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Landon Hall Pool

Miss Beverly Twitchell  
242 Cedar Street  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Twitchell:

Mr. Lyle Thorburn, Manager of the Residence Halls, asked that I communicate with you regarding the former pool at Landon Hall.

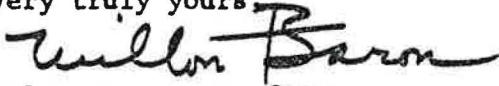
I share with you and your petitioners the concern over the discontinuance of the pool. It was nineteen years ago this fall that the series of terrace entrance gardens for the girls' dormitories were designed by this office and the pool at Landon was built during the spring and summer of 1948. The fountain was an original piece of sculpture designed and executed by Norman Sedlander, a graduate student taking sculpture courses under Professor Jungwirth. As a winner of a class competition, the "spouting porpoise" was unique for it was modeled of local clay and fired in the Grand Ledge brick kilns where "Sparty" had previously been made.

For years this unusual sculpture and pool created esthetic interest and contributed to the pleasantness of the garden terrace and to the landscape setting of the building. You may not be aware that in the last ten years or so the pool and sculpture were badly misused. It apparently became a tradition for students in the hall to dunk or throw one another into the pool - a dangerous practice because of the limestone coping and the size and depth of the pool. At other times various kinds of junk and debris were disposed in the water; pranksters delighted in adding detergent thereby creating an intolerable mess on the terrace, the steps and in the adjoining plantings. Vandals proceeded to damage the sculpture with the result that after several repairs it is no longer possible to restore it.

I, too, believe much of the esthetic appeal of the terrace has been lost now that the pool has been turned into a planter. The decision to do this was on the basis of safety, the fact that it had become a high maintenance feature which the Grounds Department could no longer afford, and to replace the sculpture with an original piece would cost conservatively anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 or more plus installation. It is regrettable that the misuse of the pool and vandalism to the sculpture made this action necessary.

Incidentally, the converting of the pool into a planter was not a unilateral decision; rather an action after thorough consultation with the Dormitories and Food Service Manager for the best interests in safety of the students and costs to the University. It is sad to contemplate that niceties of this sort must be done away with due to the careless unappreciative treatment they often receive.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milton Baron".

Milton Baron, Professor  
University Landscape Architect

MB/jl

cc: Mr. Lautner  
Mr. Foster  
Mr. Thorburn

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# Renovations considered for Landon Hall's cafeteria

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Some details are emerging in future plans for renovations at Landon Hall cafeteria, which could see improvements in three to five years if proposed plans are fully developed, Associate Director of Residential Dining Bruce Haskell said.

Landon Hall renovations could include expanding seating into the nearby study lounges, but would require a detailed plan and approval by the Board of Trustees before any construction takes place, he said.

The potential upgrades to Landon Hall — which have not officially been detailed — would continue a wave of cafeteria construction on campus.

South Pointe at Case Hall opened this semester, the Shaw Hall cafeteria will close in May for construction during the summer and construction at the Akers Hall cafeteria could begin around the same time as Landon, Haskell said.

Brody Square and the Gallery at Snyder and Phillips halls also have been renovated in recent years.

The West Circle and East neighborhoods are the only neighborhoods that have not yet undergone a cafeteria renovation in recent years, he said.

Members of the Residence Halls Association, or RHA, previously discussed concerns with crowding in some cafeterias on campus, including the Landon Hall cafeteria, and possible solutions for easier dining navigation.

Brody Square Chef Joe Murphy spoke to RHA during its last week meeting to update them on the potential renovation plans in the cafeterias.

"None of them seem to be big enough," he said, referring to some facilities' rush-hour crowding.

Haskell said he is looking into opening the nearby study lounge and Ivy Room — used for banquets or meetings — for further cafeteria seating in Landon Hall.

But psychology and Japanese senior Ashley Haddix questioned the effectiveness of opening up adjacent rooms to the cafeteria when the cafeteria already has a problem with people taking food when they leave.

"I don't know how it would work scanning people in," she said.

The Landon Hall cafeteria faces "huge hurdles" to its development considering the environment in which it was built, Haskell said.

The cafeteria was built in the late 1940s and originally was slated to serve about 400 female students.

As the number of students at MSU has increased, it has been forced to accommodate many more students who come in and out, he said.

Haddix said it is important to keep the quaint feeling of the building while also addressing necessary improvements.

If the university does end up expanding the space, it is important to keep future student needs in mind, she said.

Psychology freshman Tierra Johnson — who works in the Landon Hall cafeteria — said the renovations should occur because more people come to Landon Hall than to nearby Yakeley Hall, and the age of some of the equipment creates backups in serving or cleanup.

"There are times you wait more than five minutes (for food), and you shouldn't," she said.

But Johnson did not agree with the idea to expand seating into the study lounge. She said students still will want a quiet place to do schoolwork.

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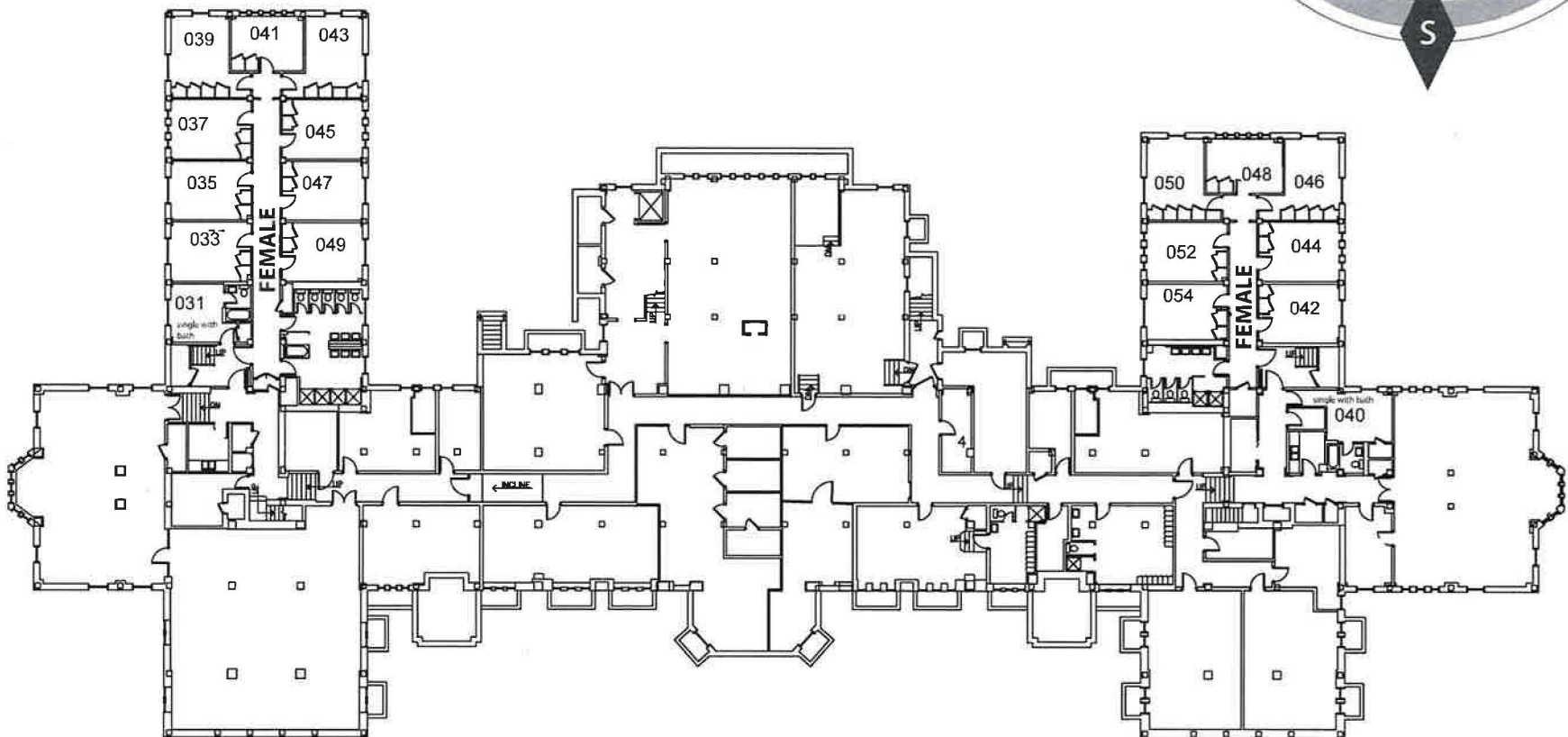
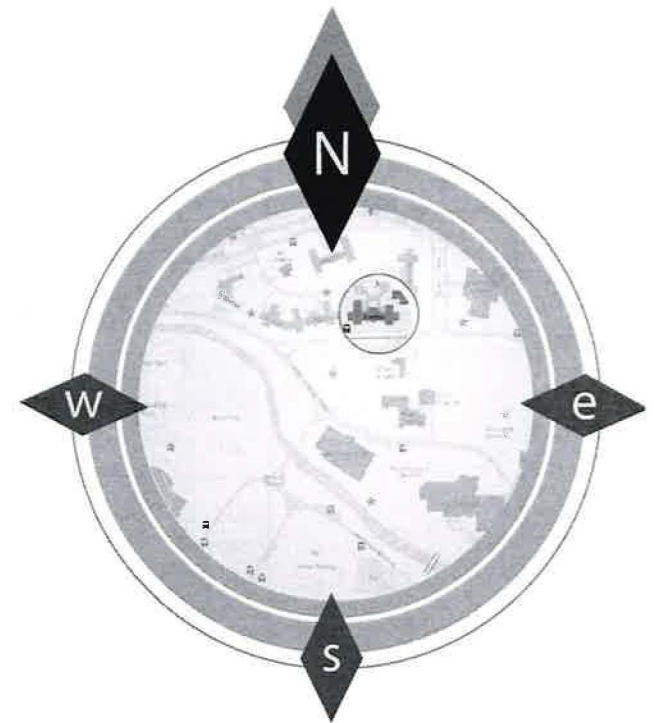


# Landon (Ground Floor)



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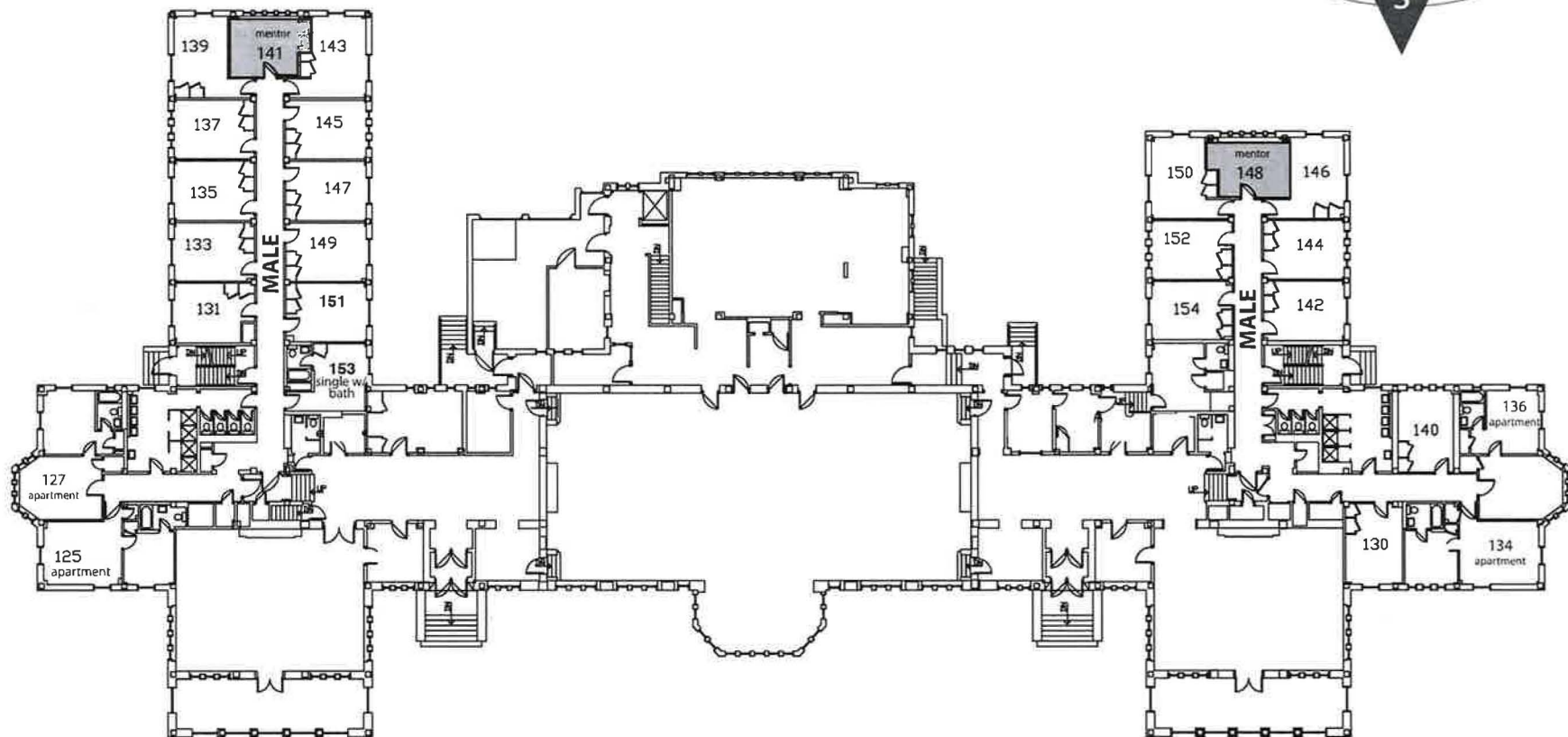
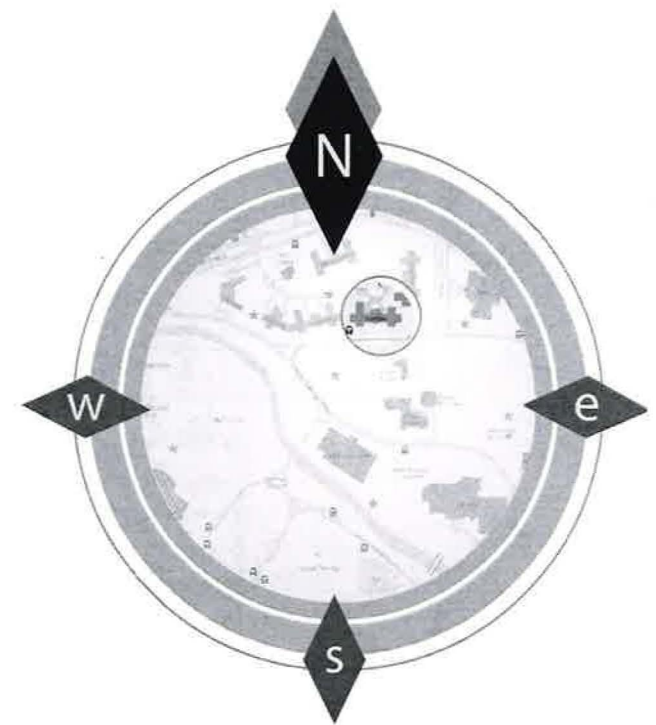
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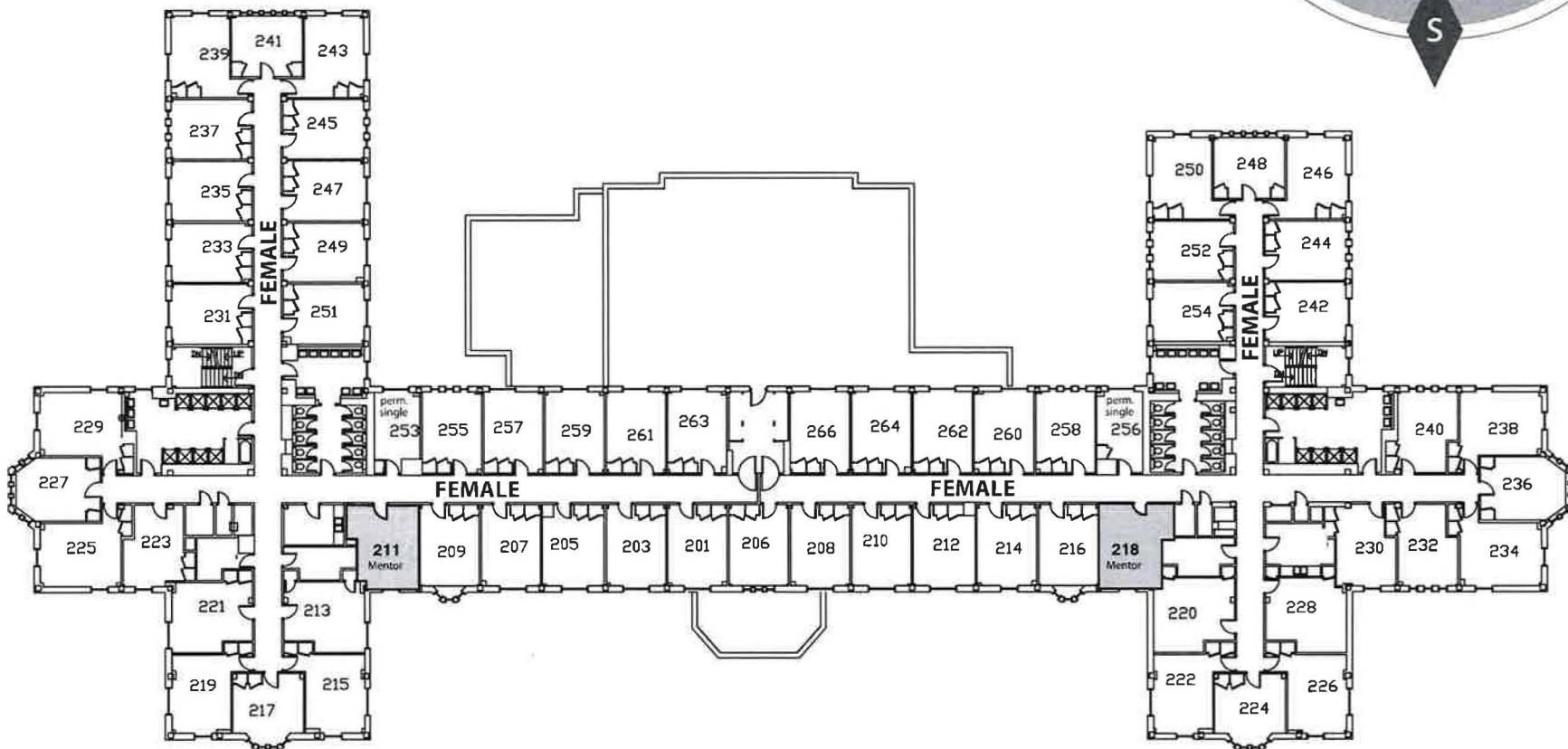
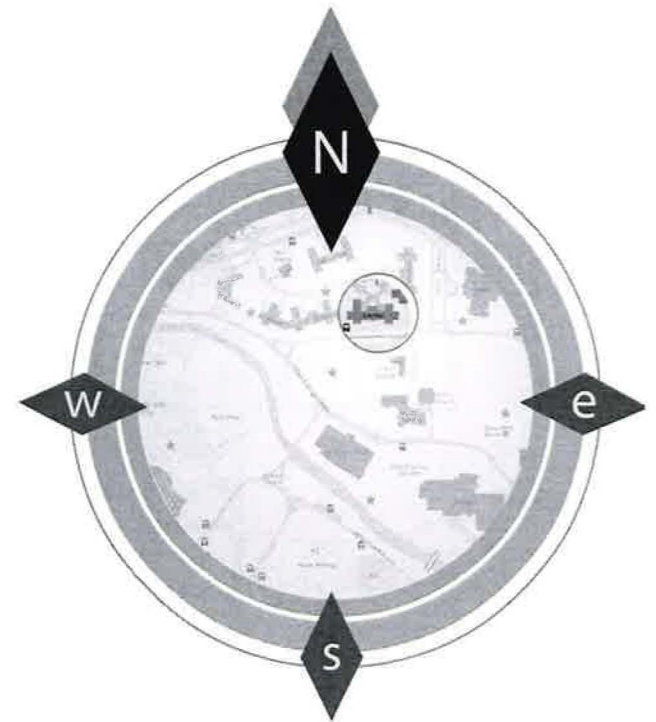


**COMMUNITY BATH STYLE**

**MENTOR SPACES** (211 and 218)

**PERMANENT SINGLES** (253 – 256)

**DOUBLE ROOMS** (254 – 255)





# Landon (Third Floor)



**COMMUNITY BATH STYLE**

**MENTOR SPACES** (311 and 318)

**PERMANENT SINGLES**

(327, 336, 341, 348, 353 and 356)

