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College launches new academic year with record enrollment

Continuing to feel the positive effects of adding numerous four-year degree programs, Michigan Christian College experienced a large enrollment increase for the third consecutive year. By the end of late registration, 411 students enrolled for the fall semester, breaking the previous record of 400, set in 1977.

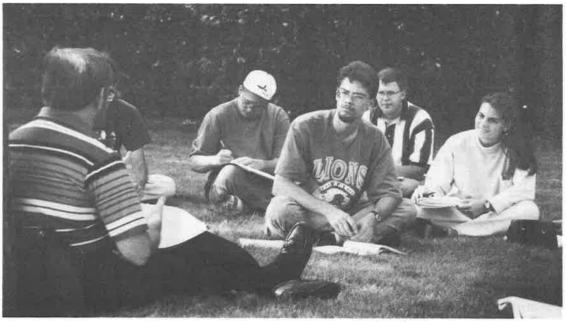
"This year's enrollment represents a true milestone in the life of the college," commented Toby Osburn, dean of enrollment services. "I think we're going to see great things happen in the Kingdom as a result of these young men and women and the experiences they will have at Michigan Christian College."

Again playing a major role in the pattern of growth, a record number of returning students enrolled for classes. The number of returning students increased by 21% over the previous fall, while the overall enrollment increased by 10%. Over the past three years, total enrollment has risen by an impressive 60%.

Paralleling expansion in the number of four-year programs offered by Michigan Christian College, the number of juniors and seniors continued at its highest level for the fall semester. Several additional students entered their first or second year in the new four-year degree programs, bringing the total percentage of full-time students in business majors to 39%, and the percentage in human services programs to 17%.

Students came to Michigan Christian College this fall from Alaska, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. In addition, international students from Austria, Botswana, Canada, Iran, Russia, and Spain enrolled for classes.

Supporting program expansion, several individuals joined the faculty this fall, including Mike Kurschat, adjunct lecturer of business; Don McLellan, adjunct instructor of criminal justice; Bob Norton, Jr., adjunct lecturer of political science; Sheila Owen, director of Muirhead Library; Dr. K.K. Shukla, adjunct instructor of English; Vivian Turner, adjunct instructor of mathematics; and Carol Van-Hooser, instructor of biology. Eric



 $Students\ listen\ attentively\ to\ an\ introductory\ sociology\ lecture\ by\ Ben\ Noah\ on\ a\ beautiful\ fall\ afternoon.$

French switched to full-time duties as an instructor of music.

New employees and fall transitions among the staff included Garry Balk, maintenance specialist; Aaron Burtch, admissions counselor; Karen Felzien, accounts receivable clerk; Shane Godmere, director of computer

and equipment support; Julie Harper, bookstore manager; Sarah Jones, academic services office assistant; Thom Morgenstern, director of financial aid; Susan Noah, accountant; Geneva Sparks, supervisor of boarding men; and Tracy Van Houten, supervisor of boarding women.

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Scores rise as college places emphasis on quality

Reflecting a renewed emphasis on quality, Michigan Christian College opened its thirty-sixth academic year with another gain in student performance levels on standardized testing. Over the past four years, the average ACT score of incoming students

has risen by 11%. At the same time, the percentage of students entering the college with scores indicating a need for some type of assistance with academic skills has dropped by over one-half.

"For the past three years, we have focused most of our efforts

on growth," stated Dr. Ken
Johnson, president of the college, in a recent administrative
meeting. "We now have arrived
at a point where we can focus
primarily on further enhancement of our mission as a quality
ts academic institution."

As the new academic year opened, the college began a self-study process in preparation for the next accreditation visit of the North Central Association, scheduled for January of 1996. Throughout the year, the self-study committee will identify the strengths that make Michigan Christian College a quality institution, and will look for areas which can be improved to fortify the college's mission and service to students.

In the process of planning for the new year, college officials budgeted \$61,700 for new library resources. A large portion of that amount will be used to purchase additional books and periodicals for the new business and human services degree programs. In support of that goal, the Associates have committed \$53,000 of their annual budget for the purchase of new library materials. Taking advantage of the cur-

rent technology available to support a quality program, additional instructors incorporated the use of computers into their teaching methods this fall. Selected English courses, taught by Dr. Fawn Knight and Vikki Bentley, began meeting in the student computer lab to support composition and editing skills. David Brackney recently obtained an astronomy computer program which aids earth science students in locating particular stars and planets.

In an effort to further enhance the new four-year degree programs, the college recently joined the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs and the Students in Free Enterprise. College officials plan to seek specialized accreditation of both the business and social work programs. That additional mark of quality will supplement the institutional accreditation by the North Central Association currently held by the college.



Computers are used by Dr. Fawn Knight to teach honors composition.

Growth paves way for second generation of valued leaders



Dear Friends and Alumni:

Again this year, the Lord delivered to us an increase in the size of the student body - and this time it's an all-time record of 411 students enrolled. We are thankful and excited about this continued growth, and we're even more excited about the continued improvement in the academic strength of the stu-

Achieving enrollment growth while at the same time improving the academic strength of the student body is a major challenge for any institution. Nonetheless, because of the commitment to excellence by the college's Board of Trustees, Michigan Christian College has for three successive years been able to achieve both enrollment growth and academic strengthening of her student body.

As Michigan Christian College continues to enhance her reputation for delivering quality, personalized education in a Christian environment, the financial support of her alumni and friends is critical.

Michigan Christian College has thousands of friends who understand the value of a strong Christian college in the North. Some of these friends have been financially involved for forty years, and most of that group will remain as financial contributors until God calls them home.

Thankfully, a new generation is now catching the vision as well. This new generation recognizes the excellent foundation that has been laid, and understands that much of the hardest work in building a college has been accomplished. They are now faced with the critical task of assembling the resources required to carry Michigan Christian College to the next level of quality, of size, and of service.

You can help make that happen! Thank you for believing in

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Johnson

Employment Opportunities

Development. An individual to work in personal fund-raising and public relations. Excellent communication and organizational skills required.

Faculty. Full-time instructors in Bible, Business, Computer Science, and Criminal Justice. Doctoral degree preferred for each position. Master's degree in appropriate disci-pline required.

Please send letter of application and resume to Dr. Ken Johnson, President, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.



Business program extends influence

Extending its influence both on and off the campus, the Business Department of Michigan Christian College recently affiliated with two national organizations, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

As a member of ACBSP, an organization for business programs in small colleges, Michigan Christian College joins the ranks of some 600 colleges. The association serves as a voice to state and national government, and provides valuable information and ideas through newsletters and conferences.

Supported by such corporations as Wall-Mart, IBM, and AT&T, Students in Free Enterprise is designed to provide members with a chance to learn the free enterprise system, while performing volunteer work for their college and community. Member organizations are self-support-



Sponsor Steve Jones visits with SIFE members about possible projects.

ing, raising the funds needed to provide support for their service activities. At the end of each year, they may participate in regional and national competition by presenting audiovisual representations of their projects.

Currently, the MCC chapter is forming an advisory board and

selecting service projects for the year. Sponsor Steve Jones commented, "The students in SIFE have the potential to reach many people in the community. Our goal is to show the world that Christian values can work together with the world of business to enrich a community.



Summer Jam participants pause for a few moments of prayer after studying the Bible in a small group.

Summer programs attract students

Special programs designed for high school and elementary students attracted record numbers of participants to the campus of Michigan Christian College during the past summer. Over 600 individuals participated in two popular programs held on the

campus, Summer Jam and Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp.

In its third year, Summer Jam combined the excitement of a youth rally with the best features of a summer Bible camp. The week touched the lives of over 160 campers, as well as forty MCC students who volunteered to work as counselors.

Focusing on a theme of Free the Fire, three Michigan youth ministers, Vic Bliss of Trenton, Mark Brackney of Rochester, and Ryan Gibbons of Midland, inspired participants with their messages. One camper stated, "I was impressed at their excitement about being Christians and it rubbed off on me!"

After the program ended, one participant wrote, "I truly feel encouraged, refreshed, and grateful for this week!" Throughout their stay, the campers participated in a full schedule of activities, including small group JamSessions, service projects in the community, and entertainment with a message.

The unique combination of Summer Jam activities caused one camper, who had grown up attending youth rallies, Christian camps, and a Christian high school, to note Summer Jam's "profound, lasting, and even lifechanging effect" on her life. She also stated, "This week has made me consider MCC as an option for my future. This college and it's principles stand on it's own that's impressive.

By the end of Summer Jam's five-day program, thirty-one campers requested baptism. In addition, numerous campers strengthened their commitment. One stated, "I was previously a Christian, but wasn't acting like one. Summer Jam put me back on track." Another commented, "I was a totally different person $when \, I \, came \, back \, home. \, I \, was \, so$ excited for the Lord.'

In the weeks following Summer Jam, Coach Garth Pleasant hosted Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp on the campus. In its fourteenth year of operation, the camp drew over 450 participants, from age six to sixteen. To meet the enrollment demand, Coach Pleasant expanded the camp to five sessions this year.

With most participants of the popular basketball camp coming from the Rochester Hills community, Coach Pleasant ended each session with a special assembly for the campers and their parents. He stressed three keys for successful living, respect, responsibility, and religion.



Incoming student Mike Carter, an all-state guard, gives instruction.



Employee Highlights

Garrison Graphics released *The Ten Lepers* by **Dr. Steve Eckstein**, professor of Bible and Greek, in August. The booklet, the fourth work in the series *From a Nobody to a Some*body, is available from the MCC Bookstore.

Gale Research included an article on Charles Ferry by **Dr. Fawn Knight**, professor of English, in the 1994 volume of *Children's Literature in Review*. Mr. Ferry, a Rochester author, specializes in literature for young adults.

Accompanying a team of MCC students, **Shannon Houtrouw**, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, recently returned from a mission trip to Zimbabwe.

Faculty members receiving promotion in rank for the 1994-95 academic year include **Dr. Fawn Knight**, professor of English; **Ben Noah**, assistant professor of psychology; and **Dr. John Todd**, associate professor of political science.

Meeting with the deans of sister colleges, **Dr. Larry Leslie**, dean of academic services, attended the annual Dean's Conference at Freed-Hardeman University from September 29 through October 1.

Renovations in Utley Student Center completed

Highlighting a number of improvements to the campus over the summer months, workers recently completed renovation of the Utley Student Center. The improvements marked the second phase of a project initiated last January, when college personnel renovated the lower level of the student center for use as the Warrior Cafe.

Upon opening last winter, the Warrior Cafe instantly developed as a popular gathering spot on campus. With so many individuals using the cafe in the lower level of the student center, college officials felt an urgent need to make the same type of improvements in the remainder of the facility.

Using the color scheme and design features of the Warrior Cafe, workers transformed the upper student center for three types of activities. A carpeted area includes built-in seating and a satellite-dish television that can been seen throughout the entire room. A number of booths in another area provide students with a great place to relax and visit. Pool and foosball are available in the third area.

In addition to giving the student center a new image, maintenance personnel and student workers completed a number of



Students enjoy visiting with one another in the comfortable surroundings of a renovated student center.

other special projects during the summer. For the third consecutive year, the improvements enhanced both the appearance and use of campus facilities.

Early in the summer, maintenance personnel installed several additional loft systems in two of the residence halls. As the summer continued, they redecorated the hallways and lobby of Barbier Residence Hall, and built additional service areas in the college cafeteria.

Rounding out the summer renovation projects, a landscaping firm removed the deteriorated steps near Palmer Residence Hall and those in back of Gallaher Center, and replaced them with wood steps and decking. The new steps provide safer access to the scenic areas surrounding the campus lakes.

At a Glance

Supplementing a busy schedule of social activities, the Student Body Association sponsored two service projects during September. Early in the month, they coordinated the efforts of student volunteers who widened the cross country trails in the wooded areas behind the Shinsky Athletic Field. Later in the month, they organized a group to serve Saturday meals at the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

Students and employees donated 67 pints of blood during the fall Red Cross drive on September 29.

Department adds new choral group

Writers of the November, 1960 issue of the *North Star* noted plans of college officials to mold the institution's chorus "into one of the best in the country." That tradition of excellence has prevailed since the founding of the A Cappella Chorus in 1959.

Over the years, more than 850 students have sung in the chorus. Many have identified their experience in chorus as one of the strongest influences upon their social and spiritual development. In addition, countless students and supporters have

been drawn to the college through the efforts of the Michigan Christian College A Cappella Chorus.

As the college began adding four-year degree programs, the number of juniors and seniors remaining in the chorus began to grow. "In the last three or four years, I've had to turn down thirty or so students per year for the A Cappella Chorus who would have enjoyed singing with a group," stated Joe Bentley, director of musical activities.

Last fall, Mr. Bentley began discussing the possibility of adding a second choral group. After administrative approval of the concept, he then explored options for developing a new group with members of the current chorus. Discussion participants decided to maintain some traditions of the A Cappella Chorus, like the group's name and style of dress, and to name the new group the *Concert Chorale*.

In the spring, the college employed Eric French as a full-time instructor of music to direct the new Concert Chorale. Mr. French joined the faculty the previous fall on a part-time basis to teach private piano lessons, as well as selected music courses.

After holding auditions, the newly formed chorale joined the A Cappella Chorus at their annual fall retreat at Michigan Christian Youth Camp. The occasion provided both groups with additional rehearsal time for their debut performances at lectureship, and an opportunity to develop a bond with one another.

Expressing his excitement about the development of a new choral group, Mr. Bentley commented, "I see the addition of the Concert Chorale as another positive sign of growth at Michigan Christian College. Now we can accommodate more students, and give them the opportunity to grow as singing servants."



Director Eric French rehearses the chorale for their first concert.



To remain effective over a long period of time, every organization must have capable and committed leadership - in place and in training. The body of Christ is no exception.

If the church of our Lord is to be healthy and vibrant throughout the twenty-first century, today's leadership must continually encourage young Christians to integrate their faith and their careers.

Because yesterday's leaders understood this reality, today's Michigan Christian College plays an important role in educating tomorrow's leaders in the Kingdom. Together, we're making Michigan Christian College stronger, better, and more effective for her task.

How much stronger, how much better, how much more effective will the college be at the turn of the century? That depends on two primary factors - the resources the *Lord* provides for our task, and our prudence over the use of those resources. Please pray for God's blessings and wisdom to be with Michigan Christian College.

Dr. J

Library benefits from queen contest

Earmarking the entire proceeds from their annual queen contest for library resources, the Associates presented a check in the amount of \$21,755 to the college at the annual Fall Festival on September 10. With only two queen candidates, the Associates raised their third highest amount in the past five years from the contest.

Throughout the summer, numerous local chapters sponsored dozens of projects on behalf of the queen candidates. Each dollar represented a vote for a par $ticular \, candidate. \, Groups \, catered$ meals, sold crafts, sponsored garage sales, and served countless portions of food.

Queen candidates included Debbie Jeffers of the Echo Meadows chapter, and Lynne Stewart of the Rochester chapter. After an extremely close contest, Benita Ward, co-chairperson of the Fall Festival committee, introduced Lynne Stewart as the 1994 queen during a noon ceremony at the festival.

Participants operated over fifty booths on festival day. Chapters receiving first place ribbons for decoration of booths included



Former queen Helen Slater crowns Lynne Stewart as festival queen.

Ypsilanti in the food tent, Livonia in the children's area, Atlanta in the crafts tent, and Northeast in the outside area.

While hundreds participated in Fall Festival activities on campus, another group of volunteers staffed the Associates' mobile kitchen at the Art n' Apples Festival in downtown Rochester. To

date, the Associates have collected \$35,270 from the Fall Festival, including proceeds from the queen contest, and \$3,300 from the Art n' Apples project.

volunteers

Contributions from the Fall Festival will be added to the \$438,116 that has been given by the Associates for library resources since 1959.

Viewing the below photograph of Christians from Detroit and Jackson, Vernon Boyd and Willa Locke share information about the history of the churches of Christ in Michigan. Mrs. Locke and her husband, Hubert, donated pictures to a collection of historical items being developed by Dr. Boyd for the college.





Partnership Dinner XXIV

May 13, 1995

featuring Ernie Harwell **Detroit Tigers**



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In Memoriam

Royce Dickinson, 58, a former vice president of Michigan Christian College, and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1978, died September 22, 1994. Royce served as chairman of the board until his recent illness. His wife, Betty, and three children, Royce Dickinson, Jr., Edward Dickinson, and Cathy Duesel, all graduated from MCC.

Mearl Ryan, 63, a former employee of Michigan Christian College for 22 years, died September 14, 1994. Three of her children, Lora Price, Craig Ryan, and Eve Schuman attended MCC. Her husband, Jim, lives in Missouri.



Memorial Gifts

May 1, 1994 to September 22, 1994

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Bob & Marvel Reich PAUL & RUTH WATSON Dennis & Judy Miller

Every year, many individuals send special gifts to Michigan Christian College as a tribute to the memory of friends and relatives, or in honor of special people. Memorial gifts and honor gifts may be sent to the Office of the President. Be sure to include 1) your name and full address, 2) the name of the person being honored by the gift, and 3) the name and address of the person to receive an acknowledgment card.



Building requested

Progress continues with the Foundation for the Future campaign. With a goal of \$2.9 million, the college launched the three-year capital gifts campaign last May. The campaign is designed to provide funding for two new residence halls, a campus commons, and a new campus entryway.

Fund raising for the campaign currently is focused on the alumni, with a goal of \$350,000. All alumni should be contacted before Thanksgiving. Work also continues among the Board of Trustees, college personnel, and friends of Michigan Christian College. Future fund raising programs for the campaign will include the parents of MCC students and the local business community.

The design work and architectural drawings for the residence halls and student commons are virtually completed. The various permits for construction have been requested from the city of Rochester Hills. Following a review by the city planners and engineers, a formal presentation will be made to the city council, which will be the final hurdle before obtaining official permission to begin construction.

Commenting about the campaign, Tom Rellinger, a 1980 graduate of Michigan Christian College and a member of the Board of Trustees stated, "The overwhelming unity of alumni, friends, personnel, and students will clearly demonstrate what great things can be accomplished when we work together.



Operational gift programs refocused

Like most colleges and universities, Michigan Christian College has conducted special fundraising programs since its founding. College officials have designed most of those programs to meet operational needs that are not funded through tuition and other student-related income.

In order to help friends and alumni better understand the college's needs, the Development Office has written a new goal-oriented development plan. Under the direction of Mark Davis, vice president of institutional advancement, personnel addressed each aspect of the college's development program in the new plan.

Over the period of a year, the Development Office plans to contact all friends and alumni of the college on a quarterly basis to update them on college activities and to inform them about spe-

MCC Needs

The following needs could be met by donations of serviceable equipment:

personal computers computer monitors computer printers compact automobile fifteen passenger van truck and/or snowplow

To discuss donation of an item, phone Dr. Ken Johnson at 1-800-521-6010.

cific college needs. Individuals then will be able to select projects that they desire to assist.

Since the spring of 1981, the college has maintained a gift club program to encourage donations to the operational fund and to provide donors with a special thank you for their participation. The clubs have corresponded to

annual giving amounts of \$100, \$400, and \$1,000.

Since many donors have been giving amounts between the levels recognized, the new develop-ment plan has been restructured to recognize additional giving levels. The next issue of the North Star will provide further details about plans for the new clubs.

Remembering When...



Leadership of the first financial campaign for the college in 1956 discuss progress with Ernie Stewart, the campaign cochairman. The short campaign for \$150,000 resulted in gifts and pledges of almost \$250,000 from hundreds of individuals, foreshadowing the broad base of operational gift support that has sustained Michigan Christian College since its founding.

Development Council begins efforts

Organized to extend the influence of Michigan Christian College, a new Development Council held its first meeting on Saturday, September 10. Over forty individuals, including several alumni, traveled to the campus from various cities in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana to participate in the day's special activities.

At the meeting, the council divided into three committees in order to discuss and make recommendations on the college's efforts in fund raising, alumni and public relations, and recruitment. The group set plans to meet twice annually, during the Fall Festival and again in March. Eventually, the group plans to

expand its total membership to about 100 individuals.

Gregg Carrier, a financial planner from Clio, Michigan, serves as chairman of the Development Council. Bob Norton, Jr., a 1982 graduate of Michigan Christian College and an attorney from Ann Arbor, Michigan, serves as vice chairman of the group.

Expressing his excitement about involvement with the Development Council, Gregg Carrier stated, "The Lord's blessings and the support of many dedicated Christians has allowed Michigan Christian College to shine as a beacon for God's glory in the Midwest. Sacrifice, dedication, determination, and commitment are words to describe every MCC supporter since its inception."

'Ŵe now have an exciting challenge to make this light shine even brighter for God's glory," Chairman Carrier continued. "We can meet this challenge by supporting the visionary plans of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Ken Johnson. I have been a longtime supporter of Michigan Christian College, and I now have a revitalized excitement and enthusiasm. I am very encouraged by what I see happening at Michigan Christian College!"



Planned Giving **Matters**

Mark Davis Vice President of Institutional

One purpose for placing money in a savings account or in a certificate of deposit is to earn interest. In effect, the money works for you by earning additional income. This same concept applies in planned giving. A charitable gift, termed an endowment, allows a specified gift amount to work for the college year after year.

One type of endowment is the endowed scholarship, which has been a part of Michigan Christian College for many years. An endowed scholarship is a fund from which only the interest, or a portion of the earned interest, is used each year for scholarship recipients. The initial endowed fund is never drawn from and remains intact year to year. This assures that the gift benefits many generations.

Two popular ways to establish an endowed scholarship are through a current gift or through a planned gift. Many donors establish an endowed gift during their lifetime and then increase the endowment through a planned estate gift.

Establishing an endowed gift, such as a scholarship, is easy to do. Our Development Office would enjoy assisting you in establishing such a gift. A donor needs to consider a few details such as the scholarship's name, student eligibility requirements, and any other special stipulations.

Endowments are an investment in the future of Michigan Christian College, Christian education, and the lives of students. An endowed scholarship allows your ministry to continue long after your estate ends. To find out more, call the Development Office at 1-800-521-6010.

Volunteers in Action



Lobbies in the Associates Campus Center and Barbier Residence Hall took on a new look after a group of volunteers recovered the furniture prior to the opening of the fall semester. In addition to Kay Norman, Mary Johnson, Ed and Catherine Sadurski, and John Utley (pictured above), Natalie Atkinson, Candace Cain, Jan Chaffin, Penny Davis, Pat Leslie, Beth Mason, and Tracy Van Houten assisted with the project.

Summer class reunions embrace three decades

Former students from sixteen states and Canada converged on the campus of Michigan Christian College during the past summer for class reunions. Over 200 people participated in the events, hosted by the classes of 1964, 1974, and 1984. Participants traveled from Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas to take part in the activities.

The class of 1984 opened the reunion season on June 24-25. Among activities, the group planned a scavenger hunt for the large number of small children that attended with their parents. At a banquet, guests enjoyed a performance by former members of Autumn, and a surprise appearance of the *Geechy Guy*, a professional comedian and classmate, known for his appearances on such programs as *Star Search* and the *Jay Leno Show*.

Members of the class of 1974 gathered on July 1-2 for a weekend filled with lots of time for visiting and informal activities. Several commented on the strong bonds developed over the weekend among their pre-teen and teenage children. The children, as well as the parents, visited in the parking lot of a local restau-

rant until mid-afternoon on the day after the formal program ended, not wanting to let the weekend come to a close.

The class of 1964 rounded out the reunion schedule on July 8-9. By the close of the weekend, several participants, many of whom had lost contact with one another, began making plans to meet again next summer in Rochester Hills. By attending reunions over the past two or three years, several had renewed the same type of friendships that they once shared on the campus of Michigan Christian College.



Class of 1964 reunion guests gather with the Shinskys at the sign donated by their 1963 classmates.



Members of the class of 1974 pose for a group photograph in front of the Associates Campus Center.



Guests from the class of 1984 ten-year reunion gather with classmates in front of the Westside-Central Chapel for a group photograph.

Class Reunion Planning

Interest in class reunions has grown during the past four years. The combined benefits of on-campus housing availability and flexible family vacation schedules have made the summer months an ideal time for such gatherings.

Each reunion is scheduled, organized, and promoted by volunteers from specific classes. The type and amount of formal activity varies from class to class. College officials provide lists and mailing labels of class members, schedule campus facilities, and provide guidance for reunion planners.

To date, members of the classes of 1970, 1975, and 1985 have inquired about hosting reunions during the summer of 1995. In particular, a volunteer is being sought to plan a thirty-year reunion for the class of 1965. Anyone interested in assisting with the planning of any of these reunions, or in scheduling additional reunions, should contact Larry Stewart, coordinator of alumni activities, at 1-800-521-6010 (press option 4).

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public Relations, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

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MCC Years	_ Occupation	
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Phone (area code)		

Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and send it to the college with this form.

Alumni News

1976

Teresa (Music) Salley graduated from Kettering College of Medical Arts in April. She is now working as a critical care nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Her husband, David, is an engineer. The family lives at 209 Oxford Road, Franklin, OH 45005.

1979

Julie (Summerhayes) Harper recently began duties as the manager of the MCC Bookstore. Julie and her husband, Steve, a systems engineer with EDS, have two children, Lauren and Dan. The family lives at 668 Sheffield, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

Chip Kooi recently completed his Ph.D. in religion at Baylor University, and accepted a teaching position at York College. Chip and his wife, Mendy, have two sons, Will and Aaron. The family can be contacted at York College, York, NE 68467.

Larry and Karen (Wiggins) Miller welcomed Rebecca Rose to their family on July 19. They live at 4007 Shufeld Court, Antioch, TN 37013.

In August, Gary and Laura (Steenbergen-86) Palmer moved to 4118 Bernard Avenue N.W., Canton, OH 44709. Gary is a maintenance worker for the Suarez Corporation, and Laura is a weaver for Longaberger Baskets. The couple has three sons, Andrew, David, and Jordan.

1981

Timothy and **Tamera** (Phillis) Holzer welcomed Jordyn Elizabeth on May 15. Timothy, a sales engineer, is working on an assignment in Sydney, Australia. Tamera is on temporary leave from teaching while in Australia. The family can be contacted at 1685 Watercrest Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30243.

1982

Married in 1992, Kurt and Jody (Fidler) Fleischhut are cur-

alumni

New Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MCC Bookstore



rently living at 8915 East 95th Place South, Tulsa, OK 74133. Kurt is a customer service and sales representative for Hilti, and Jodi is a customer service representative for MetLife Insurance.

David Rogers married Saule Kulubekova on August 5. David completed his master's degree in 1992, and is working on his doctoral degree in computer science at Kansas State University. Saule, an electrical engineering student from Kazakhstan, will be transferring to Kansas State this fall. The couple resides at 1431 Cambridge Place #13, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Jaime Somers joined a sister in the family of Joe and Jill (Jezierski) Vincent on March 17. Joe is a chemist with DuPont, and Jill owns and manages a travel agency. The family lives at 2021 Stirling, Troy, MI 48098.

1983

Dawn (McKamey) Gentry advanced to branch advisor status with the Longaberger Company in May. Her husband, Harold Gentry, is a retail manager. The couple has two children, Michael and Elizabeth. The family lives at 271 Burgess Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Conner Howe joined Kailey in the home of Tedd and Deanna (Howe) Stevens on April 26. The family recently moved to Florida, where they purchased a sports collectibles business. They reside at 2637 Linwood Drive, Sarasota, FL 34232.

1985

Gerry and Tracy (Martinez) Stoughton recently began a country crafts business. Jerry is employed by Haworth, a furniture manufacturer, and Tracy is a homemaker. The couple has one son, Trevor. They family resides at 523 Butternut Drive #177, Holland, MI 49424.

1986

Spencer Scott joined the family of Scott and Kim (Davidson) Miller on March 17. Scott is employed by Smith Barney, a

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brokerage firm, and Kim is now

a homemaker. The family lives

at 110 South Market, North

1987

Joseph and Pam (Horn-86)

McCoy welcomed Jesse Mitchell

to their family on May 11. Joe is

a general contractor, and Pam is

working as a human resources

clerk. The family lives at 521 North Eastwood Avenue, Lan-

Becky Richardson married

Brian Woytovich on August 7.

Becky is a secretary, and Brian

is working in construction while

caster, OH 43130.

Manchester, IN 46962.

1965
Berry Allen
Mary (Finlay) Asch
Kim Bailey
Richard Bailey
Jimmie Lynn Berg
Betty Bowker
Richard Bremner

Neville Schultz
Joseph Shularn
Lynn Smith
James Stuckmeyer
Frances Vascassenno
Kathryn Wahl
Alicia Willis
Girma Yohannes

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Brenda (Pierce) Walls
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Christina Penni
Edwin Smith

1990

Derek Miller married Julie Gardner on November 20, 1993. Derek is working as a consultant. for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. America. The couple recently moved to Hiroshima, Japan, for

1991

Deborah Crews completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Toledo last December. CurSonshine Children's Home as a respite care specialist. She resides at 2620 Scottwood Avenue, Toledo, OH 43610.

Chuck Moser is enrolled at the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting. He may be contacted at 27300 Franklin Road #601, Southfield, MI 48034.

1992

Lisa Brown married Trevor Baker on July 23. Lisa is the secretary for the Development Office of Michigan Christian College, and Trevor is a student. The couple lives at 320 East Evelyn, Hazel Park, MI 48030.

Searching for Addresses!

People are constantly on the move, and alumni of Michigan Christian College are no exception! The Alumni Office receives about 100 alumni address changes each time an edition of the North Star is mailed. However, several copies also are returned without forwarding addresses.

Michigan Christian College wants to keep all former students updated with college news by sending them the North Star. In addition, organizers of class reunions like all class members to receive invitations. In order to achieve those goals, the Alumni Office needs your help!

The college is seeking address information on the individuals named on this roster. Names are listed under last year of attendance. Maiden names are noted in parenthesis.

Reward for Assistance!

In appreciation for your assistance in locating missing alumni, you will receive a complimentary cassette tape of the MCC A Cappella Chorus. Phone today!



To submit address information, phone Larry Stewart toll-free in the Alumni Office

1-800-521-6010

(press option 4)

studying for the ministry. The couple lives at 700 North Waverly Road #1104, Porter, IN 46304.

1989

In June, Arthur and Anora (Woods) David moved to West Africa, where they are working in Arthur's native country as missionaries with the Gayetown Church of Christ. The couple may be reached at P.O. Box 2914, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

Stephen Bradley joined Zachary in the home of Kevin and Davena (Fields) Galloway on March 1. Kevin is employed as an Indiana state trooper, and

Davena is a homemaker. The family resides at 150 West Walnut, Hagerstown, IN 47346.

a one-year work assignment.

rently, she is employed by the



Project leader Andy Harrison clears a table at the Steerburger booth.

Alumni revive popular **Fall Festival tradition**

Reviving a popular Fall Festival tradition, the Alumni Association of Michigan Christian College reopened the Steerburger Booth at this year's festival. After an absence of one year, the booth once again pleased fes-

Join Now!

Alumni and their spouses are encouraged to join the new Alumni Service Team! As members of the group, individuals assist with two annual projects of the Alumni Association, the Steerburger Booth at Fall Festival and Alumni Service Day in the summer. To join this special group of volunteers, phone Larry Stewart today at 1-800-521-6010 (press option 4).

tival participants with its tasty third-pound, grilled burgers.

At the first festival in 1960, one booth sold over 1,200 Carter's hamburgers. Within a few years, the Men's Club opened the Steerburger Booth. A group of men from the Echo Meadows Church of Christ in Oregon, Ohio, then operated the booth from 1971 until 1992.

When approached by the alumni about reopening the booth, Jim Thomas, a primary leader in the Echo Meadows effort, expressed his excitement about the possibility. He even offered to give the actual booth that his group had used to the Alumni Association.

Andy Harrison, a 1991 graduate of Michigan Christian College, led the alumni effort. Jim Case, director of the MCC food

Second generation students break record

For the third consecutive year, the largest group of sons and daughters of former students entered MCC for the fall semester. Over 160 second generation students have enrolled since 1977.

alumni dads

John Axe (63) John Axe (63) Jim Bruce (67)

Norman Venson (80) Norman Venson (80) Ron French (71) David Fulton (74) Ken Handley (70) Ken Handley (70)

Marvin King (70) Michael Light (81) Don Little (69)

Dan McCray (73) Phil McCullough (69)

Gary Mitchell (64) James Nelson (68) Garry Qualls (74) John Scott (74) Danny Shepard (73) Bob Sowles (68)

Ed Stewart (71)

Ron Warren (65) Rick Watson (70) Cecil White (68) Art Williams (66) Glenn Wilson (72) Doug Wilson (71)

current students

Eric Axe, Waterford, Michigan** Erin Axe, Waterford, Michigan* Steven Bruce, Troy, Michigan* Amy Byars, Lincoln Park, Michigan** Heather Carrier, Clio, Michigan** Keisha Dukes, Inkster, Michigan** Kwaun Dukes, Inkster, Michigan** Eric French, Milford, Ohio** Kristen Fulton, San Antonio, Texas* David Handley, Jackson, Michigan* James Handley, Jackson, Michigan* Andrea Kennamer, Flint, Michigan* Chris King, St. Clair Shores, Michigan** Sara Light, Auburn Hills, Michigan** Olivia Little, Tipton, Indiana** Monty McClelland, Trenton, Michigan** Melanie McCray, Sanford, Michigan* Ryan McCullough, Midland, Michigan* Chris McMahon, Bolingbrook, Illinois* Sunny Michelin, Marquette, Michigan** Eric Mitchell, Rochester Hills, Michigan** Lori Nelson, Chelsea, Michigan' Angie Qualls, Plainfield, Indiana* John Scott, Atlanta, Michigan* April Shepard, Jenison, Michigan** Robert Sowles, LaGrange, Indiana** Melody St. Charles, Ypsilanti, Michigan** Heidi Stewart, Walled Lake, Michigan** Shawna Thompson, Clarkston, Michigan* Rebecca Touchstone, Inkster, Michigan* Dan Warren, Rockford, Michigan* Ryan Watson, Oregon, Ohio*

Sarah White, Alpena, Michigan**

Shawn Wilson, Gainesville, Virginia**

Stephanie Wilson, Flint, Michigan*

Brian Williams, Troy, Michigan*

alumni moms***

Carol Anderson (67) Merrile Artist (64) Rachel Graham (68)

Pat Stowe (71)

Karen Bennett (65) Sandy Bambacht (71)

Patti McClelland (65)

Dee Dee Phillips (69) Cynthia Jordon (70) Carol Franklin (71)

Dana Middleton (74) Gloria Williams (74) Peggy Hendricks (73)

Linda Pate (74) Judy Sparks (70) Carol Creekmur (68) Janie Handley (71)

Sandra Hinson (68)

Nita French (72)

() last academic year of regular attendance *new student ** returning student ***name while attending MCC

including members of the newly formed Alumni Service Team, assisted in the booth. By the end of the day, the volunteer group served over 900 steerburgers.

service, provided guidance and assisted with the purchasing of food. A number of other alumni,

Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled evening!



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- © Seating is limited and in popular demand, so be sure to make your reservations early!



Students visit with friends in front of the Associates Campus Center.

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