  
To form a new kaleidoscope of sight.)  
And all my present sons lie quiet in their sleep.



I'm thinking now about an absent son—  
My own—who sleeps so far away  
Beneath the same deep, scintillating canopy  
To which I turn my eyes  
To ask God's blessing on all my sons,  
Both here and there,  
Those whose dreams I'll share,  
(God willing)  
And pray that I might be a faithful father, now—  
And then.

—MAJOR ALVAH M. MILLER, '37

Major Miller was later killed in action  
while commanding the Third Battalion  
of U.S. Army Rangers in an attack  
on Cisterna, Italy, 30 January 1944.





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As I sit writing this letter in my home—a comfortable home, perhaps, yet without comfort as I look into homes filled with sorrow brought by the great conflict just passed—I cannot help but feel that after thoughtfully reading "We Accept Our Heritage" you will want to have a part in the building of the Memorial Center.

Your decision to act today will be a fighting answer to those who fought and died for you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Floyd Owen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Floyd Owen, '02  
General Chairman