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MCC Awards First Bachelors' Degrees



Commencement exercises climaxed Michigan Christian College's twenty-second academic year on May 9. Bill Hooten, president of Liberty Distributors, Inc., of Des Plaines, Illinois (a National Hardware Association) was the commencement speaker.

Sixty-one graduates were honored as commencement took place in the traditional outdoor setting among the campus pines. Six of those graduating made significant history as they received the first Bachelors' Degrees awarded by Michigan Christian College. Those receiving the Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE) degree included Doug Allen of Dearborn, Michigan; David King of Flint, Michigan; Michael Light of Pontiac, Michigan; Gordon MacKinnon of Troy, Michigan; Tom McCurdy of Portage, Ohio; and Dave Schofield of Canton, Ohio.

The new four-year Bible program received full accreditation by the North Central Association last November. Details about the program are available on request.

Fall Lectureship Plans Announced

"Practical Christian Living" will be the theme for the 1981 Lectureship set for October 5-8. Plans are nearly complete with only one speaker yet to be confirmed. Tuesday, October 6, will be "Preachers Fellowship Day" with a special luncheon honoring our preachers. Wednesday will be "Parents Day." Every parent of MCC students, past and present, is urged to be on campus that day and be honored at the "Dutch-treat" Parents Day Luncheon. Thursday is "Friends Day." The luncheon will honor members of the Century Club. The first alumni "Artist of the Year" will be revealed along with the unveiling of his or her painting of a beautiful campus scene.

Lectureship speakers include: Batsell Barrett Baxter, Lucien Palmer, David Burr, James Muns, Royce Dickinson, Jr., Randy Gill, Ben Zickafoose, John C. Stevens, and Joe Barnett. Betty Muns and Margaret Southern will teach special classes for the ladies.

1981 Awards and Honors

(in alphabetical order)

Best Actor and Actress
Rick Fuller . . Hazel Park, Michigan
Diana Gill Trenton, Ohio

Best Intramural Athletes
Mark McFarland Winimac, Indiana
Helen Wilcenski . Burton, Michigan

Chemistry Award
Dan Billingsly Memphis, Michigan

Dean's Award
Tony Jackson . . Pontiac, Michigan

Mission Emphasis Award
Suellen Cadle . . Buckeye Lake, Ohio
Henry Doty . . . Brighton, Michigan

Mr. and Miss MCC
Tim Dill . . N. Manchester, Indiana
Terry Potter . . Flushing, Michigan

President's Award
Doug Allen . . . Dearborn, Michigan

Second Miler Award
Paul Schandavel . Sterling Heights,
Michigan
Rae Jean Stockberger . . Frankfort,
Indiana

Totem Pole Dedication
Gale Edwards Art Department

Valedictorian and Salutatorian
Gayle Thayer Caro, Michigan
Janet Artibee Flint, Michigan

Wes Taphin Basketball Award
Hezekiah Barrett Love Park,
Georgia

Bible Instructor Added to MCC Faculty



Dr. Loren Gieger has accepted a position with the MCC Bible faculty, filling the vacancy created by Eldred Echols' return to the mission field. Dr. Gieger will add depth to the Bible department as he brings with him a wealth of practical experience as a minister, lecturer, and author.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Abilene Christian University in 1960, Dr. Gieger completed his masters and doctoral studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as minister for congregations in Oklahoma and Texas, including thirteen years with the Highland Church of Christ in Fort Worth.

His wife, Iola, also an ACU graduate, will also be teaching at MCC. She will be assisting in the secretarial science department. The Giegers are the parents of three children: Leland, Gayland, and Shawn.

MCC Speakers Available to Present Christian Education Sunday

During the preparation for Partnership Dinner X, several faculty, staff, and administrators had the privilege of speaking in congregations among the MCC clientele.

In an effort to sustain and improve school-congregational relationships and to promote the cause of Christian education, MCC would like to reach as many congregations each year as possible. Therefore, the Christian Education Sunday concept has been designed. Elders and preachers are encouraged to select a date for a Christian Education Sunday. Please contact Milton B. Fletcher, President, at (313) 651-5800 to arrange for an MCC speaker.

The purpose of the program is not to commercialize or solicit, but merely to alert the people as to the importance of Christian education.

Autumn Begins Summer Tour

With plans to travel over 10,000 miles, the 1981 edition of Autumn is once again carrying their message in song across the country. Their schedule includes performances in twelve states from Maine to Florida to Wisconsin and also includes stops at fourteen Christian camps.

Group members include Tim Dill of North Manchester, IN; Terry McClure of Mt. Morris, MI; Amy Clayton of Troy, MI; and Mark Davison of Fairfield, OH. Performing for youth programs the group presents a variety of religious and popular music.



Message from the President



Dear Friends:

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who had a part in Partnership Dinner X on Saturday evening, May 9, 1981.

We are in the process of selecting the Artist of the Year from among several alumni artists. When the selection has been finalized, the artist will be commissioned to paint a campus scene in oil. This will be an annual program. The painting and the Artist of the Year will be introduced at the Friends Luncheon on Thursday, October 8, 1981 during Lectureship. Reproduction in color of the painting will be presented to members of the Century Club. They are people who contribute \$100 or more during the current calendar year.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Michigan Christian College will be celebrated during 1983-84. Also that year, we plan to launch Phase I of the Campus Master Plan that was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1979. That year, if all plans materialize as projected, the institution will be debt free. What a great way to celebrate the Silver Anniversary by being out of debt and by launching the major expansion campaign!

We are in the process of appointing "The Committee of 25" in preparation for celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Michigan Christian College during the 1983-84 year. The Committee is charged with investigating and recommending possible ways the institution can best celebrate the Silver Anniversary Year.

Thank you for being a supporter of Michigan Christian College. We appreciate what everyone does for the institution and solicit your continued help and prayers. We hope to see you on campus as often as you can visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Milton B. Fletcher".

Milton B. Fletcher
President

Chorus Visits Northern Michigan on Tour

Favorite tourist sites in northern Michigan enriched May 10-18th's spring tour of the A Cappella Chorus. The tour, which included eleven performances, took the chorus through Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

On their first open day for touring, the group visited the Buick Assembly Plant in Flint. On the next day, they scaled the Sleeping Bear Sand Dune on the coast of Lake Michigan. Atop the main crest of the dune, which is the largest hill of shifting sand in the United States, students enjoyed sporting in the sand.

Before crossing the world's largest

suspension bridge at Mackinaw City on Wednesday, the group spent a few hours on historic Mackinac Island, site of the recent film, *Somewhere in Time*. Their visit to the island included bicycling and exploration of the Grand Hotel and Fort Mackinac.

Observation of the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie preceded Thursday's hikes through the beautiful wooded areas approaching the Tahquamenon Falls. As the tour continued throughout the week, the abundance of beauty witnessed by the chorus caused them to find deeper meaning in their selection, *This is My Father's World*.

At a Glance

Golf enthusiasts are invited to participate in the first annual mens and womens MCC Golf Classic on Saturday, August 15 at the Rochester Golf Club. Tee-off will begin at 10:30 a.m. Greens fees, electric cart and evening sandwich buffet are included in the \$40 registration fee. Additional guests may attend the buffet at a cost of \$5 per person. Since the tournament is limited to seventy participants, please call Betty Losher at (313) 651-5800 immediately for an application blank.

Youth leaders and their wives from all over the Midwest are invited to the second annual Youth Leaders Workshop to be held on campus September 18 and 19. Key guest speakers for the workshop, designed to help congregations better serve their young people, will be Don Williams and Wally Wilkerson. Also participating in the Workshop from the MCC family will be Jesse Clayton, Randy Gill, Dr. Leonard Knight, Garth Pleasant, and Don Robinson. Further details about the program are available by contacting Jesse Clayton at (313) 651-5800.

Looking for a unique program to share with young people? *That's Entertainment?*, a multi-media presentation, examines the impact of today's television, movies and music on the lives of Christian teenagers.

Mike Roller Named Alumnus of the Year

Michael Roller of Valdosta, Georgia, was named MCC's first "Alumnus of the Year" at the tenth annual Partnership Dinner on May 9, 1981.

Mike graduated from MCC in 1973 and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Lubbock Christian College. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree at Valdosta.

After having taught at Georgia Christian High School since 1975, Mike was promoted last year to principal. He has been the basketball coach for five years and led the Generals to second place in the State Basketball Tournament in 1979, and first place honors the following year. Mike has been honored as Outstanding Coach of the Year in Georgia for two consecutive years and also coached the 1980 Georgia All Star Basketball Team.

In addition to Mike's work with Georgia Christian, he is also part-time minister at the Quitman, Georgia Church of Christ. He and his wife, Vicky, are the parents of a son, Ryan Michael.





alumni focus

HERBERT LUFT (Class of 1963) has been appointed Executive Vice-President in charge of day-to-day operations at Pepperdine University's Malibu campus. Prior to that time he had worked with Pepperdine in Heidelberg, Germany. He and his wife, Sabina, have two children.

UDOUDO MOSES (Class of 1972) recently received a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

DAVID MATTHEWS (Class of 1973) graduated in May from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. He will begin his residency in pediatrics in July at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

SUSAN (HAMMOND) JOHNSTON (Class of 1976) has been named News Editor for the *Christian Chronicle*.

DAVID BRIGGS (Class of 1979) assumed the duties of Registrar at MCC in early June. He recently graduated from Saginaw Valley College with a Bachelor's degree in finance.

DOUG ALLEN (Class of 1981) has begun full-time work as minister for the Manchester, NH congregation.

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Calendar

Golf Classic	August 15
Dorms Open	August 22
Fall Festival	September 12
Bible Lectureship	October 5-8



Partnership Dinner Hosts Over 2000

On May 9, 1981, 2090 local constituents of Michigan Christian College gathered at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit for the tenth Partnership Dinner. There were approximately 2600 tickets sold. As has been the custom, the proceeds of the dinner are dedicated to retiring bonded indebtedness of the Alma Gatewood Dormitory.

Serving began at 6:00 p.m. The program began at 7:15 p.m. and concluded at 8:26 p.m. Following the meal, an inspiring devotional of singing, prayers, and scripture reading was appreciated by everyone attending. That was followed by the first "Alumnus of the Year" award presentation to Mike Roller (Class of 1973) of Valdosta, Georgia. The MCC A Cappella Chorus thrilled the crowd with an outstanding performance followed by an inspiring speech on *Americanism* by Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tennessee. The A Cappella then closed the program with a presentation of *America the Beautiful* as slides of the American landscape were shown.

Partnership Dinner XI is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 1982.