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Local chairmen and alumni intensify P.D. VIII efforts

Local chairmen in 166 congregations throughout Michigan and Ohio have stepped up their efforts in placing tickets for May 19th's Partnership Dinner VIII. Although sharing a collective goal of 4,500 ticket sales, most chairmen and their assistants will attend an individual goal-setting meeting at Cobo Hall on April 21.

Meanwhile, alumni attending the Homecoming Luncheon on February 10 responded enthusiastically to the proposal of beginning an alumni chorus. Since its inception, the group has been meeting regularly in preparation for its first performance at the Partnership Dinner. To date, over 45 alumni have participated in the rehearsal sessions.

If you have not yet obtained your tickets for Partnership Dinner VIII, contact your local chairman or phone Steve Hudson at (313) 651-5800. You will be thrilled to be a part of this exciting evening.

Large crowd shares annual festivities at Homecoming game

Students, alumni, staff, and friends gathered at the Rochester High School gymnasium on February 10 for the annual activities of the Homecoming game. A 77-64 loss to St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake did not dampen the warmth of a beautiful halftime ceremony and the reunion of old friends.

Queen candidates entered the gym for the halftime ceremonies through a tunnel of candlebearers. Sarah Guymer, a sophomore from Allegan, Michigan, was crowned Homecoming Queen before an obviously pleased audience. Queen Sarah's court included Lynne McKee of Flint, Connie Mansell of Midland, Diane Conner of Gladwin, and Cherry Echols, who recently moved to Rochester from Benoni, South Africa.

Although down eight points at halftime, the Warriors came within four points of an even score during the second half. Phil Foster of Valdosta, Georgia, led the Warriors in scoring with thirty points. Immediately following the game, the students rushed back to the residence halls to prepare for the evening's annual Homecoming Banquet, while alumni returned to campus for a reception in the new Utley Student Center.



MCC personnel conduct Chicago Teacher Workshop

Michigan Christian College and the Cardinal Drive Church of Christ in Chicago jointly sponsored a Christian Education Workshop on March 31 and April 1. The program focused on effective teaching methods for separate levels from preschool through adult. Special sessions on program supervision, audio visual techniques, teaching in the home, youth programs, and available curriculum materials enriched the program.

Program participants included MCC Bible Faculty and administrators Walter Gilfilen, Eldred Echols, Coy Roper, Mike Weimer, Leonard Knight, and Larry Jurney (pictured on right). Larry Stewart, Fawn Knight, Charlotte Roper, and Jeannette Weimer of MCC and Bill Kinser, Sue Barger, and Bob Fisk of Cardinal Drive also presented sessions. Congregations interested in sponsoring a similar program may contact President Gilfilen's office at MCC.



Church leadership workshop slated for June 4 and 5

On June 4 and 5, Michigan Christian College will host a campus workshop on church leadership, designed for elders, preachers, and other church leaders. Ron Willingham, nationally known for his Christian leadership training programs, will again lead the workshop, as he did for a similar meeting held at the College three years ago. Presentations will also be made by Reuel Lemmons, Cline Paden, and area elders and preachers. The two-day meeting will combine formal presentations with small group working sessions.

In announcing the activity, President Gilfilen stated, "I am excited about this workshop, which is being provided in response to many requests. We will study the Biblical view of the eldership, and also provide some practical training designed to sharpen management and leadership skills as they apply to the local congregational setting. This workshop is in keeping with the College's continuing program of providing opportunities for Christian education to the adult as well as to the recent high school graduate."

Although mailings with registration information will be sent to congregations in Michigan and surrounding states, anyone interested in specific details of the workshop may write to the Office of the President. Due to space limitations, attendance will be limited to approximately 300.



MCC Homecoming 1979

"Homecoming" at MCC can provide a

Real opportunity . . .
 . . . To come home.

To come home . . . not to buildings . . .

. . . Not to the lake . . .
 . . . Not to the trees . . .
 . . . Not to the snow . . .

Those things are nice,
 And they may help to jog some memories.
 But buildings, lakes, trees, and snow
 Can be found in a lot of other places too.
 By themselves, they have never been known
 To make a college.

Where else, though, can you find the friends?

Friends who brought life and laughter
 And love
 To the buildings, the lake, the trees,
 And the snow.

Friends who remain . . . and will remain.

After the buildings are gone . . .
 . . . After the lake is dry . . .
 . . . After the trees are dead . . . and . . .
 . . . After the snow is melted . . .
 . . . When the dimension of time no
 Longer exists.

People!

God's People!

These represent the unique ingredients
 Which provide the flavor . . .
 . . . The spice for the MCC community.

These People . . .

Students . . .
 Faculty members and Administrators . . .
 Staff personnel and board members . . .
 Alumni . . .
 . . . And a "jillion" others who,
 Though never having had any
 Organic connection,
 Talk about "Our College."

Perfect People?

Hardly!

Near Perfect?

Maybe. At least a few.

But whatever they were . . . whatever

They are . . .
 Large or small . . .
 Rich or poor . . .
 Young or old . . .
 Intelligent . . .
 . . . Well, everybody has weaknesses! . . .

They have been able, to some extent, to realize
 Their dream . . .

Their College . . . which has grown up.

Coming home provides an opportunity to see,

And to talk with,
 And to laugh with,
 And to remember with
 Those who were once

So much a common part of every day,
 And now seem so special.

And you wonder:

"Why are we so special now,
 When we were so very ordinary and
 And common then?"

In reality,

We were always pretty special!

It has just taken a while for us to realize that.

Special People?

Ordinary People?

Both!

And as you talk with each other now,

And laugh,

And maybe even cry a little,
 You'll think of those who, today, are not here.

Some who are too far away . . .

And a few who will never be here again.

And these, perhaps more than the rest,

Become very special to us.

So, wherever you've come from today,

Whatever you do daily with your lives,

Whomever you share each day's problems

And triumphs with,

Whenever you were here,

And whenever you may be here again,

You are special

To the future of this institution,

And to those who have passed this way,

And to those who will be here

During the tomorrows to come.

And maybe, in the future

You can find time often

To reconstruct, in your own memory . . .

During some of the quiet hours . . .

Today's scene,

And the pleasant ones from the past,

And in doing so,

Relive the good times,

Revive some of the meaningful

Relationships,

Rekindle many warm feelings, and

Realize that, in a special way,

You really can come home!

Fred J. Alexander
 MCC (1959-68)

At a Glance

Thirty-five students and their sponsor, Dr. Leonard Knight, traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 4th International Soul Winning Workshop. The group shared an inspirational three days with over 14,000 brethren.

Ford Motor Company, like many employers, provides funds on a one-to-one basis to colleges that receive gifts from their company employees. During 1978, the Ford AID program matched employee gifts to MCC in the amount of \$21,860. MCC was the thirteenth highest recipient of 686 colleges in 45 states. Filling out those matching forms is really worth your effort!

President Walter Gilfilen recently spoke at the monthly fellowship of preachers in the Western Michigan area. The group (pictured below) met at the Evanston Avenue Church of Christ in Muskegon.



... from Wayne Baker (MCC 1962) "... most important is that MCC is as much ours today as ever... a place fit to prepare our children for the 21st century. I was never more proud to have been a student at Michigan Christian College than today."

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Winter seemed brighter as the MCC A Cappella Chorus joined choral groups from thirteen sister schools at the annual Christian College Choral Festival. Several praised the MCC Chorus as one of the finest groups participating in this year's January 26-27 program hosted by David Lipscomb College in Nashville.

Spring took the chorus on a ten-day tour through Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. Among their twelve performances, the group even managed to do some shopping in Chicago's giant Woodfield Mall. Their final performance on the tour highlighted an MCC Awareness Day in Flint, Michigan.



alumni focus



Homecoming Luncheon attracts most classes

Every graduating class of Michigan Christian College except one boasted representatives at the 1979 Homecoming Alumni Luncheon. The classes of 1967 and 1969 had the largest representation at the activity, which in itself became the best attended alumni function in several years.

Pioneer class members Leonard and Dona Mai Blake of Littleton, Colorado traveled the greatest distance for the day. They also brought their daughter, Mary, who will be a student at MCC in the fall.

The February 10 reunion took place at the Rochester Community House preceding the basketball game. The program featured Fred Alexander from the pioneer faculty. MCC's Autumn and the Reflections provided entertainment.

Those participating in the luncheon so enthusiastically received the day that plans are already being set for Homecoming '80. Former MCC administrator, Dan Woodruff, of Phoenix, Arizona will highlight the February 9 luncheon.

Our year in review

As my term of office approaches the eleventh hour, I reflect back on these two years with mixed emotions. Many significant things have been accomplished, but more remains undone.

The Executive Committee began by planning for the annual Alumni Day, which had a response that was certainly less than expected. Supporting one another after such an experience, we began planning for what we expect to be an annual event, the Alumni Lectureship Dinner. A good turnout at this dinner gave us more enthusiasm to begin plans for Homecoming. What a turnout we had!

Since one of our goals was to promote goodwill and fellowship among alumni, I believe we have made great strides in this area. Besides the increasing attendance at our functions, an Alumni Chorus has been practicing since Homecoming. We have also begun exploring other kinds of new annual activities.

Another goal set by our committee was to rewrite the Constitution of the Association. This has been done and submitted to the MCC Board of Directors.

Yet, many of our original thoughts could not be accomplished. We still need to work on areas in which we can be of service to the College. We need to coordinate an effort to assist students in career counseling. Another area needing work concerns alumni research.

One of the final activities of any Executive Committee is to finalize a slate of candidates for next year's officers. Shortly you will be receiving a ballot.

I am proud to have served your association as president and I plan to remain active on the Executive Committee for many years to hopefully see the accomplishment of our goals.

Jack Cronk, '62
Alumni President

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May 19, 1979
Partnership Dinner

June 30, 1979
Alumni Picnic at
Balloon Festival

October 6, 1979
Fall Festival

October 8-11, 1979
MCC Lectureship

October 8, 1979
Alumni Dinner at
MCC Lectureship

mark your calendar

Alumni Picnic
June 30, 1979
3:00 p.m.

coincides with the June 29-
July 1 HighAmerica Balloon
Festival on campus.