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Major capital gifts campaign launched at Partnership Dinner

"Michigan Christian College is on the threshold of substantially greater value and service to young people and to the kingdom," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college, to guests of Partnership Dinner XXIII at the Cobo Convention Center on May 7. With those words, Dr. Johnson introduced a \$2.9 million, three-year capital gifts campaign to complete phase one of the campus master plan for Michigan Christian College.

After months of planning, including a research study among friends of the college, and with unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees, this special stewardship program, entitled *Foundation for the Future*, opened with commitments from the board, college personnel, and a few friends of the college. Eventually, all friends of Michigan Christian College will be asked to assist with this first step of the campus master plan.

The campaign is designed to provide funding for two new residence halls, one for men and one for women, each housing approxi-

mately seventy students; a campus commons area that joins the two residence halls and provides social space, mailboxes, and a laundry facility; and a new campus entryway, including the necessary changes in roadways and parking areas.

Dr. Clark Dickerson, consultant for the campaign, commented at the dinner, "Because of the nature of my work, I have the opportunity and privilege to work with many Christian colleges from coast to coast. I've worked in large campaigns. I've worked in very small campaigns. But never have I worked in a campaign that is more significant for an institution than this campaign. Michigan Christian College is now flowering to become the college that you all envisioned. This is a very critical step for the college."

While introducing the campaign, Dr. Ken Johnson stated, "The strength of Michigan Christian College lies in the large number of friends who understand her value to young people in this region of the country. Raising



Representatives from the various support groups unveil construction plans at Partnership Dinner XXIII.

\$2.9 million will be a formidable task." He continued, "To date we have just begun, but the Lord has blessed us with commitments and matching gifts totaling over \$800,000. We know that by working hard, but trusting in the Lord, and by completing the campaign

plan, that the funds will be provided, the project will be completed, and the ministry value and academic image of Michigan Christian College will be substantially enhanced."

Reminding the audience of the mission of Michigan Christian

College, Dr. Johnson also pointed out, "This phase of the campaign is primarily for residence halls. But it is not just about buildings. It is about training young people to grow up, choose careers, and remain in the North, in order to build up the kingdom of God."

Team captures second at national championship

Dubbed the *Cinderella Team* of the N.S.C.A.A., the Warriors of Michigan Christian College recently worked their way into the association's national championship game for basketball. Even though the team did not win the national championship, they captured second place at the tournament before over 1,000

loyal fans who attended the final game in Flint, Michigan, during the college's spring break.

Covering the exciting tournament story in a special feature for the *Oakland Press*, writer Steve Addy stated, "After the big schools in Ann Arbor and East Lansing gave it the old college try and failed, it was left to a little

school on Avon Road to carry the state's final four banner."

Prior to the national tournament, Jordan College of Detroit edged the MCC team out of the regional championship with an 80-78 victory. However, the Warriors received an at-large bid to the nationals, based upon their power rating from a 16-9 season.

In the first round of the nationals, the Warriors dominated Massachusetts Bay College of Wellesley, Massachusetts, from the tip-off, and achieved an 88-54 win. In the second round, the Warriors faced the third-seeded team, Trinity College from Deerfield, Illinois. After sharing the lead with Trinity throughout the game, the Warriors eventually triumphed with a 96-89 victory in overtime.

Advancing to the final four, the Warriors faced their regional rival, Jordan College of Detroit. After losing to Jordan by a narrow margin on three occasions during the regular season, the Warriors cruised to a 108-89 victory over Jordan at the national tournament.

With three victories in hand, the Warriors of Michigan Christian College, who almost did not

qualify for the tournament, entered the championship game with Mt. Senario College of Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Coach Garth Pleasant stated, "Despite the determined effort and great fan support, the Warriors were no match for the bigger, quicker, and more experienced team from Wisconsin."

A number of individuals from the Flint area churches of Christ attended the tournament. One later wrote, "Your team played with great dignity, sportsmanship, and energy as they vied for the national title. The character of the team exemplifies the character of the coach who trained them so well." A longtime member of the Associates wrote to Coach Pleasant, describing the tournament as one of the most enjoyable events of her lifetime. Referring to her work with the Associates, she concluded, "I was reminded that all of my energy, time, and money was worth it."

The 1994 tournament marked the third time in the past ten years that the Warriors have played in the final game of the national championship tournament. The team won the national championship in 1989.



Dr. Ken Johnson honors Coach Pleasant at the Partnership Dinner.

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Alumni News and Notes

1962

John Whitwell recently accepted a position as director of bands and professor of music for Michigan State University. His wife, **Carole (Blackburn)** is a secretary for the MSU Medical School. The couple lives at 3522 Apple Valley, Okemos, MI 48864.

1968

Sandy (Waters) Phillips is working as a landscape artist. Her husband, Wayne, is an engineer. Wayne's daughter, Wendy, recently graduated from the University of Georgia, where Sandy completed a degree in 1988. The family lives at 179 Crumbley Road, McDonough, GA 30253.

1977

Steve and Brenda (Rucker) Belville are living at 120 Penry Road, Delaware, OH 43015. Steve is a surgical intensive care nurse for Grant Medical Center, and assistant fire chief for the local township. Brenda teaches first grade in the public school system. The couple has three children, Brad, Caitlin, and Alyssa.

Meghan Leigh joined the family of Clifford and **Mary (Abele) Gaskamp** on November 30. Clifford is an architect, and Mary is an elementary teacher. The family resides at 1413 Warren Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76112.

Hannah Marie joined Seth in the family of Mark and **Bonnie (Culler) Phillips** in April. Mark is a minister, and Bonnie a homemaker. The family lives at 108 Lloyd Street, Dover, OH 44622.

1981

Ron and Tanya Content recently moved to 7719 Schoolway Court, Dublin, OH 43017. Ron is a loan review officer, and Tanya is a human resource assistant.

1983

Robin Couch recently returned from a trip to Africa. While in Northern Kenya, she partici-

pated in twelve safaris. Robin can be reached at 2323 Melrose Street, #1N, Rockford, IL 61103.

Amy Lauren joined Megan in the family of Kevin and **Janice (Kilpatrick) McKisson** on March 15. Kevin is the registrar for Arizona State University, and Janice is a homemaker. The family lives at 2306 West McNair, Chandler, AZ 85224.

1984

Mark Davison recently began preaching for the Church of Christ in Marshall. Mark and **Brenda (Beck)** have two children, Brenden and Ariana. The family lives at 14734 18 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, MI 49068.

1985

Elisha Naomi Ruth joined the family of Blake and **Becky (Blake) Eubanks** on February 23. Blake works for EDS. Becky taught high school until the baby arrived. The family lives at 13055 Ballard, Clio, MI 48420.

Lance and **Lana (Stinnett) Garcia** are expecting their first child in July. Lance is a salesman for a pharmaceutical company, and Lana is a homemaker. The family lives at 504 South Walnut, Mahomet, IL 61853.

1986

Kim Martin is working in a receiving department for Wal-Mart. He is living at 453 North Comstock, Wabash, IN 46992.

1987

Joe Meredith married Michele Costello on November 13, 1993. Both Joe and Michele are coaching track teams for Ubyly High School. The couple resides at 4790 Hospital Drive, Apartment #C-3, Cass City, MI 48726.

1989

William Blake was recently promoted to regional auditor for Continental Airlines. His wife, **Melanie (Marshall)** is a cus-



Dixie Franklin, a free-lance writer from Marquette, visits with Jim Lewis and Sunny Michelin after making a presentation to an English class. Dixie is Sunny's grandmother, and the mother of Carol Sutherby (71) and Cindy Cini (73).

tomter service representative for a cleaning supply company. The couple lives at 4387 West 56th Street, Cleveland, OH 44144.

Erica Belle joined Victoria in the family of **Mark and Beth (Morton) Smith** on December 28, 1993. Mark works in construction, and Beth is a full-time student at Grand Valley State. The family lives at 34 North Clymer #5, Pentwater, MI 49449.

1990

Robert Perez and his wife, Shauna, welcomed Camden Lee on March 22. Rob is a cost accountant, and Shauna is a freelance editor. The family resides at 3226 Badger Avenue S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509.

1991

Scott and **Beth (Blake) Anse** welcomed Richard Antony on October 25. Scott is working as a manager for the Pepperdine University Warehouse Services, while completing his M.B.A., and

Beth is a homemaker. The family lives at 5902 North Las Virgenes, Calabasa, CA 91302.

1992

Jason and Leann (Fields-80) King welcomed Andrew Clark

on February 25. They also have a daughter, Katie. Jason is the associate minister of the West Street Church of Christ, and Leann is a credit manager for Alsons Corporation. The family resides at 5 East Hallett Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

New couple reflects on pioneer year

Completing a link to the pioneer year of Michigan Christian College, Larry and Pat Leslie became actively involved in the work of college last fall. As reported in a previous edition of the *North Star*, Dr. Larry Leslie, a member of the first student body, began his work as dean of academic services during the fall semester. Adding to the recent changes in their lives, Larry completed his doctorate this spring.

While officially serving as secretary to Dean Palmer during the 1959-60 academic year, Pat commented, "One had to be very flexible that first year, and help with most everything." She recalled multiple duties in more than one office, as well as times that required extra work in the cafeteria, assistance with maintenance, and hours of transporting students around town.

Known to the students as Pat Graham, Pat met Larry during the pioneer year. After leaving the college with her new husband, Pat worked for the Muncie Chamber of Commerce, and then



Memories from the first yearbook are shared by Larry and Pat Leslie.

served in a variety of roles for North Carolina State, Kansas State, and Western Michigan Universities. Most recently, she served for ten years as an office administrator for IDS Financial Services. Larry and Pat's son, Brian, attended MCC in 1986.

Both Larry and Pat fondly recall the people that made their prior experience at MCC memorable. In particular, Pat speaks

highly of E. Lucien Palmer, who eventually performed their wedding ceremony. Larry still compliments Germaine Lockwood, who prepared him to enter graduate-level courses in mathematics at Ball State University immediately after his studies at MCC. Now, both Larry and Pat are helping make it possible for current students of MCC to develop similar memories.

New Tapes

You can now order a cassette tape of the 1993-94 A Cappella Chorus, or a tape that features both Autumn and Spectrum. Each tape is only \$10.00, plus \$1.00 for shipping. Order your tapes today by calling the toll-free number indicated below. Please have credit card information available.

**MCC
Bookstore
1-800-521-6010**

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.

Remembering When . . .



Students from the pioneer year (including Dr. Larry Leslie in the foreground) use the former greenhouse for a chemistry lab.

Foundation for the Future

Introducing an exciting Capital Campaign for Michigan Christian College

SPECIAL SECTION OF THE NORTH STAR OF MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Campaign targets first phase of future campus

Targeting the first phase of development in a recently designed campus master plan, college officials have launched the *Foundation for the Future* campaign. The Board of Trustees recently approved the \$2.9 million, three-year capital campaign to assure the continued growth and development of Michigan Christian College.

Phase one of the campus master plan includes the construction of two residence halls, a student commons area, and a new campus entryway. The *Foundation for the Future* campaign is designed to fund those projects. Over the next few months, every friend of the college will be contacted and encouraged to support the program.

Planning Process

Officials identified the specific goals for phase one in the process of developing a comprehensive campus plan for the college. They prioritized projects based upon the needs emerging from the enrollment growth that the college is experiencing as a result of the development of additional four-year programs.

Meetings with city officials in the spring of 1993 revealed that the former campus master plan, which was developed in 1979,

would require substantial revision to meet current city and environmental codes. Consequently, officials appointed a committee of board members and employees to begin work on a new master plan.

In June of 1993, the college engaged the services of TMP Associates, a professional architectural firm, to assist with the project. Immediately, the firm began evaluating existing facilities in order to help the committee with decisions on which improvements and additions would be required to meet current and future needs of the college.

As the committee and TMP began their work, they established guidelines to assist them in their efforts. As stated in the forward of their final document, the committee worked with the "goals of image enhancement, quality of life improvement, and physical plant preservation." They also sought to develop a plan that would "act as an armature for future improvements and development."

By late fall, the committee completed the planning process, and finalized last minute changes in the proposed campus master plan. TMP Associates delivered a comprehensive written report, detailed plot plans and draw-



Students view a model of the campus master plan as the college launches the first phase of development.

ings, and a model of the future campus just prior to the end of the calendar year.

Future Campus

The new master plan projects the development of three focal points for campus activity. Each capitalizes on the location of current facilities, and takes into consideration the potential for further development in those areas.

Relocation of the main college entrance during phase one will

allow further development of a loop-road on the east side of the campus. In addition to moving traffic away from the heart of pedestrian activity, the road eventually will provide access to the north side of campus and the Rochester Church of Christ.

Providing a primary focal point for the campus, the full master plan projects an outdoor pedestrian mall, to be located between existing buildings on the front of the campus and a row of new

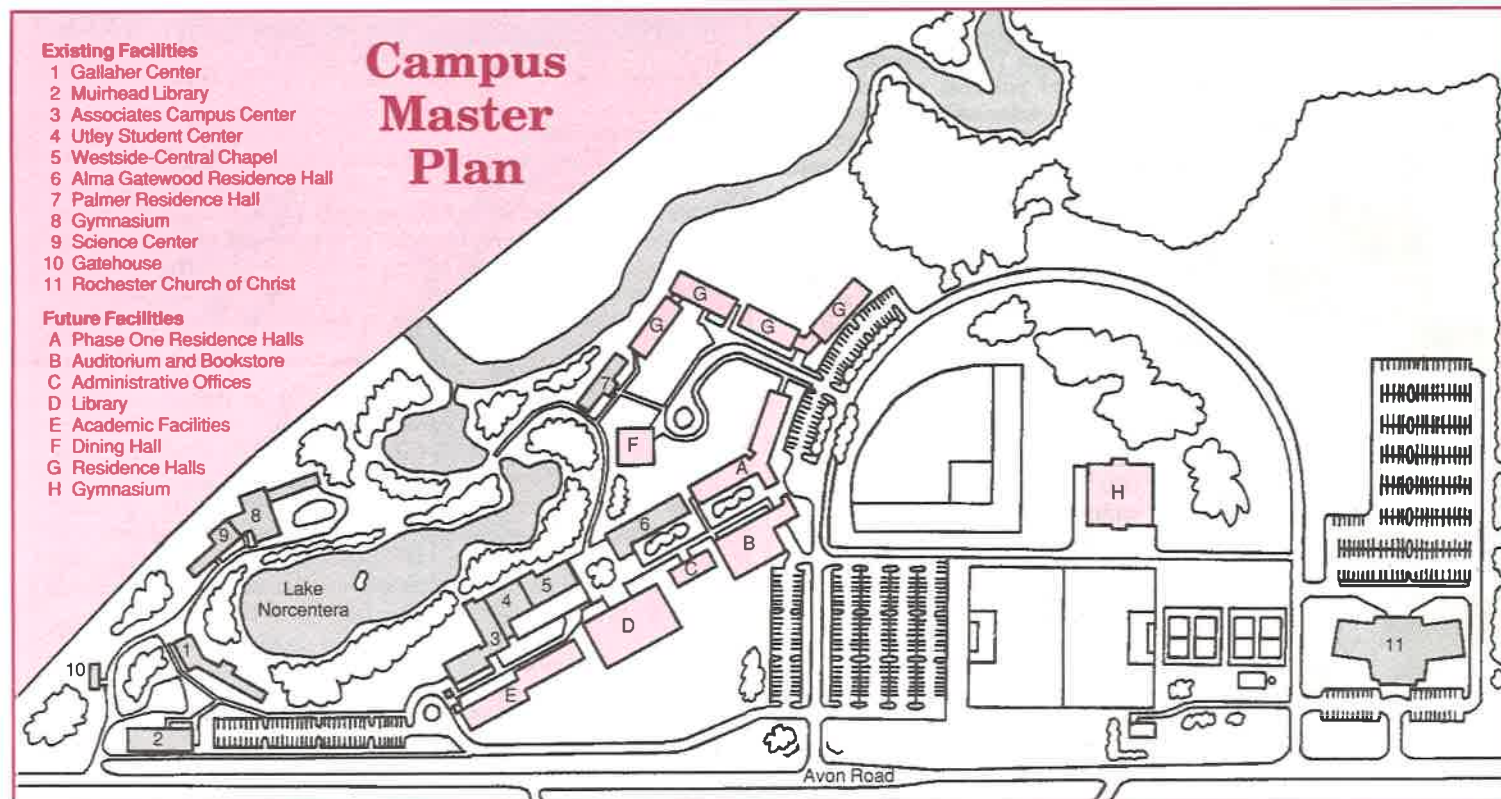
facilities. With the addition of another academic building, a new library, an auditorium, a new bookstore facility, and a student commons, this area will develop as the hub of academic and social activity on the campus. Each end of the mall will be distinguished by small theme towers.

In the area near the Alma Gatewood, Palmer, and Barbier Residence Halls, the master plan calls for the eventual construction of six residence halls. A centrally-located dining hall complements the residential area, which focuses primarily upon the needs of boarding students.

The third major focal point of the new master plan centers around athletic functions. A new gymnasium and outdoor tennis courts are projected for construction near the athletic fields.

As new facilities are constructed, existing buildings on the west side of the campus will be renovated for appropriate uses. The wooded areas surrounding the campus lakes are to be preserved in their natural state for future generations of the MCC community.

The master plan is designed for completion in several phases, as funding becomes available. Each phase is intended to give the campus a completed look at any time during the growth process. Successful completion of the initial phase through the *Foundation for the Future* campaign will provide the college with the first step toward a campus designed for the 21st century.



Growth brings new challenges as MCC looks to the future



Dear Friends and Alumni:

Michigan Christian College has before it the greatest opportunity in its thirty-five year history. The new array of nineteen distinct four-year bachelor's degree programs is attracting students in larger numbers than the college has seen in nearly twenty years. This fall, we are expecting record enrollment.

We who lead Michigan Christian College in 1994 are deeply committed to the founding purposes of the institution. We are deliberately charting our course, carefully keeping faith with the best of our past, and prudently answering the call to the future. Today's challenges are being met with fresh approaches that are refining the image of the college, and our alumni and friends are responding with enthusiasm.

This special section of the *North Star* is focused on the recently launched capital campaign, *Foundation for the Future*. This campaign addresses the most significant challenge that the college faces, residence hall space.

For the college to accomplish its mission we must speak again of financial needs and financial commitments. In the course of this capital campaign, every friend of the college will have an opportunity to participate generously in achieving the fund raising goal. Early response to pre-launch communication has been overwhelmingly positive, and I am confident that this effort will achieve the stated goals.

Please commit the campaign and campaign workers to prayer as together we build a strong *Foundation for the Future* of Michigan Christian College.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Johnson

Dr. Kenneth L. Johnson
President

Board of Trustees commits \$420,100

Showing their commitment to Michigan Christian College and the *Foundation for the Future* campaign, members of the Board of Trustees thus far have committed \$420,100 to the campaign. This amount, which includes matching funds, is in addition to their current levels of giving, and is expected to increase as the campaign continues.

Commenting on the board's participation, Chairman Bob Utley stated, "Thousands of Christians throughout the Midwest have supported the college since its beginning. They have seen the stabilizing influence of MCC and its contribution to the growth and health of the Lord's church. We believe that the continued existence of Michigan Christian College requires that we take this bold step."

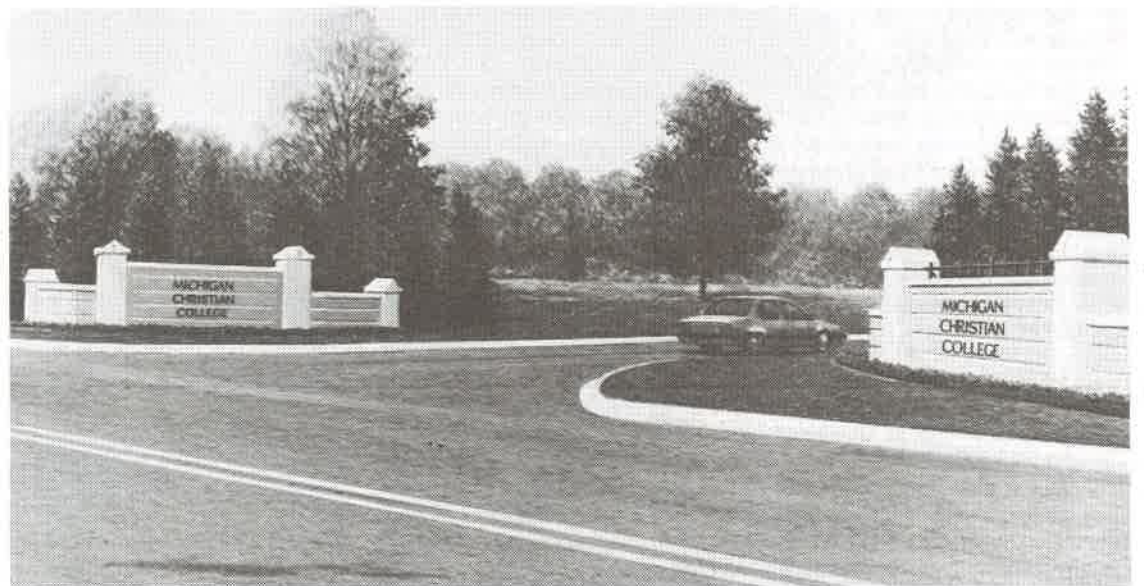
"We realize that the success of this campaign will require lead-



Board member Duane Harrison unveils a model of the new facility.

ership giving from each board member," Chairman Utley continued. "We cannot expect others to sacrifice for Christian educa-

tion if we have not sacrificed. I am happy that the members of the board are unanimous in their support of this campaign."



Enhancing the natural beauty of the campus, a new entrance provides a distinguished collegiate image.

College personnel campaign excels

Encouraging participation in the initial gift phase of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign, organizers recently encouraged the personnel of Michigan Christian College to consider personal commitments to the campaign.

College personnel, including the faculty, staff, and administration, thus far have responded by committing \$130,432 above their current financial gifts to the college toward the campaign goals. This amount is expected to in-

crease over the duration of the campaign as other employees and new personnel decide to participate in the program.

Dr. John Todd, assistant professor of political science, and Jan Coe, admissions office manager, led the campaign among the college personnel. When told of the results, Jan Coe stated, "For me, it's a wonderful encouragement to work with such a giving group of Christians who not only support the college in spirit, but also with its growth and financial needs."

Dr. John Todd added, "The employees are committed to the students and to Michigan Christian College. They have again proved this by their commitments to the campaign."

The dedication of the college personnel serves as a shining example of what can be done when individuals place Christian education at the top of their priority list. Certainly, such giving is an example of going the second mile since many of the personnel commitments to the campaign represent real sacrifice on the part of the givers.



Jan Coe and Dr. John Todd discuss the college personnel campaign.

Campaign Priorities

The *Foundation for the Future* campaign is an important first step toward completion of a campus master plan. It will provide facilities essential to the mission and future of Michigan Christian College. Successful completion of this program over three years will accomplish a variety of objectives.

Residence Halls

For the college to continue to grow, adequate housing must be available. Present residence halls are crowded. Additional housing is needed or enrollment will be restricted to present levels at a time when expanded programs are attracting more students. Two residence halls, one for men and one for women, each housing about seventy students, will relieve overcrowding and meet the critical need for additional student housing.

Campus Commons

Enrollment growth creates pressures in the day-to-day social and academic life of the campus. The present student center, laundry facilities, and social space are only marginally adequate for current enrollment. With more campus population, additional facilities serving these functions must be provided. This campaign includes construction of a Campus Commons area that will join the new residence halls. The Campus Commons will provide social space, mailboxes, and a laundry facility, greatly improving the quality of life on campus.

Campus Entryway

To meet city and county codes, changes in campus roads and parking areas are required. These improvements will enhance the natural beauty of the campus. A redesigned entrance to campus will provide a distinguished collegiate image.

Campaign involves variety of groups

Organizers of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign have divided the program into several smaller campaigns in order to provide every friend of Michigan Christian College with an opportunity to participate. Each group of friends will have its own campaign goal and organizational structure.

Campaign planners have set a goal of soliciting gifts in person or by telephone as much as possible. Even though such a process generally takes longer than a mail campaign, experience indicates that personal contact, along with a well-explained program that is wrapped in prayer,

provide the keys necessary for a successful campaign.

To date, both the Board of Trustees and the college personnel have completed the majority of their portion of the campaign. Board commitments to the campaign currently total \$420,100, and college personnel commitments amount to \$130,432.

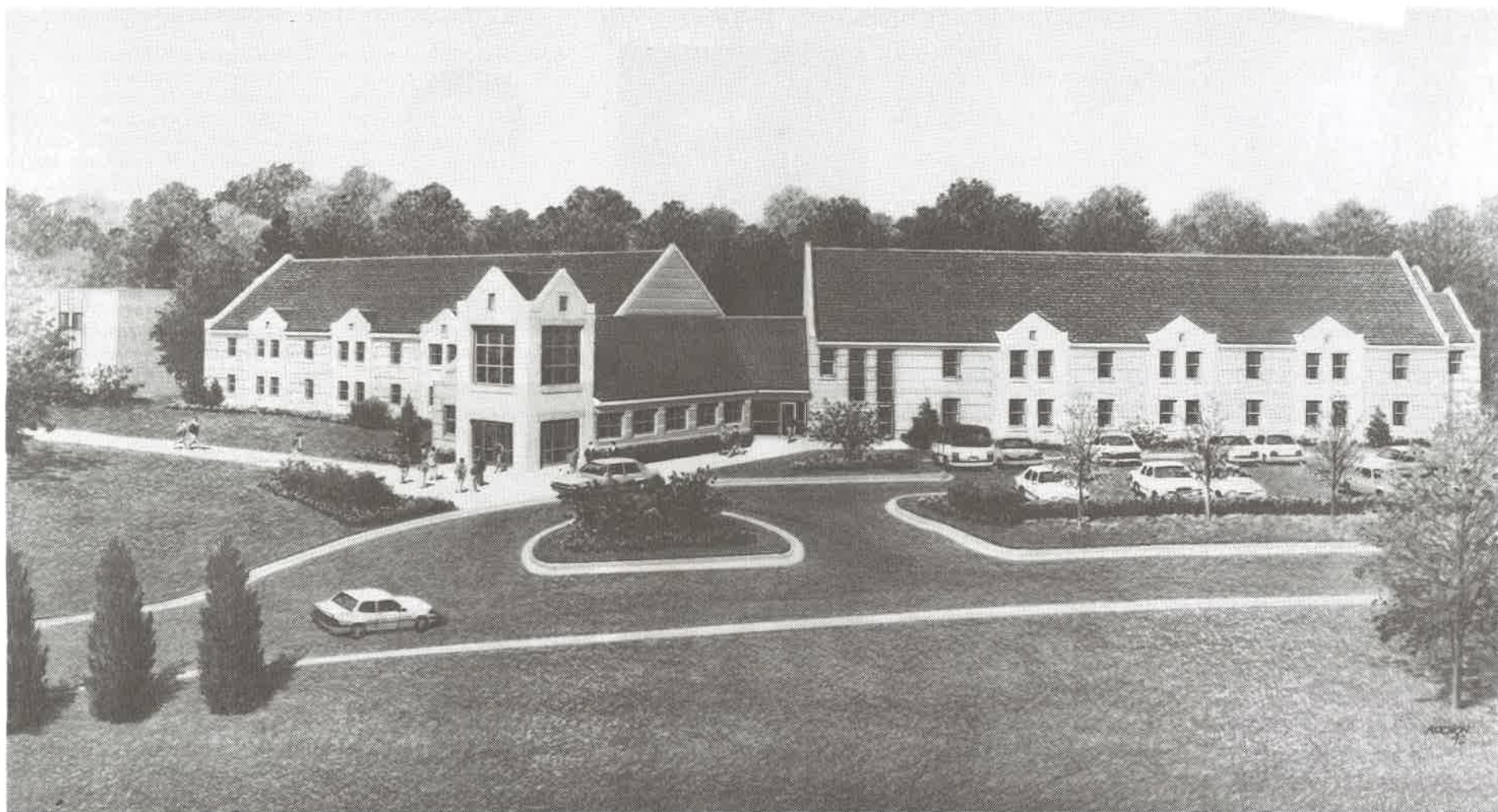
Other special campaigns that have been launched or are in the planning process include ones for alumni, current students of Michigan Christian College, parents of students, the Associates, friends of the college, the community of Rochester Hills, and selected foundations and corpo-

rations. Details concerning the goals and progress of these special campaigns will be reported during coming months in subsequent issues of the *North Star*.

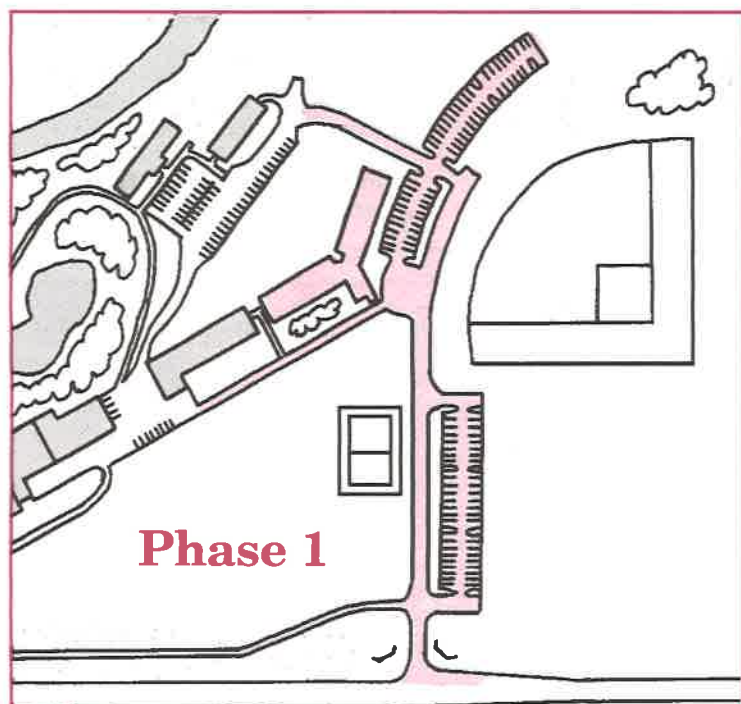
In order to assist the various support groups in their efforts, planners have designed the campaign with a three-year commitment opportunity. This type of giving program allows donors to make financial plans, which hopefully will result in their being able to participate at a higher level of giving. Commitments to the campaign are intended to be over and above current donations to the operational gift programs of Michigan Christian College;



Workers conduct soil-borings on the site of the new residence halls.



Flanked by two attractive residence halls, one for men and one for women, a campus commons provides additional social space for the student body of Michigan Christian College.

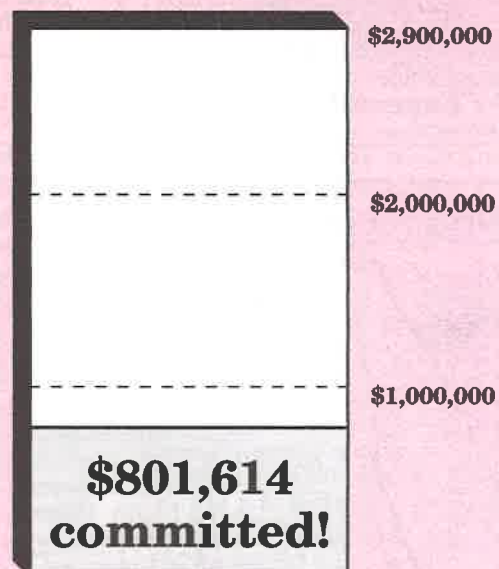


Initial Gift Commitments to Campaign

Campaign Progress Report

Prior to formal launching of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign, a number of individuals made commitments to the program. While introducing the campaign to the guests of Partnership Dinner XXIII on May 7, Dr. Ken Johnson announced that commitments to the campaign already total over \$800,000, including commitments from the Board of Trustees, college personnel, friends, and matching funds. That total represents 27.6% of the campaign goal.

Campaign progress reports will be provided in future issues of the *North Star*, including details about the campaigns conducted within the various support groups of the college. Pray for the campaign's success!



Alumni assume campaign leadership role with \$350,000 goal

Following successful campaigns by the Board of Trustees and college personnel, a special campaign among the alumni of Michigan Christian College has been scheduled as the next important phase of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign. With some early financial commitments already in hand, organizers have set a target goal of \$350,000 for the alumni.

During late June and the month of July, alumni of the college will be contacted personally by phone, and given the opportunity to participate in the campaign. In keeping with the overall campaign design, former students also will be encouraged to make three-year commitments to the program.

Several alumni, representing various time spans in the history of Michigan Christian College, have agreed to serve in a leadership capacity with the alumni portion of the campaign. Each of those individuals are listed at the bottom of this page.

Perhaps more than others, alumni possess a real understanding of the need for new residence halls and expanded student services. Their willingness to join with the college leadership and other friends of Michigan Christian College to complete this important first phase of the campus master plan will play a vital role in the success of the campaign.

A former student recently commented, "My life was touched in a very significant way by Michigan Christian College. So many people gave of their time and resources to make that experience possible for me. It is now my turn to help others have a similar opportunity in the future."

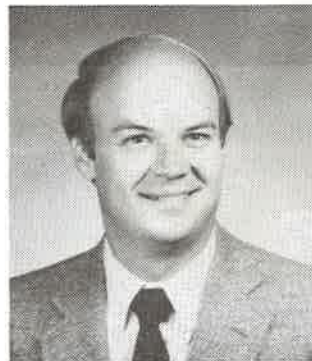
Alumni Leaders Speak Out About the Campaign

Success of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign is of vital interest to the alumni of MCC. Here is what some of them are saying.

"We've been excited from the first word about the purposes of this campaign. As Michigan Christian College has grown to bachelor's degree offerings, such growth must be accompanied by the capability to house and socialize a larger student body if the college is to succeed. Achievement of this goal will mean Michigan Christian College has turned the corner, not only into the year 2000, but into a successful conclusion to its first forty years."



Dean & Mary Moore



Rick Watson

"The impact this campaign will have on the future of Michigan Christian College is enormous. The college is growing quickly, and if this growth is to be maintained, we must provide the best facilities possible. The majority of Michigan Christian students live on campus. When you get a new place to live, everything is seen from a fresh, new perspective. The quality of campus life is important if we are to offer students the best overall education."

"So much of the Christian college experience involves social interaction. Anything that can be done to enhance positive socialization is of value. The campaign will not only benefit the students, but will help all involved to realize that we all can grow and learn. We will learn what can happen when believers unite, intent on one purpose. Christians praying for this program will have eternal implications for the students, employees, and participants."



Kent Hoggatt



Greg Guymer

"A well organized plan such as this campaign demonstrates a serious effort by Michigan Christian College to grow in both size and the ability to support the future spiritual needs of its student body. To have a good learning environment, students must feel comfortable and relaxed. For anything to grow, it needs space, a source of nutrition, and a nurturing environment. This campaign will help provide the space that will be needed."

"To borrow the words of Winston Churchill, 'This is not the end of MCC's growth, it is not even the beginning of the end, but perhaps it is the end of the beginning.' From here, MCC can go on to establish itself as a world-class Christian college. The church in the North needs a strong Christian college. The new facility will be a very positive improvement to campus life, providing the students with an environment that allows more social interaction."



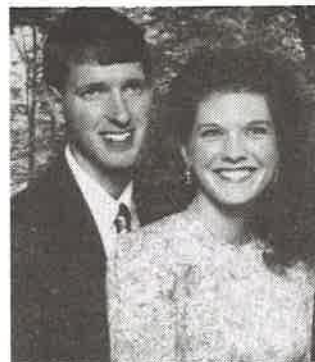
Bob Norton Jr.



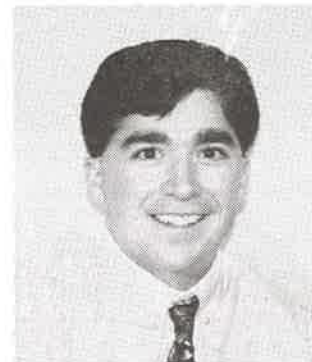
Brian Hoggatt

"The campaign will provide the funding needed to maximize effectiveness of the newly accredited four-year degree programs. The campus improvements will prepare Michigan Christian College for a larger future enrollment, which can be expected if current trends continue. Growth in enrollment is the best way to ensure that quality faculty and quality students will be attracted to Michigan Christian College in future years."

"This campaign is critical to the future of Michigan Christian College. Much has been done to improve the current facilities, but a new dorm and social space is needed. A new dorm will impact the lives of students for years to come. With the increase in degree options will come an increase in students. The college must be prepared to meet the enrollment demand. It is my prayer that former students and friends will give generously to this worthwhile effort."



Mark & Christine Brackney



Vic Bliss

"I am excited about the potential for great success that this campaign can bring to Michigan Christian College. It is amazing what God can do with those who dream big. I can see how new facilities would play a huge role in the overall educational experience. A healthy living atmosphere has a direct impact on educational achievement. This campaign will remind us of our mission, and bring us to an exciting stage of growth and renewal."

Alumni Phone Campaign

June and July

Foundation for the Future Campaign

Expect a Call!

Alumni representing several time spans in the college's history have agreed to serve in a leadership capacity with the alumni portion of the campaign. They include:

Class of 62	Dean & Mary Moore, Valparaiso, Indiana	President, Porter County United Way / Adm. Ass't. to Dean, Valparaiso University
Class of 69 & 70	Garth & Pat Pleasant, Waterford, Michigan	Athletic Director, Michigan Christian College / Elementary Secretary, Rochester Schools
Class of 70	Rick Watson, Oregon, Ohio	Sales Manager, The Cable System
Classes of 72 & 75	Kent & Debi Hoggatt, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Minister, Cedar Rapids Church of Christ / Homemaker
Class of 73	Dan & Peggy Shepard, Jenison, Michigan	Sales Representative / Merchandising Representative, Sandoz
Class of 78	Greg Guymer, Rochester Hills, Michigan	Detroit Site Manager, Lockhead Corporation
Class of 80	Tom & Diane Rellinger, Troy, Michigan	Client Account Manager, Unisys / Homemaker
Classes of 82 & 83	Bob & Kathy Norton, Ann Arbor, Michigan	Attorney, Butzel Long / Student, University of Michigan
Class of 87	Brian Hoggatt, Sturgis, Michigan	Vice President, Chief Fiscal Officer, and Treasurer, Sturgis Federal Savings Bank
Class of 89	Dereka Smith, Dayton, Ohio	Marketing Representative, Reynolds & Reynolds
Classes of 90 & 89	Mark & Christine Brackney, Rochester Hills, Michigan	Youth Minister, Rochester Church of Christ / Secretary, Allergy and Asthma Center
Class of 90	Vic Bliss, Riverview, Michigan	Youth Minister, Trenton Church of Christ



Memorial Gifts

February 12, 1994
to April 30, 1994

DON BARBIER

Darren & Judy Maggard

EDNA THEO BEASLEY

Bobby Carter

WILMA BROWN

Wallace Mays

MATT BUGG

Larry & Lynne Stewart

J. Hellen Wood

BILL CONDRA

Parkside Church of Christ

FRED FISHER

Nelson & Janis Eddy

CLARENCE GLOVER

Gerald & Sheila Gaeschke

ROGER GLOVER

Gerald & Sheila Gaeschke

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Honor Gifts

New assistant selected to aid volunteer efforts

Changing his role on campus, Phil Conner began serving as a development officer for Michigan Christian College on May 16. In his new position, Phil will be coordinating the efforts of volunteers in a variety of annual gift programs, including the various Partnership Dinners in Michigan and Illinois, and the fall Phone-a-Visit program.

After completing his associate degree at Michigan Christian College in 1989, Phil continued his studies at MCC for an additional year in the extended business program. He received his bachelor's degree in business management from Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts in December of 1991. The following month, he began full-time work with Michigan Christian College as an admissions counselor.

Commenting about his new role, Phil stated, "When you are



Phil Conner reviews records from the annual Partnership Dinners.

working for a cause that you believe in, it's hard to call it work. MCC has had a wonderful history, but its future is what has me excited. As an alumnus, I've personally seen how much support exists for the college. With everyone working together, that excitement will continue to spread."

Board presents athletic field plaque

Representing the Board of Trustees of Michigan Christian College, Chairman Bob Utley recently presented a plaque honoring Coach Bill Shinsky. Upon completion of the first phase of development of the campus master plan, the plaque will be located within the Shinsky Athletic Field.

The Board named the athletic field in honor of Coach Shinsky upon his retirement from Michigan Christian College in 1992. Bridging two generations of students, Coach Shinsky served the college for thirty-two years as an instructor of physical education, the coach of numerous intercollegiate teams, and athletic director of the college.

Projected changes in campus roadways and parking areas will

require adjustments in the playing areas of the Shinsky Athletic Field. A portion of those changes are scheduled for completion within the first phase of the cam-

pus master plan. The athletic field's plaque will stand as a fitting tribute to one who played an integral part in the development of Michigan Christian College.



Bill and Joanne Shinsky admire the new plaque with Bob Utley.



37th Annual Michigan Christian College Bible Lectureship October 2-4, 1994 "Absolutes in a Relative World"

Featured Evening Programs

Sunday, October 2	4:30 p.m.	Super Sunday Teen Special with Dr. Carly Dodd
	6:00 p.m.	Keynote Lecture by Dr. Carly Dodd
	7:30 p.m.	Biblical Archaeology by Dr. John McRay
Monday, October 3	7:15 p.m.	Michigan Christian College Concert Chorale
	8:00 p.m.	Keynote Lecture by Dr. Andrew Hairston
Tuesday, October 4	7:15 p.m.	Michigan Christian College A Cappella Chorus
	8:00 p.m.	Keynote Lecture by Patrick Mead

Daytime Lectures

Monday, October 3	Textual Classes with Jay Stephens, Jack Duty, Dr. Sherrill Cox, Stan Clanton, Paul Clark, and Dr. John McCray
	Youth Ministry Classes with Carly Dodd
	Ladies Classes with Dr. Fawn Knight
	Elders Workshop with Bruce Evans of the Herald of Truth
Tuesday, October 4	Textual Classes with Dallas Walker, John Sheperd, Dr. Vernon Boyd, Chuck Miller, Don McLaughlin, and Dr. Curtis McClain
	Expository Preaching Classes with Dr. Jerry Jones
	Ladies Classes with Dr. Fawn Knight
	Prison Ministry Workshop with Ward Barker and Dennis Kirby

Fellowship Luncheons and Dinners

Monday, October 3	12:00 p.m.	Mid-North Preachers Encouragement Luncheon
	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Luncheon Hosted by the MCC Associates
		Heritage Club and President's Circle Dinner
Tuesday, October 4	5:30 p.m.	Lectureship Fellowship Dinner

Complete schedules will be mailed in August to friends of Michigan Christian College living in the Midwest region. Others may obtain a schedule by phoning the President's Office toll-free at 1-800-521-6010. Plan now to enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of Christians and the inspiring messages of outstanding Christian servants.

At a Glance

Teenage Christian published two articles by Honors Composition students in their spring issue. Allan Durham, a sophomore from Belleville, wrote an article entitled *What is Prayer?* Melany Jones, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, authored a guest editorial on the *Example Servant*.

Performing for emotionally impaired children, the Pied Pipers recently appeared at the Barnard Center in Grosse Pointe. After the performance, an assistant wrote, "In my fifteen years at the center, I have never witnessed a more delightful student response to a program. Many of our students tend to be non-trusting, hypersensitive to touch, self-conscious, and non-spontaneous. The Pied Pipers' performance and personalities melted our students' defenses. The students were guffawing with glee and freely participating." The improvisational children's theatre troupe can be scheduled during the academic year by contacting the group's director, Andy Kronenwetter.

College grants first business degrees

Marking another historical milestone, Michigan Christian College awarded its first Bachelor of Business Administration degrees on May 7, 1994. The first recipients of the business degree joined other students receiving bachelor's and associate degrees from Michigan Christian College at the thirty-fourth annual commencement exercises.

Michigan Christian College received state authorization to award the Bachelor of Business Administration degree last April.

The North Central Association granted formal approval of the degree during the summer.

While making final preparations to offer the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, the college offered a three-year business program that allowed students to complete their bachelor's degree after an additional year at another college. All of the May graduates had been enrolled in the extended business program, allowing them to accumulate enough hours to

complete the four-year degree program at Michigan Christian College during its first year of operation.

Sharing the historical day with the bachelor's degree graduates, fifty students received associate degrees from Michigan Christian College. Of that number, 46% have already indicated their plans to return to Michigan Christian College next fall for one of the college's nineteen four-year programs.

Michigan Christian College awarded its first bachelor's degrees in 1981. Since that time the college has developed ten majors under the original authorization, including Biblical studies, Christian ministry, Christian studies, counseling, missions and evangelism, psychology, professional ministry, social work, sociology, and youth and family ministry.

Since receiving approval to award the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, the college has developed nine additional four-year programs. Beginning this fall, those programs will include business administration, child-care management, computer information systems management, criminal justice/public safety administration, human resource management, management, marketing, pre-law, and vocational ministry.

Students interested in attending Michigan Christian College this fall are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office immediately if they have not already done so. They may call toll-free at 1-800-521-6010.



Bob Utley hoods the first business degree graduate, Scott Chapman.



Employee Highlights

Steve Jones, assistant professor of business, recently co-authored an article for the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*. The report was entitled "Management Response to Disruptive Behaviors by Employees with Developmental Disabilities."

Several employees taught classes at a spring Bible Teacher's Workshop at the Allen Park Church of Christ. Those participating included Rob Byrd, instructor of mathematics and computer science, Candace Cain, dean of student services, Jim Calkin, admissions counselor, Mildred Eckstein, instructor of education, Dr. Steve Eckstein, professor of Bible and Greek, Shannon Houtrouw, assistant professor of math and computer science, Dr. Leonard Knight, director of the Counseling Center and professor of education and psychology, and Toby Osburn, dean of enrollment services.

Fabulous Fall on the Campus of Michigan Christian College

September 10, 1994 Associates Fall Festival

crafts and gifts ~ food ~ fellowship
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Students enjoy the scenic beauty of Lake Norcentra on a sunny day.

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