

VI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

MSU and the Department

Michigan State University has a student body of approximately 45,000 including 9,000 graduate students. About 55% of all M.S.U. students are women. The Department of Statistics and Probability has about 100 graduate students, of whom approximately 30 hold assistantships and for whom office space is provided with usually two/three per office. The Department is located in Wells Hall: "A" wing houses the Department of Mathematics on the first three floors, this Department on the fourth and part of fifth floor. "B" wing contains several large lecture rooms and a new microcomputer facility, B100. "C" wing contains three floors of normal sized classrooms. "D" wing contains the Mathematics-Statistics Library and additional Mathematics offices. The Department of Statistics and Probability also has the Katz Memorial Library (located on the fourth floor of Wells). Most classes in Mathematics and Statistics meet in this building. The Computer Center is just 100 yards away; and the International Center with a cafeteria and large bookstore is even closer.

Although the University is large, graduate students in the Department soon find that they know all or most faculty members and most of their fellow graduate students.

A pioneer land grant institution, Michigan State University has a beautiful campus, located on both sides of the Red Cedar River and separated from the city of East Lansing by Grand River Avenue. East Lansing is a residential city of 54,000 (including students) located 4 miles east of the capitol building in downtown Lansing. Lansing has 136,000 inhabitants. Detroit is 90 miles and 1 1/2 hours away by freeway. Many opportunities for cultural and social development are available. Examples include the Kresge Art Center, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, University Museum, Planetarium, and World Travel and Foreign Film Series. Sports fans will enjoy watching the fine Spartan teams. Recreational facilities maintained by the University include a year-round ice arena, two 18 hole golf courses, tennis courts, and outdoor and indoor swimming pools.