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Autumn "On The Road Again"



Autumn members, Lisa Morris, Mr. Randall Gill, Sherry Taylor, David Allen and Loree Utley.

For the fourth time in MCC's history, Autumn is "on the road again" traveling throughout the midwest United States singing and talking with hundreds of young people about the advantages of Christian education.

The 1978 Autumn consists of three freshmen and one sophomore. Returning for his second year with the group, David Allen, of Grand Rapids, MI adds experience through his vocal talent as well as expertise on the guitar.

Vocalists Lisa Morris, Franklin, IN, and Sherry Taylor, Flint, MI are joined by another freshman, Loree Utley of Rochester, MI on the bass and guitar. Also performing with the group for the first four weeks of travel is the originator of Autumn, Mr. Randall Gill, who serves as MCC's Musical Director.

On their ten week tour, Autumn will perform each evening entertaining young people at home parties, youth rallies, banquets, and Christian youth camps. Traveling from town to town in their Chevy van, the group will have the opportunity to fellowship with Christian young people throughout Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

When Autumn is in your area, don't miss the opportunity to meet with these outstanding representatives of Michigan Christian College. You may even wish to purchase their latest album "On The Road Again" as a memory of Autumn's fourth fantastic summer on the road.

Seven Years of Service

After much painful and prayerful consideration, Dr. Don Gardner, MCC's third president, and Mrs. Audrey Gardner, Director of Financial Aid, submitted their resignations recently to the Board of Directors of Michigan Christian College.

Joining the MCC family in 1971, Dr. Gardner has led the administration through times of uncertainty to the present situation which shows an optimistic future for our institution.

During his leadership, the gift income has increased from \$187,000 to \$450,000 approaching the one-half million mark annually. The annual budget has increased from \$700,000 in 1971 to \$2 million for the 1977-78 academic year with debt decreasing almost 50 percent in these seven years.

Enrollment has increased 84 percent since 1971 with 1,276 students having known Dr. Gardner as their president. Through his positive leadership, we have seen Michigan Christian College receive full accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary

Schools in 1974 and once again in 1977. We experienced the "Year of the Yes" and learned to become more dependent upon our Father from whom comes our strength.

Mrs. Gardner contributed greatly to the growth of Michigan Christian College through her work with the financial aid program. Under her direction, the Basic Grant Program for MCC increased from \$12,000 in 1971 to \$120,000 for the fall of 1977. Starting with a small work-study program of \$2,000 in 1973, students are now serving in the cafeteria line, maintaining the grounds, typing away and performing various other tasks as a part of the present \$60,000 work-study program.

These two outstanding Christian leaders have brought optimism and dedication to the MCC family. Their love and enthusiasm will be greatly missed and we wish them the best as they settle in Houston, Texas where Dr. Gardner will become president of Greater Houston Christian Schools.



Alumni In Action

Cynthia Palmer, a 1976 graduate from Belleville, MI has completed a very busy senior year at Oklahoma Christian College reigning as Homecoming Queen and portraying the female lead in Fiddler on the Roof. Her theatrical abilities recently earned her the Best Actress Award for the third consecutive year.

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Also a graduate with the class of '76, Ron Hadfield of Dearborn Heights, MI is preparing to serve his second term as editor of Abilene Christian University's student newspaper.

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A 1975 graduate, Craig Ireland of Midland, MI will assume his duties as science teacher and coach in September at the West Memphis Christian School in West Memphis, Arkansas.

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Chosen by students and faculty to reign as their Miss MCC of 1973, Jill Drummond Brazle is now serving with her husband, Mark, as a missionary in Belgium. Jill came to Michigan Christian College from Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

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Jim Bruce, class of '67, presently serves as Manager of Human Resources Development for American Motors Corporation and is the first alumni appointed to MCC's Board of Directors. Jim and his wife, Carol, met at MCC and now reside in Livonia, Michigan.

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MCC's first student body president, Leonard Blake, is continuing his leadership as he serves as Director of Colorado Christian Services. Leonard and his wife, Dona Mai, are both 1961 graduates.

Schedule of Events

September 3
Dormitories Open

September 4 and 5
Registration

September 6
Classes Begin

October 7
Fall Festival

October 9 - 12
Lectureship

Don't Miss the Boat

Applications for admissions are still being accepted for the 1978 fall term, and financial aid is available for those students having a need factor. If you would like to join the MCC family or know of a student who might be interested, please write or phone:

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