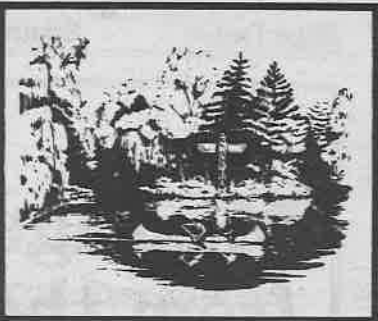




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Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Utley hoods Richard Gilmer (Trenton) as he receives his Bachelor of Religious Education degree. (Related photos on Page 9.)

## 25th Class Graduates

Academic Dean Larry Jurney warned the graduates at the Dean's Breakfast about the weather on graduation day.

"Be sure to dress warmly," he said. "I always wear my long johns when I have to sit up there on the stage because graduation day is always the coldest of the spring."

It wasn't.

Instead, the sun played hide-and-seek behind the clouds, and by the 12 noon starting time, the temperature had already soared into the seventies.

The day turned out to be perfect for the 90 graduates and their family members and friends who came out in record numbers.

"We apologize for not having enough chairs," President Milton Fletcher said in his opening remarks. "We put out more than ever, and I still see many of you standing."

No one seemed to mind, however, as the ceremonies got underway.

As he has done for the past 22 years, Mr. Bernard Leshley, MCC's pianist and keyboards instructor, provided the music as the faculty and students filed out of the library to take their seats under nature's canopy provided by her towering pines and beech trees.

The invocation was given by Mr. Dean Hoggatt, an elder at the LaGrange, Indiana, Church of Christ and was followed by President Fletcher's recognition of the parents and family

members. Mr. J. Robert Utley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, then addressed the students.

MENTIONING Thomas Edison who once said that success took one percent genius and 99 percent perspiration, Mr. Utley spoke of the positive characteristics the graduates developed at MCC: a good self-image; strong relationships with others; qualities of servanthood and leadership; and commitment to God.

He ended with a warm congratulations and challenged the students to always keep God as the center of their lives.

Chosen from among the students receiving their Bachelor of Religious Education degrees, Greg Campbell (Lansing) then spoke of how the 1984-85 school year had been declared one of a spiritual reaffirmation for those on the MCC campus.

REFERRING to I Peter 5:7, Greg challenged everyone to cast their anxieties on God and continue this spiritual dedication throughout all the remaining years of life.

"Let's show people what Christianity is all about," he said.

Following Greg's speech were those by co-valedictorians, Robert Loshier and Laura Sommer, both from Troy, who each carried a 4.0 grade point average.

ROBERT IS a "second-generation MCC student" — his parents, Ronald and Betty

Loshier, married after meeting at MCC in her opening years.

In his speech, Ron reminded his classmates of Joshua as he spoke to the people of Israel and told them to "choose this day whom you will serve."

"Choose the Lord as your friend regardless of the road you choose in life," Ron said.

LAURA'S message was a light-hearted one. She spoke of how her time at MCC would not have been the same without the laughter and joy she experienced.

"The joy of a smile and a friendly 'hello' has become so much a part of me that often I have caught myself saying 'hello' to a perfect stranger in a shopping mall or on the street," she said.

Mr. Ernie Stewart, minister of the Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio, and missionary in Jerusalem and Nazareth, gave the commencement address.

He spoke of the three precious ingredients of a happy, successful, meaningful life: enthusiasm, courage, and faith in God and His rulership.

"THE PEOPLE who are excited about life as a gift of God are those who make a difference," Mr. Stewart told the graduates. "Fill your life with enthusiasm, leaving no space for gloom and pessimism."

About courage, he said: "The person who has courage has a little more heart than others. Learn to put a little more heart into life, and your investment will pay lasting dividends."

Mr. Stewart then ended by encouraging everyone not to let faith go but to let it grow. "Let it grow stronger and stronger, and it will become more meaningful to you," he said.

Following the conferring of degrees and academic hoods, Mr. Edward Buchanan, MCC's chorus director, led the "Alma Mater," after which Mr. Warren Howe, an elder at the Riverdale Church of Christ in Dayton, Ohio, gave the benediction.

## Partnership Dinner Theme — Students

"I wish I didn't have to stop your visiting. One of the great things about this event is the Christian fellowship," MCC President Milton Fletcher said as he opened the program for Partnership Dinner XIV at Cobo Hall on April 20.

As the nearly 2,000 supporters of MCC who had been renewing friendships and visiting with the brethren from sister congregations took their seats, President Fletcher began by speaking of the importance of the theme for the evening — students.

"After all," he said, "that's really our business, and we are delighted that so many are here tonight."

Besides the great number of students in attendance, several were selected to be on the program for the devotional period.

STUDENT BODY Association President Rob Loshier (Troy) led the invocation. Afterward, hymns were led by MCC Chorus Director Ed Buchanan and Bachelor of Religious Education students

Jim Calkin (East Peoria, Ill.) and Greg Campbell (Lansing).

The scripture reading from Proverbs was by Paul Schandavel (Auburn Hills). Sophomore Emmanuel Lewis (Buffalo, N.Y.) then led the prayer, closing the devotional period.

Next, the Alumnus of the Year presentation was made by Mrs. Pat Pleasant, vice president of the MCC Alumni Organization.

EACH YEAR an MCC alumnus is selected for the award. Among other qualifications, the recipient must have achieved a high degree of accomplishment in his field; must be recognized by his peers as being exemplary in the field in which he is serving; must be deserving of the honor and respect that would accrue to MCC; must be recognized in his community as a person of honesty and integrity; and must be a Christian in good standing in the Church of Christ.

(See Dinner, Page 4)

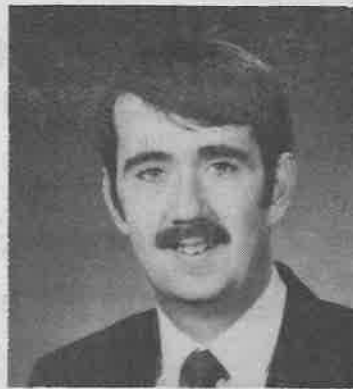
## Director of Church Relations appointed

Kent Hoggatt, former Director of Financial Aid at Michigan Christian College, has been appointed to the position of Director of Church Relations according to President Milton B. Fletcher.

He assumed his duties effective May 1, 1985, as a result of Jesse Clayton's resignation from Michigan Christian College because of family health problems in Tennessee.

Mr. Clayton served Michigan Christian College for six years as Director of Development and Church Relations. Andrea Clayton's mother, of Nashville,

(See Mr. Hoggatt, Page 12)



Mr. Kent Hoggatt

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## Message from the President



Dear Friends:

I've written the Board of Trustees and the MCC employees, and I felt that you, the clientele of Michigan Christian College, have a right to know something of my plans.

On Tuesday, June 25, 1985, Mrs. Evelyn Templeton and I plan to be married in Abilene, Texas. Now that the shock has had its initial impact, let me tell you something about Evelyn and give you some background. Before I do that, however, please understand that I do not feel that my personal life should be highlighted for any reason other than the fact that the President of Michigan Christian College lives in something of a "spotlight situation," unfortunately. I'm concerned, therefore, that you receive this information directly from me and not by hearsay.

Evelyn is the widow of Brother Ed Templeton, who was killed in an airplane crash on October 15, 1980. Evelyn was one of Gene's closest and best friends in Abilene and was so loving, attentive and supportive throughout Gene's long illness, even though she was 1500 miles away. In fact, other than Mary Utley, Ida Palmer, and some of the other great and noble ladies of the Rochester congregation and the University Church of Christ in Abilene, Gene probably had no closer friend than Evelyn. Ed, Evelyn, Gene and I enjoyed a close couple relationship. Ed, Evelyn and I go back 43 years when the three of us were freshmen together at Abilene Christian University. After attending ACU, Ed completed his degree in Pharmacy at the University of Texas. A few years later, Ed and Evelyn settled in Abilene and established the Templeton Pharmacy near the ACU campus and operated it for 25 years until Ed's death. They raised two sons, Richard and Steve, both of whom married and have two children each. Richard, the eldest, now owns and operates the business. Ed was a dedicated and talented Christian pharmacist. During World War II he served as a Navy pilot who continued his flying until his untimely death in a freak accident in his own airplane in 1980. I flew thousands of miles with Ed all across the country during the last 1½ to 2 years of his life when he was temporarily serving as Abilene Christian's substitute pilot. He was a very close friend and I was a pallbearer at his funeral. He served as an elder at the University Church in Abilene.

Please do not interpret the following statements as my seeking sympathy. I realize that many of you have faced the same situation I've faced. Surely, each of us realizes that one member of every couple that is living today will face the same difficulties that Gene and I faced, unless simultaneous deaths take place. I know my situation is not unique, but I can't adequately

describe the loneliness since Gene's long illness and death. Gene was the most unselfish person I've ever known. She tried to talk with me about my remarrying, but I just didn't have the heart to discuss that for fear I would be giving into the idea that she might not recover. She wanted to live so badly and I just could not contribute to a negative feeling. Since her death, however, I've learned how intense she was in wanting me to know that her desire was for me to remarry. She discussed my remarrying with both Phyllis, our daughter, and with Brenda, our daughter-in-law, with the intent that they convey to me her feelings. Then, I've also been told that she confided the same thoughts elsewhere. These aren't the reasons I've decided to remarry, but knowing Gene's unselfish concern has made my decision easier.

Evelyn and I are the same age and are both in good health as far as we know. We have much in common, we are both Christians, and we have known each other so very long. Consequently, we feel that we can serve God much more effectively as a happy couple rather than two very lonely people. I firmly believe that our wanting to remarry is a tremendous compliment to each of our former mates because both of us experienced such marvelous marriages. In fact, had that not been true, I'm certain that I would be extremely hesitant in remarrying, especially just nine months after Gene's death.

I believe that my work at Michigan Christian College will be strengthened immeasurably with a supportive wife, just as it was when Gene was living. Evelyn and I have a very healthy relationship regarding our former marriages. We individually know we can't and will not even try to take the place of our former mates. No person can ever replace another because each of us is an individual in God's sight with our own strengths and weaknesses.

Obviously, Evelyn will face a difficult situation coming on the scene in this rather "glass house"-type setting. I've discussed this with her very openly and she is aware of the potential pressure. I'm praying that each of you will be supportive in the same unselfish and thoughtful way that you treated Gene. Evelyn is likewise a good woman; she has Christian character; she has maturity; she has experienced public life to some degree; she loves people; and, she has a lot of "class."

The Michigan Christian College-Abilene Annual Fund Campaign Dinner will take place on Monday, June 24, 1985, on the ACU campus. The wedding ceremony will be performed at the University Church of Christ building on Tuesday, June 25, 1985, at 6:30 p.m., with a reception to follow. Some of you will read this before that date, others will not. If you do, and you happen to be in Abilene, Evelyn and I and our families would be delighted to have you present.

Please excuse this very personal discussion, but I wanted each of you to know my plans.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher

## MCC seeks Artist of the Year

Very shortly, the Artist of the Year picture for 1984 will be distributed to all members of the Century Club, who are those individuals or families who in 1984 contributed \$100 or more to Michigan Christian College.

The 1984 Artist of the Year was Mr. Greg Clayton of Ann Arbor. His picture, presented during the fall lectureship, was of the President's home.

The Artist of the Year program was begun in 1981 as a means of recognizing artists who are alumni or friends of the college who would be commissioned to paint an MCC campus oil scene, copies of which would be reprinted and sent to Century Club donors as a thank you gesture.

Selection of the Artist of the Year is to be by a committee appointed by the President. Nominees (alumni or friends) will be requested to submit a sketch of a campus scene for review of the committee.

After the selection process, the President will notify the Artist of the Year and commission him or her to finalize the oil painting.

The painting becomes the property of MCC for display in college facilities and for reproduction.

The Artist of the Year will be honored at the Friends' and Parents' Luncheon during the Lectureship at which time the oil painting will be unveiled for the first time.

Artists of the Year in the past have been Mr. Doug Dye of Edmond, Oklahoma (1981); Mr. Walter Gilfilen of Rockledge, Florida (1982); Miss Pamela Harrington of Pontiac, Michigan (1983); and Mr. Clayton.

Aspiring Artists of the Year should contact the Office of the President at Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester, Michigan 48063.

## Blackburns join faculty in September

Mr. Barry Blackburn and his wife Kathy will join the faculty at MCC in the fall of 1985.

They move to Rochester from Florence, Alabama, where Mr. Blackburn has been preaching for the church and completing his dissertation. The Blackburns have two children, Barry Lee Jr., 7, and Bonnie Kay, 2.

Mr. Blackburn is a graduate of Harding University where he received a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies.

His master's degree in Biblical Studies was completed at Harding Graduate School. *The Elijah Traditions and New Testament Interpretation* was his master's thesis.

As a recipient of the Overseas Research Student Award, Mr. Blackburn studied at Aberdeen University in Scotland from 1980 to 1983. His doctoral dis-

sertation will be ready for submission by the year's end.

Courses to be taught by Mr. Blackburn include Daniel and Revelation, I and II Corinthians, and Systematic Christian Doctrine.

Mrs. Blackburn, who gradu-

ated with a degree in education from Harding University, will teach three sessions of Basic Reading Techniques.

"We feel extremely fortunate to have the Blackburns join our faculty," President Milton Fletcher said. "They will add

academic quality and spiritual enrichment to our MCC family.

"They will be arriving in Rochester during July. Those who have already become acquainted with them have been very impressed by their genuine spirit," he added.



Mrs. Kathy Blackburn



Mr. Barry Blackburn

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Inquiries should be directed to the Student Services Office, 651-5800, Ext. 22 and 38.

## Executive Council officers

Executive Council officers for MCC's Student Body Association, (SBA), the student governing body, have been chosen for the 1985-86 school year.

The Executive Council officers will help oversee the freshman and sophomore class officers and are considered the guiding group for the entire SBA.

Officers selected for next year are as follows: President David Rainey (Detroit), Vice President Al Bugg (Troy), Treasurer Anthony Santellan (Grand Rapids) and Secretary Kathy Barbier (Spring Lake).



Listening intently during a Church Leader's Workshop presentation are Mr. David McElwain, minister, and Mr. Harlin Shepherd, an elder, from the Church of Christ in Ann Arbor.

## Church leaders share ideas during workshop

The 1985 Church Leaders Workshop held on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, 1985, was a marvelous success.

This year Michigan Christian College joined hands with the Center for Church Growth in Houston, Texas, and conducted the workshop as a Church Growth Seminar, featuring Dr. Joe Schubert and Tim Matheny of Houston, Texas; Randy Mayeux of Long Beach, California; James Draper of Cleveland, Ohio; and Jerry Tallman of Rochester, Michigan.

In addition to these featured speakers, 12 Midwestern church leaders made presentations in their areas of expertise.

They were John Flowers, Detroit, Michigan; Gary James, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Bob Walton, Naperville, Illinois; Tony McKee, Flint, Michigan; Aaron Herren, Joliet, Illinois; Allen Morningstar, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dwight Crim, Anderson, Indiana; Gene Carrell, Columbus, Ohio; Doward Runyon, Dublin, Ohio; Buford Shields, Cleveland, Ohio; Bob Utley, Rochester, Michigan; Norman Christman, Rochester, Michigan; Jerry Cole, Dayton, Ohio; and, Bob Wilson Sr., Warren, Michigan.

Michigan Christian College considers it an honor to host such a workshop featuring all these men and designed to answer the questions on how to make the Church grow. Everyone present became well aware of how important it is to learn from the experience of others in designing growth strategies.

A fee of \$25 per participant was charged to cover expenses. That fee entitled each participant to a well-organized workbook containing invaluable church growth ideas to take home.

The fellowship of such an occasion is powerful. Everyone enjoyed the learning and sharing experience. There were 264 people registered for the two-day seminar. Accommodations were available in the Alma Gatewood Dormitory for those needing overnight lodging.

## Mrs. Knight has article published

Mrs. Fawn Knight, English instructor, recently had an article published in an international journal of children's literature, *Children's Literature in Education*.

The Summer 1985 issue of the journal contains the article, "An Interview with Charles Ferry."

Charles Ferry, who lives in Rochester, is an award-winning author of books for young people.

As she did in 1984, Mrs. Knight will co-edit the fall issue of *BookMark*, a journal of children's literature published by Oakland University.

She has published several reviews in that journal.

## Youth Leaders' Workshop dates set

The Youth Leaders' Workshop will be held at Michigan Christian College on September 13 and 14. This annual event brings youth ministers and other youth leaders from the Midwest to the campus to learn together how they may more effectively teach Christ to young people.

Mr. Buck Dozier, Family Life Minister from the Madison Church of Christ in Madison, Tennessee, will be one of the primary speakers.

His topics are as follows: God, Family and the Green Bay Packers; Family Life Program; Ministry of the Future; and How to Train Teens on Sexuality.

Mr. Mike Myers, Youth Minister from Littleton, Colorado, spoke at last year's workshop and will return this year.

His presentations will include the following: The Dynamics of Teen Discipleship; Equipping Myself as a Youth Worker; and Developing a Biblical Plan for Your Youth Program — From Purpose to Need, Goal, Priorities, Method, Application and Evaluation.

There will be ample time to visit with the speakers throughout the workshop. Each congregation is invited to take advantage of the workshop and make every effort to send those interested in youth work.

The sessions for the Youth Leaders' Workshop will be held at the Rochester Church of Christ.

The program will run all day Friday, September 13, and will continue on Saturday morning, September 14. The workshop will close at noon to allow plenty of time for those in attendance to visit the Fall Festival on campus before returning home.

For a schedule or more information, please contact Mr. Kent Hoggatt, Director of Church Relations, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester, MI 48063.

## Calendar of Events

Annual Fund Dinner Abilene, Texas	Jun 24, 1985
MCC Golf Classic	Jul 27, 1985
Fall Registration	Aug 26-27, 1985
Opening Day Chapel	Aug 28, 1985
Youth Leaders' Workshop	Sep 13-14, 1985
Associates' Fall Festival	Sep 14, 1985
Bible School Workshop 20th Street Church of Christ Battle Creek, Michigan	Sep 21, 1985
Bible School Workshop North Warren Church of Christ Warren, Michigan	Sep 28, 1985
MCC Annual Lectureship	Oct 7-10, 1985
Preachers' Fellowship Day (luncheon at noon; Preachers', Elders' and Wives' Dinner in evening)	Oct 8, 1985
Parents' and Friends' Day (luncheon at noon)	Oct 9, 1985
All Students' Day	Oct 10, 1985
Bible School Workshop Northeast Church of Christ Indianapolis, Indiana	Oct 19, 1985
Annual Fund Dinner Tucson, Arizona	Oct 19, 1985
Annual Fund Dinner Phoenix, Arizona	Oct 21, 1985
Bible School Workshop Medina Church of Christ Medina, Ohio	Oct 26, 1985
Annual Fund Dinner Nashville, Tennessee	Nov 2, 1985
Bible School Workshop Fishing-Kenny Road Church of Christ Columbus, Ohio	Nov 9, 1985
Junior-Senior Days	Nov 15-16, 1985
Annual Fund Dinner Rockford, Illinois	Nov 15, 1985
Annual Fund Dinner Chicago, Illinois	Nov 16, 1985
Bible School Workshop Lemay Avenue Church of Christ Detroit, Michigan	Nov 23, 1985
Associates' Gift-A-Rama	Dec 14, 1985
Homecoming	Feb 1, 1986
Celebration	Apr 4-6, 1986
Awards' Banquet	May 2, 1986
Graduation	May 10, 1986
Partnership Dinner XV Cobo Hall Detroit, Michigan	May 10, 1986

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# Partnership Dinner XIV

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This year's recipient was Dr. Sherrill Cox. Dr. Cox is an alumnus of MCC (A.A., 1967); David Lipscomb (B.A., 1969); Murray State University (M.A., 1970); and Ohio University (Ph.D., 1982).

He has been both a preacher and teacher in many areas. Currently, Dr. Cox is the full-time preacher for the West Chicago Church of Christ in Illinois and teaches part time at the College of DuPage in Glenn Ellyn, Illinois.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Cox said: "Over the years, I have been at many schools, but there's no school of which I'm more proud or of which my memories are happier than at MCC."

After Dr. Cox's acceptance of the plaque and his expression of appreciation, President Fletcher introduced Mr. Jesse Clayton, Director of Development, who thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the five congregations that sold the most tickets: Birmingham, 175 tickets; Dearborn Heights-Parkside, 138;

Rochester, 132; Southgate Gateway, 119; and Echo Meadows, 111.

**ENTERTAINMENT** before the featured speaker was provided by Mr. Buchanan and the Celebration Singers. The audience was delighted with the performance as chorus members decked out in red, white and blue paid tribute to America with a selection of songs performed in the March production of Celebration in Song.

The featured speaker was Dr. John Stevens, immediate past president of Abilene Christian University, who has served since 1981 as Chancellor.

During his tenure at Abilene since 1948, Dr. Stevens has also served as a history professor, as Dean of Men, Dean of Students, Assistant President and President. As Chancellor, he is deeply involved in development activities with major gift prospects. He is now also back in the classroom teaching a full load in history.

Dr. Stevens spoke of the value of supporting Christian colleges.

"There are 2,500 to 3,000 colleges in the United States, colleges of all different kinds," he said. "Many have magnificent campuses, but they cannot teach Christian values. They cannot teach people about Jesus Christ, and what are you going to do with no purpose in life?"

**DR. STEVENS** urged those in attendance to encourage others to participate in future Partnership Dinners and to support the Christian schools in the United States.

"I know some people who looked like they didn't have the money to buy a square meal," he said, "but don't assume they don't have the money to buy a ticket."

Dr. Stevens continued to praise the Christian colleges, saying, "I believe we do as well as state schools. With a Chris-

tian college, it's not a matter of doing less; it's a matter of doing more — we do more than the state schools."

After Dr. Stevens' message, Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Utley gave the campaign report. He announced that at the end of the first year of the Silver Anniversary Campaign, 32% of the goal has been achieved.

**THE FIVE-YEAR** goal totals 8.2 million dollars. As of April 1985, \$2,624,000 had been raised in total gifts and pledges, a large percentage of which represents estate planning commitments.

Chairman Utley encouraged everyone present to consider ways to help MCC, whether through pledges or outright gifts.

"I was happy to make MCC my fourth child in my will, though I'm not ready to go yet," he added.

**THE HIGHLIGHT** of the evening was the opening of the envelopes that had been placed under each table earlier in the day. Inside each envelope was the picture of an MCC student, along with his name, address and birth date.

In connection with the theme of honoring students, President Fletcher asked each person present to do three things: spend some time in prayer for the student every day for the next 30 days; send the student a birthday card to let him know he is being thought about; and to set aside \$10 in scholarship funds to any of several MCC endowed scholarship programs.

Because of such a positive reception to the audio-visual shown at the 1984 Partnership Dinner, the presentation was again given. The presentation gives both the history of MCC and a glimpse of life on the campus today.

The evening ended with the benediction by Dr. Paul Southern, MCC Bible and Greek professor.



As each person in the audience opens an envelope containing the photograph of an MCC student, President Milton Fletcher asks that a prayer be offered for the student every day for a month, that a birthday card be sent on the student's birthday, and that a \$10 pledge be sent to MCC for one of the endowed scholarship programs.



Uncle Sam (MCC Chorus Director Ed Buchanan) leads the Celebration Singers in a patriotic song.



Immigrants (Dawn Bradley and Yasmine Huff) seek a glimpse of the shores of their new home as the Celebration Singers sing "America."



Opening the envelope containing an MCC student's photograph is Mrs. Lillian Reaume from the Chase Road Church of Christ in Dearborn.



Dr. John C. Stevens, Chancellor of Abilene Christian University, addresses the audience at Partnership Dinner XIV.



MCC supporters chat before dinner.

## A Cappella travels through Midwest

Visits to several tourist attractions in Michigan and the Chicago area highlighted the recent spring tour of the MCC A Cappella Chorus.

The May 11-25 tour included 17 performances in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana.

Following the opening performances, the chorus began the first week by visiting the world's largest Christmas store and other unique shops in Frankenmuth. The following day included time for scaling the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes on the coast of Lake Michigan.

En route to the upper peninsula of Michigan, the chorus caught a ferry to Mackinac Island. Despite rainy weather, members enjoyed a variety of activities on the island. Weather cleared the next day for a pleasant visit at Tahquamenon Falls.

After a few days in Wisconsin and Illinois, the chorus arrived in Chicago. Some members explored museums, some feasted on incredible deli sandwiches, and others viewed the city from atop the Sears Tower. An early start the next morning allowed for a day at Six Flags Great America.

Upon the return to Michigan, the chorus enjoyed a stop at the Kellogg's factory, complete with free samples. That evening the group gave its last concert of the year in Jackson.

Tentative plans for next year's spring tour include visits in Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

## DEAN'S LIST

### Winter 1985

Kathy Barbier	Spring Lake, Michigan
Kristin Bartlett	Clarkston, Michigan
Dawn Bradley	Oxford, Michigan
Matthew Bugg	Troy, Michigan
Alfred Bugg Jr.	Troy, Michigan
Gregory Campbell	Lansing, Michigan
Paul Carpenter	Kent, Ohio
Jennifer Carter	Livonia, Michigan
Janet Christensen	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Linda Clayton	Troy, Michigan
Lori Elliott	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Trudy Fair	Clarkston, Michigan
Z. Yvonne Fitzgerald	Indianapolis, Indiana
Andrea Flatt	Clawson, Michigan
Elizabeth Gilbert	Caro, Michigan
Justine Gossman	Rosemont, Illinois
James Hale	Rochester, Michigan
John Hammitt	Flint, Michigan
David Henderson	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Kara Herren	Mount Pleasant, Michigan
Brian Hoggatt	LaGrange, Indiana
Brian Hogston	Tecumseh, Michigan
James Isenberg	Melvindale, Michigan
Janet Jackson	Plymouth, Michigan
Sophia Jean Johnson	Lima, Ohio
Melissa Kessel	Keego Harbor, Michigan
Kristin Krick	Shepherd, Michigan
Vickie Liebrecht	Pontiac, Michigan
Katherine Lightcap	Pontiac, Michigan
Shannon Lockhart	Lincoln Park, Michigan
MaryAnn Lomasney	Utica, Michigan
Robert Loshier	Troy, Michigan
Julie Mabry	Byron Center, Michigan
Catherine McGuiggan	LaGrange, Indiana
Olive Mitchell	Kingston, Jamaica
Tim Morton	Rochester Hills, Michigan
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Brad Pitts	Allen Park, Michigan
Elizabeth Reitz	Rochester, Michigan
Shannon Roper	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Scott Sanders	Dryden, Michigan
Toni-Nicole Smith	Detroit, Michigan
Laura Sommer	Troy, Michigan
Amy Spayde	North Canton, Ohio
Kathy Swires	Caro, Michigan
Michael Thomas	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Nora Tracy	Sterling Heights, Michigan
Scott Van Wormer	Clarkston, Michigan
Candace Washburn	Westland, Michigan
Anthony Whitley	North Canton, Ohio
Alisa Wilson	Fulton, Indiana
Paul Yoder	Almont, Michigan



## Fifth Annual MCC Golf Classic

— July 27, 1985 —

Dunham Hills Golf Club  
Milford, Michigan  
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This beautiful and challenging course has hosted previous Golf Classics. Again this year, 144 available playing slots are projected to fill early.

The tournament cost is again \$55.00, which includes green's fees, golf cart, and the evening buffet. Those wanting to make additional buffet reservations for non-golfing guests should add \$5 per person to their registration fee.

Golf Classic committee members include Bob Cucheran, Peg Fowler, Milton Fletcher, Duane Harrison, Dennis Saulsberry, Jerry Tallman and Rick Watson.



Simone Hipkins (Joliet, Ill.) puts on the Ritz during Celebration while fellow Autumn members Leslie Rhoads (Durand) and Frank Pitts (Detroit) attempt to follow in her footsteps.

## Brother/sister clubs join hands in production

Early in the spring, MCC's eight brother/sister social clubs spent two months collaborating on ideas, thinking up dialogue, fitting words to popular songs and working out choreography for performers.

The result of all this work was a series of four, 15-minute skits following the theme of "Celebrate America!"

Working as hard as the club members were the host and hostesses of the show — sophomores Simone Hipkins, Angela Irvin and Leslie Rhoads, and freshmen Frank Pitts and Shannon Roper. These talented students provided entertainment between the acts.

The Celebration Singers stood out like the stars on Old Glory herself. They set the mood for the show by beginning with a rousing collection of songs that put everyone in the audience in a patriotic mood.

An upbeat number, "A Yankee Doodle Stars and Stripes Grand Old American Review," was the first song performed in the set.

The second song depicted immigrants coming to America and enjoying their new-found freedom.

The closing song heralded liberty and what it means to be an American.

Between the first and second acts, the "Music Hall Review" was presented: a delightful jumble of songs and dialogue designed to take the viewer back to the days when "penny candy cost you a cent, and

movies that talked were quite an event."

IN THE CLUB competition, Alpha Beta/Beta Gamma captured the director's trophy due to the work of Lana Stinnett and others who diligently spent hour after hour working on new ways to improve their skit, "A Salute to the American Military."

Creative costumes, invigorating choreography and humorous lyrics depicting military life were balanced by a serious salute to the bravery of the men in the armed forces.

The skit encompassed all aspects of military life, from reveille to lights out. The importance of serving one's country with pride was the central thought carried throughout the entire performance.

THE AUDIENCE was given a glimpse of the feelings of those about to go into battle and felt pride when the torch of freedom was carried slowly across the stage.

The performers also touched on homesickness, love, and the pleasure felt when returning home after fighting on foreign shores.

The inspirational theme songs of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines were performed enthusiastically and with feeling.

Club members certainly represented America with their original ideas and deserved the much-coveted award they worked so hard to capture.

# Let's Celebrate MCC's annual spring show

## First place trophy for wax museum

Alpha Tau/Kappa Tau is well known at MCC for its unique and original performances during Celebration. This year's contribution was no exception.

The club opened its performance with a scene at a wax museum after everyone, except the night custodian (Tom Webster), has gone home for the night. As the custodian drifts slowly off to sleep, the statues begin to unfreeze and walk through the years of the nation, highlighting several historical events.

The audience watched as Thomas Jefferson (Emmanuel Lewis) fought for the democratic way; Thomas Edison (Lisa Gilbert) discovered the light bulb; the Indians helped the Pilgrims survive; Orville and Wilbur Wright (Russ Burrough and Tracy Johnson) flew their first airplane; and the patriotic soldiers of the Civil War (Gina Combs, Janet Jackson, Rob Loshier and Jim Pobuda) fought for the freedom of the United States and the desire for peace.

Many important parts of history were touched upon, adding a great deal of emotion to the performance. One of the most significant events of this century was the landing on the moon and the proud placing of the American flag there by Neil Armstrong (Mike Thomas). Neil had a tough time keeping the flag in place — due to lack of gravity, of course.

THE CLOSING of the skit involved all participants emphasizing the theme by singing "Celebrate America."

The members of this group were proud to receive the first place trophy for this year.



## Walking through "The Invention Zone"

Another club, Sigma Phi-Delta Nu, gave a fine performance with a cleverly done skit entitled "The Invention Zone."

The skit was that of a television show with commercial breaks between scenes depicting the inventions in the early years of the nation.

Some of the inventions studied were the light bulb, radio, airplane, telephone and telegraph.

WHAT MADE the club's approach to its subject so unique was the use of familiar television commercial jingles, for which the group's writers rewrote the words to

fit into the show. They then presented the skit.

Although the production, the audience had a great time.

Members of the other clubs also enjoyed the entire production.



"If you want to be RICH, WEALTHY, and PROSPEROUS, the thing for you to go into is nickelodeons!" says Father (Paul Carpenter, Kent, Ohio) to son (Jim Calkin, East Peoria, Ill.).



Celebration Singers Janet Jackson (Peoria, Ill.) and Paul Hardy (Canton) check the turn-of-the-century songs.

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## r carries patriotic theme ☆



## Kappa Kappa takes audience on tour

In the true spirit of American professionalism and with the unique power of the female of today, the fourth group, Kappa Kappa, went on to perform in Celebration minus their Theta Rho male counterparts.

The girls' performance was commendable, an example of just what can be done when a group of MCC females joins together in an endeavor to both entertain and compete with the other social clubs.

The club portrayed a group of Peace Corps volunteers stationed in Nairobi, Africa. As the volunteers socialized during an evening together, they began talking of home towns to which they would like to return someday, as well as interesting cities that they would someday like to visit.

**THE CHOREOGRAPHY** and singing style of the girls was relaxed, and several times it seemed as if the audience

wanted to join in when a particularly snappy song with which everyone was familiar was presented. "Deep in the Heart of Texas" and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" were favorites.

The group earned the support and respect of all the other clubs with their "do or die" attitude and the fact that they refused to give up even though their group was small in number.

Although only two trophies were awarded as Celebration in Song came to an end, each club that participated in this gala event went away feeling rewarded. The long hours spent together could do nothing but bring the club members closer.

After Celebration was finally over, many students were heard saying, "I can't wait until next year."

(Compiled and edited by freshman Lauri Losiewicz)

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hat they had fun competing against s but felt that more importantly, the s done with a great deal of Christian



Lori Girdley (Ortonville), and Crystal Girdley (Ortonville), and Crystal Girdley (Ortonville).



As the custodian (Thomas Webster, Detroit) drifts off to sleep, the statues of famous Americans begin to come alive in the American Museum skit.



"Would you like to drive to town Saturday night? I've got a new horseless carriage designed by Charles Duryea," says James Isenberg (Melvindale) during the Celebration Singers' salute to the good ole 1890's.

## Course Offerings New for 1985-86

Michigan Christian College will be adding four new courses and two totally revised courses for the 1985-1986 academic year. These new courses broaden the opportunities for MCC students by giving new opportunities in forensic activities and journalism and by providing a specialized chemistry sequence for students interested in nursing or allied health careers.

*Applied Forensics* will be taught by Mrs. Barbara Shaheen. Mrs. Shaheen is a member of the board of the State Forensic Association and is in her second year of teaching at MCC. The forensics course provides training to students in preparing for competition, conducts a competition on the MCC campus, and sponsors MCC students in intercollegiate forensic competition at other colleges.

*Introductory Photography* will be taught by Mrs. Linda Case. The course trains students in fundamentals of photography, developing and printing, enlarging, using photographic equipment, and standards of techniques acceptable in journalism. Students will put their training to use on the *Totem Pole*, the campus yearbook.

Associate Professor David Cole will be teaching a new sequence of chemistry courses for students majoring in pre-nursing, home economics, and the allied health professions. *Introduction to General & Organic Chemistry* and its accompanying laboratory course will be taught at MCC for the first time during the fall semester. These courses will give the student who has little previous knowledge of chemistry a grounding in the chemical principles needed for further study of the health professions and home economics. Furthermore, they may serve as general education science courses for other students.

In the winter semester, *Introduction to Organic & Biological Chemistry* and its accompanying laboratory course complete the sequence. These courses have both been thoroughly updated with the latest information on how the body creates, reacts to, and uses various chemicals. These courses teach the underlying chemical principles of human nutrition and medicines.

## Students honored at banquet

# Year's Closing Brings Flurry of Events, Activity

Zachary Pope, freshman class president, spent a month advising the fact that the May 3 Spring Awards Banquet sponsored by the Freshman Class would be MCC's best ever. He may have been right.

The evening was marked by a touch of class in every aspect from the hors d'oeuvre and punch reception, to the formal introduction of each couple as they were ushered into the dining facility, to the dinner of chicken cordon bleu and roast beef.

The entertainment, too, was top notch. Pianist Matthew Safranek provided soothing dinner music. The Ethnic Awareness Group sang "Sending Up My Timber," and Emmanuel Lewis and Frank Pitts sang "Find Your Strength in Love."

Then, in a skit that kept the audience roaring, everyone was given a glimpse of what might conceivably take place in a studio where a director (played by Russ Burrough) is trying to squeeze three days' work into one. Unfortunately, the actors are unable to produce even one commercial without something going wrong, and the director ends up having a nervous breakdown.

**THE SKIT**, "All in a Day's Work," was written by Miss Terry McClure, one of MCC's admissions counselors, and performed by Russ Burrough, Jim Calkin, Linda Clayton, Dan Corp, Simone Hipkins, Emmanuel Lewis, Terry McClure, Andy Peper, Frank Pitts, Lana Stinnett and Mike Thomas.

Fifteen recipients of awards and honors were named before the evening ended.

Basketball coach Garth Pleasant presented three awards. Iantham Allayne was named Best Offensive Player and Greg Spraggins Best Defensive Player. The winner of the Wes Taphin Award was Tim Morton. The award is given each year in honor of Wes, a former MCC student from Toledo, Ohio, who died in a tragic drowning accident between his freshman and sophomore years.

Co-valedictorians Rob Loshier and Laura Sommer were introduced. Both have carried 4.0 averages while at MCC. Both were also the recipients of the Business Team Awards.

**ANOTHER TOP** student, Julie Fisher, was given the Secretarial Science Award for being the secretarial program student with the highest grade point average.

Peggy Whitman, known and loved for her willingness to be a servant to others, received the Second Miler Award.

Another beautiful lady, Mrs. Margaret Southern, was given the Gene Fletcher First Lady Award by the W-Club. The award is given each year to a woman who symbolizes the ideas, the virtues and the heart of a Christian woman.

**THE WINNER** of the Ida Award, given to a student talented in the acting field, was Russ Burrough. The award is named in honor of Mrs. Ida Palmer, wife of former MCC President Lucien Palmer, because she was a great supporter of the drama program at MCC.

The President's Award, the oldest MCC award given other than that for the valedictorian and salutatorian, went to BRE graduate Richard Gilmer. Richard, who is now preaching for the Ecorse Church of Christ, was selected as the student who has the most potential for success as a full-time preacher.

Rosina Trupiano was proud to receive the Dean's Award which goes to a student who starts MCC in the developmental program and who, according to Dr. Journey, "really does turn over that new leaf that we all say we will."

**FINALLY**, after the eight finalists in the running for Mr. and Miss Michigan Christian College were introduced, President Milton Fletcher

announced Rob Loshier and Meitre Clowney as Mr. and Miss MCC for the 1984-85 school year.

Before the evening ended, Mrs. Mary Utley, a "lady who's big of heart though small of stature" according to Dr. Knight, was called upon to award almost two dozen door prizes provided by the freshman class.

As she tried to pronounce unfamiliar names scrawled on ticket stubs, the audience began chuckling, until when "Slave Smith" instead of Steve Smith was called, a voice rang out over the crowd: "Now *this* is entertainment!"

Mrs. Utley's reply, "I don't think they teach penmanship here," brought even more laughs.

By the time the gifts were all opened and Miss Terri McClure and Frank Pitts had sung the very touching "Friends Are Friends Forever," there were many tear-filled eyes as students began to realize that this was the last banquet some of them would share as MCC students.

Freshman class treasurer Michele Maxwell closed the evening with a reference to the banquet's theme, "Friendships of a Lifetime," when she told the audience: "Some of you are here for the last time, but we are all family, and there's a little something about you that is very special."



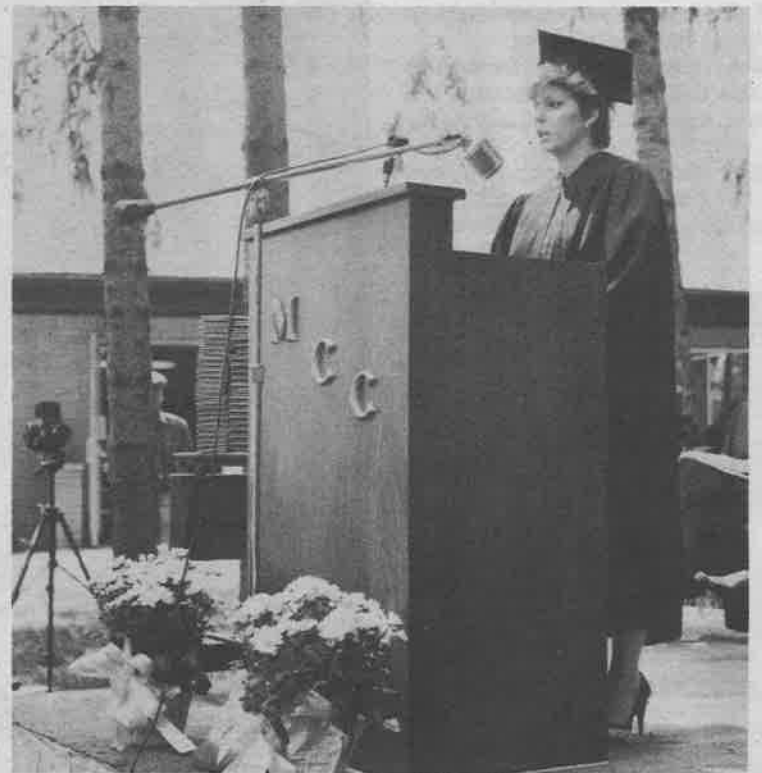
While freshman class President Zachary Pope (Detroit) looks on, Mrs. Mary Utley tries to read the handwritten names of the door prize winners.



Glenda Boyd (Wyandotte) and Patrick Horner (Pontiac) select chicken cordon bleu as their entree at the Awards Banquet.



MR. AND MISS MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. Meitre Clowney and Rob Loshier.



Speaking of the joy of her years at MCC is valedictorian Laura Sommer (Troy).





Ready to receive Associate in Applied Science degrees are Sharon Guidice (Muskegon) and Kara Herren (Mt. Pleasant).



Mr. Ernest Stewart, minister for the Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio, speaks to the graduating class about this day of a new beginning.



Mrs. Wendy Estes, wife and mother of four, is proud to receive an A.A.S. with a major in homemaking.

## Grads share memories, plans at Deans' Breakfast

On the morning of May 4, Dr. Leonard Knight, Dean of Students, welcomed the soon-to-be graduates to the Deans' Breakfast by telling them how special they are to MCC.

After a period of prayer and song, Dr. Larry Jurney, Academic dean, also told the students how much they mean to the faculty and staff at MCC. He spoke of how the apostle Paul addressed his fellow Christians as "Dearly Beloved" and said: "They were dearly loved by Paul because he taught them. Many of us have taught you and you are truly dearly beloved."

Then referring to Colossians 3:17, Dr. Jurney ended with the thought: "May whatever you do, whether you are establishing your homes, or working in an occupation as a teacher or social worker or preacher, may you do it in the name of the Lord."

After breakfast was served, the deans gave each student a chance to rise and say something of encouragement to his classmates or to tell what the future might hold.

Wendy Walling's (Allenton) statement, "The best thing I've learned is the meaning of true friends," was echoed by many who spoke of the love that flows among everyone on campus.

Some talked of wedding plans.

"I'm getting married and then I'll be traveling in the army because Jeff (Jeff Hunt, MCC Class of '84) is going in," Kathy Lightcap (Pontiac) said.

Trudy Fair (Pontiac) announced that there were only 37 days until her wedding day.

Other students mentioned the colleges to which they plan to transfer, while several said that though they were happy to be receiving their associate's degrees, they would be back in the fall to continue in the Bachelor's of Religious Education program.

Greg Campbell (Lansing), who is graduating with his BRE degree, said he could not help but think back about entering MCC four years ago, wanting to be a draftsman, and the changes in his life since then.

Among others who said they would be back in the fall to continue in the BRE program were Darren Maggard (Melvindale), Dan Corp (Ashtabula, Ohio), and Jim Calkin (East Peoria, Ill.) — "Depending on how Greek goes, that is," added Calkin.

Some used their 30 seconds to thank those who helped them at MCC.

"I love you all," Kim Martin (Grabill, Ind.) said, and added, "He's not here, but I want to thank Mike Light because he's the one who recruited me. This is really a great school."

Summarizing how most of the students said they felt about MCC was Glenda Boyd (Wyandotte) who said: "This was special. At big universities you're just a number. Here, you're really special."

President Fletcher closed the program by encouraging the graduates to be true to their commitments throughout life — to each other, to spouses, to MCC, to the church and to God.

"I charge you to be true to your Christian principles in everything you do, in challenges in school or in the work world," President Fletcher said.

"You may be scoffed at, but if you stand for what is right, you'll always be respected."

## Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet held in April

The spring Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet provided an evening of special moments and renewed relationships for the students at MCC and their mothers.

Because the fall Father-Daughter Banquet and the traditional spring Mother-Daughter Banquet do not include the men at MCC, this year the Women's Club that sponsors the annual event decided to change the format to include sons in the April 5 event.

After a dinner of chicken cordon bleu, baked potato, broccoli and cauliflower with cheese sauce, and a salad and fruit bar, entertainment began.

Kristin Adams (Drayton Plains), Melodie King (Rochester), Michele Maxwell (Flat Rock) and Larry Marsh (Ortonville) sang "You Needed Me."

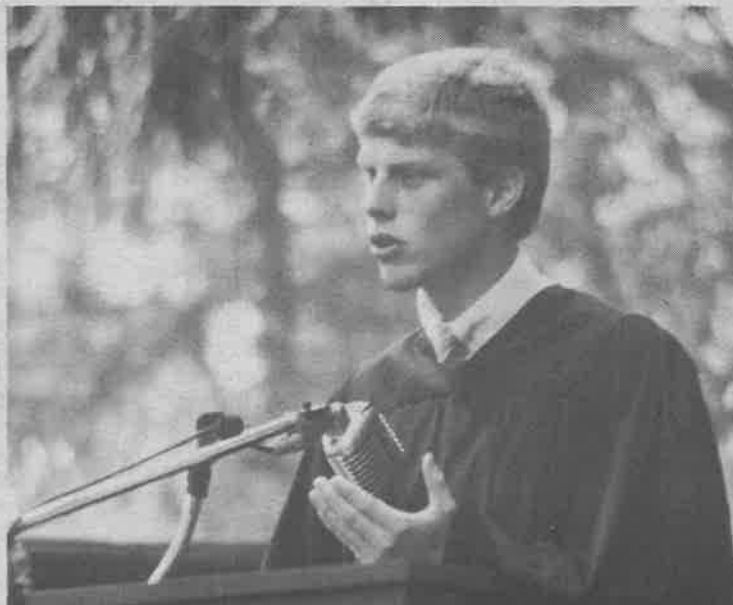
Then Laurie Losiewicz (Auburn Hills) a freshman and mother of four, and Pete Coleman (Waterford) gave a poetry reading about a child growing from infancy to manhood. The poem, "Motherly Love," was written by Laurie.

Following a humorous speech about motherhood by Academic Dean Larry Jurney, Suzanne Scott (Auburn Hills) sang "There's Never Been a Friend Like You, Mother." Suzanne, accompanied on the piano by her friend Michelle Soroka, dedicated the song to her mother and afterward presented her a bouquet of flowers.

The idea of including sons in this year's banquet was well received.

Mrs. Judy Mealer, mother of freshman Christopher (Valparaiso, Ind.), said: "I really enjoyed the banquet. It was nice to get out of the house and spend some time with my son."

"I'm happy that the W-Club made the decision to include sons this year," sponsor Mrs. Barbara Shaheen said. "The positive response from the men on campus means we'll do it again next year."



"We'll be heading in many different directions, doing many different things in life, but no matter what we do, we should do it with God in mind," is the message of valedictorian Rob Lusher (Troy).

# Board honors employees with dinner

The Michigan Christian College Board of Trustees hosted the annual Employee Appreciation Dinner at the River Crest Banquet Facility on the evening of May 26.

After the buffet dinner, Board Chairman Robert Utley spoke for a few minutes about the duties and responsibilities of the Board as legal guardians of the college.

"We do do things other than just eat, though we like to do that best," he joked before introducing Mr. Jim Thomas, an elder from the Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio. Mr. Thomas then read several statements of appreciation from former MCC students who are now members of the Echo Meadows congregation.

"The quality of education I received at MCC was second to none," one alumnus wrote.

"At MCC, I felt that all of us living there together were in the same boat heading for the same port," wrote another.

"Since the teachers were Christians, you knew you could trust them," a third said.

AFTER READING several other statements, Mr. Thomas mentioned that in the Echo Meadows congregation alone are three former MCC students who are deacons and several Bible school teachers and personal workers. He also mentioned several alumni who are part-time preachers going out to small towns and Mr. Rick Watson, an MCC alumnus from Echo Meadows who is now Assistant to President Milton Fletcher.

"The service they are doing now is an extension of people like you," Mr. Thomas told the employees present. "This dinner is only a token of our appreciation because no dinner could express our appreciation and love for you."

With an introduction that "tonight is a family affair as our own Ed Buchanan and Bernard Leshley will perform for us," entertainment began.

With Mr. Leshley accompanying on piano, Mr. Buchanan, MCC's chorus director, sang selections from the productions *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific* and *Sound of Music*.

Several awards were then presented to MCC employees.

A CERTIFICATE for 21 years of service to MCC was presented to Mr. Leshley — "Mr. Pomp and Circumstance" — who not only has taught piano at MCC but who has provided the music at every graduation since 1964.

THE PLAQUE for Faculty Member of the Year went to Mr. Garth Pleasant, basketball coach and physical education instructor. The winner of this award is selected by his peers each year for a willingness to become involved in the entire MCC Program; for professional competence; a cooperative spirit within the MCC community; interest and consideration



Piano instructor Mr. Bernard Leshley accepts a certificate for 21 years of service to MCC.

for students; for being supportive of the purposes and goals of MCC; and for personal reputation on and off campus.

In his response, Mr. Pleasant humbly thanked his colleagues and said that he remembered Mr. Marcel Bertholet, of MCC's maintenance staff, once saying he had come to MCC to serve God and said that he felt Mr. Bertholet's statement "sums it up for me, too."



Mr. Royce Dickinson, Board member from Trenton, presents the Staff Member of the Year award to Mr. Vernon Wallace, MCC's security guard and Campus Center dorm supervisor.



Mr. Garth Pleasant, basketball coach and physical education instructor, receives the Faculty Member of the Year award from Mr. Jim Bruce, Board member from Birmingham.



Retiring after 17 years on the maintenance staff of MCC are Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Bertholet.

## Bertholet's first to retire

As they stepped onto dry land in New York, they began waving a Belgian flag. Twenty years later, Marcel and Jeanne Bertholet are still flag wavers but are now citizens of the United States.

May 31 marked the end of the Bertholet's 17 years of service to Michigan Christian College where they have worked diligently on the maintenance staff of the 91-acre campus.

This occasion is made more special by the fact that the Bertholets are the first to retire from MCC in its 26-year history.

Though communicating with the Bertholets is still often difficult since they came to America with no knowledge of English and are self-taught, their love of this country, of God and of their fellow man always shines through.

AT A BANQUET honoring the Bertholets, Dr. Leo Hindsley, an MCC history professor who first met the Bertholets while doing missionary work in France, spoke of their dedication.

"Marcel has viewed his work here at the college as his way of serving the Lord," Dr. Hindsley said. "They consider

the property here as belonging to the Lord and cannot stand to see it misused, and I respect them for that."

Besides general maintenance, Mr. Bertholet has been responsible for the maintenance and repair of the campus boilers and plumbing systems, and Mrs. Bertholet, the custodial functions of the college.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," said Mr. Randy McClure, Director of Physical Plant. "They'll sure be missed. Marcel contains a wealth of knowledge that would take an encyclopedia volume to fill."

THE STORY of the Bertholet's journey to America and later to Rochester is an intriguing one.

They met in Pepinster, Belgium, at a New Year's Eve party during the war in 1942. At the time, Mr. Bertholet was an engineer for the railroad, and when he passed through Jeanne's town, he would stop to see her.

During the German takeover, however, Mr. Bertholet was ordered by the Germans to report for Deportation. He and Jeanne decided to marry immediately.

Afraid that they would never see each other again, Mr.

ALSO AWARDED was a plaque to Mr. Vernon Wallace, security guard and Campus Center dorm supervisor. Though he has only been part of the MCC family for less than a year, he was chosen Staff Member of the Year for his service and dedication. He, too, was selected by his peers for having the same qualities as required for the selection of Faculty Member of the Year.

Bertholet talked with the Germans, trying to convince them that they needed him to run the railroad station for them right in Belgium.

"I don't know why, but after long talk, they decide," he said, and he was able to remain in Belgium.

A daughter, Micheline, was born in March 1945 after the American army's January liberation of Belgium. A son, Roland, was born the next year.

A DEEP LOVE for America began to grow within the Bertholets during the liberation.

"We adopted two American soldiers; all Belgians did," Mr. Bertholet said. "It was fight, relax, fight, relax; the Americans stayed with us when they were not fighting."

Though the soldiers and the Bertholets could not communicate verbally, they grew to love each other in their fight against a common enemy.

When baby Micheline was born, the soldiers were still living with the Bertholets and were waiting in another part of the house to hear the baby's cry and to celebrate the birth.

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Larry and Lynn Stewart

## Seventeen years at MCC

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EIGHTEEN years later, at a New Year's Eve party like that where her parents had met, Micheline met and fell in love with an American soldier stationed in Paris. They married the next year.

After the newlyweds returned to America, the Bertholets missed their daughter so much that they took the advice of an American missionary and ran an employment ad in an American Christian magazine. Members of the Church of Christ in Springfield, Vermont, responded, and before long the Bertholets were on shore in America, waving that Belgian flag as a signal to alert the people from Vermont to their arrival.

AFTER WORKING in Vermont, and then for a time at the War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms, the Bertholets were offered positions at Michigan Christian College. Rochester was their home ever since. People have asked if they will

go back "home" to Belgium now that they are retiring.

"You never forget where you are born, but my country is here," is Mr. Bertholet's emphatic answer.

"I have three cities," he continues. "One is permanent upstairs in heaven; the second is my country here; and my third one is in Belgium.

"I am proud to be American citizen."

The Bertholets have moved from their MCC-owned home into an apartment in Rochester and will spend their retirement years traveling and enjoying their children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

"Marcel and Jeanne Bertholet have been faithful and valuable assets to Michigan Christian College," President Milton Fletcher said. "We love them and honor them as the first people to officially retire from MCC. We are delighted that they are remaining in Rochester."



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# Alumni News

## 1969

**Norman Seiders ('69)** and his wife Carol Ann have three children: Stefanie, 5; Greg, 2; and Scott, 2 months. Norman has a B.S. from U. of Maryland ('76), a M.S. from Boston U. ('78), and is working on a Master's of Theology at Harding Graduate School of Religion. He is also a minister.

## 1970

**Kenneth D. Chaffin ('70)** and his wife **Jannie ('70)** have two children, Steven, 5, and Bethany, 3. Ken has served as minister for the Elmwood Avenue Church of Christ in Lafayette, Ind., for eight years. He received his Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago on June 11, 1985, and is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at McCormick. Jannie is a nursery school teacher.

## 1973

**Daniel D. Allen ('73)** and his wife Diana have two children, Timothy, 19 months, and Elizabeth, 1 month. Daniel is a deacon at the Northwest Church of Christ in Chicago. He works as a business manager; Diana is an English teacher.

## 1975

**Larry Ice ('75)** and his wife Molly have two children, Matthew, and Ryan. Ryan was

born Jan. 21, 1985. Larry works as a property data reviewer in Vienna, West Virginia.

**Albert Brintwood Swindle ('75)** and his wife Teresa adopted Jonathan Jason, 20 months, April 15. The Swindles live in Adrian where Albert is an accountant.

## 1976

**Craig Leon Ryan ('76)** and his wife **Donna (Nichols) ('81)** have two daughters, Deirdre, 2½, and Crystal, 6 months. Craig is a computer programmer in the U.S. Army; he will be released in December. Donna is the Director of Housekeeping for Viscount Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

## 1981

**Tim Dill ('81)** has received a B.A. in accounting from Harding University and moved to Dallas, Texas, where he will be training with the Martin Tomlinson Roofing Company, in preparation for taking over the business when Mr. Tomlinson retires.

## 1984

**Randy Dill (BRE '84)** and his wife **Pam (Pierson) ('81)** are the parents of Jennifer Dawn, born April 27. They reside in Englewood Ohio, while Randy works as a Family Minister in Dayton.



**SOFTBALL TEAM:** Seated — Melodie King, Glenda Boyd, Helen Denise Wright, Kim Zadoorian. Kneeling — Cindy Ball, Bonnie Clayton, Lori Elliott, Monica Morris, Kathy Schipper. Standing — Yolanda Sanders, Meitre Clowney, Kristin Adams, Janet Christensen, student coach Marty Phillips. Not pictured — Coach Garth Pleasant.

## Mr. Hoggatt (Continued from Page 1)

Tennessee, is suffering ill health, as are other members of the family. The Claytons felt an intense need to move to Nashville to assist them.

"We regret losing Jesse Clayton and his family," President Fletcher said.

"Jesse has served faithfully in the Church Relations area and in the Development areas for the past six years. Until two years ago, he directed the Salary Sharing Program of fund raising and for all six years has directed the Partnership Dinner Campaign.

"Jesse has invested much love, work and energy in this institution for which he is deeply appreciated. We will miss him and his family but feel so fortunate in having Kent Hoggatt, a long-time employee and an alumnus of Michigan Christian College, step into his shoes. Kent's duties will also involve Church Relations and Development activities."

Mr. Hoggatt has been with Michigan Christian College since 1973 and has served as an Admissions Counselor, a part-time faculty member in the speech area, Director of Financial Aid, and now, as the Director of Church Relations.

"Kent is unusually qualified in the Church Relations role because he is so well-known in the area and highly respected for the work he has done over the years at the college, as well as in various churches," President Fletcher said.

Mr. Hoggatt will continue to teach one speech course at MCC.

He will direct annual fund campaigns in Chicago and Rockford, Illinois, and Nashville, Tennessee.

The Partnership Dinner Campaign will also be his responsibility, along with the direction of various Bible Workshops sponsored by MCC across the Midwest and on campus.

## Mathis signed by Harding for Basketball

Marvin Mathis (Auburn Hills), a forward on MCC's 1984-85 basketball team, has signed a basketball letter-of-intent with Harding University head coach Jess Bucy.

The 6-foot-5-inch, 170-pound athlete averaged 15 points per game as a two-year starter for MCC, which posted a 23-3 record last season.

"Marvin is a good athlete with the good quickness you like in a player," Coach Bucy said. "He's still developing, and we think he has the ability to step in and do the job."

Mathis was an all-tournament selection at the 1985 Harding Junior College Tournament. At MCC he averaged 52 percent in field goal shooting and seven rebounds per game.

At Harding, Mathis plans to pursue a major in business administration.

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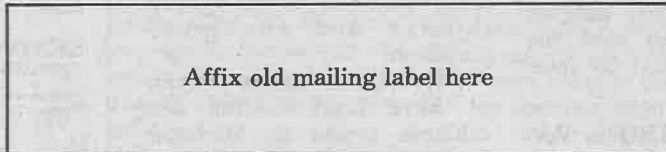
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