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Ferndale church donates record gift for construction project

Providing additional funding for a planned residence hall complex on the campus of Michigan Christian College, the Ferndale Church of Christ conveyed a gift of \$250,000 to the college on November 30, 1995. The church made the donation, the largest facilities gift in the history of the college, after deciding to sell their building and cease operations as a local congregation.

"We have been working diligently to assemble the funding needed to undertake this project," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "In the case of this gift, the Lord was quietly working behind the scenes without our knowledge."

Formed in 1923 by a group from the Hamilton Church of Christ in Detroit, the Ferndale congregation constructed its facility on Hilton Road in phases from 1940 to 1957. "At one time, Ferndale was the most active congregation north of Eight Mile Road," stated J.B. Reaves, a longtime member. "We hit our peak attendance in the 1950's with about 600 people."

As time passed, however, many members moved further north into the newer suburbs, starting such congregations as Royal Oak,

Hazel Park, Troy, and Beverly Hills. Charles Dyer, another member, commented, "During seventy-three years of time, many people were taught the Gospel. Many passed through and out of our midst. Nature and time have had a great impact upon this organization."

Eventually, the congregation decided to sell their building. After closing the sale on March 30, 1995, the congregation began meeting in rented facilities. "Remaining members were very scattered throughout the Detroit area," stated Mr. Reaves. "After we held our last worship together on October 29, those individuals began meeting with a number of different congregations closer to their homes."

Distribution of the Ferndale congregation's assets totaled \$500,000. In keeping with the wishes of remaining members, thirteen church-related organizations received gifts in addition to the college. "We simply passed along the blessings that came from the efforts of hundreds of people who worked and worshipped at the Ferndale church over the past seventy-three years," emphasized Mr. Reaves. "The Ferndale members have



New students Moses Velasco, Noel Young, and Melanie Cramp view a model of the residence hall complex.

shown their commitment toward helping young people receive a Christian education in the North," noted Mark Davis, vice president for advancement. "Thousands of future MCC students will call the Ferndale Residence Hall their home as they

prepare for Christian service." "This gift from the Ferndale church comes at a critical time in the history of the college," stated Dr. Johnson. "Their stewardship brings us closer to our fund-raising goals, as we prepare for the spring groundbreaking."

Team captures second at national tournament

Following a banner soccer season for the college, the *Detroit Free Press* ran a feature on the team and Coach James Bull. Bill Roose stated, "Success isn't always in numbers. Take, for example, Michigan Christian College, a small campus in Rochester Hills. The Warriors have reached a level of excellence with their six-year old soccer program. They have appeared in the last four National Small College Athletic Association tournaments."

Sporting a 9-2-2 season, the Warriors entered the national tournament with a third-place ranking in the NSCAA. They defeated the defending national champion, Sue Bennett College of London, Kentucky, in the opening round with a 5-2 score.

In the tournament semifinals, the Warriors played the top-ranked team. In that contest, they posted a 4-0 victory over New Hampshire Tech of Concord, New Hampshire.

The Warriors faced Centenary

College of Hackettstown, New Jersey, for the national championship. "We beat the defending champs and then the nation's number one team," stated Coach Bull to the *Free Press*. "It was hard to expect the guys to come out for a third straight day and play another hard, emotionally charged game." They lost to Centenary, 3-1.

Throughout the season, the Warriors played larger institutions, including Calvin College, Olivet College, and Macomb Community College. "I felt if we were to get ready and compete in our conference tournament, we had to play the bigger schools," stated Coach Bull in his interview with the *Free Press*.

The team included six returners and thirteen freshman. Jeff Stroup of Troy, Michigan, received All-American honors. Jeff Stroup, along with Jim Tague of Warren, and Dave Heinemann of Ortonville, were named to the All-Tournament team.



All-Tournament team member Jim Tague approaches the soccer ball.

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Excitement builds as MCC awaits start of construction



Dear Friends and Alumni,

Words cannot express our excitement as the calendar moves rapidly toward the starting construction date for our new residence hall facilities at Michigan Christian College. This major construction project is the second most significant development of the 1990's for Michigan Christian College, ranking only behind the development of additional four-year degree offerings.

When the residence hall complex is completed, we will be able to house at least 138 additional students on the campus, accommodating the initial growth arising from the expanded array of four-year academic degree programs. However, more than the functional aspects of the facility, this project will make a major statement to our students, to prospective students and their families, and to the Christian community regarding the image, the quality, and the tremendous potential of Michigan Christian College as she moves with strength into the next millennium.

Michigan Christian College is maturing in a wonderful, positive way. Never before have our personnel been so experienced and credentialed, and never before have our academic programs been as well developed. The value of countless contributions of time, talent, career, and money by those who have labored tirelessly throughout the past forty years is clearly the reason for today's success.

Your continued gifts, prayers, and encouragement are all critically important as we prudently continue the transition to a well-respected four-year academic institution.

May God richly bless you in the new year.

Cordially yours,

Kenneth L. Johnson

Kenneth L. Johnson
President

Career Center opens in new setting

Relocated in a more convenient area of the campus, the Career Center opened in new quarters at the beginning of the fall semester. Workers carved space for the center out of the Gold Conference Room while renovating the entire area.

The Career Center has continued to expand its services with the number of four-year degrees offered by the college. "Until recently, most of our graduates received associate degrees and continued their education at other institutions," stated Ben Noah, director of the center. "That situation has changed."

In developing the Career Center, personnel have focused their efforts on teaching students the skills needed to find employment. "Since about 80% of available jobs are never known by a placement office, we are taking a proactive approach," stated Mr. Noah. "The time spent in a job now averages only seven years, so we want our students to learn reusable skills."

At the beginning of their academic program, students can enroll in a special course entitled *Career Exploration and Development*, designed to help class members crystallize career goals.



Ben Noah assists Jennifer Garrity with a summer job application.

Throughout their college experience, students can participate in a variety of seminars sponsored by the Career Center, covering such topics as self-esteem, networking, resume writing, interviewing skills, dressing for success, and negotiation.

During the senior year, students can participate in any one of a number of job fairs promoted by the Career Center. The largest, the Michigan Collegiate Job Fair, attracts over 150 employ-

ers. "Last year, all but one student that attended the fair found employment that day," stated Mr. Noah. "That student opted for a position with a church."

"By providing proper guidance throughout the academic process, the Career Center should not have to scramble to help students in the job search process," commented Mr. Noah. "We have a wealth of professionals both on and off campus who can assist, and we plan to use them."

Two records set during fall semester

Two records toppled during the fall semester at Michigan Christian College, as the number of upperclassmen and the number of faculty members continued to grow. A fall semester record of eighty-nine juniors and seniors enrolled for classes, while forty-seven faculty members taught in the academic program.

Since the addition of the bachelor's degree in business in the fall of 1993, the number of juniors and seniors has risen by

89%. Currently, 66% of all students with declared majors are pursuing degrees in one of the areas in which MCC offers a four-year program. Of that number, 51% are pursuing specializations under the business management major, 33% under the human services major, and 16% under the Christian services major.

Two full-time instructors joined the faculty in the fall, Dr. David Fleer, associate professor of Bible and communication, and Frank Pitts, instructor of music. Several others were added to the faculty as part-time instructors, including Dr. Vernon Boyd, Bible and psychology; Sheridan Ellis, business; Jeffrey Felzien, business; Diana Folkerts, English composition; Dr. James Grotts, psychology; Angela Hazel, career development; Ronald Jones, psychology; Dr. Joe Patrico, physical science; Gary Reinke, business; Dr. Jay Stephens, Bible; Dr. Brian Stogner, psychology; Tyler Strickler, physical science; Larry Walker, communication; and Dr. Mike Westerfield, English.

New administrators and administrative staff joining the MCC family during the summer and fall semester included Elton Albright, dean of enrollment services, Doug Edwards, vice president for capital gifts, Janet Edwards, bookstore manager, and Dr. Mike Westerfield, administrative vice president. Jan Coe assumed a new position as director of admissions, and Karen Felzien as business manager.

Staff changes included Dorissa Barcus, admissions counselor;

Marty Kindall, admissions counselor; Ginny May, admissions secretary; Jackie Montgomery, accounts receivable clerk; Steve Ostrowski, admissions counselor; Terry Pitts, drama coach; and Scott Williamson, admissions counselor. In addition, Jim Calkin began a new role as the director of campus life.



Adding a special flair to Homecoming weekend, the MCC Theatre Department presented Joseph Kesseling's *Arsenic and Old Lace* on November 2-4. Playing to a full-house on all three nights, the cast delighted audiences with their strong portrayal of an unusual set of hilarious characters!

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Why?



Why does Michigan Christian College exist? Because of students like Natalie!

Natalie Atkinson is a senior marketing student from Lennon, Michigan. Last summer she completed an internship with the Consumer Relations Department of General Motors. Upon graduation, she plans to return to GM.

"God has blessed me with a huge open door," stated Natalie. "With what I've learned from teachers who really care, I have the opportunity to succeed with a Fortune 500 company."

While completing her work at MCC, Natalie has been an active member of the college community. During her junior year, she served as president of the student body. She played basketball and volleyball for two years. Currently, she is a member of the Pied Pipers, Symphony of Service, Alpha Tau, and Students in Free Enterprise.

"The past four years have been the highlight of my life. The family atmosphere has not only prepared me for life, but has left me with friends that I know will last a lifetime," she added.

Computer lab resources enhanced with Internet

Linking Michigan Christian College to over four million computer systems worldwide, campus personnel recently completed installation of the Internet in campus facilities. While many have benefited from the availability of e-mail for writing to friends and family, others have discovered the potential resource the Internet provides for class research and projects.

"In preparing a paper about religion in public schools for my *Principles of Teaching* class, I found over 100 articles and court cases on the Internet," noted Philip Brackney, a youth and family ministry student from Attica, Michigan. "I chose a case from an Arkansas school as the basis of my paper."

Terry Kingston, a junior criminal justice student from Sarnia, Ontario, used the Internet to prepare a paper for a *Security and Loss Prevention* course. "I went into Netscape and found a listing of security companies," stated Terry. "I then wrote to those companies on e-mail and received helpful information."

Anticipating next semester, Marla Hall, a senior marketing student from Mount Clemens, Michigan, plans to use the Internet as a basis for research



Students fill the computer lab as they make use of new resources available to them through the Internet.

for a *Business Communications* project. "I plan to do a paper on businesses that use the Internet to advertise," noted Marla. "Once locating such businesses, I plan to send them a message and survey on e-mail, requesting input on how effective they find the Internet as a means of advertis-

ing their goods and services."

Trevor Baker, a senior from London, Ontario, recently found a convenient method of obtaining college information. "I used the Internet to order catalogs for a variety of graduate programs in social work," stated Trevor. "I already have received ten!"

Preschool marks 5th year of service

December 3 marked the fifth anniversary of the Child Development Center of Michigan Christian College. The center not only has served as an important learning experience for students enrolled in the college's child care programs, but has provided an invaluable service for the community since 1990.

"When I began looking for a preschool, I considered nearly every preschool in the greater Rochester area," stated Susan Gower, a local resident. "When I visited the preschool, my instincts told me that my son would

be happy there. I felt that he would not be merely another cog in a kiddie factory."

Mrs. Gower continued, "My third child is now at the center, so I have been a regular visitor for four continuous years. They have always handled any problems or challenges with kindness and infinite patience. I have recommended the preschool to many of my friends, because I trust the staff of MCC with my children. For me, there can be no higher recommendation."

The center averages about sixty-five children in a morning preschool session for younger children and two afternoon sessions for older preschoolers. "With a resource of college student workers, we are able to provide an excellent ratio of one worker to about five children," stated Lori Calkin, director of the center. Both Mrs. Calkin and her assistant director, Andrea Flatt, hold master's degrees. They are assisted by Lynette Wheeler, a teacher's aide, and a staff of about ten students.

"Our program is developmentally appropriate," stated Mrs. Calkin. "We look at children individually and challenge them at that level. We use a play-based environment in which children get to choose from one of several active learning centers."

Originally, the Child Development Center provided internship experiences for students in associate degree programs. With the development of a childcare administration specialization under the Bachelor of Business

Administration degree, the center began supporting internships of 150 hours of supervised classroom experience at both degree levels. Mrs. Calkin added, "We are indebted to Debi Hoggatt for the excellent foundation that she laid when designing and serving as first director of the center."

Home School Science Camp



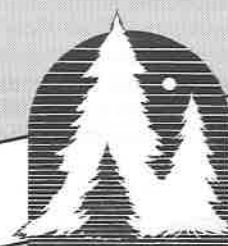
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Freshman Brianna Cowan assists in the Child Development Center.



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Building up the Kingdom of God requires people. It consumes energy. It takes money. And all over the world, we can see the fruits of energetic, knowledgeable people who have the tools required to carry out their particular roles in building up the Kingdom of God.

A unique set of tools accompanies every effective ministry. Some ministries utilize radio, some television, some computers, some church buildings.

This month, the Ferndale Church of Christ made a major investment in one of the tools critical to our ministry at Michigan Christian College, a residence hall. In years to come, thousands of young men will reside in the Ferndale Residence Hall while they prepare for their career and at the same time prepare to be leaders in God's Kingdom.

Even though discontinuing as a local congregation of the Body of Christ, the work of the Ferndale church in training young men for Christian service will continue through Michigan Christian College. May God be praised for their decision to bless this educational ministry with the largest facilities gift in the history of Michigan Christian College.

Dr. J

At a Glance

NEW MINOR

Adding another option to the list of minors offered by Michigan Christian College, the faculty recently approved of a youth and family ministry minor. The college also offers a youth and family ministry specialization under the Christian services major.

SUMMER JAM

Summer Jam attracted another record attendance as 170 high school students came to the campus for the week-long program. In its fourth year, Summer Jam combines the excitement of a youth rally with the best features of a summer Bible camp. Over forty MCC students assisted with the week.

MISSION TRIPS

Students from Michigan Christian College participated in three international mission efforts over the summer. Two groups traveled to Honduras, under the leadership of part-time instructors Mark Brackney and Pete Brazle. Another group conducted a "Let's Start Talking" campaign in Switzerland.

Renovations improve Campus Center office wing

Giving the west wing of the Associates Campus Center a new look, workers completed a major renovation of the area just before the opening of the academic year. College personnel designed the floor plan to gain additional office space, increase efficiency, and give the facility a more contemporary appearance.

Prior to renovation, the west wing contained two office suites, housing Academic Services and Student Services, in addition to four classrooms. By incorporating part of the hallway, the project opened a large central reception area for both Academic and Student Services, adjoined by five individual offices.

After moving walls to accommodate the new floor plan, maintenance personnel installed new wallboard, ceilings, carpeting, lighting, and central air conditioning. In addition, workers moved the faculty workroom into a former office area next to the office suite, and redecorated the remainder of the hallway space and two of the classrooms.

"Our office complex now has a more professional-looking atmosphere," stated Lynne Stewart, registrar and senior employee in the renovated office suite. "The arrangement is very efficient and people constantly comment on how nice the offices look. They never said that before!"

The college constructed the



Students visit Dean Cain in the renovated Academic and Student Services Office wing of Campus Center.

west wing of the Associates Campus Center along with the central portion of the building before classes began in 1959. Female students used the west wing for housing from 1965 until the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall opened in 1972. Other than routine painting, carpeting, and minor changes in doorways and ceilings, students experienced few changes in the wing until the recent renovations took place.

Admissions Office revives Company

Following a six-year absence, Company returned to the MCC stage this fall. The traveling drama troupe, formed in 1985 by the Admissions Office and drama instructor Gale Edwards, played an integral part in the recruitment program of Michigan Christian College for six years.

"I am excited about the rebirth of Company," stated Terry Pitts, director of the group. "I am also

very happy to be back at MCC," she added. Mrs. Pitts attended Michigan Christian College in the early 1980's, and served as assistant director of Company when it first formed.

While some of the small plays prepared by the original Company were chosen to convey a moral truth, the new Company is presenting spiritually-oriented skits written to encourage and

challenge the lives of teens. "I am particularly pleased that we are focusing on Christian living instead of just the performing arts," commented Mrs. Pitts. "There is now so much more of this type of material available. It seemed appropriate that we move in this direction."

The concept of reviving Company originated last spring when the Admissions Office began to feel a need for additional performing groups. "We were getting so many requests for Autumn and Spectrum that could not be honored because of full schedules," commented Jan Coe, director of admissions. "We were considering another singing group, but when Frank Pitts decided to accept a teaching position, the opportunity to revive Company under Terry's leadership seemed like the best possible option."

This year's edition of Company includes six members. Mrs. Pitts plans to hold auditions for openings each spring for the following academic year. Both new and returning students are encouraged to audition.

Currently, the A Cappella Chorus, Concert Chorale, Autumn, Spectrum, and Company can be scheduled for youth rallies and other special church functions. Those interested in more information or in scheduling a group may call the Admissions Office toll-free at 1-800-521-6010.



Actors Mark Nelson and Chris Wise teach about the "log in one's eye."



Employee Highlights

Candace Cain, dean of student services, spoke at a Ladies Day in Holland, Michigan, in August, and at the Brighton Ladies Retreat in October. In September, she met President Bill Clinton while visiting a friend who works in the White House. She also attended the Christian College Conference for Student Services Deans at Faulkner University in October.

Following auditions with the Michigan Opera Theatre, **Frank Pitts**, instructor of music, accepted a supporting role and two chorus roles in operas that will be presented in the spring.

The *Journal of Communication and Religion* published an article entitled "Preaching as the Creation of an Experience: The Not-so-Rational Revolution of the New Homiletic," co-authored by **Dr. David Fleer**, associate professor of Bible and communication, in their fall issue. Dr. Fleer's review of David Buttrick's work, *A Captive Voice: The Liberation of Preaching*, appeared in the third quarter issue of *Restoration Quarterly*. Dr. Fleer also attended the Annual Conference of the Academy of Homiletics in Atlanta, Georgia, in early December.

Luckett Christian Academy featured **Dr. Ken Johnson**, president, as keynote speaker at their annual Thanksgiving Feast in November. The previous month, Dr. Johnson served as presenter for the Departmental Forum of the School of Business at Harding University.

During September, **Dr. Mike Westerfield**, administrative vice president, spoke at a men's retreat for the Walled Lake Church of Christ, and at a family seminar for the North Warren Church of Christ. In October, Dr. Westerfield served on an accreditation team for a North Central Association visit at Springfield College of Illinois.

Wayne State University featured **Coach Garth Pleasant** as one of the key speakers at their fall basketball clinic. Coach Pleasant also spoke on a lectureship program in October at the Auburn Hills Church of Christ.

Following a tour of a Michigan State Police criminal investigation lab, **Dr. Larry Leslie**, dean of academic services, patrolled with Trooper Jory Huggins, a former MCC student. Dr. Leslie also attended the Christian College Academic Dean's Conference in October at Pepperdine University.

Ben Noah, assistant professor of human services, has been appointed to represent the Michigan Association for Counselor Education and Supervision to the Public Policy and Legislation Committee of the Michigan Counseling Association. The committee is active in formulating state legislation.

Molding Futures ...



Mark Brackney, Sarah Reddick, and Dr. John Todd

Good instructors are the heart of a quality academic program. The lives of students at Michigan Christian College are molded not only through strong experiences in the classroom, but by individual attention and personal relationships with instructors. Meet some of the outstanding faculty members that serve the students of Michigan Christian College.

Law and government are firsthand experiences for **Dr. John Todd**, associate professor of business law and political science. Holding a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and the Juris Doctor from Georgetown University, Dr. Todd brings a wealth of experience to the classroom. Before coming to Michigan Christian College in 1979, Dr. Todd served as a spokesman for President Nixon, addressing platform committees for both political parties. He drafted and passed a congressional bill as a veterans lobbyist. Later, he visited President Reagan at the White House as a veterans representative, and helped draft the Rochester Hills city charter. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Federal Bar.

Holding a bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State University and the Master of Social Work from the University of Hawaii, **Sarah Reddick**, assistant professor of sociology and social work, is certified with the state of Michigan and the Academy of Certified Social Workers. She has over twenty-seven years of experience in professional and volunteer services. Before joining the faculty in 1993, she worked as a case worker for both public welfare and children's centers, and as a school social worker for a three-county consortium in Texas.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Michigan Christian College, **Mark Brackney**, began employment with the Rochester Church of Christ as youth minister. He left that position to complete his master's degree at Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts, but returned upon completion of his degree. Mark teaches youth ministry courses for Michigan Christian College on a part-time basis.

Chorus Showcase

Following a successful appearance with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra last fall, the Michigan Christian College A Cappella Chorus recently received an invitation to return for a February 8-11 series with the orchestra. Both symphony organizers and the guest conductor, the world renowned Eric Kunzel, specifically requested that the MCC chorus return for the only pops concert scheduled for this season. About 7,500 people witnessed last year's concert. Tickets are available from the Detroit Symphony box office.



Dr. Ken Johnson receives recognition as an Outstanding Alumnus.

Season opens with coach's 400th win

Opening the most challenging basketball season in the history of Michigan Christian College, the Warriors defeated two long-time opponents, Grace Bible College and Concordia Lutheran College. The Concordia game marked a milestone in the career of Coach Garth Pleasant as he hit his 400th career victory, but it also preceded a transition to big-time competition.

On the weekend of November 10, the Warriors traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to face Belmont University, Trevecca University, and David Lipscomb University. "I do not think there is a small college in America that is playing a more difficult schedule than we are playing," stated Coach Pleasant. "According to Dick Vitale of ESPN, Belmont is the #1 NAIA college in America. Lipscomb is ranked #5."

Noting the unexpected challenge that the Warriors poured upon Belmont, the *Nashville Banner* stated, "The Warriors showed up mentally and physically ready to knock off the Bruins." They continued, "The Warriors made the Bruins think about the long road to the national tournament." Even though the Warriors lost their Nashville games, they posted an impressive 95-79 challenge to Belmont, getting as close as four points in the second half.

Last season, the Warriors stepped up their level of compe-

tion, facing several NCAA and NAIA colleges. This season, they again will square off with institutions like Wayne State University, Oakland University, and Ferris State University.

"We played some pretty good competition last year, but we want to play the best we can play," stated Coach Pleasant. "Through the 80's, we were recognized as one of the top small colleges in the nation. Hopefully, our schedule will help us in re-

cruiting and in preparing for the national tournament."

With excellent recruiting by assistant coach Jeff Tungate, new team members average 6-7, including Milford's 6-5 Bob Kofahl, Southfield's 6-6 Ken Williams, Redford's 6-6 Darrian Bowman, Fraser's 6-6 Matt Nies, and 7-2 Jason Hiller of Fraser. A solid core of returning players includes two NSCAA All-Americans, Ty Clark of Garrett, Indiana, and Lake Orion's Kenyatte Baylor.



Coach Pleasant discusses strategy during a halftime break in a game.

MCC president honored

Selected as *1995 Outstanding Alumnus* of the School of Business, Dr. Ken Johnson, president of Michigan Christian College, recently received this prestigious recognition from his alma mater, Harding University. The institution honored Dr. Johnson before a dinner crowd of more than 500 during their annual fall lectureship.

"Dr. Johnson was the unanimous choice of our business fac-

ulty for this award," stated Dr. Randy McLeod, dean of the Harding School of Business. "Dr. Johnson has been successful in business, education, and the church, and exemplifies the true Christian professional."

Dr. Johnson began his tenure as president of Michigan Christian College in the summer of 1991. Prior to that time, he worked in the accounting profession and served in various roles for Christian educational institutions.

Following graduation from Harding in 1966, Dr. Johnson spent ten years in business and assisted Harding with fund-raising efforts. He joined the Harding faculty in 1976, and eventually began duties as director of the accounting program. During his tenure, his division grew until it became the largest single program on campus.

Upon leaving Harding in 1986, Dr. Johnson founded a multi-state, specialty-service CPA firm. The firm grew rapidly under his leadership to become one of the top twenty CPA firms in the state of Arkansas.

Since Dr. Johnson's arrival at Michigan Christian College, the institution has added a number of four-year degree programs, renovated a substantial portion of the campus, and initiated plans to construct a new residence hall complex and campus entryway.



Athletics

CROSS COUNTRY

Placing third in the men's division, the cross country team participated in the NSCAA national meet held on the MCC campus in November. MCC runners Shihata Nelson of Detroit, and Jenny Jolly of St. Clair, Michigan, received All-American honors.

VOLLEYBALL

Finishing their best season since entering intercollegiate competition in 1986, the women's volleyball team completed their year with a 21-15 season and third place in the national tournament. Two students, Jacie Friend of White Lake, Michigan, and Shari Stilson of Grand Blanc, Michigan, received All-Tournament and All-American honors. During the regular season, the team posted notable victories over Mott Community College, Siena Heights College, and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Summer reunion roster includes pioneer class

Former students from thirteen states and two foreign countries converged on the campus of Michigan Christian College during the past summer for class reunions. Nearly 200 people participated in the events, hosted by the classes of 1970, 1975, and 1985, as well as the pioneer class from the 1959-60 academic year. Participants traveled from Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, Finland, and Guatemala, to take part in the activities.

The class of 1975 opened the reunion season on the weekend of July 1, followed by the class of 1970 on July 14-15. Both groups planned lots of time for visiting and informal activities. Joe Bentley, director of musical activities, coordinated a chorus sing-a-long with pieces familiar to the group for members of the class of 1970.

Pioneers from the first academic year gathered on campus during the weekend of July 22. Several former employees also returned for the special event, including Otis Gatewood, Lucien and Ida Palmer, Maurice and Marie Hall, Hugh and Joy Mingle, Bill and Joanne Shinsky, and Fred Alexander. At a formal Saturday evening dinner at the

historic Paint Creek Cider Mill and Restaurant, participants presented a gift to the college amounting to over \$1,100.

Rounding out the reunion schedule, the class of 1985 met on the weekend of July 29. The group planned activities for both class members and their young children. At a Saturday banquet, the group shared the evening with the family of Jerry Philpot, and established the Jerry Philpot Memorial Scholarship in tribute to their former classmate.



Members of the pioneer class gather with former employees at the Paint Creek Cider Mill and Restaurant.



Classmates pose in front of the Science Center with a Marvin King Packard at the class of 1970 reunion.

Worth It!

"Just a quick note to thank you for notifying me of the recent reunion. Following several years of no contact with most who were on hand, being at MCC with old friends was a time of refreshment and great joy."

Averill Allen
Class of 1969

Averill directs a mission school in St. Petersburg, Russia. He made plans to attend the class of 1970 reunion while scheduling a trip to the United States.

Class Reunion Planning

Interest in class reunions has grown over the past five years. The combined benefits of on-campus housing availability and the more flexible nature of family vacation schedules has 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 1971 and 1976 have inquired about hosting reunions during the summer of 1996. Anyone interested in assisting with those reunions, or in scheduling additional reunions, should contact Larry Stewart, coordinator of alumni activities, at 1-800-521-6010 (press option 4).



Friends from the class of 1975 gather in front of the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall for a group picture.



Class of 1985 reunion participants pose with Coach Shinsky in front of the Westside-Central Chapel.

Alumni call classmates

Adding a new dimension to the Phone-a-Visit, alumni volunteers assisted with calls to alumni on two evenings of the annual phone campaign for operational gifts. "We thought alumni would appreciate hearing from other members of their class whenever possible," stated Phil Conner, director of operational gifts.

Eighteen individuals made calls on behalf of the alumni, including Coach Bill Shinsky. "Phone-a-Visit would not be complete without Coach's involvement," noted Larry Stewart, director of public relations, who organized callers for the two alumni nights. "Coach has been

calling alumni during Phone-a-Visit for years, and he remembers a good majority of the people with whom he talks."

During the two nights of calls by alumni, volunteers raised over \$10,000 of the total pledged during the ten-day program. With follow-up calls still being made, the program has resulted in gifts of over \$91,000, an increase over the previous year.

"It was gratifying to find alumni excited about helping with the calling," commented Mr. Stewart. "When asked, most willingly agreed to make calls. Of those with schedule conflicts, many stated that they would be happy to help in the future."

Alumnus directs counseling centers

Building upon a wealth of experience as a Christian counselor, David Gatewood, a graduate of Michigan Christian College, has broadened his efforts into three counseling centers over the past twenty years. In addition to serving as director of counseling centers in California and Colorado, he currently is the clinical supervisor of the counseling department of Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs.

Based upon his research and clinical experiences with false memory syndrome, Focus on the Family featured Mr. Gatewood this past February in a two-day broadcast on repressed memory. In his work with the Focus on the Family counseling department, he supervises a staff of nineteen full-time counselors.

Fondly recalling his first memories of Michigan Christian College, Mr. Gatewood stated, "As son of the first president, I was able to experience the birth of Michigan Christian College. I remember scrubbing and waxing the floors for chapel each



David and Sandra Gatewood share in their daughter's graduation.

week for the 1959 class in the 'fireplace room' of the mansion."

"My mother and her love for Michigan Christian College and its students, and the founding of the Associates and Junior Associates are significant memories in my life," Mr. Gatewood added. "I remember her joy when the college song and college colors were picked."

After graduating from Michigan Christian College in 1963, Mr. Gatewood completed additional degrees at Abilene Christian University and Fuller Theological Seminary. A variety of

experiences in mission work, ministry, and teaching provided him with a valuable background to serve as founder of the California Christian Counseling Center in 1976. In 1992, he founded the Colorado Christian Counseling Center. He still serves as director of both centers.

In addition to his work with Focus on the Family and the private centers, Mr. Gatewood is an adjunct supervisor for Fuller Theological Seminary and director of the National Referral Network, a nationwide database of 1,500 Christian professionals.



Alumni celebrated a *New Time of Year and Old Traditions* at Homecoming on November 4. With a new date during the fall semester, the day included the traditional activities of chapel, an alumni luncheon, and the Homecoming game and ceremonies. The classes of 1980 and 1990 held special reunions.

Karla (Henson) Sloan is an administrative assistant for the Genesee County Special Olympics and is pursuing a degree in elementary education. Her husband, James, is a builder. The couple has two children, Justin and Brittani. While building a house, the family is living at 5201 Torrey Road, Flint, MI 48507.

1988

Dee (Frazier) Smith is teaching school, and her husband, David, works for State Farm Insurance. The couple has two chil-

dren, Kendall and Rachel. The family lives at 4233 South Fellows, South Bend, IN 46614.

1989

Veronica Cobb is now living at 4602 Leafdale, Royal Oak, MI 48073. She is working as a secretary for Ford Motor Company.

Gary and **Lisa (King) Collins** welcomed Justin Tyler on August 10. Gary is an engineer for Ford, and Lisa is a homemaker. The family lives at 22582 Sylvan Drive, Brownstown, MI 48134.



Announcing the recipient of the college's most prestigious alumni award, Dr. Ken Johnson introduced Berkeley Hackett, a missionary to Kenya, as *Alumnus of the Year* at the lectureship. When beginning his work in Nairobi over twenty-six years ago, Mr. Hackett knew of only fourteen members of the churches of Christ in the entire country. Today, Kenya has over 500 congregations. In 1989, Mr. Hackett directed *Target Nairobi*, an effort which raised \$1.6 million for a 1,500 seat auditorium and classrooms for a Christian school. Today, the Kenya Industrial Training Institute that meets in that building has 1,400 students. At the lectureship, Mr. Hackett stated, "I am in Africa because of Michigan Christian College."

Alumni News

1976

Evan Floyd joined the family of Randy and **Pam (Colglazier) Matheny** on August 30. Both are involved in mission work in the country of India. They can be reached at 4425 Big Tyler Road, Cross Lanes, WV 25313.

1979

Ken Kokotkiewicz is preaching for the Mooresville Church of Christ and has been teaching special education for the Hickory City School System for five years. He can be contacted at Route 2, Box 21R, Hiddenite, NC 28636.

1981

Chuck and Julie (Timmons) McAlpin are living at 2604 Woods Drive, Springfield, TN 37172. Chuck decided to change careers, and is completing a Bible degree. Currently, he is working as an associate minister, but is seeking full-time employment with a church. Julie presents workshops on how to preserve photo memories through her own business, Creative Memories.

1982

Anthony and **Terri (Russell) Fritz** are operating a free spiritual helpline. Anthony is a machine operator and the minister for a congregation that meets in their home, and Terri is a homemaker. The family lives at 9296 Riverbend, Ewart, MI 49631.

1983

Terry Black married Angela Utter on May 20, 1995. Terry is a software engineer for the James River Corporation, and Angela

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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.

Name (maiden if appl.) _____

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MCC Years _____ Occupation _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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.

is a student. The couple resides at 2716 S.E. 169th Avenue #U191, Camas, WA 98607.

Chad and Lesly (Hoggatt) Brock are living at 4503 Highway 20 West #134, Angola, IN 46703. Chad preaches for the LaGrange Church of Christ, and owns a cleaning service and nine apartments. The couple has two children, Adam and Ashley.

Rebecca Marie joined Elizabeth in the home of Paul and **Debra (Parker) Richmond** on May 24. Paul is a computer programmer, and Debra is a beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics. The family lives at 7907 Mustang Drive, Sherwood, AR 72120.

1984

Tim and **Sonia (Everson) Gross** have moved to 3928 Johnson Hollow Road, Thomp-

son Station, TN 37179. Tim is manager of the Gospel Advocate Bookstore, and Sonia is a project director for Maritz, Inc. on site at the Saturn Corporation. The couple has one child, Garrett.

Stephen and **Robin (Swenor) Shattuck** welcomed Benjamin Tait on May 15, 1995. Stephen is a professional painter, and Robin is an Avon representative. The couple has three other children, Josiah, Nathan, and Rebekah. The family resides at 6420 Azalea Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

1985

William Stephen joined the family of Brad and **Leslie (Rhoads) Francis** on January 10, 1995. Brad is a teacher and coach, and Leslie taught music in the public school system until the arrival of their son. The family lives at 104 Lori Circle, Searcy, AR 72143.

Worth Repeating

Michigan Christian College recently completed an alumni survey in preparation for a North Central Association visit. Some of the comments of alumni are worth repeating!

"MCC was precisely what I needed when I left high school. It provided challenging curriculum, competent instructors, and a nurturing environment. MCC was unquestionably the vitally important launching pad of my life."

"I wouldn't trade my experience at MCC for a million dollars! The friends I made are lifelong. I now have a son attending MCC and am so proud of his decision to go there. Of course, he loves it too! I can't think of a better family tradition."

"Altogether, I have attended four colleges; of those four, Michigan Christian College was by far the best."

"I felt that I was well prepared at MCC. I went on to Eastern Michigan and graduated in the top seven in a class of over 1,100. The caring and helpful attitude of the professors was a great asset to learning at MCC."

"MCC was the best decision that I ever made. I learned how to think for myself and back up what I believe. If it wasn't for MCC, I probably wouldn't be a Christian, have a Christian husband, or have the ability to attain a master's degree."

MSU band program led by alumnus

Serving as director of bands and professor of music for one of Michigan's foremost schools of music, John Whitwell, a former student of Michigan Christian College, began a career with Michigan State University in 1993. Currently, he conducts the Wind Symphony for Michigan State University, and guides their graduate degree programs in wind conducting.

Reflecting upon his experience as a student, Professor Whitwell stated, "The spiritual and academic atmosphere of Michigan Christian College was wonderful and has contributed to every facet of my life and career. The friendly, encouraging social climate of MCC is something that was greatly appreciated and will always be treasured." John met his wife, the former Carole Blackburn, at MCC.

After receiving his Associate of Arts degree from Michigan Christian College in 1962, Pro-

fessor Whitwell completed a bachelor's degree at Abilene Christian University and began teaching in the Northwest Public Schools of Jackson, Michigan. During that time, he also served as the second president of the Alumni Association of Michigan Christian College.

Upon completion of a master's degree at the University of Michigan in 1975, Professor Whitwell accepted a position as director of bands at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. He left Huron in 1981 to become director of bands at Abilene Christian University, where he served until 1987. He then began a role as director of bands for Stephen F. Austin State University. He received an Alumni Citation from Michigan Christian College in 1983.

Over the years, Professor Whitwell has maintained an active schedule as a guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States. He has held seminars for the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, the University of Minnesota, the Cincinnati Conservatory, the University of Arizona, Wichita State University, Arkansas State University, Interlochen Arts Academy, and the Interlochen Arts Camp.

Professor Whitwell holds membership in a number of professional associations, and has served in a leadership role for many. He served as the State of Michigan chairman for the Na-



John L. Whitwell

tional Band Association from 1979-81, and on their National Board of Directors from 1980-81. Most recently, he served the Big Ten Band Directors Association as vice president from 1993-94 and president from 1994-95.

Alumni initiate Philpot Scholarship

Capturing the attention of the news media and the hearts of individuals throughout Southeast Michigan, Jerry Philpot II, a Detroit police officer, was fatally shot while on duty on the evening of May 25, 1995. The phones began ringing early the next morning at Michigan Christian College, as friends called to confirm news reports and to express their concern over the loss of a classmate.

Upon hearing of the tragedy, classmates Jim Calkin and Lori Girdley immediately began the process to establish a scholarship in Jerry's honor for criminal justice students at Michigan Christian College. At the class of 1985 reunion, class members presented initial gifts to Jerry's widow, Diane. In turn, Mrs. Philpot presented the funds to the college and established the new scholarship program.

"Sometimes we wonder if we as individual Christians are making a difference in this life, and Jerry was no exception," stated Mrs. Philpot in an emo-

tional address to participants of the reunion. "I know that in his death we can see how one person can touch so many, even those he doesn't know."

In presenting the initial scholarship funding, Mrs. Philpot commented, "We need more Christians in law enforcement. Jerry always felt that we should hate sin, but love the sinner. On behalf of the family, I am proud and honored to accept this scholarship in loving memory of my husband, Jerry."

"Jerry was always there for people who needed him, encouraging them with a smile and kind words," stated Jim Calkin when recalling his association with Jerry. In one of many features, the *Detroit Free Press* described Jerry as a "friendly, family-oriented man." They referred to comments of an officer who knew Jerry as a "churchgoer and a Christian, the kind of guy everyone wants to have for a father." Jerry was an active member of the Allen Park Church of Christ, where he worked with the youth.

Over 2,000 individuals, including about 1,000 police officers from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Ontario, honored Jerry at funeral services at the Allen Park church. Mourners formed a procession that stretched for seven miles to the cemetery.

Contributions to the Jerry Philpot Memorial Scholarship can be sent to the college.

Job List

Alumni can now access the Career Center's listing of job opportunities on the World Wide Web at <http://www.michristian.edu/career/jobs.html>. Those without access to the Internet can phone Ben Noah, director of the Career Center, at (810) 650-6038 for a copy of the job listing.

Second-generation student count grows

Once again, a number of sons and daughters of former students entered Michigan Christian College for the fall semester. Over 170 second generation students have now enrolled since 1977.

alumni dads

John Axe (63)
Lamar Black (90)
Jim Bruce (67)

Cecil White (68)
David Fields (65)

Ron French (71)
David Fulton (74)
Ken Handley (70)

Marvin King (70)
Michael Light (81)

Phil McCullough (69)

Gary Mitchell (64)
James Nelson (68)

Steven Okoronkwo (66)
Garry Qualls (74)
John Scott (74)

Bob Sowles (68)
Ed Stewart (71)
Lawrence Suggs (71)

Art Williams (66)

current students

Erin Axe, Waterford, Michigan**
Lamar Black, Mt. Morris, Michigan*
Steven Bruce, Troy, Michigan**
Amy Byars, Lincoln Park, Michigan**

Sarah (White) Cavin, Waterford, Michigan**
Matthew Fields, Bedford, Indiana*
Sherahn Fils, Tucker, Georgia*

Heather Fras, Flushing, Michigan*
Eric French, Cincinnati, Ohio**
Kristen Fulton, San Antonio, Texas**

David Handley, Jackson, Michigan**
Becky Hibbard, Hamilton, Ontario**
Holly Johnson, Garden City, Michigan*

Chris King, St. Clair Shores, Michigan**
Sara Light, Auburn Hills, Michigan**
Monty McClelland, Trenton, Michigan**

Ryan McCullough, Midland, Michigan**
Chris McMahon, Bolingbrook, Illinois**
Eric Mitchell, Rochester Hills, Michigan**

Lori Nelson, Chelsea, Michigan**
Tiffany Nickols, Woodhaven, Michigan*

Steve Okoronkwo, Aba, Nigeria**
Angie Qualls, Plainfield, Indiana**
John Scott, Atlanta, Michigan**

Shelley Sledge, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan*
Robert Sowles, LaGrange, Indiana**
Heidi Stewart, Walled Lake, Michigan**
Kara Suggs, Lima, Ohio*

Shawna Thompson, Clarkston, Michigan**
Rebecca Touchstone, Inkster, Michigan**
Bryan Williams, Troy, Michigan**

alumni moms***

Carol Anderson (67)
Merrile Artist (64)
Sandra Hinson (68)

Linda Sanderson (65)
Sheryl Jones (73)
Karen Unsel (67)
Pat Stowe (71)

Beth Smart (66)
Sandy Johnson (72)
Sandy Bambacht (71)

Patti McClelland (65)
Dee Dee Phillips (69)
Cynthia Jordon (70)

Judy Miller (65)

Dana Middleton (74)
Gloria Williams (74)
Gladys Williams (69)

Judy Sparks (70)

Carol Creekmur (68)
Janie Handley (71)

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



Diane Philpot presents initial scholarship funding to Mark Davis.



Wood sculptor Steve Lutzky of Washington, Michigan, recently donated ten wood carvings to the Associates for use in their fund-raising efforts. The original pieces, hand-crafted by Mr. Lutzky, included an Indian sculpture, two cherubs, a praying child, wall carvings, and mantle pieces. The Associates sold some of the carvings at their Fall Festival Auction, and still have a few of the items available for sale. Those interested in purchasing any of the remaining pieces or in commissioning special items may contact Mary Johnson at (810) 652-0707. Mr. Lutzky can create anything from very small pieces to carved panels that cover an entire wall.



Gregg Carrier

Ed Dickinson

Niles Dover

Bob Norton

Art Williams

Five selected to serve with Trustees

Addressing leadership needs for the next century, the Board of Trustees of Michigan Christian College confirmed five new members at their fall meeting. "Realizing that many of the current trustees are nearing retirement, the board has taken an aggressive role in expanding its membership with a new generation of leaders," stated Bob Utley, chairman of the board. "We also feel it is significant that three of the five new members are alumni of Michigan Christian College."

Gregg Carrier, a certified financial planner from Clio, Michigan, serves as a Partnership Dinner chairman and has led the MCC Development Council since its inception last year. He is a deacon at the Bristol Road Church of Christ and a past board

chairman of Valley Christian Academy. His wife, the former Rachel Graham, graduated from MCC in 1968, and his daughter Heather in 1995.

Mr. Carrier commented, "The future of Christian higher education in the Midwest is critical. I am excited to be a part of this growing institution and see Michigan Christian College as an integral part of this future."

Ed Dickinson, a 1979 graduate of Michigan Christian College, met his wife, the former Delores Berry, while a student. He currently works as general manager for the Crown Group Livonia Plant and lives in Dearborn Heights. He is a regional chairman for the Partnership Dinner and a deacon at the Parkside Church of Christ.

"I consider it a great opportunity and a privilege to serve MCC and to assist in the further development of Christian education in this area," noted Mr. Dickinson. "It has been exciting to watch MCC progress over the past several years. I pray that MCC will become an even stronger force in the lives of young people and the community."

Niles Dover, a project manager for the Upjohn Company, has served as a congregational chairman for Partnership Dinner West for seven years. He and his wife, Diana, are members of the Development Council. The family lives in Galesburg, and Niles is an elder at the East Main Church of Christ in Kalamazoo.

"I am a firm believer in Christian education as evidenced by the fact that all four of my chil-

dren have attended MCC," stated Mr. Dover. "I believe many of the things needed for MCC's growth, numerically and spiritually, are now in place; and serving on the MCC board provides a challenging opportunity during this exciting time for the college."

Robert Norton II, a 1982 graduate of Michigan Christian College, also met his wife, the former Kathy Butterfield, at MCC. An attorney with Butzel Long, Mr. Norton also serves as a deacon for the Ann Arbor Church of Christ. He is vice chairman of the Development Council and teaches part-time at MCC.

"My family and I owe a great debt to MCC. The college provided a strong Christian influence at a crucial time in my life," noted Mr. Norton. "I am excited to be a part of MCC as it moves forward. I believe that Christian education will be even more important in the years to come, and believe that MCC is uniquely positioned to fill that need."

Arthur Williams, a 1966 graduate of Michigan Christian College, is the dean of students for Pontiac Central High School. He also serves as minister of the Northwest Church of Christ. He has assisted with Phone-a-Visit and has been a guest speaker in chapel and various classes.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Laura, currently have a son, Bryan, at MCC. Expressing his motivation for serving on the board, Mr. Williams stated that he wants "to give every young man and young lady the same opportunity that I had to enjoy a Christian environment."

Golf Classic named for two retirees

Friends of Michigan Christian College gathered at the Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton, Michigan, last July for the fifteenth annual Detroit Area Golf Classic. At an evening banquet following the outing, the master of ceremonies, Rick Watson, and chairman of the golf committee, Duane Harrison, announced renaming of the event as the *Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic*.

"We are proud to name our Detroit Area Golf Classic after Milton Fletcher, former president of Michigan Christian College, and Bill Shinsky, retired professor of physical education," stated Phil Conner, coordinator of the event. "These two men were responsible for making the golf tournament into a highlight of the summer."

In addition to naming of the tournament, organizers also announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship named in honor of the two men. The schol-

arship will be funded through corporate sponsorship of individual holes on the golf course. "The new scholarship to be funded through this outing will help many students for years to come," noted Mr. Conner.

A total of 124 golfers participated in the 1995 classic. The winning foursome among men

included Tom Kanable, Dennis Kelly, Jerry Tallman, and Jerry Tyler; and Peg Fowler, Jan Hoffman, Barb Kelly, and Mary Utley among the women. The leading mixed foursome included Ron Cole, Andy Murray, Barb Murray, and Mark Obrzut. The next Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic is scheduled for July 27, 1996.



Bill Shinsky watches his putt as his son and brother wait their turn.

For Sale

AT&T Horizon telephone system. Includes main chassis, 7 30-button MET phones, 2 10-button MET phones, and appropriate processing cards. System also supports AT&T single-line business phones. Ideal for a small business or school. For further details, contact Shane Godmere, director of computer support, at 810-650-6007.

Year-end giving assists both donor and college

Traditionally, the end of the year is a popular time for charitable giving at Michigan Christian College. "It is not unusual for as much as 15% of the gifts to our annual fund to arrive during the month of December," stated Phil Conner, director of operational gifts.

"As the end of 1995 quickly approaches, friends and alumni of Michigan Christian College may wish to consider charitable gifts that not only help the college, but also enhance their 1995 tax picture," stated Mr. Conner. "Personal circumstances and priorities normally guide donors in their decision of year-end giving, but tax advantages also are a consideration for most people."

"If a donor does not have enough deductions to benefit from itemizing expenses this year, they may want to consider adjusting the amount of their gift to raise their deductions above the standard deduction," Mr. Conner continued. "This allows the donor to itemize and enjoy a tax savings this year, while still taking the standard deduction next year."

Gift checks that are dated and postmarked by December 31, 1995, will be receipted for 1995, even if they arrive a few days later. For questions or more information, contact the Michigan Christian College Development Office at 1-800-521-6010, or consult a local tax advisor.

Volunteers add finishing touches to Gold Room

Adding finishing touches to the newly renovated Associates Gold Conference Room, a group of volunteers recently gathered on campus to recover chairs that had been in use since the 1960's. "Once the room started coming together, it was obvious that the chairs no longer matched the decor of the room," stated Mary Johnson, coordinator of the volunteers. "The group formed an assembly line and completed the task in one day."

The Gold Conference Room has served as the campus home of the Associates since the room was completed in 1964. Workers added a storage area to the room while building the chapel in 1976, and new carpeting and wallpaper a few years later.

While searching for a more visible campus location for the Career Center, college personnel proposed using a portion of the Gold Conference Room for the center as part of a total renovation project. "At first, we were somewhat concerned about a loss of space, but our use of the Gold Room was not harmed," stated Margret Feltner, president of the Associates. "The room now has a much warmer and friendlier at-



Volunteers form an assembly line to recover chairs in the renovated Associates Gold Conference Room.

mosphere. We are very pleased with the results of the project."

After carving the Career Center out of one end of the Gold Room, workers incorporated into a relocated glass entryway the gold-leaf sign painted several years ago by Charles Hadfield.

They also installed a folding wall at the opposite end of the room. A new ceiling, lighting, wall coverings, and carpeting rounded out the project. Recovering of the chairs added the finishing touch, giving the Gold Room a distinguished new appearance.

Major gifts targeted by new officer

Targeting major gifts for both the *Foundation for the Future* campaign and the operational gift program of the college, Doug Edwards joined the development staff in October. Mr. Edwards, a former student of Michigan Christian College, brings with him a wealth of experience in Christian higher education.

"It is wonderful to return to the campus where my collegiate education began," stated Mr. Edwards. "MCC was a magical experience for me in 1962, and I have never forgotten all the ways it impacted my life spiritually. I loved the atmosphere and the people who were here."

Growing up in the Chicago area, Mr. Edwards began his studies at Michigan Christian College in 1961. When the father of his future wife, the former Janet Huffard, decided to move from Chicago to accept the presi-

dency of Northeastern Christian College, Doug transferred to attend college with Janet. After finishing his associate degree at Northeastern, he completed a bachelor's degree at Pepperdine University in 1966.

After a two-year stint with General Electric, Mr. Edwards returned to Northeastern and began a twenty-one year career with that institution. He served Northeastern as director of admissions and later as vice president for development. While working at Northeastern, he earned his master's degree from Villanova University.

In 1990, Mr. Edwards began working with International Christian University in Vienna, Austria, as vice president for advancement. He continued in that capacity until he accepted his current position with Michigan Christian College. His wife,

Janet, recently began duties as manager of the MCC Bookstore.

"I envision wonderful opportunities for growth and service on the MCC horizon," commented Mr. Edwards. "The residence hall complex, to be started in the spring, will provide room for expansion. I am pleased to work closely with Dr. Johnson and Mark Davis as we put the final resources in place to accomplish this task. We expect other campaigns to then take place to provide future facilities prompted by student growth."

Volunteers in Action

BOOK ADDITIONS

Utilizing funds raised by the Associates and books donated by individuals, the Muirhead Library added over 1,000 volumes during the past year. Most fit into fields of business, criminal justice, psychology, religion, and social work.

ALERT FRIEND

Aware that his employer would have extra furnishings after renovating with modular furniture, Larry Norman of Troy, Michigan, recently arranged for donation of the items to the college. The gift included several desks, computer tables, and office chairs.

Current College Needs



Bette Huckaby donates a car to the college while visiting the campus for Fall Festival.

Donations of serviceable equipment can meet important college needs, and provide you with a tax savings!

Currently, the college could benefit from the donation of used automobiles, vans, or trucks. From a tax perspective, many find that used vehicles are worth more when donated than they are in resale. In addition, the college could use IBM compatible computer equipment, including monitors and printers.

To discuss donation of an item, please phone Mark Davis, vice president for advancement, toll-free at 1-800-521-6010. The college would be happy to arrange for pickup of items.



Doug and Janet Edwards look at MCC sportswear in the Bookstore.



Dr. Ken Johnson presented the *Distinguished Christian Service Award* to four couples during the fall lectureship for long-term service to the church in the North. Terry and Norma Ruth Blake of Flint, Michigan, were recognized for service in training preachers and for forty years of sharing the gospel. Participants honored Jack and Erma Duty of Clawson, Michigan, for service to Michigan Christian College and forty years of sharing the gospel. Steve and Mildred Eckstein of Rochester Hills, Michigan, were recognized for forty-three years of teaching the Bible. The college cited Edrose and Katie Potts of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for forty-one years of sharing the gospel.



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Volunteer Bill Young and Mike Westerfield review campaign projects.

Vital campaign efforts begin in congregations

Initially targeting about fifty congregations in Michigan and surrounding states, the Development Office recently initiated the next phase of the *Foundation for the Future* campaign. The \$2.9 million, three-year capital gifts campaign is designed to provide funding for a new residence hall complex and a new campus entryway.

"It is important that we reach our \$930,000 goal in this segment of the campaign," stated Doug Edwards, vice president for capital gifts. "However, it is equally important that we get into the congregations and invigorate their knowledge about the positive things happening at Michigan Christian College."

In each situation, a representative of the college plans to meet with the leaders or the membership of willing congregations to present the program. Each congregation will then be able to choose the approach that they

prefer for conducting a congregational campaign.

"In addition to development personnel from the college, a number of members of the Board of Trustees also are actively involved in this phase of the campaign," noted Mr. Edwards. "A few other key volunteers have already surfaced as well."

Bill Young, a local businessman from the Rochester congregation recently agreed to assist with the campaign. "I am working to build a larger and stronger Christian college," stated Mr. Young. "The college trains young men and women to effectively teach Christian principles, and the association with Christian peers leaves a lasting incentive for students to continue living the Christian life. Michigan Christian College is committed to teaching Christian values in every aspect of the campus experience and the classroom, and I feel that is important."



Planned Giving Matters

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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, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. 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.



Auctioneers make use of the Fall Festival crafts tent for their activity.

Estate gift helps college

Vernon Harris, a retired dispatcher for the Detroit Street Railways, befriended Bob Utley, chairman of the board, several years ago. At age 86, Vernon told Bob that he needed a will and asked for Bob's assistance in having one prepared.

Bob made an appointment with a local lawyer and accompanied Vernon to that meeting. As the discussion started, Vernon asked to whom he should leave his estate. Knowing of Vernon's interest in good works, Bob suggested that he split his estate between

the church, Michigan Christian College, and his other favorite charity. Vernon liked the idea and followed Bob's advice.

Vernon passed away last summer, but left a larger gift to Michigan Christian College than he ever could have during his life, \$25,031. "Even though Vernon did not have great wealth, he was determined to do good with what he had," stated Bob Utley. "His wonderful example shows the tremendous impact that even one with modest means can have upon the future of the college."

Associates host auction with festival

Making use of the huge craft tent raised on campus for the Fall Festival, the Associates hosted their first annual auction at the close of the annual festival on September 9. "Fred Liimatta, a former student of Michigan Christian College, approached the Associates, offering to assist with an auction," stated Mary Johnson, coordinator of the activity. "Fred has such a good spirit and love for the college. It seemed worth a try."

"Even though we had a modest crowd for the auction, it was a beginning and we raised an additional \$1,200 for the college," stated Mrs. Johnson. "We plan to hold the auction again next year, so those willing to donate items for auctioning should call us at (810) 652-0707."

During the festival itself, the Associates presented a check for \$24,300 to the college from the annual queen contest. "We had only two candidates running for queen, but they raised the most total dollars per person of any queen contest over the past thirty-three years," noted Benita Ward, co-chairperson of the festival committee.

Throughout the summer, numerous local chapters sponsored dozens of projects on behalf of the queen candidates, Ginny May of the Lake Orion chapter, and

Jeanne Runnels of the Dearborn chapter. During a noon ceremony at the festival, former queen Lynne Stewart crowned Jeanne Runnels as 1995 queen.

Participants operated over fifty booths on festival day. Those receiving first place ribbons for decoration of booths included the Gateway chapter in the food tent, Rochester in the children's area, the Parkside Youth Group in the crafts tent, and the Pontiac chapter in the outside area.

The annual beautiful babies

contest raised \$661.89, according to Joan Long, committee co-chairperson. Tommy Fink of Dearborn, Michigan, received the highest number of votes, followed by Jenna Sitter of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Andrew Blasingame of Howell, Michigan.

Totaling proceeds from the auction, queens contest, and the actual festival, the Associates raised \$38,729 through the 1995 Fall Festival. The group will host their thirty-seventh festival next fall on September 14, 1996.



Benita Ward listens as Queen Jeanne Runnels thanks participants.



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College receives large gift for construction



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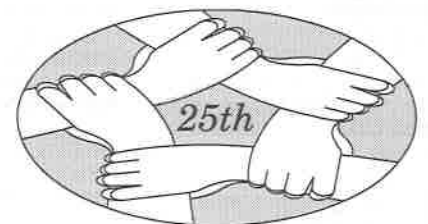


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