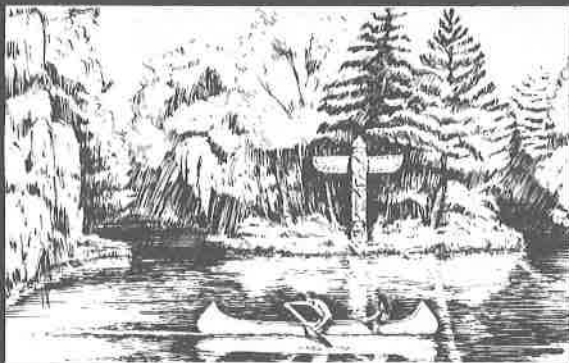


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State approves MCC for BRE degree

Fulfilling a goal that Michigan Christian College set at its founding, the Michigan State Board of Education has authorized MCC to offer the Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE) degree. Approval came on December 6, 1978. This degree will supplement MCC's current Associate degree plans in the liberal arts and sciences at the freshman and sophomore levels.

"Unique among the states, Michigan does not permit a college to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Bible. This uniqueness applies to all private colleges seeking to award degrees with majors in Bible, including those with an emphasis in ministry or religious education," according to Larry Journey, Academic Dean of MCC. He also stated, *"The college currently offers a three-year certificate program which students may transfer to at least one of our sister senior colleges to complete work for a BA degree within a year."*

The college is currently seeking full accreditation status for the BRE by the

North Central Association. This would not only initiate the program on a solid basis, but should allow those completing the four-year program to enter graduate school if they desire. The regular liberal arts programs of MCC are now accredited by North Central.

At their January meeting, the MCC Board of Directors took action favoring a change in the Articles of Incorporation to include the BRE. The action also included deleting "Junior" from the college's legal name. Final approval is anticipated in the April board meeting.

Walter Gilflen, President of MCC, noted, *"The college is responding to a need identified by the churches in our area. It is fitting that, as Michigan Christian College enters its third decade of service next year, we are able to provide this expanded area of service to Christians everywhere, but especially here in the North Central area. We encourage young Christians as well as those more mature in years to consider this new program."*



Warriors victorious in Silverdome game

Victory marked the evening of January 11 for both home teams of the Pontiac Silverdome. Not only did the Warriors of Michigan Christian College win their game, but the Detroit Pistons achieved a 104-101 win over the Portland Trailblazers.

Following a 17-year tradition of professional basketball at Cobo Arena in Detroit, the Pistons moved their home court to the 80,000 seat Silverdome this season. Stadium authorities recently began a program allowing fund-raising groups to sell tickets for benefit games to be played prior to regularly scheduled Pistons games. The MCC Associates accepted the challenge to sponsor the January 11 MCC game, selling approximately 700 tickets.

The MCC Warriors pleased spectators with a comfortable 80-67 win over Great Lakes Bible College of Lansing. Kenny Rider of Elkhart, Indiana led the Warriors in scoring with 22 points. Defensive plays with 15 rebounds and 6 blocked shots featured Phil Foster of Valdosta, Georgia. The Warriors must have left a winning feeling in the stadium for the Pistons to improve their 12-28 record in the game that followed!





President Gilfilen reaffirms need for Partnership Dinner

As we approach the eighth annual Partnership Dinner of Michigan Christian College, I would like to underscore my commitment to this outstanding program. Historically, this dinner has raised funds for the yearly payment on the Alma Gatewood Women's Residence Hall. This year, \$138,000 is needed for this purpose alone. Continued support for Christian education here in the Midwest is vital. However, over the years, another growing purpose has emerged. This is your opportunity for fellowship with thousands of Christians and friends in the largest such annual gathering in the Midwest, if not throughout the brotherhood.

There are two community programs at MCC with which my friends at our sister Christian colleges are constantly impressed: the outstanding work of our Million-Dollar Associates, and the continually growing success of the great

Partnership Dinner. I had heard of both long before coming to MCC, and look forward with great anticipation to seeing you, along with 4,500 others at Cobo Hall, May 19th. This is indeed a great display of PARTNERSHIP and teamwork of thousands of individuals who love the Lord and who wish to share in the ethical and moral education of today's youth. Truly, "we are partners working together for God."

With your continued help, May 19th will be a truly great evening for the advancement of Christian education in the Michigan area!

Walt Gilfilen
President

(Editorial Note: President Gilfilen assumed his office last August. He will experience the excitement of attending his first Partnership Dinner this spring!)

History of Partnership Dinner emphasizes regional support

From its humble beginnings in the MCC gymnasium to the more spectacular setting of the Silverdome, Partnership Dinner has symbolized the strength that a region of Christians can give to its college. The continued success and growth of the program has become a tradition in the Midwest.

In 1972, MCC President Don Gardner proposed a \$50-per-plate benefit dinner to meet the annual payments on the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall. Although his concept was met by some skepticism, ticket sales of 838 necessitated a last minute switch from the MCC cafeteria to the gym to facilitate an understanding crowd.

Successive dinners at \$60-per plate grew from 1,056, 1,306, 2,012, to 2,655 tickets from 1973 to 1976 as participants enjoyed Cobo Hall's largest banquet facility. The need for an even larger room to meet ticket sales of 3,350 moved the dinner to a Cobo Hall exhibit area in 1977. Pontiac Silverdome hosted last year's dinner when friends of the college reached a total of 4,044 tickets.

Not only has Partnership Dinner developed as the largest annual gathering of Christians in the Midwest, but as the means of a balanced budget and continued growth for Michigan Christian College. No other region of the country has ever accomplished a more dramatic effort on the behalf of Christian education.



Partnership Dinner VII, 1978



Partnership Dinner IV, 1975

Partnership Dinner VI, 1977



Your taxable income		\$ 8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000
PD VIII Ticket	\$60.00			
Value of dinner	- 9.00			
Your net gift	\$51.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00
Federal income tax savings	\$ 9.69	\$ 11.22	\$ 12.75	
Credit on Michigan income tax	+ 25.50	+ 25.50	+ 25.50	
Total tax savings	\$ 35.19	\$ 36.72	\$38.25	
From net gift of	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	
Subtract total tax savings	- 35.19	- 36.72	- 38.25	
Your actual cost of gift	\$ 15.81	\$ 13.28	\$ 11.75	

The above information is based on current year tax rates for a joint return. The Michigan Tax Credit is limited to the smaller of: 50% of the gift, or 20% of the computed tax, or \$200 on a joint return. We have made the assumption that the gift will qualify for 50% credit. If as a result of the tax credit on the Michigan Income Tax you receive a refund, the refund will be taxable income on your Federal Income Tax return.



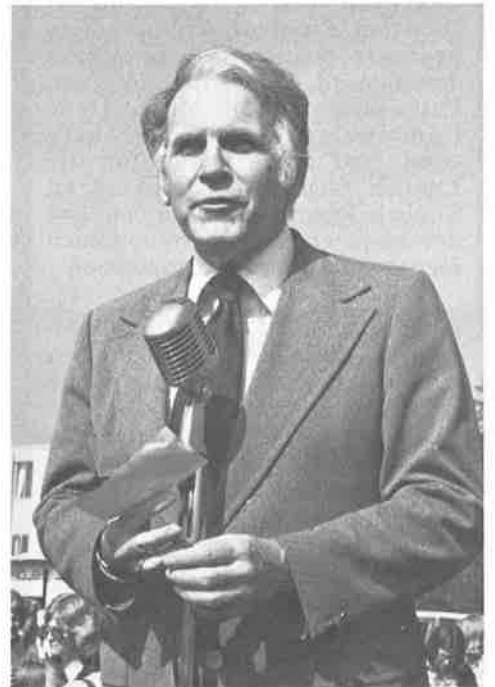
Partnership Dinner VIII scheduled for May 19th in Detroit's Cobo Hall

Arrangements have been finalized for Partnership Dinner VIII to return to Cobo Hall in Detroit on May 19, 1979. Schedule conflicts primarily influenced the site and date selection.

The dinner program will highlight MCC's past two decades of service. It will feature former students in a Detroit-based quartet, *Reflections*, and an alumni chorus under the direction of former MCC student and current chorus director, Randy Gill. Dr. Don Gardner, former MCC president and founder of Partnership Dinner, will speak for the occasion.

Individuals attending the dinner will receive a new publication, *Partnership*. The souvenir booklet is being funded by advertisers, and will contain the history of MCC and the church in southeast Michigan. Prospective advertisers may contact Steve Hudson at MCC.

Dinner organizers have set a goal of 4,500 tickets. The ticket price will remain at \$60 for adults and \$30 for students of high school age or younger. Applicants to MCC for next semester will again receive complimentary tickets. An attractive plaque will be presented to the congregation with the largest percentage of members attending the dinner. Plan now to attend!



MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP DINNER VIII

\$ _____ is amount of TOTAL PD VIII gift enclosed.
 \$ _____ is amount of PD VIII gift that is pledged, of
 which \$ _____ is enclosed, with the balance
 to be sent by June 30, 1979.
 _____ is the number of regular dinner tickets which will actually be used.
 _____ is the number of student tickets which will actually be used.

Name _____ Attend MCC? _____
 Spouse _____ Attend MCC? _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip Code _____ Phone Number _____
 Member of which congregation _____
 Employed by _____

**To reserve your place
at Partnership Dinner VIII
contact the local chair-
man at your congregation,
or complete and mail
this form to the college,
or phone (313) 651-5800.**

Dean's List

Fall, 1978

Jacque Arbaugh	Dayton, Ohio
Kimberly Beaty	Muncie, Indiana
Joe Bennie	Monroe, Ohio
David Briggs	Akron, Michigan
Beverly Burston	Cleveland, Ohio
Diane Conner	Gladwin, Michigan
Ronald Crooks	Flat Rock, Michigan
Debbie Cutter	Swartz Creek, Michigan
Toni Dorsey	Utica, Michigan
Doug Doyle	Pontiac, Michigan
Leann Fields	Lincoln Park, Michigan
Jan Gilfilen	Rochester, Michigan
Tom Gosser	Nova, Ohio
Kathleen Harlan	Royal Oak, Michigan
Wesley Hendrick	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Robert Isenberg	Melvindale, Michigan
Helen Justice	Columbus, Ohio
Sandra Kaatz	Battle Creek, Michigan
Barbara Keene	Saginaw, Michigan
Michael Light	Pontiac, Michigan
Terry McClain	Inkster, Michigan
Connie Mansell	Midland, Michigan
Pam Montgomery	Indianapolis, Indiana
Denise Oliver	Flint, Michigan
Laura Pace	Royal Oak, Michigan
Juanita Price	Germantown, North Carolina
Tom Rellinger	Gladwin, Michigan
Ron Robinson	Toledo, Ohio
Joe Shettlesworth	Natchitoches, Louisiana
Dean Smith	Rochester, Michigan
Mark Taylor	Auburn Heights, Michigan
Vicki Warren	Roseville, Michigan
Kent White	Lincoln Park, Michigan
Karen Wiggins	Ft. Wayne, Indiana
Kevin Ziegler	Wellington, Ohio



Phone-a-Visit raises \$100,000 for salaries

Fifty-five callers joined efforts in the MCC Gold Conference Room to conduct Phone-a-Visit IV. The campaign took place from November 2-30 with a goal of continuing the annual income from the college Salary Sharing program.

The majority of callers were current and former MCC students who worked on a volunteer basis. An additional number of friends of the college helped with the calls, which totaled over 6,000.

The effort concluded with a total commitment in pledges of over \$100,000. The figure represents an increase of approximately 10 percent over last year. About one-half of the total faculty salaries are now met by the Salary Sharing program.

Steve Hudson, coordinator of the program, noted, "One of the most rewarding experiences in calling was to talk with those on a fixed income that desired to give. Their investment in Christian education moves us all."

Michigan Christian College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin in the execution of its educational program, activities, employment, or admissions policies except where necessitated by specific religious tenets held by the institution and its controlling body.

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At a Glance

Last fall the MCC Board of Directors approved a program to promote staff and program development. Under this program, Pete Lindblom of Miami-Dade Community College recently conducted a workshop for the English faculty. As head of an English department, Lindblom has developed an innovative approach for teaching English composition.

Mild winter weather gave way to the first big snow of the season as students completed their first week of classes in the new semester. Tobogganning, skating and snowball fights took second place only to the dramatic beauty of a fresh snow on the MCC pines.

Students enrolled in Sociology 213 (*Marriage and the Family*) will develop practical skills as they prepare budgets, hunt for jobs, shop for groceries and housing, and plan a wedding. All projects will be appropriately completed by pairs of students.

Mark April 19-21 on your calendar. On those dates, the MCC student body will present their annual musical extravaganza, *Celebration in Song*.

A Capella Chorus

Spring Tour

March 9-18, 1979



Randall Gill
Director

- FRI. 9th Ann Arbor Church of Christ
7:30 Ann Arbor, Michigan
- SAT. 10th Donmoyer Avenue Church of Christ
7:30 South Bend, Indiana
- SUN. 11th West Chicago Church of Christ
2:30 West Chicago, Illinois
- SUN. 11th Crystal Lake Church of Christ
6:00 Crystal Lake, Illinois
- MON. 12th 20th Street Church of Christ
7:30 Rockford, Illinois
- TUE. 13th East Peoria Church of Christ
7:30 East Peoria, Illinois
- WED. 14th West Lafayette Church of Christ
7:30 West Lafayette, Indiana
- THU. 15th Westlake Church of Christ
7:30 Indianapolis, Indiana
- FRI. 16th East Main Church of Christ
7:30 Kalamazoo, Michigan
- SAT. 17th Holmes Road Church of Christ
7:30 Lansing, Michigan
- SUN. 18th Bristol Road Church of Christ
2:30 Flint, Michigan