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Enrollment surges as business degree receives accreditation

Following final approval of the Bachelor of Business Administration degree by the North Central Association, Michigan Christian College experienced a substantial enrollment increase for the second consecutive year. Both occurrences provided an air of excitement as the college opened its thirty-fifth academic year.

After receiving authorization from the Michigan State Board of Education to offer the B.B.A., the college submitted a report to the North Central Association in May, requesting a focused evaluation of the program. The review resulted in an August 6 action on the part of the association, extending the college's accreditation to include the four-year business program.

About one month later, scores of new faces filled the campus as the new academic year began. A total of 374 students registered for classes, the second highest number in the history of the college. The addition of fifty-five individuals to the student body represented a 17% increase over the previous fall, and a 46% increase over the fall of 1991.

Playing a major role in the pattern of growth, a record number of returning students en-

rolled for classes. The number of returning students increased by fifty-eight, while the number of full-time students increased by fifty-seven and the number of boarding students by fifty.

Paralleling an expansion in the number of four-year programs offered by the college, the number of juniors and seniors continued at its highest level. Many other students entered their first or second year in new four-year programs, bringing the total percentage of full-time students in business majors to 20%, and the percentage in human services programs to 19%.

Students came to Michigan Christian College this fall from Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. In addition, international students traveled to MCC from Botswana, Canada, Iran, Japan, Korea, and Spain.

Supporting program expansion, several individuals joined the faculty this fall, including Dan Bateman, adjunct instructor of criminal justice; Lori Calkin, instructor of child development; Eric French, adjunct



Students enjoy new friendships while walking to class in front of a recently-painted Gallaher Center.

instructor of music; Shannon Houtrouw, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science; Steve Jones, assistant professor of business; Michael Light, instructor of history; Sarah Reddick, instructor of sociology and social work; and Jay Wilson, adjunct instructor of Bible.

Fall transitions among the staff of Michigan Christian College included Bryan Davies, admissions counselor; Penny Davis, academic services assistant; Burt Rutledge, campus life director; Jay Wilson, supervisor of boarding men, and Mary Jo Wilson, counseling center receptionist.

Associates reach three million dollar milestone

Friends of Michigan Christian College gathered in the Westside-Central Chapel on Sunday, October 3, to honor the Associates for reaching the \$3,000,000 mark in funds raised for the college. During the program, participants reminisced about past events, and recognized the hundreds of individuals who have played a part in the group's remarkable story of success.

In opening the program, Dr. Ken Johnson stated, "Without the Associates, the college might not exist today. We appreciate their willingness to give of themselves and their resources to help Michigan Christian College be a place that can train young men and women to serve the Lord while they are preparing for their careers."

As the special program continued, Dr. Otis Gatewood, founding president of the college, recalled early developmental stages of the Associates. Four former presidents of the organi-

zation, Mildred Freeland, Mary Etta (Stowe) Whitelaw, Mary Utley, and Beth Fisher, shared their fondest memories of working with the Associates. Ginny May, current president, introduced all of the former presidents of the organization, most of whom were present for the day's festivities.

Representing the student body, Melody St. Charles, an Associates Scholarship winner and a second generation student, thanked the Associates for their love and support. Susan (Ward) Kowalski, a member of the class of 1984 and a second generation Associate, thanked the group on behalf of the alumni.

While expressing the appreciation of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Bob Utley stated, "For thirty-four years these ladies have been the unshakable backbone of the college. Their love for Michigan Christian College, and their love for the souls of young people continues to be our inspiration."



John and Beth Fisher participate in a reception for the Associates.

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MCC plans for more growth with addition of new degrees



Dear Friends:

Again, God has blessed our efforts with an outstanding student body. Enrollment has increased 17% over last fall, and although it is very early, applications for next fall are again running 50% ahead of the previous year. We're grateful for you, friends of the college, who have made it possible to expand academic programs, renovate facilities, and add the personnel needed to complete the transition to a recognized senior college. That is now a reality, and we give God the praise.

Our strategic plan contemplates the addition of several more bachelor's degree programs. In addition to the programs listed on page eight, we are now developing four-year majors in criminal justice administration and computer information systems. These and other additions will result primarily from raising two-year programs to full four-year curriculums. This is a prudent and economically efficient way to expand.

Continuing MCC's reputation for quality people and programs as we make this major transformation is our highest priority. And it won't be easy. Very little in life that is valuable is easy to accomplish. Without you who understand the essentiality of this giant step, the step would not be possible.

The challenge of putting together the resources to accomplish the dream of MCC's founders is the most overwhelming task I have ever accepted. MCC needs individuals and families whose hearts are focused on another world, who want to help shape her future impact on the Kingdom, and who are willing to sacrifice year after year right alongside her faculty and staff.

Never before in the history of the college has the potential for the institution been greater; never before have the doors of opportunity been opened wider; never before has the need for resources, creativity, and energy been more demanding. Keep MCC's people in your prayers. Commend the college in your conversation. Include the college in your stewardship. Thank you for believing. Together we can....

Yours for His sake,

Kenneth L. Johnson

Dr. Kenneth L. Johnson
President

Board member begins fortieth year

Providing continuity for the Board of Trustees of Michigan Christian College since its inception, Jim Thomas of Oregon, Ohio, recently began his fortieth year as a member of the board. He holds the distinction of being the only current trustee who served on the founding board.

In September of 1954, Hobart Ashby, who then preached for the Western Avenue Church of Christ in Toledo, invited Jim to attend a regional meeting of individuals interested in establishing a Christian college in the North Central region. At that meeting, participants selected nine men to serve on a board, including Jim Thomas.

In 1955, the trustees elected Jim as vice chairman of the board. For the next nineteen years, he served in that role, while Wheeler Utley acted as chairman. Jim stated, "Wheeler contributed a tremendous amount to the success of the college and it was a great experience working closely with him." As Wheeler prepared to move to California in 1974, Jim became chairman of the board, and served in that capacity for two years. Over the years, he has served on numerous committees, including the executive committee for twenty-five years.



Trustee Jim Thomas visits with Paul Watson at the Fall Festival.

Jim began working as a food buyer for Toledo's Bud and Luke Restaurant in 1938. After serving in the army from 1944 to 1946, he returned to Bud and Luke's, and bought the restaurant from Ron Rummel in 1950. He sold the restaurant to his son, Ron, in 1982, but still works there every day, as he has done for the past fifty-five years.

Jim and his wife, Raida, an

active Associate, have watched the college grow from a small student body of fifty-four in 1959, to an institution offering several four-year programs. Jim recently commented, "The association I have had with all the board members through these years has been very special to me. I do not believe you could find a greater group anywhere. I feel I have gained more than I have given."

Looking Ahead

Coming in the next issue of the *North Star: A Tribute to the \$3,000,000 Associates*. As the college continues to commemorate the Year of the Associates, the *North Star* will present a special supplement in honor of the organization. You will share in the many triumphs and the rich heritage of the most successful fund-raising group among colleges affiliated with the churches of Christ.

Planned Giving Matters

Mark Davis
Vice President for
Capital Development



Financial planners estimate that over 60% of our population does not have a valid, personal will at the time of their death. With two million Americans dying each year, that's well over a million people who allow their property and possessions to be dispersed as the state government and courts deem appropriate. Those who don't have a personal will, have the equivalent of a state-prepared will - a decree made by total strangers with no vested interest in one's property or personal desires. Protecting your loved ones and distributing your assets requires a personal will as part of your estate planning. Even a modest estate has valuable property to distribute and protect, property such as an automobile, house, furniture, cash and savings, personal belongings, or collectable items. A will assists in the security and financial protection that your family must have.

Many of our friends and alumni have found that their personal will provides an excellent method for a generous charitable donation. Even the smallest of estates today are discovering how easy it is to include a charitable bequest or gift as a part of the will. As a result of the bequest, the estate receives a charitable deduction equal to the fair market value of the gift. Charitable bequests may include a wide variety of gifts, from a specified percentage of the estate's worth, to more specific property such as a summer home or antique automobile. Some donors specify a dollar amount, for example \$10,000, as a charitable bequest.

A personal will is the foundation of good estate planning. For many, a charitable bequest provides an easy vehicle for donations. For others, charitable gifts such as gift annuities, trusts, or endowments, might better serve their needs. These giving methods will be discussed in upcoming columns.

If we can be of assistance in your estate planning, please call our Development Office at 1-313-650-6011 or 1-800-521-6010.

Renovation Volunteers

Making a significant impact upon the appearance of the campus of Michigan Christian College, a number of volunteers donated their time and talents to the renovation projects described on page eight of current issue of the *North Star*.

In addition to the many individuals who assisted with the efforts of Alumni Service Day in August, Ron Colburn, Nancy Christenberry, Mary Johnson, Bertha O'Rourke, Sherri Stewart, Al Warner, and Harvey Winkler helped with renovation projects during the summer months.



LEFT: Nancy Christenberry helps establish a new campus color scheme by repainting building trim with a natural forest green. ABOVE: Alumnus Al Warner paints gables on Gallaher Center.



Memorial Gifts

July 1, 1993
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Mabel Howard

S.R. HOWARD

Mabel Howard

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Mary Vann

JERRY & GUBA KIRK

Art Gould

Norma Jean Ryan

ROBERT & ONETA KIRK

Lillian Reaume

Bill & Joanne Shinsky

ROBERT KIRK

Atlanta Church of Christ

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Bill & Joanne Shinsky

Richard & Aileen Smith

Erlon & May Dell Turner

Bob & Mary Utley

Memorial gifts and honor gifts may be sent to the Office of the President, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Please be sure to include 1) your name and full address, 2) the name of the person being honored by the gift, and 3) the name and address of the person to receive an acknowledgment card.



Coach Bill Shinsky, retired professor of physical education, inspects prizes for the 13th Annual Detroit Area Golf Classic, held on July 31 in Brighton, Michigan. Coach Shinsky obtained the prizes from Rochester area businesses as a volunteer representative of Michigan Christian College.

Festival carries Associates over goal

Proceeds from the annual Fall Festival queen contest allowed the Associates to reach the impressive \$3,000,000 mark in funds raised for Michigan Christian College. Prior to the September 11 festival, queen candidates and their supporters raised \$21,050 in queen's votes.

Throughout the summer, local chapters had sponsored dozens of projects on behalf of the queen candidates. Each dollar represented a vote for a particular candidate. Groups catered meals, sold crafts, and served countless portions of food.

Queen candidates included Margaret Feltner of the Pontiac chapter, Helen Slater of the Parkside chapter, and Velma Wineinger of the Hazel Park chapter. Festival Cochairman Benita Ward introduced Helen Slater as the 1993 queen during a noon ceremony at the festival.

Participants operated over fifty individual booths on festival day. Chapters receiving first place ribbons for decoration of booths included Metro in the food tent, Ypsilanti in the children's area, Oakland in the crafts tent, and Pontiac in the outside area.

The beautiful babies contest raised \$392 by collecting votes for baby pictures. Joan Long announced that Lauren Wheeler of Pontiac took first place; Dillon Whitlatch of Madison Heights, second; and Abigail Samuels of Warren, third.

While hundreds participated in Fall Festival activities on cam-

pus, another group of volunteers staffed the Associates' mobile kitchen at the Art 'n Apples Festival in Rochester. To date, the Associates have collected \$34,844 from the Fall Festival, including proceeds from the queen's contest, and another \$2,200 from their weekend efforts at the annual Art 'n Apples Festival.



Former queen Anna Holder crowns Helen Slater as festival queen.

Volunteers in Action

Youth leaders brought over 1,850 individuals to the Sunshine Rallies sponsored by Michigan Christian College during the past summer. About 1,200 attended the rally at Cedar Point, 280 at King's Island, 260 at Canada's Wonderland, and 120 at Mackinac Island.

Over the past few months, board members Jack Duty, Oscar Glover, Duane Harrison, Bob Utley, and Rick Watson continued their work on the Campus Master Planning Committee. With professional guidance from TMP Associates, an architectural firm from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, the committee plans to complete its work by the end of the calendar year.

In Memoriam

Edgar R. Bruce, 79, a long-time friend of Michigan Christian College and minister of the gospel, died July 18, 1993. All six of his children, Dona Blake, Leecia Penrod, Stella Kreh, Jim Bruce, Ethelene White, and Gary Bruce; and five of his grandchildren have attended Michigan Christian College. His wife, Mary, continues to reside in Union City, Tennessee.

Associates Gift-a-Rama

December 4, 1993
MCC Cafeteria

crafts and gift items
food and fellowship



Michigan
Christian College
Building the Infrastructure
of the Kingdom

knowledge
jobs ~ homes ~ relationships

Michigan Christian College is making a difference. For more than three decades, her graduates have been going from the campus into the marketplace. In all walks of life, MCC alumni can be found in the North, using their talents for the benefit of God and man. Seventy percent of our alumni have remained in the Great Lakes region, building up the Kingdom of God as church leaders, Christian professionals, and godly parents.

With MCC's growing list of four-year degree programs, greater numbers of high school students are making plans to stay in the North for their Christian college education. More and more families are excited at the prospect of continued generations remaining close to home, using resources from their careers to strengthen the body of Christ in the North.

You can make a difference, too - by encouraging your children, your grandchildren, and your friends at church to check out the quality, four-year academic programs offered at Michigan Christian College before they head south for a degree. Let's work together to plant a generation of church leaders - raised, educated, and employed in our great Northern states. Together, we can make a **BIG** difference!

Summer class reunions hosted by four groups

Former students from eighteen states and Canada converged on the campus of Michigan Christian College during the past summer for class reunions. Nearly 350 people participated in the events, hosted by the classes of 1963, 1978, 1980, and 1983. Participants traveled from Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin to take part in the activities.

The class of 1983 opened the reunion season on July 9-10. Among scheduled activities, the group planned a chorus reunion in the newly renovated Alumni Music Center, a scavenger hunt for the large number of children that attended with their parents, and an elegant banquet catered by the Rochester Associates.

Members of the college's earliest classes attended a July 16-17 reunion, hosted by the class of 1963. Knappburgers, an off-campus favorite during the 60's; nostalgic tours of Gallaher Center, the original campus building; a dinner catered by the Waterford Associates; and moving devotional comments by former Class President David Gatewood highlighted the weekend.

Following a very successful ten-year reunion, the class of 1978 returned to campus for a

fifteen-year reunion on July 23-24. The group enjoyed late-evening basketball games in the gymnasium, a barbecue dinner catered by the Lake Orion chapter of the Associates, and time reserved for sharing experiences of the past with one another.

The class of 1980 rounded out the reunion schedule with a unique thirteen-year reunion on July 30-31. After lots of time for visiting and informal activities, the group closed their weekend with comments by former faculty member Randy Gill, a performance by former members of Autumn, and slides and movies from their years at MCC.



Class of 1963 reunion guests gather with former President Gatewood at the sign that their class donated.



Members of the class of 1980 pose near Gatewood Residence Hall with some of their former instructors.



Guests from the class of 1983 ten-year reunion gather in front of the Westside-Central Chapel for a group photograph with classmates.

Reunion Planning

Interest in class reunions has grown during the past three years. The combined benefits of on-campus housing availability and family vacation schedules have made the summer months an ideal time for such gatherings.

Each reunion is scheduled and organized by volunteers from specific classes. The type and amount of formal activity varies from class to class. College representatives provide mailing lists of class members, schedule campus facilities, and provide guidance for reunion planners.

To date, members of the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, and 1984 have inquired about hosting reunions during the summer of 1994. Anyone interested in assisting with the planning of those potential reunions, or in scheduling additional reunions, should contact Larry Stewart at 1-800-521-6010 (press option for Development Office).



Arrange to Meet a Friend!

1994
Michigan
Christian College
Homecoming

February 5, 1994

Chapel ~ Chorus ~ Luncheon
Basketball Game ~ Queen Crowning
Post-Game Reception



Members of the class of 1978 pose for a group photograph in front of the Associates Campus Center.

Alumni News and Notes

1962

By direction of the President with confirmation of the United States Senate, **Joan (Scott) Williams** was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army Reserve on May 29. Joan can be contacted at P.O. Box 1701, Petersburg, VA 23805.

specialist, **Ginny Gatcheff** began working independently out of her home as a freelance business and technical writer within the last year. Ginny may be contacted at 801 1/2 Main Street, South Williamsport, PA 17701.

Brian Hannah recently moved to 647 Main Street, Avoca, PA 18641. Brian is a pilot for USAir.

1972

Washington Mhlanga has completed ten years with Minerals Marketing Corporation, the sole agent for most of Zimbabwe's minerals. He currently holds a marketing manager position. He and his wife, Alice, have four children, Melissa, Simba, Jonathan, and Keith. He may be contacted at 4 Fordham Avenue, Greencroft, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Tabea Mae joined Toby in the home of Fritz and **Kathy (Dickinson) Duesel** on May 26. Fritz works for the Bavarian government, and Kathy is a housewife. The family lives at Kreppenweg 4a, Neusaess, Germany 86356.

Dennis and Susan (Raper) Hall welcomed Aubrey Lynne on April 25. They also have two sons, Brandon and Andrew. Susan raises dairy goats, and Dennis is a computer technician at Michigan Christian College. The family resides at 2524 Flint River Road, Lapeer, MI 48446.

1973

Lynn and Holly (Anderson) Shinsky recently moved. Lynn is teaching elementary school, and Holly is home schooling the younger children. The couple has five children, Tami, Joshua, Endi Joye, Cally Marie, and Melanie. The family can be reached at P.O. Box 404, #18 Road 1277, LaPlata, NM 87418.

Marvin Robertson recently began preaching for the Downtown Church of Christ in Norfolk, Virginia. He and his wife, Margaret, have two sons, Marvin Jr., and Marcus. The family resides at 3612 Royal Palm Arch, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

1975

Dennis Swindle accepted a position as minister of the Southside Church of Christ in Terre Haute in June. He and his wife, Terri, have one son, Dennis Ray II. The family lives at 1005 South Park, Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Sherry Dinger married John Bosco on June 26. John works for Northern Ohio Plumbers, and Sherry is employed as an executive secretary. The couple currently lives at 9400 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, OH 44094.

1977

Joshua Michael joined Brittany in the family of Alban and **Sue (Rice) Gaub** on June 4. Alban is an aerospace engineer, and Sue is a homemaker. The family resides at 17233 Meadowdale Drive, Lynnwood, WA 98037.

Robert Ray III joined Elizabeth in the home of Mark and **Laura (Sommer) Roscoe** on May 25. Mark is a product engineer for General Motors, and Laura is a homemaker. The family resides at 1675 Crestline Lane, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

1981

After six years of employment as a marketing communications

1982

1983

1984

1985

Second generation students break record

Records tumbled as the largest group of sons and daughters of former students entered Michigan Christian College this fall. Over 140 second generation students have enrolled since 1979.

alumni dads

- John Axe (63)
- Dick Payne (61)
- Norman Venson (80)
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- Ron French (71)
- Rick Gilmer (85)
- Ken Handley (70)
- Marvin King (70)
- Gary Lewis (71)
- Michael Light (81)
- Don Little (69)
- Jerry McKinnie (68)
- David Parks (93)
- Dennis Perry (74)
- Garth Pleasant (69)
- Danny Shepard (73)
- Bob Sowles (68)
- Bruce Starkey (66)
- Ed Stewart (71)
- Rick Watson (70)
- Cecil White (68)
- Glenn Wilson (72)

current students

- Eric Axe, Waterford, Michigan*
- Carla Brown, Perrysburg, Ohio**
- Amy Byars, Lincoln Park, Michigan**
- Heather Carrier, Clio, Michigan*
- Ron Dawson, Indianapolis, Indiana**
- Keisha Dukes, Inkster, Michigan**
- Kwaun Dukes, Inkster, Michigan**
- Jonathan Duvall, Troy, Michigan*
- Jennifer Fredin, Owatonna, Minnesota**
- Eric French, Milford, Ohio*
- Ladell Gilmer, Romulus, Michigan**
- James Handley, Jackson, Michigan**
- Becky Hibbard, Hamilton, Ontario*
- Andrea Kennamer, Flint, Michigan*
- Chris King, St. Clair Shores, Michigan*
- Justin Lewis, Flint, Michigan**
- Sara Light, Auburn Hills, Michigan**
- Olivia Little, Tipton, Indiana**
- Monty McClelland, Trenton, Michigan*
- Christie McKinnie, Romulus, Michigan**
- Sunny Michelin, Marquette, Michigan**
- David Parks, Waterford, Michigan**
- Jody Perry, Kalamazoo, Michigan*
- Klint Pleasant, Waterford, Michigan*
- Melissa Schroeder, Rochester Hills, Michigan**
- April Shepard, Jenison, Michigan*
- Shelly Smith, Warren, Michigan**
- Robert Sowles, LaGrange, Indiana*
- Jeremy Starkey, Romeo, Michigan*
- Melody St. Charles, Ypsilanti, Michigan**
- Heidi Stewart, Walled Lake, Michigan**
- Lacey Todd, Rochester Hills, Michigan*
- Ryan Watson, Oregon, Ohio**
- Sarah White, Alpena, Michigan**
- Shawn Wilson, Gainesville, Virginia*

alumni moms***

- Merrile Artist (64)
- Rachel Graham (68)
- Nancy Ashby (68)
- Carroll Palmer (63)
- Donna Allen (64)
- Pat Stowe (71)
- Jerri Gilmer (87)
- Beth Smart (66)
- Karen Bennett (65)
- Sandy Bambacht (71)
- Patti McClelland (65)
- Carol Franklin (71)
- Marilyn Parks (93)
- Paige Pleasant (74)
- Pat Palmer (70)
- Nancy Strbenac (64)
- Peggy Hendricks (73)
- Sherry Duvall (71)
- Joy Montgomery (67)
- Linda Pate (74)
- Judy Sparks (70)
- Joyce Whitaker (67)
- Sandra Hinson (68)
- Nita French (72)

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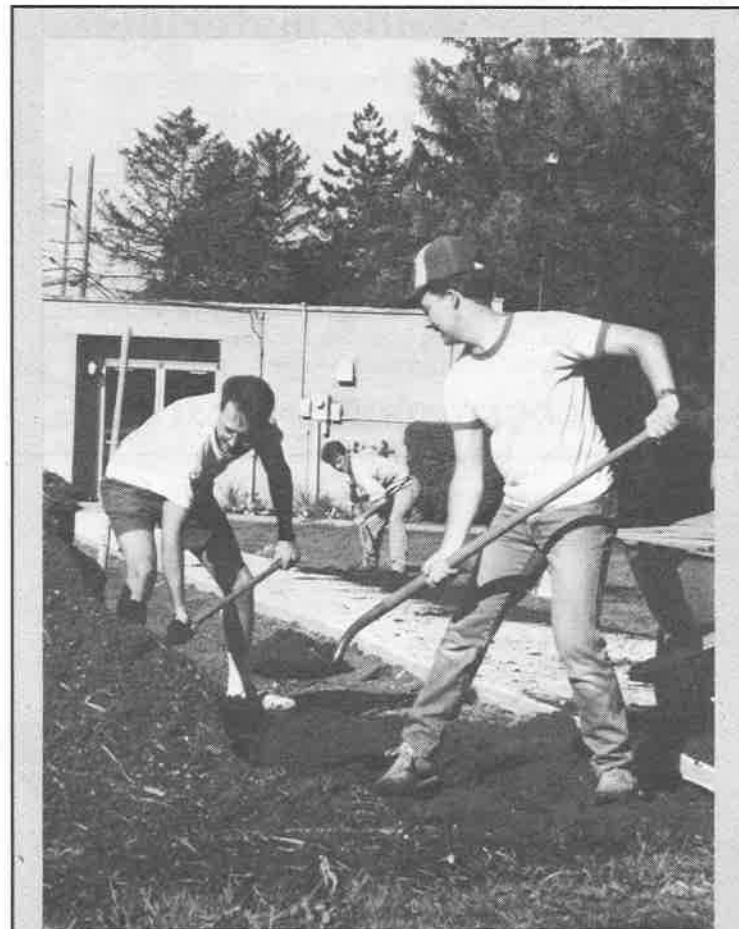
1986

Francie (Martinez) Holder is teaching science for Northland Christian School. Francie and her husband, Michael, a police officer, welcomed their first child, Matthew Aaron, on March 30. The family resides at 5831 Sunnygate, Spring, TX 77373.

1987

Laura Tucker and William Close are planning a December 10 wedding. Laura is working as a nanny, and Bill is employed by Lyon Gear. Laura currently lives at 7449 26 Mile Road, Washington, MI 48094. After the wedding, the couple plans to live at Bill's residence, 17259 Roberts Drive, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Robert and Kathy (Swires-86) Wright welcomed Hannah Nicole on May 14. Rob is a nuclear prototype school instructor for the United States Navy. Kathy is teaching school. The family may be contacted at Sleepy Hollow Manor, Building 3, Apartment 2, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.



Volunteers spread soil around new sidewalks connecting Gallaher Center and the Muirhead Library on Alumni Service Day. Over forty individuals assisted with the August 21 event, organized by the Alumni Association to help the college with final preparations for the opening of the new academic year.

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public Relations, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

Name (maiden if appl.) _____

MCC Years _____ Occupation _____

Spouse's Name (maiden if appl.) _____

MCC Years _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (area code _____) _____

Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and send it to the college with this form.

Singing group begins third decade of service

Maintaining a heritage of outstanding musical performance, Autumn began its third decade of service as the new academic year opened at Michigan Christian College. Even though the group's membership and style of music have changed, Autumn has continued to delight audiences throughout the North Central region for twenty years.

In the fall of 1973, administrators selected a talented sophomore music major to work with the Admissions Office in forming a group that could serve as a musical ambassador for Michigan Christian College. That student, Randy Gill, later returned to the college in 1977 as the director of musical activities.

Since the concept of a small traveling ensemble with a repertoire of non-religious music was fairly new among the Christian colleges in 1974, half of Autumn's original membership had to be recruited. Eventually, five students banded together to form the first group, Randy Gill, Mark Smith, Lynne (Yoakum) Stewart, Kathryn (Boggs) Ahart, and Holly (Wiser) Rademaker.

Members of the first group selected the name *Autumn* to re-

flect the easy-listening style of their music, and to honor the beautiful season that they all enjoyed on the scenic campus of Michigan Christian College. The group performed such numbers as *If You Could Read My Mind*, *Sing Medley*, and *Going Out of My Head*, as well as a number of songs written by Randy Gill.

After weeks of preparation and a few individual performances, Autumn made its debut tour into Ontario and New York on February 11-13, 1974, in a Volkswagon van borrowed from Ken and Dorothy Stewart of Corunna, Michigan. By the end of the summer, the group logged over 12,000 miles in travel, performing for eighty-four audiences over a six-state area.

In 1981, personnel changes in Autumn led to the development of a summer group that performed only contemporary gospel music. Based upon the positive reception of that group, Randy Gill, musical director, and admissions personnel reshaped the image of Autumn in the months that followed.

In recent years, the experience of students in their junior and senior years, and the leader-



ABOVE: The first Autumn performs for guests of Partnership Dinner III at Cobo Hall in the spring of 1974. RIGHT: Autumn initiates a new program that features contemporary gospel music in the fall of 1981.

ABOVE: Current members of Autumn continue a tradition of outstanding musical performance, while making their mark as the first group in two decades with identical membership over a two-year period.

ship of Joe Bentley, current director of musical activities, have further strengthened Autumn. The current group is the first in Autumn history to carry identical membership over a two-year span of time.

Since the inception of Autumn in 1973, over 100 students have

served as members of the group. Even with regular changes in personnel and the variety of musical styles, each group has carried on the rich tradition of quality performance and outstanding service to Michigan Christian College established by the first Autumn two decades ago.

Area ministers benefit from new degree option

Initial response to the college's new Professional Ministry Program exceeded expectations as ministers from throughout the Great Lakes region responded to program announcements during the past year. Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college, stated, "The response to this program again highlights the vital importance of Michigan Christian College's role in training preachers for Northern churches."

Through the Professional Ministry Program, individuals with five or more years of experience in full-time ministry can receive a bachelor's degree from Michi-

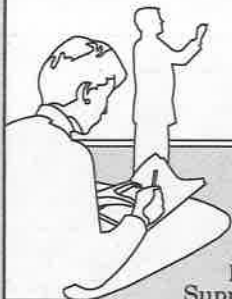
gan Christian College with a minimal amount of disruption in their normal responsibilities. Vocational experience and course work completed in a variety of academic settings, including schools of preaching, is applicable toward this major, decreasing the number of class hours that many individuals are required to complete at MCC.

The program features a minimal residency requirement of eighteen credit hours that must be taken through Michigan Christian College, and only six of those hours require presence on the campus. Instructors of Michigan Christian College recently taught two seminars during special summer sessions that met the six hour requirement. Each seminar was concentrated into a one-week period of time.

Of fifteen individuals who received bachelor's degrees from Michigan Christian College last spring at age twenty-five or above, five completed the professional ministry major. Each one continued in his role as a local minister while completing the degree.

Making the professional ministry program as flexible as possible, concentrations can be developed to suit an individual's history, interest, training, and experience. Ministers may phone Rodney Ashlock, instructor of Bible and program coordinator, at (313) 650-6074 for more information about the program.

Looking for new adult Bible class study materials?



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Students enrolled in the Professional Ministry Program listen attentively to their classroom instructor.

At a Glance

Red Cross volunteers collected fifty pints of blood during their annual fall bloodmobile on the campus of Michigan Christian College. In addition to those who donated blood during the September 14 drive, several other individuals attempted to give. MCC students have participated in blood drives since 1966.

Joining hundreds of other academic institutions, Michigan Christian College chartered a Psi Beta chapter on September 14. Psi Beta is a national honor society for psychology students, affiliated with the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society. Recognizing students who achieve high academic standards, Psi Beta was formed to provide national recognition for the serious psychology student, and to stimulate interest in psychology as an academic and professional field. Sponsor Ben Noah inducted eleven members into the charter organization at Michigan Christian College.

Growing numbers of returning students at Michigan Christian College necessitated expansion of the A Cappella Chorus to sixty members this fall to accommodate new students. Joe Bentley, director of musical activities, auditioned fifty-two individuals for a limited number of openings. Strong interest in musical groups has stirred new discussion about adding a second choral group.



Employee Highlights

Honored for her supportive role in campus ministry programs, **Mildred Eckstein**, instructor of education, received the first annual Bessie Memorial Award at August's National Campus Ministry Seminar in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dr. Leonard Knight, director of the Counseling Center and associate professor of psychology, participated in a ten-day mission campaign to Honduras during June. In October, he spoke at a workshop in Atlanta, Michigan, designed to train leaders for the church in the northern regions of the state.

Garrison Graphics released *Bible Loop-a-Word*, a puzzle book by **Steve Eckstein**, professor of Bible and Greek, in September. The publication features sixty-six puzzles, one for each book of the Bible, and is available from the MCC Bookstore.

Assisting the *Let's Start Talking* missions program, **Burt Rutledge**, campus life director, and **Terri Hawkins**, supervisor of boarding women, participated in a six-week campaign in Germany during June and July. The group, which also included MCC students, taught English from the gospel of Luke.

Business faculty introduces senior-level courses

Adding a new dimension to the academic program of Michigan Christian College, the faculty recently introduced senior-level business courses to the curriculum. An addition of courses to the former three-year business program provided the curriculum required to support the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

College officials built the business curriculum around a number of faculty members who would be scheduled to teach business courses in the new degree program. In addition to the business faculty, they included instructors from three other disciplines to teach specialized business courses.

Steve Jones joined the faculty of Michigan Christian College in the fall as an assistant professor of business. Steve received his bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University in Kansas, a master's degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and an M.B.A. from Southwest Missouri State University. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. from the University of North Texas.

In addition to teaching at both the university and secondary school level, Steve has published a number of articles for professional journals and for the United States International Trade Administration. He also has pro-



Business faculty members and instructors teaching business support courses include Shannon Houtrouw, Joe Reddick, Rob Byrd, Gary Turner, Steve Jones, John Todd, and Gail Strickler.

vided consulting services for various businesses in Mexico.

Prior to the beginning of his work at Michigan Christian College, Joe Reddick, assistant professor of business, served in positions as controller, vice president for finance, and chief financial officer for corporations in the oil industry. He also has accounting and tax experience with an international accounting firm.

Joe received his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii, and a Master of Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University. He also is a Certified Public Accountant.

Gail Strickler, instructor in business, began teaching for Michigan Christian College after serving on the management team for a \$20 million apartment complex in Woodridge, Illi-

nois. Gail received her bachelor's degree from David Lipscomb College, and an M.S. in management from Walsh College.

Other faculty members teaching specialized business courses include Rob Byrd and Shannon Houtrouw, business and management applications of computers; Dr. John Todd, business law; and Gary Turner, business mathematics and statistics.

Alumnus named Dean of Academic Services

Establishing a significant link to the pioneer years of the college, Larry Leslie assumed responsibilities as dean of academic services of Michigan Christian College on August 30. Larry enrolled as a student with the first class in the fall of 1959, after serving for four years in the United States Navy.

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree at Ball State University, Larry returned to Michi-

gan Christian College in 1963 as an instructor of science and mathematics. He then attended North Carolina State University, where he received a master's degree in 1965.

Larry began a twenty-five year career with the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo in 1967. He first worked as a medical research assistant, and then as a systems analyst and programmer. By 1974, he moved to a position as corporate time-sharing administrator, overseeing a \$5.5 million operating budget and coordinating on-line database services to such agencies as Dow Jones and Mead Data Central.

Most recently, Larry served the Upjohn Company as a training and information center consultant. In this role, he provided in-house microcomputer support and corporate training for Lotus 1-2-3, Harvard Graphics, DOS, and DataEase. During this time, he also taught classes on a part-time basis at the Stryker Center for Management Studies at Kalamazoo College.

Larry expects to receive his doctoral degree in educational leadership, with a specialization in human resource development, from Western Michigan University in December. His professional background and experience in several academic settings will be a valuable resource for Michigan Christian College.



Dean Larry Leslie concentrates on a writing project in his office.

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Renovations again enhance campus

Renovation projects have improved the appearance and utilization of Michigan Christian College's campus for the second consecutive year. During the summer months, maintenance personnel, student workers, and volunteers completed a number of tasks, ranging from basic painting to complete renovation of rooms in certain facilities.

After the selection of new colors, workers painted the entire

exterior of Gallaher Center, the Gymnasium, and Science Center. They applied a natural tan on the large surfaces to match the campus brick color, and trimmed the buildings with a forest green. They then repainted the campus sign and trim on other buildings with the new colors, giving the campus a more contemporary appearance. In a memo to employees at the opening of the academic year, Dr. Ken

Johnson stated, "I have received more positive comments on the new green color scheme than any change in the last two years."

Adding to improvements on the outdoor areas of campus, workers removed numerous lifeless trees in the wooded areas near the buildings and around the campus lakes. They also replaced sidewalks near Gallaher Center, the Muirhead Library, and Science Center.

Indoors, maintenance personnel directed several improvements designed to accommodate the college's growing student body and the additional employees required to support new programs. In most cases, changes maximized the usage of space.

Workers completely renovated the former President's Office area in the upper level of Gallaher Center for the new Counseling Center. They built offices for three instructors who provide counseling services, and a waiting area for visitors to the center. Reassignment of other space provided the center with a room for individual testing and another for their receptionist.

In the Admissions wing of Gallaher Center, a carpenter built six work stations into a special room for use by the admissions counselors. Division of another room into two separate offices and new carpeting completed renovation of the area.



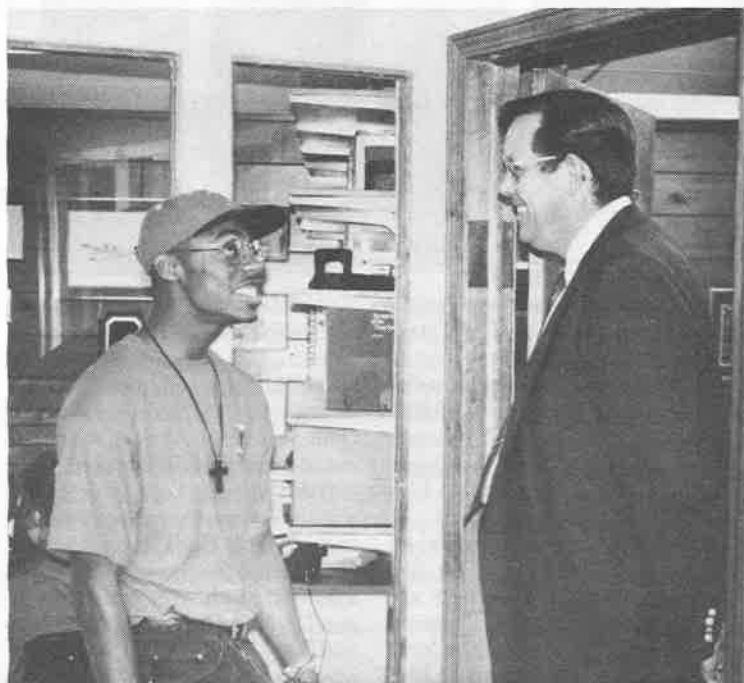
Chemistry students benefit from improvements in the Science Center.

After renovation of storage areas for art and chemistry supplies, the Art Department moved to the Gatehouse and opened space for two additional lecture rooms in the Science Center. Workers then completely renovated both of those rooms.

Improving the usage of space that originally served lectureship crowds, maintenance personnel constructed two faculty offices in

the foyer of the gymnasium. That change also opened space for the storage of athletic equipment.

Rounding out the summer projects, workers constructed loft systems in four rooms of the Associates Campus Center, and four in the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall. After analyzing the functionality of those rooms, college officials plan to renovate additional rooms next summer.

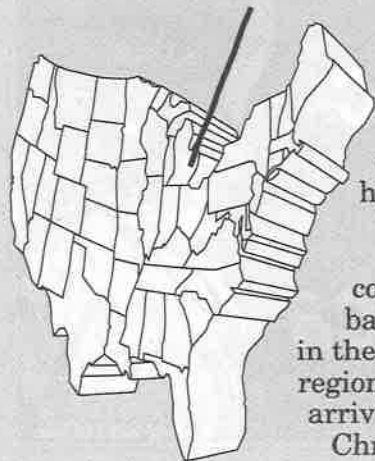


Darryl Canty visits with Dr. Len Knight in the Counseling Center.



Freshman Klint Pleasant studies in a newly renovated loft room.

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Stated in a brochure prepared by the board that founded the college, the above comments are still worth thoughtful consideration. The minds and lives of five individuals have been blessed in a similar fashion by Christian education. Eric Axe of Waterford; Leslie Montgomery of Detroit, Kevin Norman of Eagan, Minnesota, Klint Pleasant of Waterford, and Lacey Todd of Rochester Hills are not only sharing their first year at Michigan Christian College. They were kindergarten classmates at Luckett Christian Academy!

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