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Student body completes MCC's twentieth year with bustling month

Spring not only brings brighter skies and a fresh beauty to the MCC campus, but a beehive of traditional activity that continues to expand year after year. The current year proved no exception as students drew MCC's twentieth year to a close.

Mounting anticipation changed to cheers in chapel on April 17 as a tape recorded message proclaimed the occasion as Beautiful Day. Students piled into cars and the bus, then spent a sunny day at Bloomer State Park.

Hours of rehearsal, by approximately one half of the student body, climaxed in a three-evening presentation of Celebration in Song on April 19-21. Near-capacity crowds delighted in the program of musical numbers presented by the campus social clubs, A Capella Chorus, Celebration Singers, and the hosts and hostesses.

The Dean's Breakfast on April 21 provided an opportunity for faculty and sophomores to reflect on the times they had shared together. Royce Dickinson, former Vice President of MCC, presented the Baccalaureate message in the Westside Chapel on the evening of April 29, while recognition of outstanding students highlighted the annual Awards Banquet on the evening of May 4.

A brisk, but sunny, morning on May 5 welcomed families and friends to campus to witness the traditional graduation exercises under the pines. William Powers, an attorney from Troy, Michigan, addressed the eighty-five graduates. As students returned to the library after the recessional, familiar, but heartfelt, tears filled the room as the year came to a close.

TOP LEFT: Celebration in Song's winning social clubs, Delta Nu and Sigma Phi, present "Nursery Magic." TOP RIGHT: Host Al McClurg of Joliet, Illinois sings "It Was Almost Like a Song" at Celebration in Song. BOTTOM LEFT: Board Vice Chairman Jim Thomas welcomes graduation guests in a beautiful outdoor setting. CENTER RIGHT: Kim and Beth Hart of Coolville, Ohio listen attentively to graduation messages. BOTTOM RIGHT: Laurie and Blythe Runyan of Blytheville, Arkansas and Lynne McKee of Flint, Michigan wait for their turn at Beautiful Day softball.

Belgium's campus couple receives yearbook dedication

Among the many special students honored at the Awards Banquet on May 4, the students honored a very special couple with the 1979 *Totem Pole* dedication. They chose Marcel and Jeanne Bertholet, who have dedicated their efforts to MCC for the past eleven years. When responding to the unanticipated honor, Marcel humbly spoke the words, "We love you," to an obviously pleased audience.

Marcel and Jeanne left their home country of Belgium in 1964 to make a new life in the United States. When they arrived, they spoke only a few words of English. In 1968, Marcel began his work as Maintenance Supervisor of MCC, assisted on a full-time basis by Jeanne. Marcel and Jeanne reached a major goal in their life in 1976, when they became United States citizens.

In the words of the yearbook copy by Editor Peggi Palmer, Marcel and Jeanne "are both very dedicated to Christ and feel that their work here is one of their services to Christ. Both the students and the staff love Marcel and Jeanne very much and want to thank them for their many years of service to MCC."



NCA consultant assists faculty in BRE development

Moving forward from the state approval of MCC's Bachelor of Religious Education program, the North Central Association recently sent Dr. Robert Watson to campus on two occasions to assist in a consultant capacity. Dr. Watson is a professor and chairman of the Religion Department of Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio.

On his first visit of February 4-5, Dr. Watson worked with the faculty in evaluating and refining the BRE curriculum. After his April 8-9 visit, he made further recommendations in the areas of facilities, finance, curriculum, faculty, library, and student services as each relates to the BRE program. He pointed out strengths and areas needing further attention as MCC seeks North Central accreditation for the four-year religious studies program. The College's current associate programs are accredited by North Central.

1979 Awards and Honors

(in order of presentation at Awards Banquet)

Favorite Teacher

Randy Gill Music Department

Best Actor and Actress

Al McClurg Joliet, Illinois
Christy Upton Rochester, Michigan

Best Supporting Actor and Actress

Ken Lake Matteson, Illinois
Mona Nichols Sterling Heights, Michigan

Wes Taphin Award

Terry McClain Inkster, Michigan
Phil Foster Valdosta, Georgia

Best Intramural Athletes

Kim Beaty Muncie, Indiana
Steve Sitter Midland, Michigan

Bible Award

Mike Light Pontiac, Michigan

Second Miler Award

Peggi Palmer Clawson, Michigan
John Debelak Skandia, Michigan

Secretarial Science Award

Valerie Kinnell Agawam, Massachusetts

Biology Award

Ron Robinson Millbury, Ohio
Juanita Price Germanton, North Carolina

President's Award

Leon Mullins Detroit, Michigan

Valedictorian and Salutatorians

Jacquie Arbaugh (4.00) Dayton, Ohio
Pam Montgomery (3.73) Indianapolis, Indiana
Rosemary Upton (3.73) Rochester, Michigan

Dean's Award

Robbie Durocher Rochester, Michigan

Mr. and Miss MCC

Terry McClain Inkster, Michigan
Pam Montgomery Indianapolis, Indiana



In Memorium
John H. Hoover
1896-1979



John H. Hoover, known to his friends as Jack, became a part of the great history and heritage of the Lord's people in Michigan at his passing on May 7, 1979. He left a legacy of untiring love and devotion to what he held sacred and important.

Born October 5, 1896, in Woodberry, Tennessee, Jack provided leadership in various activities of the Chase Road Church of Christ in Dearborn. He and his wife, Sudie, were founding members of the Chase Road congregation nearly fifty years ago.

Jack considered the opportunity to work with young people as one of the greatest blessings of his life. He regarded them as his "fountain of youth." He began serving on the MCC Board of Directors in 1965 and devoted inexhaustible efforts to MCC as Chairman of the Board since 1975. His weekly trips to visit the College were always an inspiration.

Jack is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Sudie, and two aunts, Mrs. Lon Gossett of Pemberville, Ohio, and Mrs. Lucille Tanner of Nashville, Tennessee. Also, of great importance, he is survived by hundreds of young men and women of Michigan Christian College, whom he loved and helped as though they were his own.

**Theme for October 8-11
Annual Lectureship
focuses on spirituality**

Lectureship committee members have announced *Spirituality* as the theme for the 22nd Annual MCC Lectureship. The four-day program has been scheduled for October 8-11, according to committee chairman, Jesse Clayton, of the Birmingham Church of Christ.

The lectureship will begin on Monday evening with the Alumni Dinner, followed by Leonard Knight of MCC and Jim Woodruff of Searcy, Arkansas. Tuesday night will feature the Preacher-Elder and Wives Dinner, Eldred Echols of MCC, and Jack Exum of Athens, Georgia.

Coy Roper of MCC and Neil Lightfoot of Abilene, Texas, will keynote Wednesday's night program. The series will end Thursday evening with the Bible Teacher's Dinner, MCC A Capella Chorus, and Ben Foster of Terrill, Texas.

Day programs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will include sessions by Eldred Echols, Jack Exum, Ben Foster, Neil Lightfoot, Jim Woodruff, and Paul Breakfield of Cocoa, Florida. Special sessions for women will be given by Mary Oler of Dallas, Texas; Juanita White of Lafayette, Indiana; and Rochester's Benny Ann Gilfilen, Darlene Hindsley, and Mary Utley.

All sessions except the Women's classes will meet in the MCC Gymnasium, which is currently receiving a new annex of restrooms, offices, and a foyer area. Women's classes will meet at the Rochester church building. Complete details will be included in the August MCC *Bulletin*.



Partnership Dinner VIII attracted 1,675 friends of Michigan Christian College to Cobo Hall in Detroit on May 19. Total sales to the \$60 per plate benefit dinner reached 2800.

The dinner program focused on MCC's twenty years of service, featuring the Alumni Chorus, Reflections, and former President Don Gardner. Plans for next year's Partnership Dinner, on April 19, at Cobo Hall, were announced.

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Rain and early closing shorten baseball season

Delayed spring weather and an early graduation contributed to a short 1979 baseball season. Seven games had to be cancelled for rain, leaving the Warriors with a 4-5 season record. Although not placing first in conference ratings, the Warriors defeated the first place team, Grand Rapids Baptist College, in two games.

Jeff Cox of Flint, Michigan, made the all-conference team and earned the league batting championship with a .500 batting average. Pitcher Tom Rellinger of Gladwin, Michigan, also made the all-conference team. Garth Pleasant coached the team in the absence of Coach Bill Shinsky, who was recovering from a recent hospitalization.



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They write us . . .

The following comments are from a letter received after a recent teacher workshop conducted by MCC personnel at the Cardinal Drive Church of Christ. Dr. Larry Journey, Dean of MCC, is pictured during his presentation.

"I am full of joy and gratitude to God for his great blessing received this weekend . . . We had outstanding, edifying lessons that will make us all better teachers. Fellowship between congregations in the Chicago-land area was strengthened as never before . . . Michigan Christian College is far more than just a place near Detroit — it is very dear to the hearts of many, many people. We feel a tie to the College as never before."

Bob Fisk, Minister



mark your
calendar

Associates Fall Festival — October 6
MCC Lectureship — October 8-11