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Fletcher Named New President

Dr. Howard Hagerman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced that Milton B. Fletcher, currently Vice President for Public Relations and Development at Abilene Christian University, has accepted the Chief Executive's post at Michigan Christian College.

Walter Gilfilen, president for the past two years, resigned to accept a position as Dean of Development at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida, beginning July 1.

The Chairman said, "The Board of Trustees is very pleased with Mr. Fletcher's decision. We feel that his leadership abilities in the area of development are of special significance to M.C.C., which is on the threshold of new growth opportunities."

Fletcher is well-known in the Michigan-Ohio area, having served M.C.C. for twelve years during its infancy, from 1960 to 1972, first as Business Manager, and then as Vice President.

For the past eight years he has coordinated the Public Relations and Development program at Abilene Christian, which has seen this senior college achieve new highs in fund raising. Under the direction of Mr. Fletcher, Phase II of ACU's "Design for Development" generated 22½ million dollars for the University.

Recently, during October, 1979, Phase III of the Design for Development was launched with a total goal of 40 million dollars. At August 1, 1980, approximately 14 million dollars had been committed toward the Phase III goals.

Milton was born and raised in Hamlin, Texas, where he graduated from high school in 1942. He did undergraduate work at Texas Christian University and Abilene Christian University before joining the U.S. Navy in 1943. He was selected for the Navy V-12 program which culminated in the U.S. Naval Midshipmen School at Notre Dame University.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to Amphibious Forces in the Pacific where he served aboard LST 871 in various positions, ending his tour of duty as Skipper of the ship in 1946.

Following his Navy stint, he returned to ACU, where he graduated in August, 1947, with a BS degree in Business Administration. He has also taken graduate work at Southern Methodist University and Abilene Christian University. He is a graduate of Kennedy-Sinclair Institute for Estate Planning and the Gordon Caswell Associates Institute for Estate Planning.

He is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and a member of Rotary International.

His wife, Gene, is no stranger to the ladies in this area, having been actively involved in the Associates when previously living here. While at Abilene, she has been active in the Women of ACU organization, serving one year as their President.

Milton and Gene have four children: Eric, Keith, Phyllis and Paul. Their first grandchild, Whitney, was born in June to Eric and Andrea, who live in Houston.

Large enrollment increase expected for fall semester

Full residence halls are expected as well over three hundred students come to the campus of Michigan Christian College for the fall semester. An increased demand for housing space has even necessitated the converting of the former Maxon Estate gatehouse into student rooms.

With new student applications up more than 53% over the same period last year, M.C.C. will be enrolling one of the largest freshman classes in its twenty-one year history. Students are anticipated from Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Botswana, Ethiopia, Japan, and the Marshall Islands.

Utley Appointed Interim President

Robert Utley, First Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was selected by the Executive Committee to serve as Interim Chief Executive until Mr. Fletcher is able to assume full-time duties with the school.

Bob and his wife, Mary, residents of Rochester for 17 years, have been supporters of the College since its beginning in 1959. Bob has served as Director of Public Relations for the Men's Club of M.C.C. and as its President. Mary is a charter member and past President of the Associates and currently serves as Membership Chairman.

Mr. Utley is an elder at the Rochester congregation and is President of Utley Brothers, Inc., a Troy, Michigan, specialty printing firm. The Utleys have three children and six grandchildren.



Gene and Milton Fletcher

At a Glance

Eighteen students served as camp counselors and special representatives of MCC in fourteen Christian camps this summer. The students, who will all be returning to MCC this fall, participated in a total of fifty-eight weeks of camping throughout Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

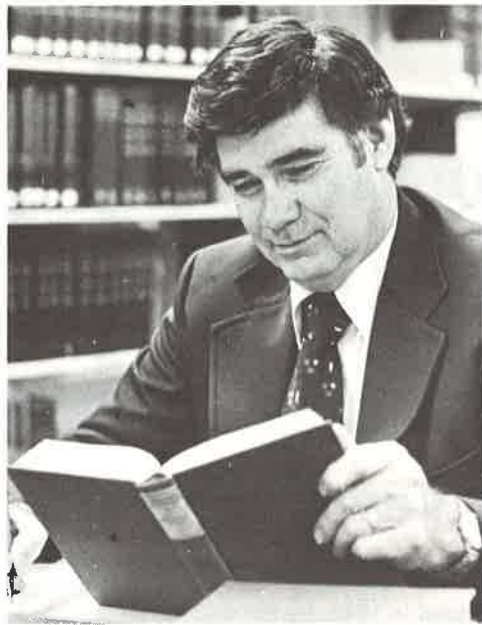
Jeanine Varner, one of MCC's English professors, recently participated as a major speaker for the Southeastern Comparative Literature Association's Flaubert Symposium at the University of Tennessee. Mrs. Varner's doctoral studies have included research about the French novelist, whose centennial is being commemorated this year.

Members of the high school class of 1981 already are sending applications to MCC. Leading the list as the first five applicants are Tim Gilfilen of Rockledge, Florida; Bobbie McGrew of Rochester, Indiana; Debra Parker of Harrison, Michigan; Denise Berger of Clawson, Michigan; and Greg Lintz of Flushing, Michigan. Apply early and enjoy priority on course selection next fall.

Noted counselor and former chairman of the Bible Department of Abilene Christian University, Dr. Paul Southern, is currently moving to Rochester to join the MCC Bible faculty. Dr. Southern will bring added depth to MCC's growing Bible program.

Construction workers have rebuilt the long stone stairway connecting the major walkways around the campus lakes. The MCC Associates funded the project, restoring an original landmark from the estate on which the campus is built.

Six students joined Bible faculty members Eldred Echols and Leonard Knight in mission efforts in South Africa this summer. They included Cherry Echols of Sterling Heights, Michigan; Clay Hart of Mansfield, Ohio; Cheryl Hodson of Benoni, South Africa; Barb Keene of Saginaw, Michigan; Tom McCurdy of Portage, Ohio; and Rick Root of Cadillac, Michigan. The group worked with the South Africa Bible School and churches in the area of Benoni. Currently four of the students plan to return to South Africa to live after their work at MCC.



Hindsley selected to study Johnson papers in Texas

Research among the presidential papers of Lyndon B. Johnson highlighted the summer for MCC history professor, Dr. Leo Hindsley. Dr. Hindsley was one of ten individuals selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities for work in the Johnson Library at the University of Texas. His study focused on French and American relations during the Johnson administration.

Dr. Hindsley began teaching at MCC in 1968. Prior to coming to MCC, he spent six years as a missionary in Paris and Toulouse, France. He recently completed his Ph.D. in diplomatic relations at the University of Michigan. He teaches French and History at MCC.

College Calendar of Events

Fall Semester Opening	September 2
Youth Leaders' Workshop	September 26, 27
Associates Fall Festival	October 4
Annual Bible Lectureship	October 6-9
Drama Performance	November 7-8
Winter Semester Ends	December 15

23rd Annual Lectureship Faculty

Ken Chaffin. Minister of the Lafayette, Indiana Church of Christ and MCC Alumnus.

Louise Cox. Assistant in Public Relations at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson, Tennessee.

Aaron Herren. Minister, North Park Church of Christ, Rockford, Illinois.

Dr. Ira North. Minister, Madison Church of Christ, Editor of the Gospel Advocate, and speaker on Amazing Grace TV program.

Clifford Payne. Minister, Flanders Road Church of Christ, Toledo, Ohio.

David Roper. Minister, Eastside Church of Christ, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Former Missionary to Australia.

Dr. Jerry Rushford. Minister, Malibu Church of Christ, Bible Teacher and Pepperdine University, MCC Alumnus.

Dr. Philip Slate. Preacher, Professor at Harding Graduate School. Former missionary to England.

Gordon Smith. Minister, Rainbow Drive Church of Christ, Gadsden, Alabama.

Dr. John Stevens. President, Abilene Christian University.

Ernie Stewart. President of Indianapolis Christian Schools.

Dallas Walker. Minister, Wyoming Avenue Church of Christ, Detroit, Michigan.

Paul Watson. Minister, Echo Meadows Church of Christ, Toledo Ohio. Former missionary to Israel.

Nick Young. Minister, Lindberg Road Church of Christ, Anderson, Indiana.

Participants from MCC Family
Jane Echols, Mildred Freeland, Milton Fletcher, Eileen Gill, Randy Gill, Jackie Hempstead, Suzie Hill, Len Knight, Coy Roper, and Mike Wilson.



Ken Chaffin Ernie Stewart Ira North



Phil Slate John Stevens Nick Young

**23rd Annual
Michigan Christian College Lectureship**

“Preach The Word”

October 7, 8 and 9, 1980

Monday Evening

6:00 p.m. Alumni Dinner*
Jerry Rushford
7:30 p.m. Ernest Stewart
“As Waters That Cover the Sea”
7:30 p.m. Randy Gill (Youth Meeting)
8:15 p.m. Dr. Ira North
“Motivation to Preach”

Tuesday Evening

6:00 p.m. Preachers/Elders and Wives Dinner
Milton Fletcher
7:30 p.m. Dallas Walker
“The Word of God, Perpetually Relevant”
7:30 p.m. Randy Gill (Youth Meeting)
8:15 p.m. Phil Slate
“Preaching in North American Culture”

Wednesday Evening

7:30 p.m. Gordon Smith
“Let’s Keep Our Priorities in
Balance”
8:15 p.m. Ken Chaffin
“Suspicion and Good News”

Thursday Evening

6:00 p.m. Bible Teachers’ and Spouses Dinner*
Paul Watson “A Teacher’s Paycheck”
7:30 p.m. MCC A Cappella Chorus
Randy Gill, Director
8:15 p.m. Dr. John Stevens
“Keeping the Church Distinctive in
a Secular Society”

*Reservations necessary to attend dinners: Call Betty at (313) 651-5800.

Day Program

<p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>MEN’S CLASS “Counseling” Dr. Paul Southern T W Th</p> <p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>MEN’S CLASS “Toward Richer Preaching: Expository Preaching” Phil Slate T “Toward Richer Preaching: Meeting Human Needs” Phil Slate W “Motivating Young Men to Preach” Aaron Herren Th</p> <p>WOMEN’S CLASS “Women of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” Louise Cox T W Th</p> <p>11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MEN’S CLASS AND CHAPEL (Gym) “Preachers Wives — Their Advantages and Disadvantages” Dr. Ira North T “Your Life’s Greatest Challenge” Nick Young W “How Can Young People Main- tain Faith Against the Odds?” Dr. John Stevens Th</p> <p>12:00 noon</p> <p>MEN’S CLASS “Church Leaders Providing Guidance for Young Preachers” Dr. Len Knight T “Exposition of II Peter” Coy Roper T</p>	<p>12:00 noon</p> <p>MEN’S CLASS Reaching the Local Community “How God Can Use One Minute” Clifford Payne W “Exposition of II Peter” Coy Roper W “Exposition of II Peter” Coy Roper Th “Restoration Preaching” Mike Wilson Th</p> <p>WOMEN’S CLASS TBA Mrs. Jackie Hempstead T TBA Mrs. Jane Echols W “Preacher’s Wife’s Life” (Panel Discussion) Mrs. Eileen Gill Mrs. Suzie Hill Mrs. Mildred Freeland Th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:00-2:30 Lunch on Your Own</p> <p>2:30 p.m.</p> <p>“The Use of Visual Aids in Bible Classes” David Roper T “Four Penetrating Questions” Ernest Stewart T “Evangelism” Eldred Echols W “The Use of Visual Aids in Bible Classes” David Roper W “‘Rabbi’ — Jesus’ Teaching of the Word” Ken Chaffin Th “The Use of Visual Aids in Bible Classes” David Roper Th</p> <p>3:30 p.m.</p> <p>TBA Dr. Ira North T “The Believable Power of Prayer” Nick Young W “Christian Education: What Do We Lack Yet?” Dr. John Stevens Th</p>
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**Men’s classes and general sessions held in Gymnasium.
Ladies classes meet in Chapel.
Dinners held in MCC cafeteria.**

Michigan Christian College
presents a
Youth Leaders' Workshop
September 26, 27

Planned especially for volunteer youth workers, this event will feature several of the most capable youth leaders in the brotherhood. Don Williams of Los Angeles does extensive training of youth leaders. Lot Therrio of Allentown, PA is a skilled youth director in great demand as a speaker to youth.

Dr. Len Knight, Mike Wilson and Garth Pleasant have each worked a number of years as full time youth directors and now teach at MCC. Another speaker, Randy Gill, MCC chorus director, has worked extensively as a volunteer youth director.

For program and registration information call or write Diane Foster of the public relations office.

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**alumni
focus**

LECTURESHIP will provide an opportunity for alumni to share an evening together. The Third Annual Alumni Lectureship Dinner will be held on Monday evening, October 6 in the MCC cafeteria. Jerry Rushford ('63) will be our guest speaker. Reservations must be placed in advance with Cathy at (313) 651-5800.

HOMECOMING for 1981 is scheduled for February 7. Class reunions are in the works for the classes of '61 and '71.

JACK CRONK (class of 1963) was recently elected president of the Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

EDIE WALLACE (class of 1967) completed her studies for her M.S. degree from Wayne State University. She is the biology instructor at MCC.

ERIC and ANDREA (Loftis) FLETCHER (class of 1970) presented our new president with first grandchild, Whitney, in June.

RANDY GILL (class of 1974) completed his work for his M.A. from The University of Michigan School of Music this summer. Randy is in his fifth year as music instructor at MCC.

ALUMNI NEWS? Please send us an update of any accomplishments, job changes, or news which we can share. Address items to Cathy Ries, Alumni Secretary, MCC.

New Faces on Campus

MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE continues to grow. This year several new people joined our faculty. No one left MCC to teach elsewhere. The new four-year Bible degree is moved closer to reality with the addition of three people. **Dr. Paul Southern** brings his many years of experience counseling and teaching at Abilene Christian University to MCC which adds greater depth to our program. His wife, **Margaret Southern**, will teach classes in methods of teaching Christian principles in the Sunday School classroom and in the role of the Christian woman. **Vernon Boyd** will teach part-time at MCC while continuing his work as the minister of the Strathmoor Church of Christ in Detroit.

During the last part of last year, **Mike Wilson** joined our staff to teach Church History and other Bible courses as well as working with the admissions department. Brother Wilson will be teaching Old Testament Survey on Monday evenings.

Business offerings will be strengthened by the addition of two new teachers who will teach part-time for MCC. **Jim Corley** who has his master's degree from Oakland University and has many years of experience in training people for the personnel department of Ford Motor Company will teach a Personnel Management course on Thursday evening. **David Arbaugh**, a graduate of MCC and Oklahoma Christian College, will be teaching in the business department while he attends graduate school in Detroit. David and Jim join **Bill Fowler**, Vice President of MCC who teaches accounting, in offering the widest

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selection of business courses that MCC has ever had.

Other people new to the staff at MCC are **Don Robinson** who returns to the staff to work in the admissions office and to represent the bookstore at area functions and **Linda Brown** who just graduated from MCC and who now works in admissions.

**Fall Festival set for
Saturday, October 4th**

"Bigger and better than ever" is the way Fall Festival chairman, Mildred Freeland describes the upcoming annual event. This year there will be more than 50 booths, including a variety of food booths. The famous Steerburger booth from Toledo will be back. There will be games and go-carts for the children, an auction of quilts and many other special features for the whole family.

One of the highlights of the day will occur at noon as the 1980 Associates Queen is crowned. Mrs. Freeland said that this event is expected to net some \$15,000 in queens' votes.

The Festival will be open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., rain or shine.