Irrigation Project

Slowly but surely, the MIT campus shows signs of expansion. A check with the Treasurer's Report of 1961 reveals that MIT now owns real estate as far away as Flattsburg, New York. But, alas, we have been outdoors! According to The Chicago Maroon, the University of Chicago is now able to offer genuine Southern hospitality at its property, the pre-Civil War mansion in Natchez, Mississippi.

The University has been left the half-million-dollor estate of a retired Chicago high school French teacher. In addition to the 141-year-old Mississippi mansion and its 50,50 acres of land, the estates includes "Skibbyand", a 400-acre cotton plantation near Charleston, Mississippi; one-half interest in "Eloise", a thousand acre property next to "Skibbyand"; and eleven acres of what is described as "mountain property" near Rat Cave, North Carolina. But that's not all. Provisions of the will call for the establishment of six memorial scholarship funds from a bequested $85,723 in cash and $273,191 in stocks and bonds.

Soldiers, Ghosts, And Cows

When the Natchez mansion was purchased by the high school teacher in 1925, it was in such poor condition that even itinerant farmers refused to rent it. It was built in 1821 by William St. John Elliot, a wealthy cotton broker. Description of the building set in and was greatly accelerated by the Civil War. At one time, Union troops were housed in the mansion. In the ensuing years, the Elliot manor, gray and neglected, became known, locally as "the Haunted House". As time passed, the ghosts of the two Yankee soldiers hanged at the mansion during the war became more and more adventurous. By 1925, the once-luxurious halls at Natchez were providing shelter for a number of neighborhood cows.

Since 1925, however, thirty-five years have been devoted to restoring the mansion to its original splendor. The mansion has become a major attraction of the Natchez Pilgrimage, a period when the stately pre-war homes of the Natchez area are opened for public inspection. Last year, about 800 people daily for a four-week period visited the University of Chicago's newly-acquired Southern estate.

A Future Campus?

When North moves South, naturally South must move North. The Tulane Hula-balloo reveals that Tulane owns an island in the middle of St. Mary's River. The island was donated to Tulane in 1932 for a biological or scientific research center, a summer recreational or study center, or for any other purpose Tulane might devise.

Harbor Island, as far as river islands go, is rather large, being seven miles in circumference. The island has a sheltered harbor and is teeming with deer. It has become a favorite mooring spot for yachtsmen on summer cruises. Harbor Island, incidentally, is about as far north as one can get in the United States, being in Michigan, only four miles from the Canadian border.

Up the Mississippi

How does one get to this island? Tulane has come up with the answer. Swain Tulane's physical education department, in co-operation with the Red Cross, has come up with a new physical fitness program.

The goal for each person in the program is, by the end of the term, to have swum fifty miles. To get credit toward the goal, however, one must swim a minimum of one mile — eighteen laps — at a given time. Those completing the program will be given an inscribed medal. Tulane's swim coach says, "Nothing is more satisfying than a short swim after a hard day's work."

New Dorm

While Tulane students may be swimming from New Orleans to northern Michigan, Michigan States feels that students should not have to walk that far for classes. In fact, why walk at all? So, 1,200 lucky students will live in a new $6,000,000 dorm and will attend classes in the same new dorm. According to Michigan State's chief academic advisor, "One of the objects of this new academic program is to help cut down the amount of travel a student has to do on campus."

This is being achieved in part by holding social science, language, and natural science classes right in the new Case Dorm. Included in the five-story building are multi-purpose rooms for classes and social activities, space for a library and dining facilities. The dorm will house about 500 men and 600 coeds.

New Auditorium

Caltech is now in the process of building a new auditorium. The California Technical is a recent issue, described the groundbreaking ceremony. Dr. (Please turn to Page 72).

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College World

Univ. of Chicago Inherits Ghosts; Also Willed Estate Near Rat Cave

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is filled up from the sink (right center). Accepting the typically, George bails out his room to make it habitable right).