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"THY WILL BE DONE" TWELFTH ANNUAL

BIBLE LECTURESHIP OCTOBER 13-16

HEAR ARTIST, BAXTER, FAULKNER, HOLT, LEMMONS, SHIPP, WEST



Batsell Baxter

The 1969 Bible Lectureship, will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, October 12, in the auditorium of the local church of Christ at 127 E.

A fine roster of speakers has been assembled for the series, the twelfth in the history of the College. The general theme of the Lectureship is "Thy Will Be Done". Speakers and class teachers will develop this theme through sub-topics. Discussion groups and open forums are also expected to add another dimension to the exciting week and afford opportunities for greater participation by Lectureship guests.

A Teacher Training Class for women will be conducted by Mrs. Peggy Morton of Detroit and Mrs. Bell Parsons of Lincoln Park. Dr. Russell Artist of David Lipscomb College Science Department will teach a (Continued on Page 3)



Paul Faulkner

Senior Day Scheduled For October 25

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, October 25 for the annual Senior Day which will honor 1970 high school graduating seniors and their parents.

A full day's activity is planned to acquaint high school seniors with Michigan Christian College. Information in detail, with opportunity for private consultation with faculty, will be presented relative to the many financial aids available at the College. MCC participates in federal and state student financial aid programs, having been approved for several years by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. MCC has also been approved for Candidate Membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

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A guest of the 1968 Senior Day is shown (extreme left) engrossed in the day's formal assembly program and (above) the crowd enjoys the annual Senior Day Luncheon.

FORMAL OPENING PLANNED FOR 69-70 YEAR

On Sunday night, September 28, Michigan Christian College will launch its' eleventh year of operation with a formal convocation in the College Cafetorium at 8:00 o'clock. Such an emphasis will add dignity and seriousness of purpose to the opening of the new academic year, 1969-70, and likewise, add a special recognition to the beginning of the College's second decade of educational activities.

A special feature of much personal interest to all MCC clientele will be the conferring of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on President E. Lucien Palmer by Oklahoma Christian College. Dr. James Baird, President of the institution conferring the degree, will deliver the convocational address. This is indeed a significant recognition of President Palmer's role as an educator and a personal honor for which all MCC friends are grateful.

The special convocation will include a formal academic procession by the faculty and administration. Participants on the program will include board members Wheeler Utley (Chairman) and O. A. Johnson, MCC faculty members Robert Waggoner, Edward Ritchie, and Dr. Joseph Jones, Dean of the College; President Baird of OCC will be the featured speaker, and likewise, confer the doctoral degree on President Palmer. The MCC President will then respond to the occasion.

The eleventh year of MCC operation is shaping up as one of the finest in her history. Student enrollment will be over last



E. Lucien Palmer



James O Baird

year's, and a number of special events are already being planned in conjunction with MCC's decade of progress. The alumni and friends of Michigan Christian College are cordially invited to this special academic convocation.

Following the convocation President Palmer will be honored at a special reception attended by members of the Faculty and staff Administration, and Board.

A REPORT

MEMORIAL DORMITORY AND EXPANSION CAMPAIGN



College Vice President Milton Fletcher defines the various programs related to the building of the new dormitory . . .



... College Board Treasurer Paul Lutz outlines the Bond issue which has become the needed answer to the completion of the dormitory.

By Milton Fletcher

On the evening of August 4, 1969, at the invitation of the Board of Directors of Michigan Christian College, all participants in the MCC Expansion Campaign of 1966 through 1969 were invited to a general progress report meeting in Rochester, Michigan. This report also was designed to report on other efforts beyond

the Campaign designed to secure funds for the construction of the Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory.

It was pointed out that in 1963 the Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory Fund came into existence by action of the Board of Directors soon after the untimely death of Mrs. Alma Gatewood. The Fund was for the purpose of honoring her by the erection of a women's dormitory bearing her name. This action, therefore, became the First Thrust toward construction of the dormitory. From February, 1963, through June, 1969, net assets of the Alma Gatewood Dorm Fund had accrued to a total of \$98,487.60. The original amount that had been pledged was \$187,000. The net total of \$98,487.60 is available toward assisting in the construction of the dorm but will bear only a small portion of the \$672,000 construction contract.

The Second Thrust toward accomplishing the funding of the dormitory, therefore, was a HUD (Housing & Urban Development Agency) loan application which resulted in an approved reservation of \$310,000. Due to varying circumstances related to governmental requirements, this reservation was not activated and by resolution of the Board of Directors, was withdrawn.

The Third Thrust for funding the dormitory was the allocation of \$400,000 set forth in the MCC Expansion Campaign. This particular item was one of several in the one million dollar campaign goal. At the meeting on August 4th, it was reported verbally and (Continued on Page 3)





(Left) President Palmer and building foreman Jack Bills look over the building permit as construction begins on the new Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall for Women. The three story structure is slated for completion by the summer of 1970. It will house 144 boarding women and will feature suite-type living. (one bath between each two rooms with two women in each room.)

New Instructors Join MCC Faculty

Three new instructors will join in the academic responsibilities of Michigan Christian for the new year, 1969-70, according to Dr. Joseph F. Jones, Dean of the College. Added to the instructional staff are: Gerald Chester, David Fields, and Jerry Rushford.

GERALD E. CHESTER IN ENGLISH Joining the faculty as a full-time instructor in English is Gerald E. Chester of Livonia, Michigan. Mr. Chester graduated from Franklin High School in Livonia and attended Abilene Christian College for two years. He completed the A. B. Degree in English at the University of Michigan. At the present time, he has completed approximately half of the requirements for the Masters Degree in English at the University.

Mr. Chester is a member of the Northwest Church of Christ in Detroit, where his father, Graydon, serves as an elder.

WILLIAM DAVID FIELDS IN ART After one year of employment with the College as Dorm Supervisor and student recruiter, David Fields joins the faculty to instruct in Art. Mr. Fields is an alumnus of Michigan Christian, having finished his work here in 1965; he then transferred to

Dormitory

(Continued from Page 2) by schedules distributed that the total pledges to the Campaign amounted to \$321,178.26, of which a total of \$166,963.70 has been realized in cash collections through June 30, 1969. Of the amount collected, it has been impossible to allocate any toward the dormitory goal in view of other campaign goals relative to operational requirements and debt retirement being more pressing.

The Fourth Thrust, therefore, is a first mortgage bond issue which was authorized by resolution of the Board on July 18, 1969, which, along with the Alma Gatewood Memorial initial fund thrust, will enable the dormitory to be constructed.

Michigan Christian College, therefore, is most pleased to officially announce that the long-awaited Alma Gatewood Memorial Dormitory is now under construction and will be available for occupancy for 144 women in September of 1970.

Associates & Men's Club To Hold Joint Meeting

The initial meeting of the Ladies Associates and The MCC College Men's Club will be a JOINT meeting on the evening of September 9, 1969. All members and their spouses are urged to attend. A special program to kick off the year will be presented.



Gerald E. Chester, English



William David Fields, Art



Jerry B. Rushford, Bible

Harding College to complete his B. A. Degree.

David is married to the former Linda Sanderson, also an alumnus of MCC. The Fields' have one child.

JERRY B. RUSHFORD IN BIBLE
Jerry B. Rushford, another alumnus of
Michigan Christian, will likewise join the
faculty as a part-time instructor in Bible.
Jerry graduated from Michigan Christian
in 1963 and received the Associate in Arts;
he then transferred to Oklahoma Christian,
where he received his Bachelor's Degree.

Bible Lectureship

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class stressing the Creation Viewpoint of the existence of man and showing the fallacies of the evolutionist theories.

Earl West of Indianapolis will conduct the popular early morning class at 9 a.m. each day and will hold an open forum at 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Evening lectures will be presented by Reuel Lemmons, Editor of the FIRM FOUNDATION, on Monday. Paul Faulkner of Abilene Christian College will speak on Tuesday evening. Stanley Shipp of the 5th and Highland church of Christ in Abilene, Texas will deliver the major address on Wednesday evening. Climaxing the week on Thursday night will be Batsell Barrett Baxter, minister of the Hillsboro church in Nashville, Tennessee, head of the Bible Department at David Lipscomb College, and Television personality on the nationally televised "Herald of Truth" program.

The annual banquet on Tuesday evening for Bible Teachers and the banquet on Thursday evening for elders and preachers will begin at 6 p.m. Other programs, including presentations by MCC student groups, are scheduled throughout the week.

Lectureship guests who desire overnight accommodations should write "Lectureship Director, Michigan Christian College, Rochester, Michigan 48063".

His graduate program was pursued at Abilene Christian College where he received the M. A. and S. T. B. Degrees. He has also done additional graduate work at the Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis and the Earlham School of Religion. While at Earlham, he had opportunity to study under Professor Elton Trueblood.

Mr. Rushford is also associate minister of Hazel Park Church of Christ.

Dr. Jones expressed confidence that these new faculty members would add strength and vitality to our instructional program.

Senior Day October 25

High school seniors are urged to request information from their high school counsellors concerning state aid to students desiring to attend a private college in Michigan. In addition to student financial aid from governmental sources, various other scholarships are offered. Seniors are invited to attend Senior Day at MCC and apply early for the scholarships and grants that are available. 1970 applications are already arriving in the Registrar's office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Quarter

Dormitories open Sept. 21
Orientation, all students Sept. 22
Registration Sept. 23
Fall Festival Oct. 3
Bible Lectureship Oct. 13-16
Senior Day Otc. 25

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On Sunday, August 10, approximately 100 MCC students and friends met on the campus to receive the 1969 edition of the TOTEM POLE, the College yearbook.

Dormitories were opened to students who travelled long distances and a first-class reunion ensued from Saturday afternoon until well into the afternoon of the next day.

Students came from as far away as Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana. Never have so many suffered from "writer's cramp" as students swapped yearbooks to express, in writing, their appreciation for each other.

Beth Matthews, TOTEM POLE editor, took the lead in planning the party and expressed overwhelming appreciation for the great response. As it is and should be with each edition of the yearbook, the 1969 edition was proclaimed the best in MCC's ten year history. The TOTEM POLE theme "Ten Years and Counting" was dedicated to MCC's president, E. Lucien Palmer who has been with the College since it's beginning.

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MCC ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The Fall Quarter of 1969 begins September 22. An increase in student enrollment is expected over the Fall of 1968. Two factors are involved in effecting the expected increase. There will be a decided increase in returning sophomores in 1969 compared to sophomore classes in past years and an increase in new applications from high school graduates.

Paid applications for the fall of 1970 are already coming in. MCC's capacity for boarding students will be greatly increased with the completion of the Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall for Women scheduled for occupancy with the opening of the 1970 Fall term.

Applications are still being accepted for this year and 1970 high school graduates are urged to submit their applications for next year. MCC participates in federal and state student financial aid programs and students for 1969 and 1970 should make application immediately.

Write to the Director of Admissions, Michigan Christian College, Rochester, Michigan 48063.



Ralph Burris, College Registrar, and his secretary, Mrs. Mae Matthews, go over student records as applications for admission for the Fall Quarter come in.