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1986 Homecoming Queen Sonja Barcus (Lima, Ohio) and court members Pamela Cline (Grand Ledge), Julie Kreh (Searcy, Ark.), Becky White (Searcy, Ark.), and Linda Clayton (Nashville, Tenn.).
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Church Leaders' Workshop dedicated

The annual Church Leaders' Workshop will be held on the campus of Michigan Christian College Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, 1986.

The weekend event this year is named in honor of Mr. Jim Wood, who died in 1985.

Mr. Wood served the Royal Oak, Michigan, Church of Christ for eight years as a deacon and for 13 years as an elder. He and his wife Helen, who is participating in the funding of this year's workshop, have one daughter, now living in Missouri.

Mr. Wood was critically injured at the Ford Motor Company, Wixom, Michigan, plant on August 30, 1985, and died October 6, 1985.

He was an outstanding elder with a burning desire to see extensive training for the leaders of the church of our Lord in the Midwest.

Again this year, representatives from the Center for Church Growth in Houston, Texas, will be conducting the general sessions. Many of the

presentations will address the goal of reaching the inactive member in the congregation.

Featured speakers include Mr. John W. Ellas, Mr. Tim D. Matheny, and Dr. Joe D. Schubert from Houston and Mr. Randy Mayeux from Long Beach, California.

Leaders from the Midwest will be teaching sessions titled: Training Leaders in the Small Congregation, Ministry of Local Benevolence, Relation-

ship of Preachers and Elders in the Congregation, Ministering to the Aging, Ministry of Child Care, and Involving and Training the Congregation for Personal Work.



Mr. Jim Wood

Dr. Leonard Knight has been appointed the fifth Academic Dean of Michigan Christian College.

He had been serving in a dual capacity as the Dean of Students and the Interim Academic Dean since the beginning of the 1985-86 school year.

"I'm delighted to announce Dr. Knight's appointment as Academic Dean," MCC President Milton B. Fletcher said. "He has served faithfully as Dean of Students at Michigan Christian College since August 1978 and is eminently qualified to assume leadership of the Academic Division."

Stallings to speak at Partnership Dinner

Partnership Dinner XV, the largest gathering of its kind in the entire Midwest, will take place May 3, 1986, at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Gene Stallings, head football coach for the St. Louis Cardinals and former defensive backfield coach for the Dallas Cowboys, will be this year's featured speaker.

Stallings is making his second appearance as guest speaker. His first presentation was three years ago.

"We feel very fortunate to have Coach Stallings as our speaker," MCC President Milton B. Fletcher said. "He is down to earth and so very motivating — an exceptional speaker."

Tickets for this year's fund-raising event are again \$70 for adults and \$35 for students.

Mr. Kent Hoggatt, Director

of Church Relations at MCC, works to help coordinate this yearly campaign.

Regional goal setting sessions have already taken place. Congregational chairmen have tickets and the necessary information.

"The Partnership Dinner is such an important fund-raising event," Mr. Hoggatt said. "So many people work hard to help make this dinner a success. We hope that the work and support continues to grow."

"I really believe that the school is helping the church throughout the Midwest. I know that the young people who come here benefit greatly."

For information on matching gift companies or questions concerning Partnership Dinner XV, call Mr. Kent Hoggatt, Director of Church Relations, (313) 651-5800, ext. 24.

Silver Anniversary Campaign updated

"You are a very important part of the campaign. With your help, this campaign can continue to be the success it is destined to be," Mr. Robert Utley, chairman of Michigan Christian College's Silver Anniversary Campaign, said to members attending the March 2 Silver Anniversary Campaign Volunteer Leadership meeting.

The meeting was held in the Gold Conference Room at MCC. President Milton B. Fletcher brought the campaign leaders up to date on the activities of

the various phases of the campaign.

"We are in the second year of the campaign and overall are ahead of schedule," President Fletcher said.

"Up to this point, we have emphasized the 'operational supplement and permanent endowment' areas of thrust. We are ready now to begin talking to prospects about the 'physical facilities' segment of the campaign."

President Fletcher reported that he, Mr. Kent Hoggatt,

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New Academic Dean appointed

During his eight years at MCC, Dr. Knight has taught a number of classes in Biblical studies, as well as psychology, sociology, and marriage and the family courses. He has also taught courses in developmental studies.

Before coming to MCC, Dr. Knight worked as a part-time instructor and as admissions counselor at Pepperdine University and as a residential treatment supervisor at Shults-Lewis Children's Home in Valparaiso, Indiana.

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Message from the President



Dear Friends:

Michigan Christian College is having a good year, which comes to a close with Graduation on Saturday, May 10.

Dr. Leonard Knight, Academic Dean, and I have just returned from the annual meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. As you know, that organization is the regional accrediting agency with whom we deal. Our specific reason for attending this year was to participate in sessions for institutions moving into the self-study process preparatory to being examined for continued accreditation. Our five-year examination is scheduled for 1988.

During the sessions, the majority of presentations highlighted the challenge that colleges and universities immediately face. The most prominent challenge is *enrollment*. You may grow tired of hearing us talk about this; however, Michigan Christian College is unlike all other institutions in that respect. We are going to be challenged for several years to come just to "hold our own" in enrollment . . . but we want to do more than that! We want to increase as we attempt to serve! To do so, we must continue to offer programs that meet the needs of traditional students. In addition, we must find ways to meet the needs of adults or non-traditional students. By 1990, it is predicted that the total U.S. college population will be 50% adult. Statistics also show that 29 million people in the U.S. today are 65 and older; 2.2 million of these are over 85, and 30,000 are over 100. On an overall basis, these adults are healthier than ever before and, on the average, are more affluent. Many of them are wanting to go to college and are doing so. At the same time these people are increasing in number, the number of high school graduates is decreasing. For instance, in 1983 there were more people 65 and older than there were teenagers in the U.S. Obviously, we face some real challenges!

We solicit your help in identifying prospects: both young high school graduates and adults.

Shown below is a coupon designed for you to use in furnishing us the names of prospects in both categories. Some of you might even want to consider enrolling yourselves! Please complete the form and mail to Mr. Larry Stewart, Director of Admissions, or to me.

Thanks again and again for your continued support of Michigan Christian College.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher
President

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Homecoming 1986

Five lovely coeds presided over Michigan Christian College's 27th Homecoming festivities the week of January 27.

Selected to represent their classmates were sophomore queen Sonja Barcus (Lima, Ohio); sophomore court members Linda Clayton (Nashville, Tenn.) and Pamela Cline (Grand Ledge); and freshman court members Julie Kreh (Searcy, Ark.) and Becky White (Searcy, Ark.).

During the fun-filled week preceding the February 1 Homecoming basketball game against Ohio Valley, school spirit and enthusiasm were at their peak.

Students and faculty alike enjoyed the dress-up days: Hat and Shades Day, Fifties' Day, Sweatshirt Day, Nerd Day, and Spirit Day.

Members of the Alumni Association helped make Homecoming Week a bit more special for the queen candidates this year by having a pizza party in their honor on Thursday evening, January 30.

At the party, the candidates were presented memory books made of photos and short stories from their childhoods. Members of the Alumni Association had spent weeks collecting mementos from parents of the candidates and making the scrapbooks for them.

Then on Saturday, during halftime of the basketball game, the court members were introduced to the audience.

President Milton B. Fletcher announced the selection of Sonja as queen. Then, accompanied by Mrs. Pat Pleasant, who was MCC's 1970 Homecoming queen and is the current president of the Alumni Association, President Fletcher presented Sonja a dozen long-stemmed red roses and crowned her.

After an exciting 84-80 victory over Ohio Valley, everyone headed back to MCC for the evening's Homecoming Banquet.

In the cafeteria, decorated to resemble the outdoors on a wintery evening, hung stars and twinkling lights. Adding to the atmosphere was a wall-sized mural of a city painted by sophomore Patty Hoppe (Joliet, Ill.).

After a dinner of roast beef and turkey, the guest speaker, Mr. Ernie Gill from Corbin, Kentucky, gave an inspirational presentation. Mr. Gill formerly was the minister of the Rochester Church of Christ.

The Alumni Citation was then presented to Mrs. Joyce Todd, wife of Dr. John Todd, MCC's law professor. Mrs. Todd is an MCC alumni who currently works as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Oakland County, Michigan.

The banquet was a fitting ending to a memorable week of celebration.

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We are truly blessed to live in a country where individuals enjoy many freedoms.

One of the most cherished of these rights, and, indeed, the basis for our system of government, is that of private ownership. We have the right to work and earn money to whatever extent possible and to use that money to accumulate other personal property.

We are also able to dispose of that property in any legal manner we choose. We can sell our property, share it with others, or give a portion or all of it to selected persons or charitable institutions, such as Michigan Christian College.

Because we exercise this right of ownership daily, many people take it for granted that it will be protected when they die.

Will it? Not necessarily.

If a person dies without a will (or other legal agreement), the probate court will distribute that person's property in accordance with state laws of descent and distribution. The laws must be applied impartially, and therefore make no provisions for the wishes of particular individuals.

Having a will is one of the best ways of protecting your right to distribute property as you choose - even after your death.

What is a will?

A "will" specifies in writing what is to be done with your property at the time of your death. In other words, your will allows you to make known, in a form that is legally recognized, the way you want your estate to be divided. A will protects your loved ones and allows you to continue your support of Michigan Christian College.

"Isn't making a will a difficult, time-consuming, and costly process?"

No, it is not. Making a will requires only five simple steps, and if you take this organized approach you will save both time and money.

1. Make a complete list of everything you own. Include more than such things as real estate, automobiles, and the money in your checking and savings accounts. Your estate also includes your insurance policies, stocks and bonds, retirement plans, profit-sharing plans, etc. You will also want to include items of particular sentimental value, such as a cherished family heirloom.

2. Compile a list of the persons you wish to benefit from your estate. This list might include family, friends and/or business partners.

3. Make plans for the way in which these persons and chosen charitable institutions, such as Michigan Christian College, are to be matched with your property.

4. Select someone in whom you have confidence to administer your estate. This person is sometimes called the executor (if male) or executrix (if female). This person has the responsibility of seeing that the distribution of your property coincides with your wishes. (If you have minor children, you should also name someone as their guardian in the event that both you and your spouse die.)

5. Meet with your attorney to discuss your plans. Your attorney will work with you to make sure that your wishes are carried out by stating them in the proper form and language.

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FOCUS ON FACULTY:

Shakespearean authority joins MCC for year

A passionate love affair with books and a desire to share the joys of literature with others have made Dr. Zelma Odle what she is today — an English professor with 47 years of teaching experience behind her.

Soon, in May in fact, when Dr. Odle boards the American Airlines plane back to her home in Abilene, Texas, she will have another experience to share with her friends — that of her year in the frigid North as a professor at Michigan Christian College.

Dr. Odle came to MCC last August 19, on her birthday. Just 10 days previously, President Milton B. Fletcher had called his good friend to tell her of MCC's unexpected need of an English instructor.

"He's a strong persuader," Dr. Odle says of President Fletcher. "I've known him for a long time, and he knew I was retired. First, I was inclined to say, 'No.' He almost persuaded me in the middle of the conversation."

It didn't take the adventurous Dr. Odle long, however, to decide to take the challenge, and before she knew it, she was on the campus of MCC.

"It was just like an unreal world," Dr. Odle said. "I could hardly believe I was here. I walked around in a dream for a week or two because it was hard for me to realize what had happened."

A week later, Dr. Odle found herself lecturing to freshman composition students and wondering what she had gotten herself into.

"MCC is so different from what I was used to," she said. "ACU is large, and I was used to a little more formality and dignity. I thought that after all those years of teaching, it was like starting over."

Dr. Odle was referring to Abilene Christian University where she had been teaching upper division students in the English Department for the past 30 years. There, modern drama and modern novel and Eighteenth Century literature courses were her favorites.

Even more exciting, though, were the graduate Shakespearean courses and the classes she taught in the tragedies and comedies.

Dr. Odle is an authority on Shakespeare, having earned her doctorate degree with a perfect 4.0 from the University of Arkansas in 1960. Her thesis was titled, "Imagery in the Characterization of Hamlet."

Dr. Odle attributes her academic success in part to the fact that she was faithful in attending class during her schooling.

"From high school on, I never missed any classes," she said. "I guess you could say I'm one of those attendance freaks."

Her love of Shakespeare led to membership in the Abilene Shakespearean Club, the oldest federated women's Club in Texas. Dr. Odle has been a member since 1969 and writes a paper on Shakespeare each year to deliver to the club.

She is also a member of The Shakespeare Association of America and the International Shakespeare Association and has attended both national and international meetings.

Dr. Odle's interests have naturally taken her to England, Shakespeare's birthplace—four times, in fact.

She first went with a friend in 1968. Then, in 1972 and 1974, she worked for the American Institute of Foreign Study that conducts summer school classes in universities throughout Europe and took students with her. Her last trip was in 1981, when she went to Stratford on Avon for the International Association meeting.

It won't be long now before Dr. Odle will return to Texas from her latest venture. She says she has enjoyed her time at MCC and is glad she came.

"My friends think I'm going back because of the cold here," she said, "but I really haven't minded the cold weather."

"I also haven't minded living in the girls' dorm either," she added.

Because Dr. Odle came on such short notice, and because she has worked the year without pay, MCC gave her a suite in the basement of Alma Gatewood, a girls' dormitory, as an "apartment."

"It's comfortable, and I've been content there," she said. "I'm sure I sleep through a lot of things, though, because I'm blessed in such a way that if I need to rest, I can, and if I need to sleep, I can."

'There is great gain in Godliness with contentment.'
I Timothy 5:6.

Dr. Odle has many stories to tell of her northern experiences and chuckles when she thinks back on some of them.

One of her favorites is about the time that Scott Cahill, the work study student whose job it is to drive Dr. Odle around town so that she can do her errands, simply dropped her off at the laundromat and forgot her.

"He was supposed to get me at five, but when he still wasn't there at 6:30, I got worried and called the school," she said. "I thought that surely he wouldn't forget me because he had the school car checked out, but he did."



Dr. Zelma Odle
English professor

It turned out that Scott had walked out of class and into practice for "Celebration," and never even remembered either the car or Dr. Odle.

"What's so ironic about it all is that he was so apologetic, but it never occurred to him that I might worry about him."

MCC has been blessed by having Dr. Odle as part of the faculty this year and will miss her when she leaves. No value can be placed on the amount of time she has freely given to MCC and upon the wisdom she has imparted to her students.

"Dr. Zelma Odle has been an unselfish benefactor to Michigan Christian College at a time of unusual need," President Fletcher said.

"We deeply appreciate the contributions she has made. We will miss her pleasant disposition and, of course, her talent."

Midwest Bible Bowl scheduled for May

For the past two years, Michigan Christian College has been the host of the monthly Detroit area Bible Bowl competition.

This May, MCC will host a Midwest Bible Bowl allowing teams from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to compete.

Churches of Christ or Christian schools may sponsor any number of teams. A team consists of four to six eighth through twelfth graders.

The questions, based on material from the book of Mark, will be written by the MCC Bible faculty. Each team will compete in multiple qualifying rounds with the exact number being determined by the number of teams competing. All teams must postmark their registration no later than May 1, 1986.

Teams may begin arriving on campus on Friday evening, May 23. Registration will begin on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with team competition starting at 10 a.m. The remainder of Saturday will include team competition, recreation, a picnic, social activities, and a devotional.

Sunday's program will include worship periods, further

competition, and an awards ceremony on Sunday evening.

Housing will be provided in the MCC residence halls from Friday through Sunday evening. The final schedule will be determined by the number of teams participating in the program.

Each team member and sponsor must pay a non-refundable

registration fee of \$25. This covers all meals on Saturday and Sunday, as well as housing for the weekend.

For registration information or a copy of the rules, contact Kent Hoggatt, Director of Church Relations, Michigan Christian College, (313) 651-5800.



Participants in the monthly Bible Bowl competition at MCC listen to see if they have answered the question correctly.

Sixth Annual MCC Golf Classic

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Golf Classic committee members include Bob Cucheran, Peg Fowler, Milton Fletcher, Duane Harrison, Dennis Saulsberry, Jerry Tallman and Rick Watson.
This year's host is John C. Stevens, Chancellor of Abilene Christian University.

Company tours Midwest during spring break

Company, Michigan Christian College's two-year-old traveling drama troupe, has improved with age. This year, even more performances were asked of the one-act repertory theatre group.

Company consists of 10 students guided by director Miss Gale Edwards, assistant director Mr. Paul Carpenter, and student director Candace Washburn (Westland).

Miss Edwards is a member of the speech and art departments at MCC. Mr. Carpenter is an admissions counselor and 1985 MCC alumnus. As assistant director, it is his job to arrange the group's trips.

Company performs a number of plays each year for high school students, campers and churches in the Midwest.

This year, Company produced three one-act plays. The first play was "Fireman, Save My Child!" This comic melodrama takes place in the late 1800s.

Audiences watch "Fireman" to discover whether the evil Archibald will succeed in stealing the money from the mill and marrying the fair Daisy or whether his evil plans will be foiled by Chester, Daisy's true love.

The second play, "The Family Jewels," is a comedy-mystery, which takes place in England. In this play, the audience is asked to discover which character is the notorious Purple Pussycat.

Several unique characters are presented as the suspect: Madame Hu, who is really Fifi LeFleur; Miss Rottweiler, who is really Madame Hu; and Fifi LeFleur, who is really Miss Rottweiler. Confused? So is the audience as they try to unravel the mystery.

The last play is a takeoff on a well-known fairy tale. "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots" is a delightful play that gives new insight into some old familiar

characters.

The nasty stepsisters Godzella and Mazzarella have disintegrated personalities. Prince Charming has trouble acting cool and suave, until he meets

the fair Cinderella.

Company toured for nine days during spring break, performing for churches and schools in Columbus, St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis.

There were also fun-filled tours of cities and museums, such as Lincoln's home and tomb in Springfield, the St. Louis Zoo, and a stop at Gino's East, the famous pizza parlor.



"I need my lifts, my props, my odor eaters!" nasty stepsister Godzella (Candace Washburn, Westland) exclaims as she pulls Cinderella (Shannon Roper, Sterling Heights) across the room in "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots." Running behind and also crying for Cinderella's help is stepsister Mazzarella (Lori Girdley, Ortonville).

Calendar of Events

Annual Fund Dinner	Apr 25, 1986
Cincinnati, Ohio	
Annual Fund Dinner	Apr 26, 1986
Dayton, Ohio	
Midland Missions Forum	Apr 26, 1986
Partnership Dinner XV	May 3, 1986
Cobo Hall	
Detroit, Michigan	
MCC Graduation	May 10, 1986
Midwest Bible Bowl	May 24-25, 1986
Jim Wood Church Leaders' Workshop	Jun 6-7, 1986
Annual Fund Dinner	Jun 22, 1986
Dallas, Texas	
Annual Fund Dinner	Jun 23, 1986
Abilene, Texas	
MCC Golf Classic	Jul 26, 1986
MCC Youth Leaders' Workshop	Sep 12-13, 1986
Associates Fall Festival	Sep 13, 1986
MCC Bible Lectureship	Oct 5-9, 1986
Annual Fund Dinner	Nov 7, 1986
Rockford, Illinois	
Annual Fund Dinner	Nov 8, 1986
Chicago, Illinois	

Five intercollegiate sports added

Beginning this fall, Michigan Christian College will be adding five new teams to the intercollegiate sports program. These additions will bring the number of intercollegiate sports offered by MCC to ten.

Currently, MCC offers basketball, baseball and cross country for men. Soccer and track will be added to this roster.

For women, basketball, volleyball and track will be added to softball and cross country.

In conjunction with the addition of these new sports, Mr. Kent Wieb of Regina, Saskatchewan, will join the MCC staff in June. He will coach women's basketball and wo-

men's volleyball. Also, he will serve as a sports recruiter for most of the intercollegiate teams.

Mr. Wieb graduated from Western Christian College (WCC) in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. He then coached volleyball and basketball for WCC and served as captain of the Saskatchewan Volleyball Team at the 1979 Canada Winter Games.

Mr. Wieb completed his degree at the University of Regina where, as a student, he served as captain of the volleyball team and directed the University's Summer Sports School for some 700 participants.

A number of Activity Achievement Awards are avail-

able to students in all ten areas of intercollegiate competition. These awards are based upon high school experience in any given sport and potential to play that sport at MCC.

Award applications are available from the Admissions Office any time during a student's senior year.

Surveys indicate a strong correlation between success in studies and participation in extracurricular activities. The new sports programs at MCC are designed to allow a greater number of students to participate in intercollegiate competition.

Silver Anniversary

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Director of Church Relations at MCC, and Mr. Rick Watson, Assistant to the President, will begin making personal presentations to specific individuals concerning major estate and physical gifts to the college.

"With your help," President Fletcher told the members of the leadership group, "we can now show major gift prospects how supportive the clientele has been, particularly in relation to the operational gift programs. We have an exciting story to tell."

As of January 3, 1986, \$3.8 million had been pledged to the \$8.2 million campaign.

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Celebrate Fantasy!

by Candace Washburn

When MCC celebrates, it's a great occasion. *Celebrate Fantasy* was the theme for this year's spring production involving all the social clubs, Celebration Singers, and hosts and hostesses.

The hosts and hostesses were Dawn Bradley, Linda Clayton, Tracy Johnson, Candace Washburn, and Nathan Yoder. These students took major roles in two musicals performed by the Celebration Singers and introduced the club acts.

Pam Cline was also designated a hostess but could not participate due to illness.

Celebration Singers, directed by Mr. Ed Buchanan, provided

entertainment between acts with renditions of the Robin Hood and Snow White stories. The Celebration Singers numbered 66. Many of the singers were also involved in their club acts.

Alpha Beta/Beta Gamma won the Celebration competition with the skit, "Fantasy's Forgotten Gleam," in which forgotten fairy tale characters searched for a way to get children to start reading fairy tales and stories again. Beta's skit was directed by Lori Girdley and choreographed by Shannon Lockhart and Francie Martinez.

Sigma Phi/Delta Nu was the recipient of the director's special award for blocking. This skit centered around New York,

the city of fantasy. Students played businessmen, bums, punks, teeny-boppers, and bag ladies. The skit was directed by Charles Benya.

Kappa Kappa/Theta Rho performed a skit revolving around the Care Bears and the Scoundrels, the meanies who want all the children of the world to be miserable. The director of this act was Travonne Young.

Alpha Tau/Kappa Tau performed "The Wizards of Tau," a skit where wizard trainees fulfilled the children's fantasy — becoming rock stars. This act was directed by Frank Pitts.

Celebration '86 was coordinated by Dean Charlotte Roper and Miss Gale Edwards. The music was performed by Mr. Ed Buchanan.



Little Bo-Peep (Francie Martinez, Charlevoix) is thrilled because fairy tales are alive once again.



During Celebration, Goldilocks (Barb Philpot, Dearborn) expresses gratitude to the audience for keeping the fairy tale tradition alive.



"Well, I think..." says Simple Simon (Jim Isenberg, Melvindale) while Dorothy (Kim Zadoorian, Novi) waits for his brilliant solution to their problem.



A New York City bum (Dan Boren, Woodhaven) imagines what life would be like if he were a different person.



The wicked queen (Linda Clayton, Nashville, Tenn.) winces at the thought of Snow White.

New director hired for financial aid

Miss Nan Eckstein recently began employment at Michigan Christian College as the new financial aid director, a position she will assume after a training period.

Miss Eckstein is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico University. She earned a bachelor's in history and religion and a master's in religion.

Her past experience includes a position as teacher at Gallup Christian Schools in New

Mexico. She also worked as a secretary for the Church of Christ Bible Chair at Portales, New Mexico.

Student poem published

Sophomore Justine Gossman (Rosemont, Ill.) recently was notified that her poem "Friends?" has been accepted for publication in *Listen Magazine*.

Board honors employees

The Michigan Christian College Board of Trustees honored eighty-eight MCC employees and their guests at the Fifth Annual Board Appreciation Dinner April 18.

In his opening comments, Chairman Royce Dickinson spoke about the friendly and well-qualified Christian employees at MCC and said that he was especially proud of the fact that thirty-five percent of the full-time faculty now have their doctorates.

After the buffet dinner, piano instructor Bernard Leshley began the evening's entertainment. Because of the beautiful spring weather, he selected such songs as "April Showers" and "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," and persuaded several from the audience to help lead the group in a sing-along.

The featured speaker for the evening was Mrs. Annette Riley, a Board member since

1980. She spoke of the pleasures in working with Christians at MCC. She has served as assistant to the President at Wayne State University for a number of years.

"There is a wealth of talent at MCC and an infectious enthusiasm that exists here," she said. She also said that the friendly voices on the phone, the care of the grounds, and the excellent education offered all make MCC such a great "home away from home" for the students.

MCC President Milton B. Fletcher then introduced the employees present and thanked the Board for the dinner.

Several employees were presented awards.

The first went to science instructor David Cole and his wife Barbara, a business instructor. They each received the ten-year Service Award.

Mr. Mark Briggs, computer services manager, received the

Staff Member of the Year award. In presenting the award, Board member Norm Christman said that Mr. Briggs possessed the qualities most highly valued by those with whom he worked every day.

Mr. Briggs is an alumnus of MCC and has been employed since December 1983.

Board member Howard Hagerman then presented Mr. Cole his second award, that of Faculty Member of the Year.

"The faculty is the life blood of the school," Mr. Hagerman said. "Without it, the administration just passes paper back and forth."

In his response, Mr. Cole said: "It's great to work with people who insure that your children not only receive an excellent education but a founding in the principles of the Lord as well."

The evening ended with a closing prayer by Board member Bob Benham.



Board member Howard Hagerman presents the Faculty Member of the Year award to science instructor David Cole.



Mr. Mark Briggs, computer services manager, thanks his fellow workers for honoring him as Staff Member of the Year.



Leading "The Sound of Music" are three employees who began at MCC in 1978: Dean Leonard Knight, Mr. Coy Roper and Dean Garth Pleasant.



Mrs. Nola Cucheran, MCC receptionist, leads the group in "Somewhere over the Rainbow."



Coach Bill Shinsky teases Board member Annette Riley about her craving for chocolate before giving her a plate of eight eclairs.



Piano instructor Bernard Leshley cues the audience as he begins a medley of piano tunes for the evening's entertainment.

Warriors enter nationals ranked number one in USA

"This certainly was a gratifying year," Coach Garth Pleasant said during chapel as he gave awards to the team upon their return from the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA) National Tournament the week of March 10-13.

"The young men's dedication and mental discipline to the game was rewarded. I'm very happy for them; they are very deserving.

"I believe all can be proud of what this group of men accomplished for MCC," Coach Pleasant concluded.

The Warriors ended the season with a 26-3 record. They were rated number one in the nation among all NLCAA teams.

This rating gave them a berth in the 16-team National Tournament in Bristol, Tennessee.

The Warriors won the first game against National College of Rapid City, South Dakota, 77-74. The leading scorer was 6-foot-4 sophomore forward Dave Lyerla (Lapeer), with 19 points and 7 rebounds.

The Warriors then moved into the quarter finals to play Bluefield College of Virginia, a much larger school.

This game was fought down to the last tenth of a second when Lyerla's shot went in a split second after the buzzer sounded, leaving MCC on the losing end of a 73-72 score.

The players credit a "revenge factor" with MCC's 91-76 win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's,

the team that beat the Warriors in the districts.

In the last game of the tournament, the Warriors beat Central College of Kansas 93-77, ending in fifth place for the overall tournament.

The four schools the Warriors played in Bristol were all four-year schools with National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) memberships.

Lyerla, who averaged 17 points a game during the tournament, was chosen to the All Tournament Team.

"We played against big odds," Lyerla said, "considering that we played against a lot of four-year schools in the tournament. We started slow in the beginning of the season but continually got better and peaked in the National Tournament."

Steve Boyd, a 6-foot-3 freshman guard (Ann Arbor) was named to the NLCAA All American Team, enabling him to travel with the NLCAA team to a five-game tournament in the Soviet Union and Denmark during May.

Boyd led the Warriors in scoring during the year, averaging 19 points a game.

"I think the key to the Warriors' success this year was a team concept," Boyd said. "We all worked and played together as a team."

Coach Pleasant was selected as the NLCAA Tournament Coach of the Year. This award usually goes to the coach whose

team finishes in the final four. Coach Pleasant, however, did such an outstanding job of handling his players that he received this prestigious honor.

Coach Pleasant has taken the Warriors to the finals in four out of the last five years. He hopes to continue the Warriors' winning style as he has several returning players for next year's team.

"We are proud of the team and especially proud of Coach Pleasant's award. He does an outstanding job," President Milton B. Fletcher said during chapel when he was presented

the team's fifth-place plaque after their return from the National Tournament.

The Warriors' success may be attributed to the team concept, shown by the fact that five players averaged between 12 and 19 points a game, and five averaged between 5 and 6 rebounds a game.

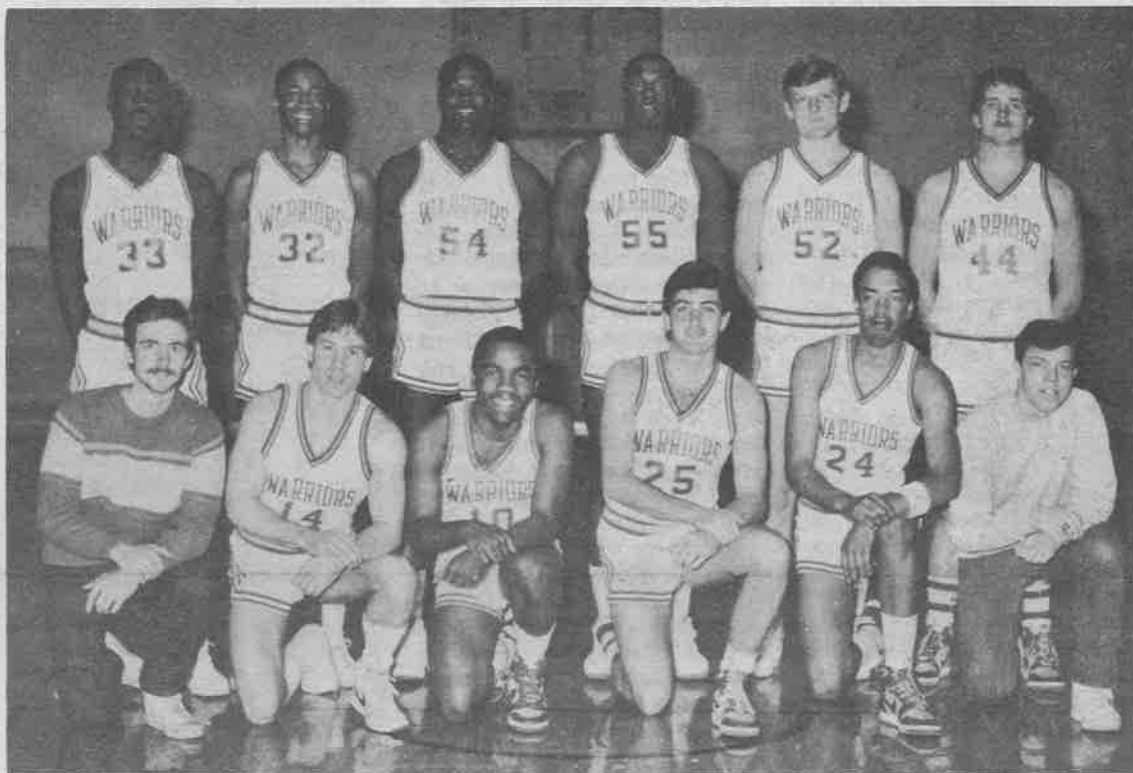
Those who led the team in rebounds were Errol Anglin (Jamaica), Boyd, Lyerla, Craig Nippa (Flint), and Dennis Spier (Suriname).

The Warriors were led in scoring by Boyd with 19 points a game, Steve McClurg (Madi-

son Heights) with 16, and Anglin and Lyerla, with 13 each. Kenny Hollie (Detroit) and Spier proved to be valuable sixth men for the Warriors all season.

Anthony Strickland (Inkster), a 6-foot-3 point guard, was MCC's assist leader, averaging six a game.

Coach Pleasant was quick to point out that young men like Matt Bugg (Troy), Brad Hoover (Anderson, Ind.), Dan Hryckowian (Holly), and Steve Riche (Huntsville, Ala.) all contributed to the success of the Warriors' season.



BASKETBALL TEAM: Kneeling - manager Marty Phillips (Clio), Dan Hryckowian (Holly), Kenny Hollie (Detroit), Brad Hoover (Anderson, Ind.), Steve Riche (Huntsville, Ala.), manager Gary Harsh (Kokomo, Ind.). Standing - Anthony Strickland (Inkster), Steve Boyd (Ann Arbor), Dennis Spier (Suriname), Errol Anglin (Jamaica), Matt Bugg (Troy), Dave Lyerla (Attica). Not photographed - Steve McClurg (Madison Heights), Craig Nippa (Flint).



Steve Boyd — NLCAA All American Team

Boyd is NLCAA All American

Freshman Steve Boyd was named to the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA) All American Team during the National Tournament in Bristol, Tennessee, during March.

Boyd, a 6-foot-3 guard from Ann Arbor Huron High School, led the MCC Warriors in scoring during the tournament,

averaging 19 points a game.

Boyd has the opportunity to travel with the NLCAA All American Team in May. The team will play in the Soviet Union and Denmark, playing five games in 10 days.

"I'm very happy for Steve," Coach Garth Pleasant said. "He's a fine young man with a great deal of potential."

Channel 7 features Warriors

The Warriors were featured by John Gross of Detroit's Channel 7 on the 6:45 p.m. sports segment March 7.

Gross spent some time March 4 interviewing Coach Garth Pleasant and team members Ken Hollie (Detroit) and Dennis Spier (Suriname) on the campus of MCC. Gross also video-taped various portions of the practice.

In the segment aired, the Warriors were praised for their accomplishments on the basketball court this season.

Channel 7 anchorman Rich Fisher concluded the segment by saying, "It's great they (MCC) get that publicity. They have an outstanding program."

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Alumni News, Notes

Former Faculty Member

Doyle F. Earwood, MCC instructor from 1959-1967, retired from full-time preaching October 1985. He and his wife Margaret have moved to Roswell, Georgia, where he plans to do mission work and preach by appointment in the Atlanta area. Mr. Earwood recently received Life Membership in International Kiwanis.

1962

James Casey ('62) is the preacher for the Adrian Church of Christ in Adrian, Mich., after serving the Michigan City, Ind., congregation for four years. James and Betty Jo have three daughters, Bonnie, 21, Grace, 17, and Susan, 10.

1972

Dean Frederick Smith ('72) and wife **Carolyn (Francisco)** ('70) announce the birth of Brianna Susan Dec. 4, 1985. The Smiths' other children are Scott, 18, Chris, 9, and Sarah, 6. The Smith family lives in Matteson, Ill., where Dean works as a minister.

1973

Phyllis (Alexander) Taylor ('73) and husband Dave announce the birth of Amanda Marie Jan. 6, 1986. The Taylors have two other daughters, Lori Beth, 6, and Rachel Leigh, 2½. The Taylors live in Paducah, Ky., where Phyllis is a homemaker and Dave an engineer.

1974

Elaine (Allen) May ('74) and husband David announce the birth of Jeremy Ryan Dec. 3, 1985. Jonathan was born June 17, 1982. The Mays live in Garden City, Mich.

1975

Rose (Nonnenmacher) Ellis ('75) and husband Aaron announce the birth of twins William Dale and Daniel Mark Mar. 3. The Ellises also have a daughter Holly, 2. The Ellis family lives in St. Clair, Mich. Aaron works as a medical doctor for Downriver Medical Clinic in Algonac.

1976

Richard A. Miller ('76) and his wife Billie Sue have two children, Ryan, 4, and Erin Kay, 3. The Millers live in Philo, Ill., where Billie Sue works as a teacher and Richard works in sales. Richard is currently looking for a position as a minister.

Craig Leon Ryan ('76) and wife **Donna Petricia (Nichols)** ('81) recently purchased a home at 1028 Shieldcrest Way, Forest Park, Georgia 30050, and plan to live there when Craig leaves the army where he now works in telecommunications. Donna works as a Director of Housekeeping. The Ryans have two children, Deirdre Pertice born July 26, 1982, and Crystal Leron born Oct. 5, 1984.

1977

Dale Walker ('77) and wife Cindy announce the birth of Joy Marie Feb. 24. The Walkers live in Fennville, Mich., where Dale preaches for the Coopersville Church of Christ and has a vinyl repair business.

Christine Helen (Jewett) Weber ('77) and husband Richard announce the birth of Marisa Anne July 2, 1985. Christine has also become stepmother to Brett, Kelly and Carrie. Christine works as a bank teller and Richard as a florist in Berkley, Mich.

Keith Wellsted ('77) and wife **Andra (Randall)** ('78) announce the birth of Zachar Sept. 23, 1985. They also have a son Seth, 3½. The Randalls live in Burton, Mich., where Keith is self-employed in the home improvement industry and Andra is a senior secretary for Digital Equipment Corp.

1979

Kenneth Kokotkiewicz ('79) and wife Wanda have one child, Amanda Lynn. Kenneth is working as a missionary in North Carolina. He has an associate's and a bachelor's degree in Bible and is working toward a degree in secondary education.

Vicki L. Raynes ('79) will marry Dale Morley Mar. 29. The Morleys will reside in Carlisle, Pa. Vicki is a secretary and Dale an electronic technician.

1981

Jon Nold ('81) and his wife **Kim (Burns)** ('80) announce the birth of Katherine Margaret March 3.

1983

Chad Brock ('83) and wife **Lesly (Hoggatt)** ('83) announce the birth of Adam July 23, 1985. The Brocks live in LaGrange, Ind.

Connie Gudgel ('83) married Gary Marchbanks Sept. 10, 1983. They announce the birth of James Curtis Jan. 30, 1986. The Marchbanks live in Burton, Mich., where Gary works as a cement finisher.



Mr. Dan Woodroof
Former Administrator

Woodroof joins consulting firm

Mr. Dan H. Woodroof, a former Michigan Christian College administrator, has joined Cargill Associates as a part-time consultant in the church division.

Cargill Associates is a Fort Worth-based, fund-raising consulting firm, which raises money for churches and institutions nationwide.

Mr. Woodroof has served a number of churches during his 35-year ministry, including the Rochester Church of Christ where he preached while employed by MCC during the Sixties. Today, he is the minister of the Tatum Boulevard Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona.

From 1964 to 1966, Mr. Woodroof was director of public relations at MCC. From 1966 to 1970, he was director of student life.

Currently, he serves on MCC's Advisory Board.

Mr. Woodroof owns Reason Enterprises, Inc., a public relations firm in Phoenix. He has also written a book, *Marriage and the Home As God Would Have It*.

Blackburn submits Ph.D. thesis

Mr. Barry Blackburn, an upper division Bible instructor at Michigan Christian College, has submitted his Ph.D. thesis to the Department of New Testament Exegesis of the University of Aberdeen (King's College), located in Aberdeen, Scotland.

In June, he will travel to the United Kingdom for the oral defense of his work titled, "A Critique of the *Theios Aner* [Divine Man] Concept as an Interpretative Background of the Miracle Traditions used by Mark."

In addition, Mr. Blackburn has written an article titled, "The Miracle-Working *Theioi Andres* [Divine Men] of Hellenism," which has been accepted for publication in *Gospel Perspectives VI: The Miracles of Jesus*.

This volume is edited by David Wenham and Craig Blomberg and will be published by JSOT Press of the University of Sheffield (England).

Mr. Blackburn and his wife Kathy joined the MCC faculty in August 1985. Mrs. Blackburn teaches reading and study skills.

The Blackburn family lived in Aberdeen from 1980 to 1983 while Mr. Blackburn studied at Aberdeen University and preached for the Aberdeen Church of Christ.

Then, from 1983 to 1985, the family lived in Florence, Alabama, where Mr. Blackburn worked on his dissertation while preaching for a small rural church.

Maintenance supervisor hired

Mr. Bob Rathbun began working as Michigan Christian College's new maintenance supervisor April 1.

As supervisor, he will oversee the maintenance crew. His experience includes 10 years in general contracting. During the

last six, he operated his own business.

Mr. Rathbun and his wife Ernestine live in Lake Orion and are members of the Lake Orion Church of Christ. They have eight children, two of whom are still at home, and six grandchildren.

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