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Michigan Christian College Receives A Gift From The National Foundation of Rochester

In December of 1969, Mr. Howard L. McGregor, President of The National Foundation of Rochester and of National Twist Drill Company, presented a \$2,000 contribution to Michigan Christian College. Shown here is Vice President Fletcher accepting the gift from Mr. McGregor. On behalf of President E. Lucien Palmer and all of those connected with and interested in Michigan Christian College, Mr. Fletcher expressed genuine appreciation to Mr. McGregor.

The National Foundation of Rochester and Mr. Howard L. McGregor are widely known for their continued interest in institutions and activities which advance the cultural, educational, humanitarian and moral qualities of the community of Rochester. In presenting the Foundation's gift, Mr. McGregor expressed thanks to Michigan Christian College for the many contributions the college has made to the community of Rochester and for the stabilizing influences it has in the area. This \$2,000 is the initial gift from this Foundation.



Mr. Howard L. McGregor, President of The National Foundation of Rochester, is shown presenting a \$2,000 contribution to Vice President Fletcher.



President Palmer has the honor of robing the 1969-70 Homecoming Queen during the coronation ceremonies.

1969-70 HOMECOMING

The annual campus Homecoming for Michigan Christian College was held on February 14, 1970. Highlights of the day included a rousing basketball game conducted at the Avondale High School gym between the MCC Warriors and Baptist Bible of Detroit. Although the Warriors lost the game by two points, they presented a valiant effort and gave the audience a show of great sportsmanship.

At half-time, Homecoming Queen Coronation services were conducted with Mr. Rick Watson, Vice President of Student Council, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Miss Pat Palmer, daughter of President and Mrs. Palmer, was crowned the 1969-70 Queen. She was escorted by Mr. Garth Pleasant, alumnus of MCC and now attending David Lipscomb College. The other ladies in the

court were Miss Andrea Loftis, Miss Peggy Patton, Miss Dawn Baker and Miss Connie Kinser.

The closing activity of the day was the Homecoming Banquet which highlighted the theme "This Magic Moment." Queen Pat and her court and escorts sat at the head tables on the stage of the cafetorium. Master of Ceremonies for the evening banquet was Mr. Eric Fletcher, President of the Student Council. Entertainment for the evening consisted of excerpts from the Operetta "Oliver" which was to be presented one week later. The A Cappella Chorus also presented a program. The closing event of the Banquet was the extending of congratulations and greetings by President Palmer.

A Message from Chairman of the MCC Board

(This message was delivered by G. Wheeler Utley at the Annual Preacher-Elder Dinner held during the recent MCC Bible Lectureship)

Since many of you have enjoyed an almost continuous feast of spiritual learning at the feet of so many great men throughout this week — and that feast will continue and be climaxed in our study with Batsell Barrett Baxter at 8:00 o'clock — I feel somewhat out of place to have any public part in this Lectureship.

I have been asked to speak on behalf of the Board of Directors of Michigan Christian College. It seems somewhat presumptuous that I would even attempt to speak for a group of twenty-three men, many of whom could better speak for themselves. There are some matters, however, in which I have no hesitancy to speak for the whole board because I know well their minds as they are concerned with those things.

Each September it is a great pleasure to be able to thank our God that Michigan Christian College has once again been allowed to open its doors. We are inspired by the dedication of the faculty and staff members who have labored year after year for the high ideals and purposes for which this college was founded. And we are usually able to welcome several new faculty and staff members. We hope that their association with this great MCC family will be a very great blessing to them, as it surely will be to us.

Our greatest pleasure is to be able to greet a new student body, to welcome back the former year's freshman class as our sophomores, and especially to welcome the members of the freshman class. We believe they should be told how wonderful it is that they have chosen to continue their education at a Christian college, and particularly, Michigan Christian College. We highly commend the parents who have helped them to choose. It would be a fine practice if Bible school teachers as well as parents would encourage children from an early age to attend at least two years at a Christian college until the children would almost take it for granted that they would do this.

We believe that our students are part of a unique institution — unique among schools of higher learning by type because it was founded for the very purpose of providing our young people with something *extra* and something *important* — the opportunity to develop the spiritual person along with the intellectual, the physical and the social. Michigan Christian is also unique among the schools of its type (and others), because of its reputation and its academic standing for a relatively new college.

It was our aim to establish a college in which our sons and daughters could successfully prepare for the business or professional world and at the same time be taught and influenced by Christian men and women who place God in the foreground rather than be influenced by the shallow materialism of godlessness. We wanted to



work for "the enlargement of the Kingdom of Christ through the development of individual Christian character."

IT IS THE COMBINATION THAT COUNTS — a strong academic program where the Bible takes its place with the sciences and the arts. Without the best academically in curricula and faculty, we will have failed in giving the Christian character of your children an avenue in which to bear the greatest influence. And if we could provide the very best academic program imaginable, but would fail to impress them with the truth and importance of God's Word and His Way as an ever-present decisive and moulding factor, we will have done them the greatest disservice.

Many people have no conception of the work of a Board of Directors of a college. I often talk to people who seem to think that board members serve as faculty or in some other capacity on the campus and in the day-to-day operations of the school. Our

Board is composed presently of twenty-three (23) men living in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. These are business men, professional men, preachers. The Board meets four times each year to hear recommendations and reports made by President Palmer and by the Board's Executive Committee which meets at least once each month. These recommendations and reports concern such diverse matters as academic affairs, student life affairs, financial and business affairs, public relations affairs, etcetera. Even a small college is big business and requires planning and decision-making accordingly. But the thought behind every item of business is the STUDENT and how this college can better serve God by helping that student.

Money may sometimes seem to be the almost overwhelming topic of the Board's thoughts and even its deliberations. This is understandable because it requires an overwhelming sum of money to accomplish our purpose. But this is quite secondary to other concerns in importance. There is one concern of this Board which must always stand out as FIRST, and if it does not, then this college has no real reason to exist. OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO SEE THAT MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN ALWAYS REMAINS SOUND IN THE FAITH. Under its fine administration led by President Palmer, we firmly believe that it is so now and it must so remain.

We are thankful for Michigan Christian College — for the hundreds of young men and women whom she has served in the past — for those who are here now — for the administrators, faculty members and staff who have made the college possible, for every person who has given one dollar or many thousands. We pray that she may always be (to quote Reuel Lemmons), "The most faithful handmaiden of the Lord's church" in this area of our land.



The 1969-70 Homecoming Court with their escorts from left to right, first row: Connie Kinser, Peggy Patton, Queen Pat Palmer, Andrea Loftis and Dawn Baker. Second row, left to right: Todd Graham, John Edwards, Garth Pleasant, Eric Fletcher and Mel Lowe

Progress report - ALMA GATEWOOD MEMORIAL DORM



President Palmer, former President Gatewood and Maurice Hall look over earlier stage of progress of the Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory.

The Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory is approaching 80% completion. Built in furniture is now being installed and one can readily determine from a visit to the dorm that it will be enjoyable living for 144 ladies. The rooms are arranged in two-room suites with lavatory in each room and adjoining bath between each two rooms. There will be two girls to a room and four girls to a suite. The new dormitory facility will allow Michigan Christian College to have 258 boarding students at a minimum. It will be easily possible to have 300 boarding students if Dorm #1 is retained as living

space. The completion of the dormitory will allow the West wing of the existing Multi-Purpose building to be reconverted to classroom space and faculty office space. This conversion will allow Library expansion to take place in the Student Center building. The Dormitory will definitely be ready for occupancy by September, 1970. It will be an honor to be one of the first residents in the new Memorial Dormitory.

Shown in the picture is President Palmer, former President Otis Gatewood and Maurice Hall standing in front of the structure several months ago. Progress today is far

ahead of what the picture indicates.

All Michigan Christian College constituents should be constantly aware of encouraging young people to make application to Michigan Christian College. This is a vital year in student recruitment in order that the dormitory space be filled to capacity. For every empty bed that does exist, the college definitely suffers a cash loss that must be made up through fund raising via the gift route. Please contact the Office of Admissions for information relative to application for admission and answers regarding financial aids that might exist.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY - MARCH 7, 1970

Several hundred students gathered on campus on March 7 for the Annual High School Day festivities. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. and was followed at 9:45 by a chapel devotional conducted by students. Mr. Rick Watson, sophomore, served as Chapel Emcee; Mr. Eric Fletcher, sophomore, led the singing; Mr. Ken Chaffin, sophomore, read Scripture; and Mr. Todd Graham, freshman, led the closing prayer. After the devotional period, members of the Student Council made presentations. A welcome was extended by Eric Fletcher, President of Student Council; Rick Watson, Vice President of Student Council, spoke on "MCC

as I See It"; and Ruth Nonnenmacher, Treasurer of Student Council, spoke on "MCC From a Girl's Point of View."

Academic achievements of MCC were presented by Dr. Joseph Jones, Dean of the College. Mr. Ralph Burris, Registrar, presented admissions information and discussed financial aids that are available at Michigan Christian. Professor Jerry Rushford challenged those present to give Christian education at MCC a place in their future. Vice President Fletcher closed the informative session by discussing costs of attending MCC.

Following the morning sessions, luncheon was served in the cafeteria and all high school students and parents were guests of the college.

Afternoon sessions highlighted Mr. Clyde Balderson, former pioneer faculty member of MCC and Dean of Students, as the featured speaker. His presentation of "What is Christian Education" set all present thinking seriously about his or her responsibilities as students and as Christians. Former professor Balderson's remarks set the tone for an inspiring program by the MCC A Cappella Chorus which culminated the day's activities.

Michigan Christian College Bouquets



Men's Club coordinator, Milton Fletcher, confers a Michigan Christian College Men's Club lifetime membership pin on Erlon Turner.

In the immediate previous MCC Bulletin, congratulatory bouquet was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lear relative to monies raised for the purpose of furnishing the Supervisor's apartment in the present ladies dormitory. Henceforth in each quarterly bulletin as an expression of appreciation, we will present bouquets to various individuals who continually give of their time and ability to the cause of Michigan Christian College.

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A special bouquet at this time is extended to Mr. Erlon Turner, 29 S. Eastway, Pontiac, who is about the busiest unemployed, retired man in Oakland County! Mr. Erlon Turner is a member of the Rochester congregation and retired from GM Truck & Coach some three years ago. Since that time and on a volunteer basis within the guidelines of his retirement limitations, he has consistently given of his time in accomplishing various tasks needed on campus such as carpenter work, general repairs, plaster work, etc. He has particularly been useful in summertime upgrading and repairs in the men's dormitories for

which he was awarded Men's Club lifetime membership pen as a tribute to the work which saved the Men's Club several hundred dollars of their budget which was channeled elsewhere. Recently he completed carpenter work on the installation of a counter and window service area in the office of Jerry Suggs, Chief Accountant, in the college business office.

Our hats are off to Mr. Erlon Turner in expressing to him thanks for his untiring efforts to assist the college in every possible way.

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A second bouquet is handed Mr. Norman (Bud) Bartlett of 724 Joslyn Avenue, Pontiac, Who is a MCC Representative from the University Drive congregation in Pontiac. During the Christmas holiday season, Norman, with his mechanical ability and welding techniques, constructed safety handrails on the outside steps on the west end of the Administration Building from parking lot level down to the driveway level to the gymnasium. Because of this, winter time walking down these flights of stairs is now much safer.

Norman also recently constructed out of stainless steel dough batter pans for the Men's Club and Associates' mobile kitchen. Our genuine thanks go to Norman.

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Another bouquet is handed to Mr. William Palmer of 4860 Livernois, Troy, who is the MCC Representative for Troy congregation. Because of his gift in material and labor in the complete installation of 387 post office boxes in the Student Center Building, we are deeply appreciative. The boxes were contributed by the Men's Club some time ago but have just recently been installed in a permanent location. Students, faculty, staff, administration alike wish to thank Bill for this effort. The new facility makes the handling of the campus mail much more efficient.

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A special bouquet is extended to Mr. Lester Mathews, 160 W. Avon Rd., Rochester, the MCC representative for the Rochester congregation, for his tireless effort in lending his talent in the picture making area. Also for the hours spent in preparing infor and slides for presentation in connection with Michigan State Income Tax contribution benefits. Thanks to Les.

PRESIDENT & MRS. PALMER ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On January 13, 1970, President and Mrs. Palmer left the States for an extended visit to the African countries of Ghana, Liberia and Sierre Leone. The purpose of the trip was to accomplish a survey on behalf of the African Christian Schools Foundation of Nashville, Tennessee, as to the possibility of establishing a junior college program on the West Coast of Africa. Because of Presidents Palmer's extensive experience in Nigeria several years ago in school programs and his particular interest in the establishment of a secondary school program in Nigeria, the Foundation felt that he was the one to conduct this investigation.

The Palmers have returned to the States, however, just two days after returning to the States,

a pending application of two years ago for visa into the country of Nigeria, and particularly the Biafra section, was approved. The African Christian Schools Foundation felt that President Palmer should immediately return and make an attempt to get into the heart of Biafra for the purpose of investigating the conditions of their previously established schools and to evaluate the condition of the properties they own there. President Palmer also had a desire to make a visit and look at the actual conditions in Nigeria in relation to the welfare of the people. He has, therefore, returned for that purpose. His three month's leave of absence will be complete in April. We look forward to his return.

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