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## Church prepares to open new facility on property bordering college campus

Nearly five years of planning and waiting will end in April as the Rochester Church of Christ moves to its new building. The new facility is located on property bordering the southeast corner of the Michigan Christian College campus.

Throughout the early 1980's, leaders of the Rochester congregation anticipated the need for additional space. A study by an architectural firm concluded that the former facilities could not be expanded substantially and recommended that the congregation relocate.

Since the Rochester congregation provides a church home for many students while they are enrolled at Michigan Christian College, church leaders made a commitment to relocate as close to the campus as possible. A lack of available property near the campus resulted in a proposal that the church buy property from the college.

After several months of study and discussion, the MCC Board of Trustees passed a mo-

tion on April 27, 1985, allowing the college to proceed with the sale of eight acres to the church. Two months later, the church appointed a building committee to begin specific plans for a building. The transfer of property occurred on June 19, 1987 and site development began in January of 1989.

The new 30,000 square foot facility features an auditorium with a normal seating capacity of 949. A large foyer with glass windows looking into the auditorium provides substantial overflow seating.

Including multi-use areas, the building contains nineteen spacious classrooms. The fellowship hall, which will seat about 300 for meals, divides into three classrooms for adults. A large multi-use area in the east wing will serve as a classroom for two cradle roll classes during Bible class hours, a nursery during worship, and a day care facility during the week.

MCC students will benefit particularly from the opening of



Students visit the auditorium of the new Rochester church building prior to opening day.

the new building since it is within walking distance of the campus. In addition, the church plans to make the auditorium and fellowship hall available for special college functions.

In the fall, the annual MCC Lectureship will move to the new building. The college also plans to open a Child Development Center in the new facility. The center will serve community and church families with day

care services and will provide opportunities for class observation and internships in the new Early Childhood program.

Michigan Christian College and the Rochester Church of Christ, though independent of one another, have grown together for thirty years. The location of the new church facility should provide even further opportunities for mutual encouragement and service.

## Alumni to join chorus for Partnership Dinner

Former chorus members recently received an invitation to perform with the A Cappella Chorus at Partnership Dinner XIX. The combined group will spend six evenings in rehearsal during the months of March, April, and May in preparation for the May 12 dinner.

An Alumni Chorus formed in 1979 to perform at Partnership Dinner VIII. The structure of this year's group will provide a special treat for alumni since it will allow them to sing with current and former students.

In addition to the Alumni Chorus, Dr. William Teague, President of Abilene Christian University, will speak to the dinner audience. The dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of Cobo Civic Center in Detroit.

Local chairmen in eighty congregations throughout Michigan and Ohio have been organized to promote the dinner campaign. The ticket price remains

\$75 for adults and \$35 for students. Dinner organizers have set an attendance goal of 2,000.

Partnership Dinner originated in 1972 as a means of meeting the annual payments on the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall. During the past decade, the dinner has been a major factor in balancing the budget and expanding programs offered by the college.

Partnership Dinner has symbolized the strength that a region of Christians can provide for its college. The event has also developed into the largest annual gathering of Christians in the Midwest. No other region of the country has ever accomplished a more dramatic effort on behalf of Christian education.

To reserve your place at Partnership Dinner XIX, contact your local congregational chairman or phone Herchel McKamey, MCC Director of Development, at (313) 651-5800.

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Homecoming Queen Ann Bliss poses for pictures after the crowning ceremony. Homecoming articles on pages 3 and 4.

## Day of Prayer and Offering for Eastern Europe slated



Dear Friends:

Recently we received information from Dr. Stafford North of Oklahoma Christian College regarding a special project aimed at the evangelization of Eastern Europe. Dr. North requested that our various educational institutions across the brotherhood do what we can to spread word about this effort.

Sunday, April 29, 1990, has been set aside as a worldwide day of prayer and offering for Eastern Europe among the churches of Christ. A group of forty missionaries and church leaders in Europe developed the concept, and the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas has agreed to coordinate the effort.

The Prestoncrest church is preparing a list of projects to be included in the funding appeal. Congregations will be asked to designate which project they would prefer supporting with their contribution. Every congregation is being encouraged to raise an amount equal to twice its regular Sunday contribution.

May we encourage you to support this great effort. Certainly we all realize that our educational institutions are not the Church, but one of our stated purposes is to serve the congregations in our clientele areas. For that reason, we pass word on to you about this worthy project.

Each of us is interested at the moment in reaching those people in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union who have been restrained from hearing the gospel for so long. With our assistance, they now have the opportunity to hear the gospel as free people.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher  
President

## College provides site for metro Bible Bowl

Mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness are evident as teams of students from fourth grade through twelfth converge on the campus of Michigan Christian College each month for their regular Bible Bowl competition. The college is providing the site for this activity for the fourth consecutive year.

In preparation for the event, maintenance workers transform the front of the chapel into

a large stage with three tiers of tables and answer boxes. Teams are usually divided into three rounds to accommodate the number of participants. Senior teams compete on Saturdays and primary and junior teams on Sundays.

Although the organizers of Bible Bowl choose subject matter for the competition, staff from the college generally are selected to prepare questions. This year, Mildred Eckstein, Instructor of Education, and Nan Eckstein, Director of Financial Aid, are preparing questions on the book of I Corinthians.

At the competition, MCC students serve as scorekeepers. Beginning this year, the college also is providing entertainment for those waiting to enter the chapel for their round of competition. Bible Bowl concludes in May with an awards banquet in the MCC Cafeteria.



Birmingham Bible Bowlers concentrate on questions.



Voices of ninety-four singers blend as the Festival Chorus presents its program.

## MCC, OVC, NCJC meet for choral festival

Choral groups from three Christian colleges met in Parkersburg, West Virginia for a weekend Choral Festival on January 12-13. Participants included Michigan Christian College, Ohio Valley College of Parkersburg, and Northeastern Christian Junior College of Villanova, Pennsylvania.

The festival developed as a result of discussions that occurred last summer among the directors. All three felt that they would not be attending the annual Christian College Choral Festival in Abilene, Texas because of the distance. They agreed that a festival for the three colleges would provide a similar musical experience and even greater opportunities for members of the groups to interact.

The combined chorus of ninety-four singers began rehearsals on Friday and per-

formed the next evening at the Grand Central Church of Christ in Vienna. Dr. Kenneth Davis, retired choral director of Harding University, served as clinician for the event. In addition, each of the individual groups performed on Saturday evening.

The festival highlighted a ten-day tour of the MCC A Cappella Chorus. The group left campus on January 6 and performed on nine occasions in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia.

Performances in Virginia and Maryland provided an opportunity for two days of sight-seeing in the nation's capital. United States Representative William Broomfield arranged for a tour of the White House and a performance on the steps of the Capitol.

While making arrangements for the visit to Washington,

D.C., Kent Hoggatt also arranged for a flag to be flown over the Capitol in honor of Christian education. The flag was later presented to MCC.

Writing to President Fletcher after the tour, OVC Choral Director Tim Dishman stated, "I was very impressed with your choral group. It is one of the finest groups that I have heard from MCC. Joe [Bentley] has done a great job."

## At a Glance

Mission Emphasis completed a March 12-16 campaign over spring break. Campaigners visited with residents of Oscoda and Tawas for five days in preparation for a Friday evening program.

Students from MCC assisted teens from the Park Forest Church of Christ in Matteson, Illinois with a recent weekend benevolence activity. The group packaged about 500 sets of clothing and personal care items for distribution in inner city Chicago. They also spent time together in devotionals and a tour of the city. Youth groups interested in involving MCC students in their special activities should call Kent Hoggatt at (313) 651-5800.

Hearing the famous St. Olaf Choir in their final tour with conductor Kenneth Jennings highlighted February for a group of MCC students. The St. Olaf Choir originated the A Cappella choral movement in the United States in the early 1900's.

Students and employees recently participated in a special Day of Prayer. Most of the chapel hour was spent in prayer, followed by another hour of prayer by the employees during lunch.

## MCC Chorus Spring Tour

Sunday, May 6th 3:30 p.m.	Linwood Church of Christ Detroit, Michigan
Monday, May 7th 7:30 p.m.	Gaylord Church of Christ Gaylord, Michigan
Tuesday, May 8th 7:30 p.m.	Petoskey Church of Christ Petoskey, Michigan
Wednesday, May 9th 7:30 p.m.	Newberry Church of Christ Newberry, Michigan
Thursday, May 10th 7:30 p.m.	Church of Christ Big Rapids, Michigan
Friday, May 11th 2:00 p.m.	Valley Christian Academy Burton, Michigan
Saturday, May 12th 6:00 p.m.	Partnership Dinner XIX Detroit, Michigan
Sunday, May 13th 9:30 a.m.	Clawson Church of Christ Clawson, Michigan
Sunday, May 13th 6:30 p.m.	Cross Street Church of Christ Ypsilanti, Michigan
Monday, May 14th 7:30 p.m.	Marshall Church of Christ Marshall, Michigan
Tuesday, May 15th 7:30 p.m.	Church of Christ Valparaiso, Indiana
Wednesday, May 16th 7:30 p.m.	Southside Church of Christ Grand Rapids, Michigan





## Employee Highlights

Classes at the March 8-10 Michigan Youth Conference included sessions by Terry Blake, Jim Calkin, Steve Eckstein, Mike and Birgie Houston, and Herchel McKamey.

Kent Hoggatt spoke at a January Teachers' Banquet of the Wayne Church of Christ.

Dr. Mike Houston recently completed a series on Bible translations at the Madison Heights Church of Christ.

Recent Sunday teacher workshops at the Hazel Park Church of Christ featured MCC faculty members Debi Hoggatt, Leonard and Fawn Knight, Garth Pleasant, and Lynne Stewart.

## MCC Employment Opportunities

Admissions Counselor.  
Phone Kent Hoggatt,  
Director of Admissions,  
at (313) 651-5800.

Instructors in Business,  
Art, and Communication.  
Phone Dr. Leonard  
Knight, Academic Dean,  
at (313) 651-5800.

## Honors composition class uses instructor's expertise

Group research and writing projects have become a tradition in the *Honors Composition* course taught each semester by Dr. Fawn Knight. Students enrolled in the current course chose a project directly related to Dr. Knight's expertise. Each student is preparing a manuscript for a children's book.

Dr. Knight, who holds a Ph.D. in Reading and Children's Literature from Oakland University, has distinguished herself as a specialist in her field. It is not uncommon for her to speak at conferences, publish articles, and teach special courses at local universities.

During the 1988-89 academic year, Dr. Knight developed a slide program entitled "Fundamentals of Illustration in Books for Children." This program is used by professors at Oakland University and Macomb Com-

munity College. She currently is teaching a graduate level course in children's literature at Oakland University.

Dr. Knight is now involved in a research project to identify and compare versions of selected classics from medieval and early renaissance British literature. Since many college students find the literature of this period difficult to understand, she hopes to develop adaptations to support reading of the originals.

In addition to composition, Dr. Knight teaches American, World, and English Literature at MCC. Her courses are known for their depth of content, special projects, and field trips. Most classes visit plays each semester at either Meadow Brook Theatre or the Hilberry Theatre and are often given backstage tours. Her professional connections have allowed



*Drama is discussed by Dr. Fawn Knight and Vic Bliss.*

MCC students to participate in seminars with famous authors and directors.

Dr. Knight completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Pepperdine University. She began teaching at MCC in 1978 and has contributed substantially to the recognition of MCC in the academic community.



*Classes are represented at Homecoming by Gail Rathbun, Darcy Washburn, Tammy Brewster, Ann Bliss, Lisa Castro, and Laura Day (left to right).*

## February guest programs draw crowds to campus

Two traditional events brightened February as students and off-campus guests shared the activities of Homecoming and Celebration. Weather conditions had only minor effect on the attendance of either event.

In addition to alumni activities, participants of Homecoming witnessed the crowning of Ann Bliss of Traverse City, Michigan, as Homecoming Queen. Ann's court included Tammy Brewster of Angola, Indiana and Michigan students Lisa Castro of Rockford, Laura Day of Marshall, Gail Rathbun of Lake Orion, and Darcy Washburn of Washington.

Both the men's and the women's basketball teams achieved afternoon victories over Summit Christian College. The evening banquet featured

performances by the Tumbleweeds and Company.

*Celebrate Heroes* served as the theme for the fourteenth annual Celebration in Song. Musical selections highlighted heroes from the worlds of music, history, sports, the old west, fiction, and the movies.

James McDuffie of Benton Harbor, Michigan; Karen Petrich of Flint, Michigan, and Darcy Washburn of Washington, Michigan hosted the production.

The Saturday matinee drew its largest audience of teens in six years. During the intermission, an announcement was made about developing icy conditions, but few left early. Many watched the remainder of the program and simply spent an extra night on campus!



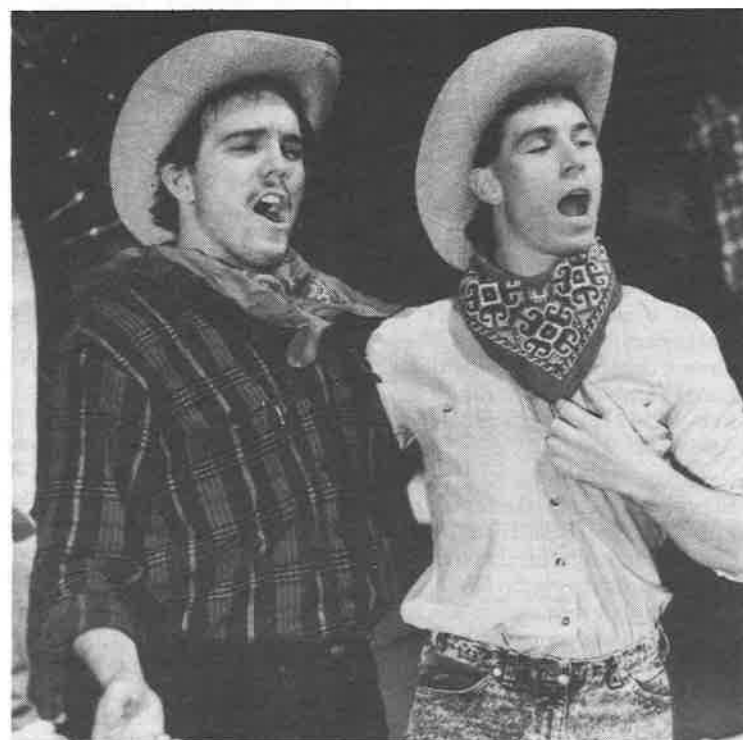
### BASKETBALL

Coach Garth Pleasant's Warriors finished the NSCAA district tournament on February 23-24 in runner-up position. Although the team did not place in the nationals this season, they entered the tournament on March 5 as the second-seeded team. They ended the year with an overall 19-8 record. Dwayne Tubbs of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was named to the NSCAA All-American Team.

Third place in the Baron Classic of Ohio State University in Lima highlighted the month of January for the women's basketball team. They went on to complete their season with a 12-14 record and an eighth position ranking in the NSCAA. Coach Barry Wheeler, in his first year with the team, helped them post their best season since entering intercollegiate competition.

### TRACK

Participants in track continued to establish MCC records as the team completed their indoor season. Mark Mantych of Fraser, Michigan, took seventh in the Pentathlon of the Eastern Michigan University Classic in February. The competition included athletes from many of the major state universities in Michigan and Indiana.



*Western heroes are saluted by Brian Davies and John Batty.*

## Homecoming guests learn of plans for October 6 Alumni Beautiful Day

Opening comments by President Fletcher at Homecoming Chapel included an announcement of plans for Alumni Beautiful Day. In addition, Homecoming featured a reunion for the class of 1985 and presentation of an Alumni Citation.

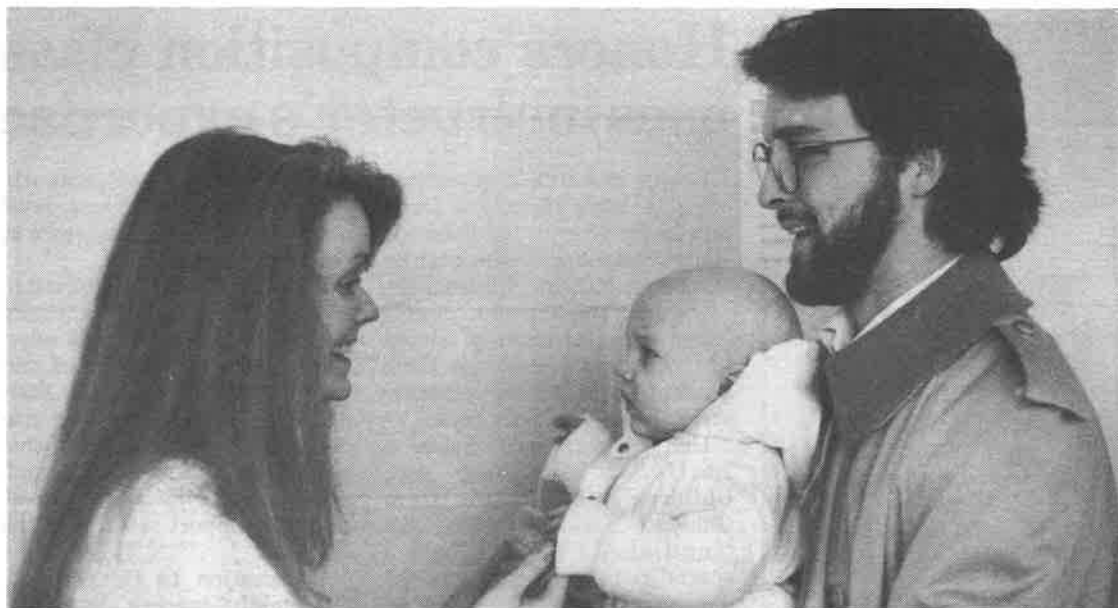
The first Alumni Beautiful Day is slated for October 6, 1990. Alumni will be encouraged to gather in their home communities to share the day and reminisce about MCC. Whether having dinner with another family or hosting a large reunion, participants will be encouraged to submit reports of the day's activities for publication in the *North Star*.

At the conclusion of remarks about Alumni Beautiful Day, members of the class of 1985 led the devotional at Homecoming Chapel. Stan Day of the class of 1965 spoke to the assembly about the "Importance of a Name."

After chapel, members of the class of 1985 met in the Gold Room for lunch. Rob Losher, Peggy (Whitman) Morningstar, and Wendy (Walling) Zawalski organized the luncheon.

At the evening banquet, the Alumni Association honored Dennis and Cynthia Saulsberry with an Alumni Citation. The couple was cited for their service to the Plymouth Church of Christ and to MCC.

Dennis is employed by Conrail, leads singing regularly at the Plymouth church, and has served as a Partnership Dinner Congregational Chairman for over ten years. Cynthia, the former Cynthia Clark, was recipient of the first Associates Scholarship in 1967. In addition to teaching in the public schools and in the Bible School program of the Plymouth church, she has been an active member of the Associates for twenty years.



Trudy (Fair) Ashby admires Mike Morningstar's future MCC student at the class reunion.

## Alumni News

1961

**Gary and Onita (McCray) Lutes** returned to mission efforts in Chile in March.

1963

**Phyllis (Holt) Davis** continues to teach at Southwestern Christian College. She and Willie have three children, Brian, Kendall, and Monica. They live at 6433 Autumn Woods Trail, Dallas, TX 75232.

1975

**Carolyn (Brown) Norville** provides child care services in her home at 43829 Chalmette Court, Canton, MI 48188. She and Steve have three children, Eric, Nicholas, and Benjamin.

**Jennifer (Mitchell) Rainey** recently joined the management staff of the INB National Bank. She and her daughters, Christina and Andrea, live at 905D Fairmead Road, Plainfield, IN 46168.

1976

**David Heintzman** and his wife, Pamela, gave birth to twin boys, Grant and Bryce, last August. They also have a daughter, Lesa. David works as a design engineer for South Central Bell. They reside at 1125 Green Acres Road, Joeltown, TN 37080.

**Alan (79) and Cheryl (Knight) McClurg** live at 6636 Crystal Hill Drive, Memphis, TN 38115. Cheryl is Director of Applicant Resources at Southern College of Optometry and AI is an auditor.

1979

**Blythe (Runyan) Gibson** moved to 8165 Storrow Drive, Westerville, OH 43081. She is a Computer Programmer Analyst. She and James have two children.

**Bonnie Tolliver** married Thomas Wright last September. She is a Specification Analyst for Modern Engineering and is working on her Master's degree at Wayne State. The couple lives at 32325 Concord, Apartment E, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public and Church Relations, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48063.

Name (maiden if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

MCC Class \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (maiden if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

MCC Class \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc., on a separate sheet.

1981

**Tim Dill** recently began studies at the Institute for Christian Studies. He may be contacted at 1908 University Avenue #105, Austin, TX 78705.

**Brenda (Wallace) Jones** now works as a receptionist/secretary for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. She and her husband Clarence also farm. Their address is HC 63, Box 122-A1, Clearfield, KY 40351.

1982

**Doug Doyle** is serving as minister of the Creston Church of Christ. He and his wife, Ann, are expecting their first child in October. They live at 3337 Paris N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

**Michael and Teresa (Howell) Lines** became the parents of Katherine in January. They have three other children, Laura, David, and Sarah. They live at 4716 Eastwood Way, Anderson, IN 46017.

1983

**Steve and Karla (Lutes) Hawkins** gave birth to their fourth child, Dustin, in November. They plan to move to Chile this summer and work with Karla's parents in mission work. They are living at 9873 Mariners, Orlando, FL 32827.

**John and Jacqueline (Swinehart) Sanford** gave birth to

John II last August. They reside at 149 Mechanic Street, Clyde, OH 43410.

1984

**Rita Lutes** has been working for the Abilene Girl's Home since completing her Master's degree at Abilene Christian University. She lives at 500 North Judge Ely, #5-105, Abilene, TX 79601.

1985

**Patrick Medlock** completed a degree at the University of Michigan Dearborn in December. He is now working as a labor relations specialist at Conrail and plans a March wedding to Pamela McClure. He lives at 15920 Beaverland Avenue, Detroit, MI 48223.

1986

**Jody Foster** is teaching English in a Japanese public school system. She is living at 2844-4 Watari-cho, Mito-shi, Ibaraki-Ken 310, Japan.

1988

**Brian Cain and Lisa Barnett (87)** were married on March 3. Brian is a maintenance assistant at MCC and Lisa is a secretary. They are living at 2593 Patrick Henry Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48057.

1989

**Sheri Day** was married to Arthur Rousseau last summer. She may be reached at 35 Valiant Street, Hill Air Force Base, UT 84056.



Alumni Citation recipients Dennis and Cynthia Saulsberry receive their certificate from President Fletcher.

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## MCC personnel staff GLCC Workshop

Faculty and administrators from Michigan Christian College traveled to Beamsville, Ontario on March 2 to staff the annual Bible Teacher's Workshop of Great Lakes Christian College. Normally, Great Lakes does not repeat workshop instructors for at least three years, but the positive response to the MCC team that taught in 1988 resulted in an exception.

Although most classes focused on teaching methods, others such as *Mobilizing Talents in Local Congregations* rounded out the program. Teachers included Milton B. Fletcher, Joe Bentley, Steve and Mildred Eckstein, Kent and Debi Hoggatt, Leonard Knight, Michael Light, and Larry and Lynne Stewart.

The MCC Chorus also performed at the Great Lakes Workshop as a part of a weekend tour to Canada. On the Sunday following the workshop, MCC personnel spoke in five Canadian congregations.

The Great Lakes program marks the seventieth workshop conducted by MCC since 1979. Congregations interested in hosting a workshop should contact Larry Stewart, Director of Public and Church Relations, at (313) 651-5800.



Workshop guests listen attentively to Lynne Stewart.

## Volunteers in Action

Project chairperson Ginny May recently reported that the Associates raised \$17,538.14 by staffing souvenir booths at the Pontiac Silverdome this season. Improvements in the performance of the Lions helped boost the project income to a little over double the amount raised last year. Judy Miller supervised the project at the stadium.

Members of the 1989-90 MTC 400 Club soon will receive a special edition cassette of the A Cappella Chorus and Autumn. The tape is being sent as a token of appreciation to the members, who each donated \$400 or more during a year.

Jim Wood

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# Over 2,500 assist with gift programs

Donors continued to rally in support of Michigan Christian College during the 1989 calendar year by providing \$784,780 in gift income. These gifts from 2,561 individuals and organizations assisted the college in meeting 27% of the annual operational expenses.

Although the majority of gifts were provided by individuals, many of those individuals made it possible for MCC to receive additional support from their employers. A total of 84 companies matched their employees and provided \$89,142 of the gift income.

Gifts from 25 churches accounted for \$19,300 of the gift income. Most of those gifts, each noted with an asterisk in the below donor list, were given to support instruction and scholarships in the Bible Department. The remainder were donations to the travel funds of groups like Autumn and the Chorus.

Michigan Christian College salutes the good people and organizations listed on these two pages for their confidence in Christian education. Regardless of the size of their gift, each donor helped provide the support necessary for the college to continue training leaders for the church of the 21st century.

## 1989 Gift Summary

Club Name	Level of Giving	Number of Donors	Total Gifts
Loyalty Club	\$ 0-\$ 99	1,348	\$ 49,261
Century Club	\$100-\$399	1,001	\$177,195
MTC 400 Club	\$400-\$999	130	\$ 67,219
President's Circle	\$1000+	82	\$491,105
<b>Total of Donors and Gifts</b>		<b>2,561</b>	<b>\$784,780</b>

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## Program expansion and financial stability mark the past decade

Students enrolled in Michigan Christian College during the 1980's benefited from the largest expansion of programs since the college opened in 1959. Under the leadership of President Milton B. Fletcher, who began his tenure in 1980, the college experienced not only a time of program expansion, but a time of greater financial stability as well.

### ACADEMICS

**Accreditation.** In 1980, the North Central Association opened a new era of service for MCC by extending accreditation to the Bachelor's degree-granting level in Bible. NCA reaffirmed institutional accreditation in 1983 and again in 1989.

**Bachelor's Degrees.** MCC began offering the Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1980 with majors in Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry. An additional major in Counseling was added in 1989.

**Extended Business Program.** In preparation for the addition of a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, MCC began operation of a three-year business program in 1987.

**Applied Science Majors.** In 1981, a new major in Legal As-

sistance joined an existing major in Secretarial Science for those students desiring immediate employment after MCC. In 1983, new lab facilities permitted the addition of majors in Computer Information Systems, Word Processing, General Business, Accounting, and Homemaking. A Child Care major joined program offerings in 1986.

**School of Biblical Studies.** When the Bristol Road Church of Christ in Flint, Michigan, decided to move their program to the campus in 1989, the college developed a two-year certificate in Christian Ministry.

**Library.** Opening 1980 with 36,207 volumes, the Muirhead Library closed 1989 with 49,600 volumes. The Bible library developed to the point that the 1989 NCA examination team counted it among the primary strengths of the institution. Major expansion of business holdings highlighted the latter half of the decade. In 1989, the library added *Knowledge Index*, a computer service that provides access to references in over 30,000 journals.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**Music and Drama.** In the winter of 1980, the A Cappella

Chorus began taking a tour built around the annual Christian College Choral Festival. A year later, they lengthened and moved their annual spring tour to the warmer weather of May. Autumn restructured the same year to feature a new style of contemporary gospel music. Company, a traveling drama troupe, organized in 1984.

**Sports.** Cross country was revived in 1985 and joined intercollegiate competition with men's basketball and baseball and women's softball. A year later, men's soccer, women's basketball and volleyball, and track for men and women each made their debut. The men's basketball team achieved their first #1 national ranking in 1982 and captured their first NSCAA national championship in 1989. The cross country team won the national championship the next fall.

### FINANCES

**Budget.** The budget increased from \$1,789,000 during the 1979-80 fiscal year to a projected budget of \$2,948,213 for 1989-90, an average increase of 5% per year. Increases in gift income and conservative spending allowed the college to operate in the black each fiscal year since 1980-81.



Bob Utley presents MCC's first bachelor's hood in 1981.

**Debt.** Long-term debt decreased from \$618,100 in 1980 to \$119,041 at the close of 1989.

**Endowment.** Endowment grew from \$38,770 in 1980 to \$963,308 at the end of 1989.

**Associates.** Proceeds from the Super Bowl allowed gift income from the Associates to peak in 1982. The Associates raised over \$100,000 each year during the 1980's. They presented their second millionth dollar to the college in 1987.

**Dinners.** Since the beginning of an Annual Fund Dinner in Abilene, Texas, in 1982, additional dinners became annual events in Dallas, Nashville, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Dayton. In 1987, Partnership Dinner West began for the western portion of Michigan.

**Donor Recognition.** In 1981, President Fletcher established the Century Club, President's Circle, and Heritage Club. Members of the Century Club began receiving a copy of the *Artist of the Year* painting that fall. The MTC 400 Club formed in 1988 to recognize those receiving full benefit of the Michigan Tax Credit.

**Financial Aid.** Scholarships based upon high school grades and ACT scores increased in 1985, when a full-tuition Presidential Academic Scholarship also became available. Additional awards in sports became available in 1986 when several new teams joined intercollegiate competition. Second generation students began to receive the Gold and White Award in 1989.

### OTHER MILESTONES

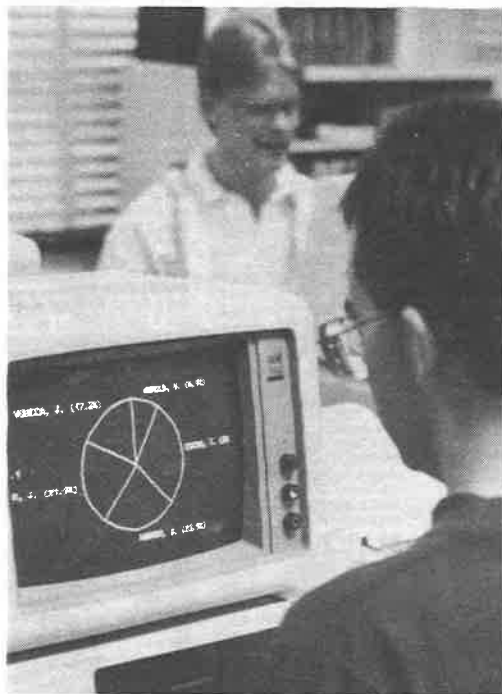
**Enrollment.** Enrollment provided a major challenge to the college as the pool of available high school students continued to decrease in the 1980's. Fall enrollment averaged 322 during that time. While the college was old enough to enroll only three second-generation students prior to 1980, eighty-three more enrolled over the next ten years. Twenty-two of that number enrolled in the fall of 1989.

**Community.** MCC's hometown became the city of Rochester Hills in 1985. Unprecedented commercial and residential growth made Rochester Hills the fastest growing community in southeast Michigan during the 1980's and positioned MCC in one of the nation's most popular communities.

**Service to Churches.** MCC personnel developed and conducted sixty-six Christian Ministry Workshops in congregations throughout the Midwest during the 1980's. In addition, the introduction of Christian Education Sundays took speakers from MCC into congregations on over 500 occasions.

### THE FUTURE

The challenge of the 1990's rests primarily on the college's ability to attract a larger number of students, develop additional four-year programs, and provide additional facilities. To meet those important challenges, friends of the college as well as college personnel must band together in order to increase enrollment and gift income. With such efforts, the successes of the next decade can only exceed those of the past.



Students benefit from computer lab facilities installed in 1983 (left). In their fourth year of competition, women Warriors listen to instructions from Coach Wheeler (right).

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