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Relaxing in the Chinese Gardens are MCC employees Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wallace. (See related story on Page 4.)

## 27th Year Begins

Numerous influences brought students to Michigan Christian College for the 27th academic year which began August 24.

Although a majority of the student body came from the Midwestern states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, others enrolled from Alabama, Arkansas, California, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Jamaica and Suriname.

During the last few years, MCC has had an influx of students whose parents are alumni.

Responding to a question on her Application for Admission about relatives who had attended MCC, incoming freshman Julie Kreh of Searcy, Arkansas, stated, "See attached list." That list included Julie's father, mother, eight aunts and uncles, and two cousins who had previously attended MCC.

Commenting on Julie's decision to attend MCC in spite of the fact that the family lives in a college town, Julie's mother stated in a letter, "We are pleased that . . . she still prefers to attend our Alma Mater."

Looking ahead, the family tradition will continue next year also since Julie's cousin, William Blake of Littleton, Colorado, has already applied for admission for the fall of 1986.

Another incoming freshman, Anita Waggoner of Selma, Alabama, returned "home" as she arrived in Rochester to attend MCC this fall. Anita, whose father taught at MCC from 1959 to 1974, was born in Pontiac, Michigan, while her dad was teaching at MCC.

Anita stated on her application that she chose MCC for the small college atmosphere. She influenced a former classmate, Jon Vealey of Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend MCC this fall as well.

Activities of the opening week included the opportunity to take CLEP tests for advance college credit.

In addition to orientation sessions on academic and campus life and registration activities, students had the opportunity to participate in various mixers, receptions, and outings such as a Detroit Tigers game and a Cedar Point trip.

## New Employees Welcomed

Several new members have been added to the faculty, staff and administration of Michigan Christian College for the 1985-86 school year.

"The normal course of activities brings about changes at various times," President Milton B. Fletcher said, "and we see all these changes as positive influences on the daily operation of MCC."

In administration, as a result of Dr. Larry Jurney's resignation to join the faculty of Oklahoma Christian College, Dr. Len Knight has been appointed interim academic dean. He will serve in that capacity along with his work as dean of students.

Joining Dr. Knight in administration as associate dean of students for women is Mrs. Charlotte Roper. She will also serve as psychology and sociology instructor, supervisor of club activities, career guidance counselor, female counselor, and director of *Celebration*, the spring social clubs' musical.

MRS. ROPER is not a stranger to the MCC campus. She taught psychology and sociology from 1979-1981 and has taught at the MCC Bible Teachers' Workshops for the last six years. Her husband Coy is a Bible and Greek instructor, while their daughter is an MCC sophomore.

Joining the English staff is Dr. Zelma Odel from Abilene,

Texas. Dr. Odel began working at Abilene Christian University in 1946 as a teacher in the campus high school. She joined the Department of English in 1954 and was a professor at ACU from 1967-1984.

"I think we are extremely fortunate to have someone of her experience, ability and expertise to join our faculty and to give additional dimension to our program," President Fletcher said.

Several changes have also taken place among the staff members this fall.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Marcel Bertholet, Mr. Randy McClure has accepted the position of superintendent of maintenance.

MR. McCLURE will temporarily continue some duties in the area of NDL activities until a replacement is trained.

Upon the resignation of Mrs. Diane Nesbit, Mrs. Shirley Alexander, who has been working in cataloging in MCC's library since 1980, has been promoted to the head librarian position. Her past experience also includes that of librarian at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, from 1962 to 1975.

Mrs. Alexander and her husband Cecil are members of the Rochester Church of Christ where Mr. Alexander is a deacon. Mrs. Alexander is also an active member of the Associates of MCC.

Like Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Bertha O'Rourke is also an Associate and is married to a deacon at the Rochester congregation. Mrs. O'Rourke is working as a library clerk.

A 1985 MCC graduate, Mr. Brian Hoggatt, has been added to the business office staff to work as accounts payable clerk along with other duties assigned as needed.

Mrs. Lois Dill, who came to MCC in the fall of 1984, is continuing this year as the Alma Gatewood dorm supervisor but has been transferred from her role as institutional receptionist to that of student financial aid clerk.

Though Mrs. Dill began the year working in the financial aid office, she has been hospitalized for surgery for a back problem and will be recuperating until late November.

TO FILL the receptionist role vacated by the transfer of Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Nola Cucheran and Mrs. Flo Wallace have been added to the staff.

Both Cathi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cucheran, and Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wallace, live on campus and are freshmen at MCC this year.

Finally, serving as secretary to the academic dean is Mrs. Jan Coe. She and her husband Dwight are active members of the Rochester Church of Christ and are the parents of three daughters.

Goal: \$226,000

## Salary Sharing Campaign

The 1985 Salary Sharing Campaign will begin September 30. The money raised during this annual drive makes up more than 55 percent of the total gift income for the year.

Each year the Salary Sharing/Phone-A-Visit campaign raises more money than the Partnership Dinner, the Associates, or any other gift appeal that is undertaken by the college. It is the largest fundraising event that takes place each year.

The direct mail portion of the campaign begins September 30 and ends October 16. The money pledged via the Salary Sharing "YES" card is tabulated. All those not responding by mail are then called during the Phone-A-Visit part of the

campaign.

The calling runs from Monday, October 28, to Tuesday, November 26. Calls are made Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings by volunteers who come to the college campus.

"It is most vital that we reach the \$226,000 goal," President Milton B. Fletcher said. "The college needs this goal to be achieved in order to stay on track during the Silver Anniversary Campaign. Hopefully, everyone will realize how important this campaign is to the continued growth of Michigan Christian College."

The money raised goes to support the general operating budget of MCC.

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# SPEAKERS

**Mr. Clyde Balderson**, a preacher for 38 years, is both an elder and minister of the Ina Road Church of Christ in Tucson, Arizona. He was a pioneer faculty member of Michigan Christian College and served as dean of students until 1968. Mr. Balderson has been in the life insurance business for 23 years and runs his own agency in Tucson.

**Mr. John Banks** has been a gospel preacher for 40 years. Since 1973 he has been both the pulpit minister of the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ and host of the Know Your Bible television program (NBC) in San Diego, California. An anthropology scholar and university professor, Mr. Banks has traveled throughout the world and has studied extensively in the States, in Germany and in Israel. He is a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology.

**Mr. Barry Blackburn** has recently joined the Bible faculty at Michigan Christian College. He has been a gospel preacher for 14 years, most recently at the Town Creek Church of Christ in Alabama. After receiving a master's from the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Mr. Blackburn and his family moved to Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1980 where he preached part time while studying at Aberdeen University. His doctoral dissertation will be ready for submission in December.

**Dr. Carl Brecheen** is a member of the Bible faculty at Abilene Christian University where he also directs the annual Bible Lectureship and the Bible Teachers' Workshop. Since 1974, Dr. Brecheen and his colleague Dr. Paul Faulkner have conducted Marriage Enrichment Seminars for over 70,000 people throughout the world. The two have published a book, *What Every Family Needs*; a film series; and a tape series on marriage and the family. Dr. Brecheen serves as an elder of the University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas.

**Mr. Edward Buchanan** is director of musical activities at Michigan Christian College. He directs both the A Cappella Chorus and Autumn, a 12-member group which sings contemporary Christian music in the a cappella style and tours extensively throughout the Midwest. Mr. Buchanan came to MCC from Portland, Oregon, where he graduated Cum Laude from Columbia Christian College. His choral arrangements have been performed throughout the West by Columbia's Concert Choir and other select groups.

**Dr. Sherrill Cox**, a Michigan Christian College graduate and MCC's 1985 Alumnus of the Year award winner, has been both a gospel preacher and a teacher for 15 years. 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. He holds degrees from MCC, David Lipscomb, Murray State University and Ohio University.

**Dr. Loren Gieger** is a former Michigan Christian College Bible professor and is now teaching in the Bible Department at Oklahoma Christian College. He has been a gospel preacher for 25 years, has traveled extensively in the Bible lands, and has written several junior high workbooks and teacher's manuals for *The Living Way* series. Dr. Gieger received a bachelor's from Abilene Christian University and a master's of divinity and a Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Mr. Jim Mankin** is well known in the brotherhood for being both a minister of the Madison Church of Christ in Tennessee and for teaching the Amazing Grace Bible Class on national television. He has been preaching since 1958. His experience includes that of Bible instructor at Boyd-Buchanan School, director of several Christian camps, and writer and editor for such publications as *20th Century Christian* and the Tennessee Valley Edition of *The Christian Chronicle*.

**Mrs. Eva Walker Myer** has been a teacher of God's word for 17 years. Besides working as research assistant at Haverford College Library and as a seminar speaker for the American Bible Society, Mrs. Myer contributes regularly to *20th Century Christian*, *Gospel Advocate* and other journals. She is married to Charles F. Myer, academic dean of Northeastern Christian Junior College.

**Mr. Coy Roper** has been a member of the Bible Faculty of Michigan Christian College since 1978 and also serves as pulpit minister for the Metro Church of Christ in Sterling Heights, Michigan. He worked as a missionary in Canada and Australia for 15 years before coming to MCC. Today, Mr. Roper speaks at lectureships throughout the country and writes for various religious publications. He is a Ph.D. candidate working on his dissertation at the University of Michigan.

## Monday, October 7, 1985

7:30 p.m.                      General Session

## Tuesday, October 8, 1985

9:30-10:45 a.m.      Ladies' Class

9:30-10:45 a.m.      Men's Class

11:00 a.m.              Chapel

12:30 p.m.             Preachers' Fellowship

12:30 p.m.             Ladies' Luncheon

2:00 p.m.                General Class

3:00 p.m.                General Class

5:00 p.m.                Preachers', Elders' and Wives' Dinner

7:30 p.m.                General Session

## Wednesday, October 9, 1985

9:30-10:45 a.m.      Ladies' Class

9:30-10:45 a.m.      Men's Class

11:00 a.m.              Chapel

12:30 p.m.             Parents' and Friends'

2:00 p.m.                General Class

3:00 p.m.                General Class

7:30 p.m.                General Session

## Thursday, October 10, 1985

9:30-10:45 a.m.      Ladies' Class

9:30-10:45 a.m.      Men's Class

11:00 a.m.              Chapel

2:00 p.m.                General Class

3:00 p.m.                General Class

7:30 p.m.                1985-86 Debut Perform

8:00 p.m.                General Session

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	Mr. John Banks	"The Challenge of Godless Humanism"	Gymnasium
	Mrs. Eva Walker Myer	"Identifying with Jesus"	Westside Central Chapel Center Section
	Mr. Clyde Balderson	"Jesus — The Divine Being"	Gymnasium
	Mr. Clyde Balderson	"Jesus Is the Answer to Life's Hurts"	Gymnasium
Luncheon	Mr. John Banks	"Jesus — The Answer for Tired Servants"	River Crest Banquet Facility
	Hosted by the Rochester Associates		Rochester Church of Christ
	Mr. Coy Roper	"The Sermon on the Mount: Timeless Insights for Successful Living"	Gymnasium
	Mr. Barry Blackburn	"The Miracle Stories of Mark"	Gymnasium
	Dr. Loren Gieger	"Leadership — Serving Side by Side"	River Crest Banquet Facility
	Dr. Loren Gieger	"Jesus — The Answer to Church Problems"	Gymnasium
	Mrs. Eva Walker Myer	"Focusing on Jesus"	Westside Central Chapel Center Section
	Mr. Clyde Balderson	"Jesus — The Ordinary Man — Fully Human"	Gymnasium
	Dr. Sherrill Cox	"Education — Jesus' Way"	Gymnasium
Luncheon			River Crest Banquet Facility
	Mr. Barry Blackburn	"The Miracle Stories of Mark"	Gymnasium
	Mr. Coy Roper	"The Sermon on the Mount: Timeless Insights for Successful Living"	Gymnasium
	Dr. Carl Brecheen	"Jesus Is Still the Answer for the Family"	Gymnasium
	Mrs. Eva Walker Myer	"Maturing with Jesus"	Westside Central Chapel Center Section
	Mr. Clyde Balderson	"Humanity/Divinity of Jesus — In Focus"	Gymnasium
	Dr. Carl Brecheen	"The King's Priorities for My Marriage"	Gymnasium
	Mr. Coy Roper	"The Sermon on the Mount: Timeless Insights for Successful Living"	Gymnasium
	Mr. Barry Blackburn	"The Miracle Stories of Mark"	Gymnasium
Dance	Mr. Ed. Buchanan, Director	MCC A Cappella Chorus	Gymnasium
	Mr. Jim Mankin	"Is Jesus Your King?"	Gymnasium

## Message from the President



Dear Friends:

We have recently reached an agreement with Dr. Zelma Odle, retired faculty member from Abilene Christian University, to teach English at Michigan Christian College. We are so very thankful that Dr. Odle has agreed to contribute her talents free of charge. Just as we have done with Dr. Paul Southern and Mrs. Margaret Southern, we will furnish living quarters, subsistence and transportation costs to and from Abilene in order that Dr. Odle not suffer a cash loss in relation to her stay at Michigan Christian College.

As I was reflecting on this unselfish gesture of Dr. Odle and the Southern's in particular, I began to wonder what we could do to "give honor to whom honor is due." It dawned on me that volunteer contributors to Michigan Christian College across the years are beyond our ability to measure in total value to the school and to the contributors themselves. The blessings that come to the volunteers are a direct fulfillment of the promise that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." In fact, as I study God's word, I find that every command to give is followed by an equivalent promise to receive.

As I reflected even more, I began thinking of retired people in particular that have invested great volumes of time and talent in the daily affairs of Michigan Christian College. In no way is this emphasis intended to overlook the thousands of other volunteers from the Board of Trustees, the Associates, the Advisory Board, the Alumni Association, the Men's Club, and the general rank and file of friends of Michigan Christian College. My imagination ran wild as I thought of all these great people.

However, for the moment, I would like to especially focus on "retired" volunteers such as Paul and Margaret Southern of Abilene, Texas, who are on the faculty of MCC; Ray Hyder of Southgate, Michigan, who has accomplished thousands of hours of carpentry work across the years; Bob Wineinger of Royal Oak, Michigan, who has contributed upholstery covering,

furniture repair and carpet laying for approximately 15 years; Erlon Turner of Pontiac, Michigan, who donated several summers of carpentry work; Walter Nonnenmacher of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who for several years drove our bus thousands of miles for A Cappella and basketball trips; and, of late, Vernon and Flo Wallace of Allen Park who serve as dormitory supervisors; even more recently, Cyrus Addams, a retired Board of Trustee member who is working in the area of estate planning; and now, Zelma Odle, who has joined our faculty. On an estimated basis, the above mentioned people have already contributed slightly in excess of \$300,000 in labor to Michigan Christian College.

I believe it is past time for us to honor these great people. Consequently, effective immediately, we are establishing the *Retired Volunteers Club* of Michigan Christian College and have adopted guidelines by which it is to operate.

Basically, a member must be 60 years of age or older; must have contributed volunteer service either on a full- or part-time basis for a period of at least one year; men and women are eligible; no educational requirements are necessary except to those who are placed on the faculty.

This campus-based club must operate independently of all the extremely valuable volunteer affiliate organizations such as the Board of Trustees, the Associates, the Men's Club and the Advisory Board. The work of these volunteers directly relates to the budgeted campus operations.

The people who are added to the *Retired Volunteers Club* will be honored after the one year mentioned above with a plaque recognizing their membership and their names will be engraved on a master plaque on the campus.

We want to encourage others to join the RVC forces by meeting the guidelines set forth above. If you think you want to make this kind of contribution during your retirement years, please drop me a note containing information as to your skills and professional talents.

I am excited about beginning the *Retired Volunteers Club* of Michigan Christian College. Retired people can be of great service to themselves and the institution as they find time in retirement years to keep their skills and talents busy for the Lord.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher  
President

## Advisory Board meets

The Michigan Christian College Advisory Board met for their annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17. Mr. Gordon Caswell, of Caswell-Shultz, Inc., an estate and financial planning firm, was the featured speaker.

On Friday evening the reception and dinner took place. On Saturday Mr. Caswell informed the Advisory Board of several ways they could help their local congregations, their families and themselves through thoughtful estate planning.

Mr. Caswell stressed that estate planning is not just for the wealthy or those with large estates but for everyone. He said that everyone has a will, either one made by the individual or one that the state will make after a person's death.

"Unfortunately, the state has its own ideas about how to divide our assets. It may not be the way you want them divided at all," Mr. Caswell said.

He encouraged everyone to make out a will. He also said that if an existing will has not been updated since September 12, 1981, it would be a good idea to do so as the laws have changed substantially since then.

"This information would help anyone in any situation," Mr. Dean Hoggatt, board member from LaGrange, Indiana, said.

"Gordon Caswell is one of the country's premier estate planning experts. We are most fortunate to have a man of his caliber and character with us," President Milton B. Fletcher said.

Next year's annual meeting will take place during the month of June.

## Calendar of Events

Youth Leader's Workshop	Sep 13-14, 1985
Fall Festival	Sep 14, 1985
Battle Creek Bible School Workshop	Sep 21, 1985
Battle Creek Christian Education Sunday	Sep 22, 1985
North Warren Bible School Workshop	Sep 28, 1985
Annual Bible Lectureship	Oct 7-10, 1985
Salary Sharing Campaign	Oct 14-Nov 26, 1985
Indianapolis Bible School Workshop	Oct 19, 1985
Tucson Annual Fund Dinner	Oct 19, 1985
Student Outing to Greenfield Village	Oct 19, 1985
Indianapolis Christian Education Sunday	Oct 20, 1985
Phoenix Annual Fund Dinner	Oct 21, 1985
Phoenix Christian Education Sunday	Oct 22, 1985
Medina, Ohio, Bible School Workshop	Oct 26, 1985
Medina, Ohio Christian Education Sunday	Oct 27, 1985
Stratford on Avon Annual Trip	Oct 28, 1985
Phone-A-Visit	Oct 28-Nov 26, 1985
Nashville Annual Fund Dinner	Nov 2, 1985
Junior-Senior Weekend	Nov 8-9, 1985
Columbus, Ohio, Bible School Workshop	Nov 9, 1985
Columbus, Ohio, Christian Education Sunday	Nov 10, 1985
Rockford Annual Fund Dinner	Nov 15, 1985
Chicago Annual Fund Dinner	Nov 16, 1985
Chicago Christian Education Sunday	Nov 17, 1985
Detroit — LeMay Avenue Bible School Workshop	Nov 23, 1985
Student Outing to Detroit Cultural Center	Nov 23, 1985
Detroit Christian Education Sunday	Nov 24, 1985
Gift-A-Rama	Dec 7, 1985
Dorms Close for Christmas Holiday	Dec 20, 1985

## Facelift for Chinese Gardens

The Chinese Gardens have never looked so beautiful.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wallace who devoted countless hours to working in the garden and pool area east of Gallaher Center, employees, students and visitors alike now have a colorful and fragrant spot in which to rest for a moment or an hour.

As people walk through the gardens or relax on the green wooden bench nearby, they are surrounded by roses, daisies, brown-eyed Susans, impatiens, dusty millers, periwinkles, salvias, petunias and lilies of the valley.

ON A STROLL past the Gallaher Center and down the stairs outside the music room or past the Campus Center, geraniums, coleus plants and a variety of others also brighten the way.

All these flowers are the result of the Wallaces' love of gardening and their desire to help brighten the campus they

have come to love in the year since they joined the MCC family.

"I love to take an 'eye sore' and make it a beauty spot," Mr. Wallace said. "The Chinese Garden was such an eye sore this spring when the snow and ice melted. Flo and I decided to see what we could do with it in time for the May 11 graduation."

"We worked throughout April and May, a good two months before it was really pretty," Mrs. Wallace said. "Now we hope to put some tulip bulbs out this fall so we have something early in the spring, too."

The Wallaces are just one couple among so many who retire from life-long jobs and then unselfishly devote their time to MCC.

THEY CAME to the campus in April 1984 after an ad for a security guard was placed in the MCC Bulletin.

Not only did Mr. Wallace end

up with the security guard position but he and his wife also became dorm supervisors for the Campus Center dormitory. Then this fall when a new receptionist was needed, Mrs. Wallace agreed to accept that position for three days a week.

DURING the 3½ years before coming to MCC, Mr. Wallace was the associate minister of the Allen Park Church of Christ and worked closely with both the busing and visitation programs.

The Wallaces also worked as missionaries for 2½ years at a little country church in North Carolina before joining the brethren in Allen Park.

MICHAEL, 17, is the youngest of the Wallaces' four children. He moved to the campus with them last year and after high school graduation in June, decided to attend MCC as a freshman this fall.

Not surprisingly, Michael's graduation pictures were taken among the flowers in the Chinese gardens.