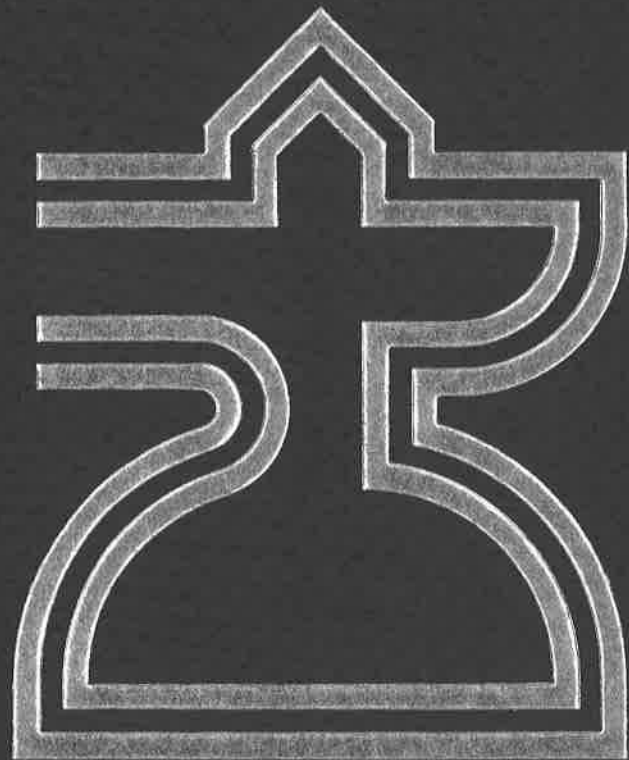


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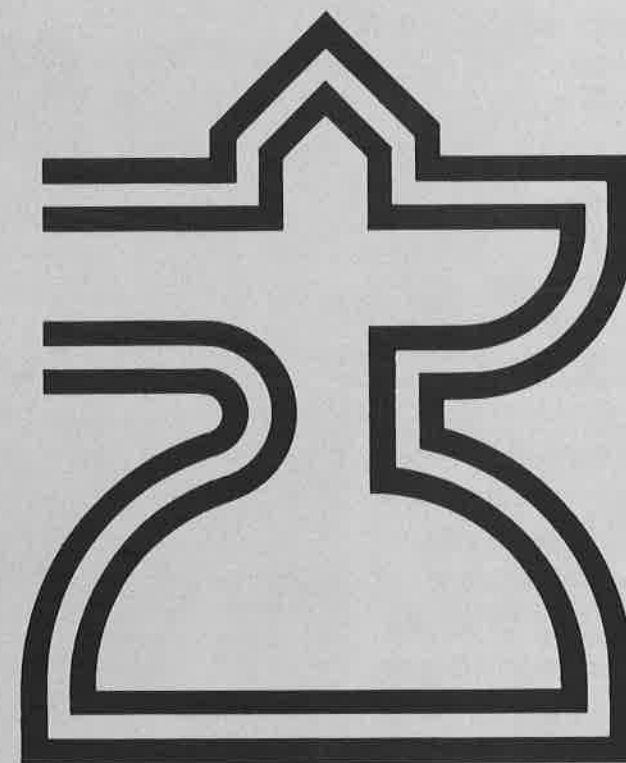


Whom the Lord will find a way

Michigan Christian College

1959-84

Written and
designed by
Larry Stewart,
class of 1970



I Know the Lord Will Find a Way...

The Individual Years



Happy times . . . sad times
 . . . exciting times . . .
 difficult times . . .
 from the formation of a
 Board in 1954 to the
 anniversary celebration of
 the current year, the
 development of Michigan
 Christian College has been a
 story of providence. In 1959,
 a song of confidence in the
 providence of God was
 introduced to the campus by
 Alma Gatewood. Since then,
 the halls of the college's tan
 brick buildings and the
 evening air surrounding its
 towering pines have often
 echoed with the words of that
 song, "I Know the Lord Will
 Find a Way." Over 3,400
 students from thirty-nine
 states and forty-five countries
 have shared in the heritage
 of that song. The campus
 personality has varied as the
 faces have changed. Unique
 events have surfaced among
 each of the individual years.
 Yet, in each of those campus
 personalities, each of those
 events, and each of those
 years, the Lord has found a
 way to develop Michigan
 Christian College into a
 firmly-established influence
 for good.

1954 Board of Directors Formed	1969 NCA Candidate Status Achieved
1957 Maxon Estate Purchased	1970 Gatewood Dorm Completed
1958 First Lectureship Conducted Gatewood Named President	1971 Gardner Named President
1959 Campus Center Completed Associates Organized College Formally Opened	1972 Partnership Dinner Organized
1960 Science Addition Completed One Story Dorm Completed	1974 Muirhead Library Remodeled NCA Accreditation Achieved
1961 College Name Changed Science Addition Completed Barbier Dorm Completed Men's Club Organized Cafetorium Completed	1975 Gallaher Center Redecorated Over 300 Enrolled
1962 Science Addition Completed	1976 Men's Dorms Renovated
1963 First Homecoming Held Gymnasium Completed State Accreditation Achieved	1977 Associates Millionth Donated Accreditation Reaffirmed Third-Year Bible Added A.A.S. Degree Added
1964 Gold Room Completed Palmer Named President Alumni Association Formed Gierok Farm Purchased	1978 Westside Chapel Completed Utley Student Center Completed Gilfilen Named President BRE Approved by State
1965 Muirhead Library Completed	1979 Gymnasium Annex Completed Campus Master Plan Unveiled
1966 Lower Student Center Completed NCA Correspondent Status Achieved	1980 Fletcher Named President BRE Accredited by NCA
	1983 Computer Programs Initiated Accreditation Reaffirmed

The Planning Years

Five years prior to the formation of the Board which founded North Central Christian College, Harmon Black and James Groves conducted an exploratory effort in Christian education. In 1949, they directed a series of short courses at the Hamilton and Tuxedo church building in Detroit, enrolling about eighty-five part-time students. Similar interest surfaced in 1952-54 when W.H. Beaman organized evening classes in the Strathmoor church building under the name of Michigan Christian College.

Such efforts intensified a prevalent desire among many Christians in the Detroit area. Many longed for a Christian school to serve the youth of the church in the great North Central area. Their interest finally crystallized in 1954 with the formation of a Board. During the Planning Years that followed a nucleus of dedicated volunteers and two carefully selected administrators laid strong foundations for a new Christian college.

1954

In the spring of 1954, a meeting of Detroit area Christians at the Northwest church building in Detroit resulted in a committee of five men charged with developing guidelines for the formation of a Board to establish a Christian school. After months of careful planning, another meeting took place at the Fisher YMCA in Detroit on September 20. At that time, a nine-member Board was chosen by the participants, who represented several congregations of the churches of Christ in Michigan and Northern Ohio. That Board included Oliver Bunting, George Ford, Harold Hawley, Wesley Hawley, Paul Lutz, Gerald Montgomery, James Thomas, G. Wheeler Utley, and James Vaughn.

At their first meeting in October, the newly formed Board elected George Ford as their chairman, Wheeler Utley as Vice Chairman, Paul Lutz as Treasurer, and James Vaughn as Secretary. They also began discussion on the nature of the school that they would establish.

After considerable thought and discussion prior to their December meeting, the Board abandoned the idea of establishing a secondary school and decided to work toward the establishment of a junior college. They expressed a keen interest in moving toward a secondary school and four-year program in time. They also determined that they would be known as the North Central Christian College Foundation.



Foundation Board members conduct an early informational meeting for interested Christian people.



Leadership for the first financial campaign of \$150,000 discuss progress with Ernie Stewart, the campaign co-chairman.



Months of searching for a campus location by Lester Allen and Wheeler Utley led to the discovery of a potential site.

1955

On January 17, the Board signed documents for formal incorporation as a non-profit organization. They then appointed committees for publicity and fund raising. At their next meeting, the Board decided that Wheeler Utley should serve as acting chairman in the absence of George Ford, who was drafted into special duty with the U.S. Army.

The Board called a May 19 meeting at the Hamilton church building in Detroit for anyone interested in Christian education. There they reported on their plans and progress. Their next major step took place six months later with the election of Wheeler Utley as Chairman and Jim Thomas as Vice Chairman. At that time, they also decided to engage Henry King of Memphis for a fund-raising campaign and to establish an Advisory Committee composed of two

representatives from each congregation in the Detroit and Toledo areas.

1956

The new Advisory Committee of fifty-three members representing forty congregations met with the Board in January. After a progress report, a period for questions, answers, and suggestions took place. By May, the Royal Oak congregation granted permission for the Board to set up a temporary office in their building. Joyce Luther began work as secretary just before Henry King began the first financial campaign in June. This short campaign for \$150,000 resulted in gifts and pledges of almost \$250,000.

In July, the Board selected Lester Allen to search for available property that could be considered for a campus site. This search became a priority item in the agenda of meetings that followed.

Spacious surroundings in the recreation room now provide adequate space for classroom and computer activities.



Quaint designing in the former upper-level bedroom now highlights the President's Office.



Beautiful woodwork and unique architectural design gives the front entrance and hallway a special atmosphere.



Graceful ceiling beams highlight the mansion's living room and dining area, which now serves the Business Office.

Dramatic views of the campus lake from a former bedroom enchant current visitors to the Admissions Office.



Modern conveniences fill a former kitchen, which now houses the Vice President's office.



1957
The search process for a president began at the January meeting of the Board. By the next Board meeting, a committee submitted the names of eight individuals who seemed to be desirable candidates. The insight behind that list became evident years later as six of the men became presidents of other Christian colleges. By February, the Board had considered about twelve potential sites for a campus, but none seemed just right. Wheeler Utley, however, reported on his recent discovery of an estate near

Rochester that seemed worthy of further investigation. That investigation so charmed the committee that a special meeting was called in March, at which time the Board decided to pursue the Rochester property with a \$125,000 offer. Months of counter offers and some indications that the owner might keep the property caused the Board to feel a need to look for other sites. Finally, however, Lou Maxon, the owner, decided to accept an offer from the Board, and he signed a purchase agreement on September 20. The

agreement included the entire thirty-seven acre estate for \$200,000 with a downpayment of \$50,000 and a ten-year land contract at 5% interest on the balance. The estate had been appraised at \$250,000 in 1952 and represented an estimated \$500,000 investment by the original owner. The Board immediately issued a general invitation for an Open House on the estate on October 26. The Board proudly served as guides for the momentous occasion while those in attendance admired the superb acquisition.

1958

In an attempt to begin generating student interest, the Board conducted a series of rallies for teenagers on the campus in the spring of 1958. Other open houses included one for the Rochester Community, which attracted about 500 visitors.

During the planning years of NCCC, similar efforts were taking place in the Northeastern United States and the Ohio Valley. Representatives of all three groups met on May 31 in Pittsburgh to discuss a possible consolidation of efforts. The meeting, chaired by Otis Gatewood, included progress reports by all three groups and a strong push for consolidation by Don Morris and Jesse Sewell, then President and former President of Abilene Christian College. The minister for the congregation in Pittsburgh also encouraged a merger, but each group had already purchased property and could come to no consensus on one central effort. The Pittsburgh minister, Don Gardner, later served as President for two of the resulting colleges.

A new tradition began on October 13-16 as 500 to 1400 people per night gathered for the first of many annual lectureships at the future college. Although some of the day sessions took place at the newly acquired property, the majority of the program occurred in the Royal Oak church building and the Rochester High School Auditorium. The last evening of the series featured the introduction of Otis Gatewood as the first President of the college and the launching of a \$500,000 campaign. Lester Allen and Ernest Stewart served as directors for the campaign.

November marked the beginning of a series of large rallies for the college. Nearly 2,000 attended the first rally in Detroit's new Ford Auditorium and heard of the plans for North Central Christian College. President Gatewood also introduced the college's first Dean, E. Lucien Palmer, and reported that \$154,000 had already been given and pledged toward the \$500,000 campaign.

The financial campaign continued as a real grass-roots effort. Many canvassed their neighborhoods for support, some gave their entire savings, and even children did their part. One little boy was quoted as saying, "This ain't much money but Tommy and me raked leaves to get it. We want to go to NCCC when we get big." One evening, Lester Allen's four-year-old daughter prayed, "Dear God, help me to do without some ice cream so we can give more to North Central Christian College."

Without public ceremony, about thirty gathered on a snowy November day to break ground for the first new structure on the college site. Wheeler Utley threw the first spade of ground. When completed, the Multi-Purpose Building, now part of the Campus Center, would include the academic wing, residence hall area, and half of the present cafeteria for \$346,532.

1959

Another huge rally for NCCC occurred on May 22 at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum. By this time, participants anticipated the opening of the college, which was set for September 14. About 8,500 attended the rally, which featured Pat Boone and Norvel Young. The evening's cash and pledge record totaled \$38,563. This May Rally became an annual event for the next six years.

In order to assist with completion of the Multi-Purpose Building, the Board approved a special fund-raising project in the summer. They appointed Bob Utley to prepare a brochure for a national mailing list, requesting contri-

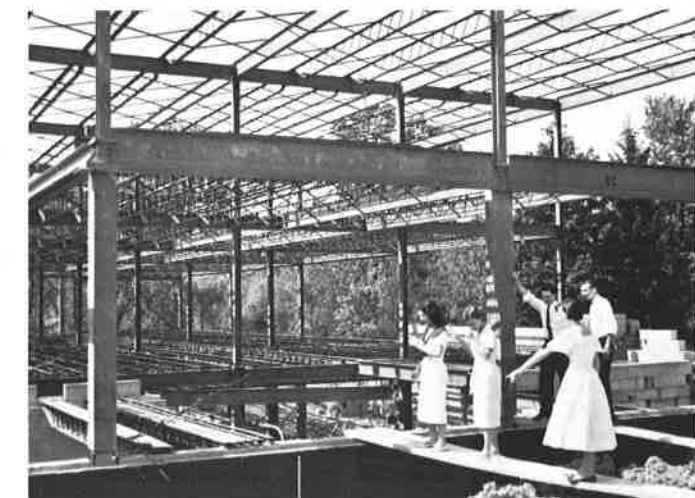
butions to "Buy Bricks for North Central." Each gift of \$5.00 purchased eighty bricks.

On September 1, Rochester area ladies prepared the recreation room of the Maxon estate for an organizational meeting of a proposed fund-raising group. Despite stormy weather, about 300 women packed in and around the room for the evening. Alma Gatewood chaired the meeting, which resulted in the formation of the Associates. The group elected their first president, chose the first Tuesday of each month for their meetings, and set membership dues at \$1.00 per month.

Even though a delay in construction necessitated a two-week change in dates, an air of excitement filled the campus as opening day drew near. About 600 visitors filled the campus on September 7 for an Open House featuring family picnics and tours. The Library officially opened on September 21 in the basement of the Maxon estate. Three tables, a card catalog, and cedar-lined closets filled with 2,500 books awaited the pioneer class of North Central Christian College.



High school students visit the future campus for one of a series of teenage rallies that sparked vital student interest in the opening of North Central Christian College.



Campus visitors admire progress on the future college's first construction project, the Multi-Purpose Building, known later as the Campus Center.

The Pioneer Years

Early editions of the college year-book and newspaper often referred to the early faculty and students of NCCC as pioneers. Indeed, many endured inconvenience, but more importantly they set a positive tone and tradition for the future. The limited facilities, mud sidewalks, and crowded dorms of the Pioneer Years seemed secondary to the goal of building a strong Christian college.

1959-60

September 28 finally arrived as North Central Christian College's first student body of fifty-four began to arrive on campus. That evening, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and several local service clubs hosted a large welcome picnic for the new students of NCCC and nearby Michigan State University-Oakland, which was also opening its doors for the first time.

The year formally opened on October 13 during the second annual Lecture-ship. About 750 attended the formal opening, which featured George Benson of Harding College as guest speaker and the chorus in their debut performance. During the remainder of the week, several guests, including nine presidents and deans, spoke on the topic of Christian Education.

The presence of several former missionaries on the faculty stimulated substantial interest in world missions. In November, Professor Stephen Bilak began taping programs in the little guest cottage of the former estate. The program became a weekly broadcast behind the Iron Curtain from Radio Monte Carlo.

At the first Christmas Banquet, Leonard Blake announced plans for Operation 10, a student project designed to raise funds for a \$200,000 residence hall. Although the students did not reach their funding goal, they

set a precedent of student involvement in the growth of the college.

During the fall semester, high school students formed a fund-raising body known as the Junior Associates. Their first project of selling Christmas cards and candy allowed them to purchase robes for the chorus. The chorus, outfitted in their new robes, performed for the group at the February meeting.

June brought an estimated 500 to campus for the World Evangelism Workshop. Representatives from fourteen states and thirteen countries benefited from the lessons and reports of thirty-one missionaries.

Summer also witnessed the first addition to the former estate's greenhouse, which had been used for a Science Building during the first year. The Associates funded the project. In addition, work began and progressed on a new one-story residence hall for men. The dorm, built for \$39,652, opened after the fall semester began.



**Otis Gatewood
First President
1958-1964**

Following his graduation from Abilene Christian College in 1936, Otis Gatewood and his wife Alma served churches in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Salt Lake City, Utah. During those years, Gatewood received his Master's degree from George Pepperdine College.

In 1946, the Gatewoods entered Germany as the first American missionaries after the war. They were responsible for the distribution of about one million dollars' worth of food and clothing to the war-torn cities of Frankfurt and Cologne. After assisting in the establishment of about forty congregations, the Gatewoods returned to the United States in 1957.

Gatewood accepted the presidency of North Central Christian College at the close of the first lecture-ship in 1958 and served as President through the Pioneer Years of the college. While President, he received an honorary doctorate from Pepperdine. Gatewood resigned in January, 1964, and soon returned to mission work.

1960-61

Shortly before the opening of the new academic year, the Associates presented a new bus to the college. The gift, purchased for \$7,223, represented the largest single project that the Associates had undertaken until that time.

In September, the college launched the Living Endowment Program under the direction of Lester Allen. Contribu-



Retired Army Major A.R. McCoy displays merchandise in the college's newly opened Bookstore designed for congregational as well as student use.



Several members of the Board gather on campus for a regularly scheduled meeting of college leadership.



Dean Palmer addresses those attending the formal opening of NCCC in the Rochester High School Gymnasium.



Library facilities in the basement of the former mansion provide a study location for Harlan Huckaba and Linda Kincade.



President Gatewood participates in an activity of the Junior Associates with Wayne Baker and David Gatewood, first and second President of the teen organization.



Chemistry students use the former Greenhouse for a laboratory until permanent additions are completed during the summer months.

tors became members of one of six clubs, depending upon their level of giving. By July of the next year, over 1,900 were participating in the ongoing program, which provided the major portion of operational gifts for the next twelve years.

The Associates, already numbering over 1,000, sponsored their first fair on October 8, raising \$3,538. Thirty-six booths lined the walk between the Multi-Purpose Building and the new men's dorm. By noon, one booth alone sold 1,200 Carter's hamburgers, paving the way for years of successful Fall Festivals.

During the months that followed, additional significant events occurred. The college received approval for participation in the National Defense Student Loan Program and its first allocation of \$15,000 for needy students. Major A.R. McCoy began efforts to develop a bookstore which could serve the needs of local congregations. The Library moved from the basement to the recreation room of the former mansion, while the Music and Art Departments opened new quarters in the lower level of the building. Milton B. Fletcher began his work as Business Manager on January 1.

On May 1, the college submitted its first self-evaluation study to the State of Michigan in preparation for the inspection visit required before incorporation of the college. Prior to that visit, the state recommended a name change to avoid confusion with other institutions and agencies designated by North Central. On May 27, the Board officially changed the name of the institution to Michigan Christian Junior College.

In an open-air setting near the former mansion, twenty students received degrees and certificates in the first commencement program. Don Morris, President of Abilene Christian College, spoke to the graduates. Three days later the college became fully incorporated, retroactive to the first graduating class.

Appearing in twenty-five states, the Summer Octet traveled over 10,000 miles on behalf of the college during the summer of 1961. During that time, workers completed a second addition to the Science Building, funded by the Associates, and a small addition to the end of the former mansion for an administrative office. Major construction also began on another men's residence hall and the Cafetorium.



Members of the 1961-62 Chorus, under the direction of Fred Alexander, practice for the college's first recording entitled *Arise, My Soul, Arise*.



Associates President Bell Parsons and Founder Alma Gatewood present Mildred Freeland with her lifetime member pin.

1961-62

As school opened, students moved into the new men's residence hall even though it lacked finishing touches. The dorm was being funded by the Grace Barbier estate, which Mrs. Barbier willed to the college after attending only one informational meeting. Construction costs totaled \$75,830.

On September 29, the first regular meeting of the Michigan Foundation for Christian Education took place at the Hazel Park church building. The group, nicknamed the Men's Club, set a goal of providing major assistance for financial aid programs.

Dwinna Howard, representing the Pioneer Class of 1961, returned to campus for Lectureship to present oil paintings of President Gatewood and Dean Palmer. Two months later, the MCJC Warriors played their first inter-collegiate basketball game against the Detroit Institute of Technology, losing by only six points.

Even though the partially completed facility had been used for Lectureship,

the Cafetorium officially opened on December 5. Bell Parsons, President of the Associates, presented keys to Dean Palmer. The facility, designed to seat 800 for lectures or 350 for banquets, represented a \$35,000 gift from the Associates.

At the beginning of the spring semester, the college was approved for membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges. In an attempt to become involved in national higher education, President Gatewood and Dean Palmer later attended their first AAJC convention in Denver.

The Student Council completed a major project in April as they conducted ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the first Student Center. The center included a television, couches, tables, and chairs in the northwest corner of the cafeteria.

Summer closed with the final addition to the Science Building. Again, the Associates funded the \$5,277 project, which became the Biology Lab.

1962-63

The new academic year brought twenty-four foreign students from fourteen countries to the campus of Michigan Christian Junior College, the largest percentage of international students of any college in the state. Dorms filled, even requiring triple occupancy in a few rooms.

In October, the Board initiated a campaign for debt retirement under the leadership of Jim Thomas. The campaign focused on retirement of the remaining \$70,000 debt on the original Maxon estate purchase.

Brethren from around the world grieved at the sudden death of Alma Gatewood on January 18. Hundreds attended funerals in Pontiac and Abilene. Three weeks later the Board resolved to build a residence hall in her honor. By that time, 250 unsolicited memorial gifts totaling \$5,000 had already been given to the college.

At a combined meeting of the Associates and the Men's Club in March, the new Physical Education Building officially opened. The project, financed by both groups, cost a total of \$25,730. Additional construction also occurred at this time as workers enclosed the balcony off the former estate recreation room for library stacks.

The Board approved the purchase of seven acres from Otis Gatewood at their April meeting. Only one farm, which the college hoped to purchase, separated this land from the original campus acreage. At the same meeting, the Board also appointed Dean Palmer as Vice President of the college. Palmer continued as Acting Dean until his successor was found.

Seeking accreditation by the Michigan Commission on College Accreditation, the college submitted a self-study to the state on April 5. One month later, an inspection team of four, chaired by Dr. James Snyder of Muskegon Community College, visited the campus, resulting in state accreditation.

Several months of district rehearsals led to a performance of the 500 Voice Chorus at the annual May Rally in the Masonic Temple Auditorium on May 17. At the rally, President Gatewood announced that \$1,600 more than the \$62,800 needed to retire the mortgage on the property had been raised. In response, Maxon himself pledged a gift of \$8,000 to be paid over the next two years.

As an eventful year came to a close, the graduating class presented a campus landmark to the college, the front brick sign. Although the college initiated a summer school program in the

months that followed, no construction took place for the first time in school history. Instead, a balanced budget and debt retirement became the major goals of the college.

1963-64

In order to operate a full summer session, the college began fall classes under the quarter system. Two months later, the Associates hosted their first gift bazaar on November 9 in the Cafetorium. One week later about 1,000 members of the Living Endowment Clubs gathered on campus for a big Hootenanny.

In December, the college initiated

the Pay-for-a-Day program, which encouraged individuals to pay a day's operating deficit of \$186.30. In January, representatives delivered the final check for \$62,817 to Maxon, Incorporated, clearing the original property of debt. However, the college still was burdened by a remaining debt load of \$600,000.

On January 13, Otis Gatewood resigned as President of the college. The Board asked Vice President Palmer to assume administrative responsibilities until a successor could be chosen. On May 1, E. Lucien Palmer was offered a formal contract to become the next President of Michigan

Christian Junior College.

The students presented their first major dramatic production in February, the *Pirates of Penzance*. About the same time, the new Cafetorium Annex, later known as the Gold Conference Room, opened for use as a result of a \$10,000 gift from the Associates.

During the spring months, a committee prepared an Alumni Constitution, which was ratified in May. As the year closed, MCJC stood prepared to enter a new phase of development with a new president and with the pioneer classes formally organized into an Alumni Association.



Students inspect the first phase of construction on the Physical Education Building.



International students from several countries give MCJC the largest percentage of foreign students in Michigan.



Several wives of the faculty and staff kick off their shoes to relax after the fall Faculty Reception for incoming students.



Participants in the 500 Voice Chorus prepare for their performance at the 1963 May Rally.

First Festival Queen Doris Dunn and her court await the annual festival parade through downtown Rochester.

The Preparatory Years

As MCJC looked to the future, accreditation by the prestigious North Central Association became increasingly important. Strong foundations had been laid, but the further stages of research and development in the Preparatory Years were necessary to meet association requirements.

1964-65

Enrollment topped 200 for the first time in the fall, when 210 registered for classes. Two months later on November 10, multiple efforts culminated in the purchase of the Henry Gierok farm, which adjoined the college. The college purchased the fifty-four acres for a cash payment of \$54,000 and an annuity payment of \$6,600 per year to Mrs. Gierok. Although the cash payment had to be raised, the

Associates agreed to pay the annuity payments and remodel the farmhouse for the college President.

Also during November, ground was broken for a Student Union Building just to the east of the Multi-Purpose Building. However, funding difficulties delayed construction on the building until a more feasible plan and location surfaced several months later.

The Junior Associates reorganized during the fall quarter. Their new designation as the Teenage Boosters (TAB) lasted from their December meeting until the group dissolved in 1971.

Friends of the college gathered in the Cafetorium for a Founder's Day Banquet on February 12. The occasion honored the Board of Directors on their tenth anniversary. Six of the fourteen members at that time had

served on the Board since its inception. Those attending the dinner pledged an additional \$9,000 toward the cash payment on the Gierok property, bringing the total fund to \$44,000.

On May 8, the Board approved the selection of Milton B. Fletcher as Vice President of the college. One day later, the chorus made an exciting appearance in the United States Pavilion of the New York World's Fair. This tour also provided the chorus an opportunity to wear their new gold blazers.

Earth movers and bulldozers began transforming the cornfield of the Gierok farm into the Athletic Field during the summer. Work also started on a double tennis court. The Associates provided additional funds for further improvements to the Athletic Field for several subsequent years.



**E. Lucien Palmer
Second President
1964-1971**

E. Lucien Palmer began his college studies at David Lipscomb College, where he later taught upon completion of his Bachelor's degree from George Peabody College in 1947. After a ministry in Garrett, Indiana, he and his wife Ida served as missionaries in Nigeria for two periods between 1954 and 1958.

In 1958, Palmer served as President of the Nashville Christian Institute, during which time he completed a Master's degree at Peabody and began the Nigerian Christian Schools Foundation. He accepted the position as first Dean of North Central Christian College at the Ford Auditorium Rally of 1958. While serving as Dean, Palmer made two overseas mission tours with Marshall Keeble and directed the Nigerian Foundation.

After serving a brief period as Vice President of Michigan Christian College, Palmer became the unanimous choice of the Board for President in 1964. During his presidency, Palmer continued to assist mission efforts in Nigeria and received an honorary doctorate from Oklahoma Christian College in 1969. In September, 1971, Palmer became Chancellor of MCJC and a member of the MCJC Board. In 1974, he returned to full-time mission efforts with the Nigerian Christian Schools.



Bulldozing work begins on the future Student Center and Library Building in the area next to the former mansion.



Graduates of the class of 1966 march among the large pines for a traditional ending to the academic year.



Another addition to the Multi-Purpose Building for Bookstore use attracts the attention of President Palmer.

Space for future growth is assured by adding the Gierok farm to the college acreage.



Board Chairman Utley and President Palmer sign contracts with Mrs. Gierok for the purchase of her farm.



Students walk in front of the Administration Building between classes on a cool, winter afternoon.

Large earth-moving equipment begins transformation of the Gierok cornfield into the Athletic Field.



Students use library facilities located in the former recreation room of the mansion.

1965-66

Another enrollment increase necessitated facility changes that welcomed the students back to campus in the fall. The academic offices had been moved to the Administration Building in order to convert the wing of the Multi-Purpose Building into dorm rooms.

As the new year began, the Men's Club initiated a new fund-raising program with the Christian Memorial Estates Cemetery Association. The Association set aside a large portion of lots and pledged \$40 to the college for each lot sold by the club. Fifty couples purchased lots within the first month of the effort.

Funding problems resulted in a new design and location for the earlier planned Student Union Building. On January 4, the new Student Center Building opened for use, largely as a result of gifts from the Associates. The building contained the Student Center,

Library, and additional classrooms at a cost of \$60,000.

Student achievement highlighted the spring. Seven students entered the Bruin Speech Tournament in Battle Creek, winning the Sweepstakes trophy. A pioneer track team placed first in competition among the Michigan Christian College Athletic Association (MCCAA). Various team efforts resulted in victory on an inter-collegiate All-Sports Day.

A new tradition began on May 25. President Palmer announced to the chapel audience, "It's a Beautiful Day." He dismissed classes, and everyone spent a day of fun and relaxation at Bloomer State Park.

Construction began during the summer on another addition to the Multi-Purpose Building. The structure, which now serves as the lower level of the Student Center, opened in the fall as a new location for the Bookstore.

First place honors are presented to Scotty Darnell, Marie Carter, and John Williams for the Associates and Men's Club restaurant booth at the annual Michigan State Fair.



Ron Shuffett benefits from years of volunteer patterning teams made up of MCJC students.



Associates President Mildred Freeland admires new recording equipment provided by the Associates for the Music Department.



Evangelist Marshall Keeble charms those gathered for a special testimonial dinner held on campus in his honor just a few days before his death in Nashville.

1966-67

Financial aid assistance improved drastically as the State of Michigan awarded the first Tuition Grants of \$500 per year to students entering MCJC for the fall quarter. During the same time, the Associates and Men's Club received first place honors for the best large restaurant at the Michigan State Fair. Their booth netted \$10,623 in this second year of operation.

After years of informal contact with the North Central Association, the college initiated action to establish a

formal relationship with the Association. On October 12-13, NCA sent Dr. E.K. Williams of Westminster College to the campus for a consultation visit. As a result of his first visit, the college was recommended for participation in federal aid programs.

October 21 marked the beginning of the Million Dollar Planned Expansion Campaign, chaired by Jim Thomas. About 2,500 attended the kickoff session at Cobo Hall, featuring Jim Bill McInteer as guest speaker. The campaign goals included funds for the

Library, residence halls, Student Center, debt retirement, and daily operations. Eighteen students assisted with the campaign as members of the Student Speakers Bureau. By one year later, 1220 contributors to the campaign reached \$321,178 in cash and pledges.

Cynthia Clark received the first Associates Scholarship at the group's February meeting. One month later, administrators attended the Junior College Accreditation Workshop in Chicago after deciding to pursue candidate membership in NCA.

As the school year closed, the Student Council presented the first Wes Taphin Award in memory of a former classmate and basketball player who had drowned the previous summer. Jerry Olsen, recipient of the award, held the league scoring championship as well as the college scoring record.

1967-68

Eight newly-organized social clubs awaited students as they returned to campus for the new year. The clubs, which each assumed Indian names, provided a basis for athletic and speech competition as well as social activity. The fall quarter also brought to campus the first award recipients of the Keeble-Palmer Missionary Training Fund.

President Palmer, Otis Gatewood, and Wheeler Utley broke ground for the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall at the close of the Lectureship. However, funding problems delayed construction of the facility for two more years.

Late in the quarter, the college received official recognition from the North Central Association as a correspondent institution. This status paved the way for increased interaction with NCA. During the same period, the sophomore class redecorated the Student Center with paneling, paint, and new drapes.

About three hundred gathered in the Cafetorium on April 12 for the first and only testimonial dinner honoring Marshall Keeble. Out of respect to the dynamic ninety-year-old preacher, participants gave over \$1900 to the Keeble-Palmer Missionary Training Fund. Keeble died one week later after speaking in Detroit and Dayton with Milton Fletcher and Dan Woodroof.

In late April, Dr. E.K. Williams of NCA again visited campus to review a self-study document with the administration. The document, seeking candidate status with NCA, was submitted on May 1. The college then stood prepared for its first inspection visit.

1968-69

The fall quarter marked the beginning of the college's tenth year. At their November meeting, the Board created a committee to direct anniversary activities, chaired by Milton Fletcher. The celebration centered around the theme "Ten Year's Profile in Progress" and continued through December of the next year.

December 5-6 marked the college's first inspection visit by the North Central Association. Parker Lichtenstein of Denison University and Martin Koehneke of Concordia Teachers College represented NCA. Their review resulted in unconditional approval for candidate membership, effective March 26, 1969.

The Warriors made headlines as they earned their first conference title with a 15-10 overall record. The team tied for first place in the MCCA and co-captain Garth Pleasant earned all-conference team honors and the league scoring title.

Nineteen students traveled to the Gulf Coast Marine Research Center in Biloxi, Mississippi, over spring break. The trip, which continued in subsequent years, included tours, lectures, and specimen collection at the center. The group brought the specimens back to campus for lab use.

A capacity crowd packed the Cafetorium on May 8 for the Tenth Anniversary Banquet. The students produced "Michigan Christian College in

Review" under the direction of freshmen Rick Watson and Bob Woodroof. The evening ended with a contribution of \$7,003 toward daily operational costs.

In June, large earth moving equipment moved on the campus without fanfare and began site preparations for the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall. Students returning to campus in August for the first of many summer yearbook signing parties admired progress on the new facility, which was scheduled to open in the fall of 1970. The college now enjoyed a positive relationship with North Central, but the increased debt load caused by construction of the dorm led to difficult times ahead.



Students enjoy autumn weather in the area around the Science Building and Gymnasium.

Tickets for the Tenth Anniversary Dinner are distributed by Charlene Smith and Betty Losher.



Students relax on the lawn in front of the Administration Building before resuming their regular class schedules.



Cement contractors pour the footings for the Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall.

Instructors Robert Waggoner and Curtis Sampley observe work on the new dormitory.

The Pivotal Years

Enrollment fluctuations, major administrative changes, and extreme financial pressures brought a sense of uncertainty to the campus during the Pivotal Years. However, long hours, genuine commitment to the purposes of the college, and the providence of God eventually caused the pendulum to swing toward an even stronger MCJC.

1969-70

The college officially launched its second decade of service at a formal convocation on September 28. During the program, Dr. James Baird of Oklahoma Christian College conferred an honorary doctorate upon President Palmer.

In the months that followed, the social clubs changed from Indian to Greek names with co-ed membership.

In addition, the Student Council began their Miss-a-Meal program, which diverted funds from an occasional Friday evening meal to worthy projects.

Completion of the Athletic Field permitted the addition of baseball to the intercollegiate sports program. The first season began on April 18, just a few days before a majority of the student body participated in the first Campus Clean-up Day. As the year closed, a group from the chorus left campus for a three-week French Campaign for Christ.

Several facility changes became possible as the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall neared completion. Summer workers converted the wing of the Multi-Purpose Building back into classrooms, the first floor dorm rooms of the Multi-Purpose Building into offices, and the one-story dorm into staff housing. The Library expanded into a larger portion of the Student Center Building, and the music and art rooms became one larger room for music. Although the new dorm brought increased financial strain, it relieved several facility problems.

1970-71

Final touches on the new dorm required a one-week delay in the opening of school. On September 26, a long-awaited day arrived as several gathered to formally dedicate the \$700,000 Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall. Otis Gatewood served as guest speaker, and Mildred Freeland presented the last installment of a \$50,000 pledge from the Associates toward the dorm. On the next day, ninety-six girls moved into the beautiful new facility.

During the first six months of 1971, the college conducted the Area Wide Capital Gifts Campaign. The campaign goal of \$500,000 included funds for library expansion, a chapel, debt retirement, and operational expenses. Welch Associates of Houston served as advisors for the campaign, which eventually raised \$308,958.

The Warriors ended their basketball season as co-champions of the new North Central Christian Athletic Conference with an overall 21-10 record. Fred Harrison and Steve Kerr received honors as the two most valuable players in the NCCAC.

Seven colleges participated in the Fifth Annual Christian College Choral Festival, hosted by the chorus in April. Earlier efforts by the chorus and administration blossomed in July into a gift of \$10,000 from the Besser Foundation of Alpena.



MCJC's first baseball team gathers for a formal portrait with Coach Shinsky at the end of their season.



Vice President Fletcher addresses participants in the dedication ceremonies of the new Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall.



Students prepare out-of-class work in the Library, located in just the west end of the Student Center Building in 1970-71.



New lobby furnishings receive the happy approval of Ida Palmer and Audrey Gardner.



Triumphant Warriors carry their coach and a trophy away at the end of an exciting 27-5 basketball season.



Library benefactors John and Alberta Muirhead visit the fine facility named in their honor at the annual fall lectureship.



Understanding friends of the college crowd in the Gymnasium for the first of many exciting Partnership Dinners designed to meet the annual payments on the Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall.

1971-72

Prior to the opening of the new academic year, E. Lucien Palmer began work in his new position as Chancellor of the college. In this new role, Chancellor Palmer concentrated on board relations, long-range planning, public relations, and special events. The Board named Don Gardner to succeed Chancellor Palmer as the third President of Michigan Christian Junior College. Dr. Gardner began his work at MCJC on September 1.

The Queens Vote project of the Fall Festival raised a record \$6,072. The Associates earmarked this fund for remodeling and refurnishing the lobby areas in the men's residence halls. As the year progressed, the Associates also passed the \$500,000 mark in their overall fund-raising efforts.

Lectureship provided an opportunity for formal dedication of the Muirhead Library, named in honor of John and Alberta Muirhead of Dearborn. The

Muirheads provided a \$45,000 gift to the library during the previous summer as a part of the Expansion Campaign. At the time of the dedication, the library contained 14,000 books and 250 periodicals.

An early December dinner also honored Jim and Bessie Gallaher of Bay City. The Gallahers made a \$75,000 challenge gift to be matched and used for debt retirement.

The basketball team broke several records, winning the national scoring championship in the National Christian College Athletic Association with an average of 100.1 points per game. Their 27-5 season record resulted in the conference and tournament titles as well as a championship from the Harding Invitational Tournament.

Although tentative announcements of a potential gift appeared during the previous July, the Westside Central congregation in Detroit finalized a major gift to the college on April 15.

The congregation, which disbanded and merged into other congregations, donated proceeds from the sale of their building for a new chapel. The gift came in the form of a 7% land contract on the principal sum of \$105,000.

On May 1, the college submitted another status study to the North Central Association. Based upon the recommendation of NCA, the college decided to continue the study process for an additional year, so the Executive Board of NCA extended the college's candidate status for that time period.

A pressing need for cash to meet payments of the new dorm led to the organization of a \$50 per plate benefit dinner scheduled for May 27 in the Cafetorium. In order to accommodate the positive response, the dinner had to be moved to the Gymnasium at the last minute. Partnership Dinner I resulted in gifts of \$48,500 including matching funds, representing 820 ticket sales.

Writing invitations to Variety 73, Garcia Crawford, Amos Rice, and Mathew Moore assist in fund-raising efforts for a new bus.



Rapid growth in the area surrounding the college attracts Mike Weimer and Alison Kooi to a new Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor as many students begin to take advantage of MCC's metropolitan location.



Partnership Dinner II moves to a beautiful new location in the ballroom of Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit.



1972-73

President Gardner opened the new year with an introduction to the first theme scripture from Psalms 118:24. As the year progressed, chapel audiences often recited, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

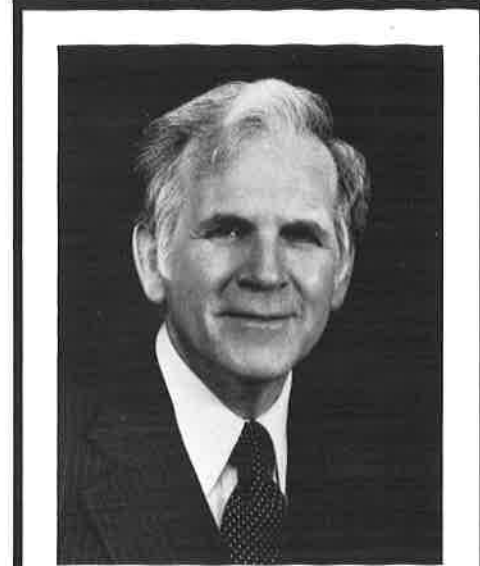
At Lectureship, the former mansion from the Maxon estate became the Gallaher Center, named in honor of Jim and Bessie Gallaher. Soon afterward, the Associates presented a check for \$2,531.38 to Chancellor Palmer, completing their first \$500,000 in gifts to the college.

Recruitment efforts intensified during the winter quarter with the addition of student Share Groups, which represented the college at seventeen churches throughout the

remainder of the year. The chorus also was restructured into a group of smaller ensembles known as the MCC Singers, which began co-ordinating schedules with the Admissions Office. The Drama Department conducted their first recruitment tour by taking a production of *The Fantasticks* to Great Lakes Christian College.

Intercollegiate sports resulted in another basketball title at the Harding Invitational Tournament. The baseball team began their season with spring break training in Boca Raton, Florida.

In April, Partnership Dinner II moved to Cobo Hall in order to accommodate a growing attendance. A few weeks later, multiple efforts by the student body completed a successful drive to raise funds for a new bus. Under the leadership of Dean Oliver, the students



**Don Gardner
Third President
1971-1978**

Holding an Associate's degree from Freed-Hardeman College and a Bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian College, Don Gardner completed his Master's degree at Hardin-Simmons University in 1950. Subsequently, he and his wife Audrey served churches in Pretoria, South Africa, Jackson, Tennessee, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

In the summer of 1959, Gardner accepted the presidency of Ohio Valley College. He began work in the fall, a year before the new college opened. Five years later, in 1964, he moved to Los Angeles, where he served as Vice President for Special Services of Pepperdine University. During this time, he also completed his doctorate at the University of California.

Gardner became the third President of Michigan Christian Junior College in 1971. During his presidency, gift income increased from \$152,707 to \$501,075, the budget from \$811,889 to \$1,537,508, the enrollment from 211 to 400, and financial aid from \$12,000 to \$120,000. At the same time, the college achieved accreditation and reduced debt by almost 50%. In 1978, Gardner resigned to accept the presidency of the Greater Houston Christian Schools.

passed their goal of \$10,000 and raised \$12,000 for the purchase. The unselfish effort left a major student gift for future classes.

1973-74

Student schedules reverted back to the semester system as the fall session began. As part of the social calendar of the opening weeks, the English Department sponsored their first excursion to the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario. Soon, the Salary Sharing Program replaced the old Living Endowment Clubs.

In November, the college submitted to the North Central Association a supplement to the 1972 Self Study. The document, entitled *Spirit of Success*, highlighted several financial and academic improvements which had occurred since the previous study.

Autumn made its debut tour into Ontario and New York on February 11-13. The group, under the musical

direction of a student, Randy Gill, became an instant asset to student recruitment efforts. February also included the first Sweetheart Banquet, sponsored by the Men's Club.

Combined gifts of over \$12,000 from the Associates and the Muirheads resulted in major library improvements during the spring months. Workers removed a major wall and installed new carpet while the students painted every room. New furniture added a finishing touch to the project. Just after the work ended, the college received notification of a \$16,000 grant from the Besser Foundation for purchase of an 11,000 volume micro-book collection.

On April 22-23, a five-member inspection team from the North

Central Association visited the campus. The team, chaired by Dr. Donald King of St. Norbert College, recommended that the college be accredited. The accreditation became effective on July 25, 1974.

Before the year ended, the baseball team won their first league championship in the NCCAA with an 8-8 overall record. The summer months that followed brought major improvements to the Gymnasium, including a newly-surfaced floor and glass backboards, funded by community donations. Autumn also completed their first summer tour, logging over 12,000 miles and ninety performances. An unusually eventful year ended, preparing the college for an exciting new stage of development.



Student body officers Ronda Allen and Linda Doughty admire the new bus and station wagon purchased by the previous council.

Members of the first Autumn set a precedent for exceptional student contributions to recruitment efforts.

Freshman Larry Ice assists with major renovation efforts in the Muirhead Library.

Accreditation team members visit with Fidelis Melifonwu and Audrey Bone as they pass between classes.

Driving his bat toward home plate, Dave Matheny contributes to a season championship.

The Positive Years

The positive words of II Corinthians 1:20 often filled the campus in 1974, which was designated the "Year of the Yes." With North Central Accreditation in hand, the college moved into the Positive Years of major enrollment growth and continued campus improvements.

1974-75

After a series of enrollment decreases, a record 236 students registered for fall classes, marking a 30% increase over the previous year. Many of the new students immediately became active in a revitalized Mission Emphasis program, which conducted five major campaigns during the fall.

Just after the semester started, the Student Council formed a committee to prepare plans for improving the Student Center, which had switched places with the Bookstore just before school opened. Soon, the committee

proposed an addition at a cost of \$80,000 and began raising funds.

The *North Star* again rolled off the press in October after a two-year absence. Concurrently, members of the *Totem Pole* staff laid foundations for a prize-winning yearbook, which later received an "A" rating from the National Yearbook Association and second place honors in statewide competition.

Before winter weather set in, workers completed repairs on the old lines which allowed circulation of the campus lakes. Within hours of reopening the lines, the lake level rose about ten inches and the circulation system worked properly for the first time in five years.

The campus grieved at the loss of Ron Luckett on February 15. Ron, who had spent most of his life confined to a wheelchair, taught psychology for MCJC on a part-time basis. In Ron's memory, the students placed on cam-

pus a seedling pine and a plaque with a statement from Ron, "When I get to Heaven, I'm gonna run for three days."

As problems in Vietnam surfaced after the end of the war, a telegram arrived on campus requesting emergency aid for Christians in that country. By chapel of the next day, the students gathered \$2,130, much of which they personally borrowed.

Summer brought major improvements to the Chemistry Lab and substantial equipment additions for biology, physical science, chemistry, and secretarial science. An \$11,739 Title VI grant and a matching gift from the Associates provided funds for these projects. Another gift from the Gallahers allowed for extensive remodeling of the Gallaher Center, including outside repairs and painting, new carpeting and drapes, and new desks for the former estate recreation room, then referred to as the Bible Room.

1975-76

Enrollment records topped as 343 came to campus for the new year, including thirteen refugees from South Vietnam. A demand for housing resulted in reopening of the One Story Residence Hall. Several also benefited from the introduction of a new reading skill development program.

Shortly after classes began, new chairs and tables arrived for the Cafetorium. Students subsequently decorated the area with a dramatic wall mural to match the chairs.

Phone-a-Visit I developed in the early fall as a means of promoting the Salary Sharing Program. Seventy-two preachers participated in the campaign, which passed its goal of 500 pledges by 423.

In late October, the Student Council dedicated a newly remodeled Student Center. The council used funds raised by the previous student body and student volunteer labor to accomplish about \$7,000 worth of improvements for \$1,153. The center featured new carpeting, partial paneling, new furniture, and a large wall mural. A few weeks later, Bob Utley announced in chapel that his family and the Associates planned to provide funds for an addition to the Student Center, to be named for his parents, L.C. and Elizabeth Utley.

The Associates began a successful new project during football season by providing a workforce for the souvenir stands in the new Pontiac Stadium. The project pushed the Associates' annual income over the \$100,000 mark for the first time.

The summer months included several campus improvement projects. All trees and shrubs around the lakes received their first trim in many years. Major equipment additions to the kitchen arrived, while workers placed two modular units behind the wing of the Multi-Purpose Building. The music area received new paint and permanent risers. The One Story Residence Hall received a new exterior and interior featuring a suite-style arrangement, while new lighting, closets, and carpet were added to Barbier. Carpeting in the Multi-Purpose Residence Hall areas rounded out the summer efforts.

1976-77

The new catalog for fall featured several new courses and a new developmental studies program. In October, further course additions began to surface after the Board approved a fall 1977 implementation of a third-year Bible program. Several classes also benefited from new equipment pur-



Students enjoy the improved surroundings and additional equipment which they earned through their major fund raising drive for the Student Center. (Photo by Rochester Eccentric)



Associates Treasurer Mary Monroe presents the organization's millionth dollar to President Gardner at Partnership Dinner VI.



Special chapel services on the hill next to the Student Center pave the way for construction of the Westside Central Chapel on the same site.

President Gardner extends the positive feelings created in the "Year of the Yes" by extending the concept into the next decade.



Water again circulates through the campus lakes following line repairs as observed by Carol Haffner and Janice Monroe.



New furnishings in the cafeteria and chapel area are accented by a dramatic wall mural designed and painted by student volunteers.



Vietnamese students return from a chemistry class during their first weeks in the United States. (Photo by Rochester Eccentric)



chases, including videotape and drama materials, made possible by an \$11,774 Title VI grant.

On December 1, the college submitted *Growing in Service* to the North Central Association. The self study, which noted strides in enrollment, gift income, and campus facilities, requested re-affirmation of the college's accreditation.

After four losses in their first six games, the basketball team finished their season with a 15-6 record. They won the NCCAC title, even though the remainder of the league held senior college status.

Spring break provided an opportunity for twelve students to conduct a campaign in Morvant, Trinidad. Two weeks later, the chorus hosted their first festival with the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus.

A four-member inspection team

from North Central visited campus on March 28-30. Their recommendation resulted in continuation of the college's accreditation. A few days later, Partnership Dinner VI honored the Associates as the "million dollar ladies" and featured the presentation of the group's millionth dollar to the college.

In April, the chorus presented the first Celebration in Song in the Cafetorium. The program featured excerpts from popular musicals and a series of mini-plays.

During final exam week, students and staff gathered on a bare hill by the Student Center for chapel. Hands joined, the group thanked God for the year and looked forward to a permanent chapel facility on the same site. Three days later, digging began on the Westside Chapel and Utley Student Center.

Secretarial students Loretta Castle and Ginny Fidler work toward skill levels required in the new occupational degree.



Bible students assist with a shipment of new library books being purchased to support the new Bible program.

Workers install the large rafters of the chapel shortly after the opening of the new school year.



State inspectors for the proposed Bachelor's program in Bible enjoy coffee served by freshman Val Kinnell.



Members of Delta Phi present a Tribute to Disney in the first Celebration presented in the Westside Chapel.



Pontiac's Silverdome provides a unique setting for a record crowd at Partnership Dinner VII.



1977-78

Enrollment peaked in the fall as 400 students registered for classes. The large increase necessitated triple occupancy in several rooms and double services at the Rochester congregation. Those enrolling benefited from the addition of the Third-year Bible Program and the occupationally-oriented Associate in Applied Science degree.

An all-night prayer session on November 19, ending with a 7:00 a.m. lakeside devotional, encouraged progress on Phone-a-Visit III. For the first time, students also became a strong force among the volunteer callers.

The Warriors began their season by winning the NCCAC Tournament. As their season progressed, they achieved a 14-11 record and tied for the NCCAC basketball title.

Just prior to a state inspection visit for the proposed Bachelor's program in Bible, Don Peden of Louisville, Kentucky, made a \$25,000 gift to the Library for development of the religious book section. On March 28, an inspection team from the state visited campus and recommended that MCJC be allowed to offer the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. Unfortunately, state politics delayed action on the recommendation for many months.

After several delays in construction, including a strike by the only supplier of fire-treated roof decking, the first chapel service in the new Westside Central Chapel took place on April 4. A newly-structured Celebration in Song subsequently opened in the beautiful new facility.

On April 29, a record crowd gathered in the Pontiac Silverdome for Partnership Dinner VII. Ticket sales, special gifts, and matching funds brought the ticket sale equivalent to 4,044. A few weeks later, President Gardner, founder of the Partnership Dinner, resigned to accept the presidency of the Greater Houston Christian Schools.

1978-79

Early in the morning on August 13, former members of the Westside Central church met for a special worship service in the new chapel. That afternoon, participants officially dedicated the Westside Central Chapel and the Utley Student Center. Concurrently, the Multi-Purpose Building became known as the Campus Center.

Opening chapel sessions focused on new beginnings as MCJC inaugurated its twentieth year. Those beginnings included the arrival of a new President, Walter Gilfilen, and several new faculty members. Eight reorganized brother and sister social clubs also made their debut in the fall.



**Walter Gilfilen
Fourth President
1978-1980**

Upon the completion of his Master's degree from Harding College in 1958, Walter Gilfilen pioneered in the opening of Magic Valley Christian College in Albion, Idaho. He served Magic Valley as Dean of Students from 1958 to 1961.

In 1961, Gilfilen moved to Cocoa, Florida, to begin work as the Business Manager of Brevard Community College. Later he became Assistant to the President at Brevard, generating \$2.3 million in federal funding during his last year in the position. He also served as an elder for the church in Cocoa.

Gilfilen and his wife Benny Ann came to Rochester in 1978 for him to serve as the fourth President of Michigan Christian Junior College. After two years at MCJC, Gilfilen returned to Brevard as Dean of Development.

In December, the Michigan State Board of Education authorized MCJC to offer the Bachelor of Religious Education degree. In response, the Board changed the Articles of Incorporation to include the program and to officially drop "Junior" from the college's legal name. The following months included consultant visits from Dr. Robert Watson of Hiram College, the next step toward North Central approval of the proposed program.

The Associates sold about 700 tickets to a special evening of basketball at the Silverdome on January 11, featuring games by the MCC Warriors and the Detroit Pistons. A month later, representatives from every graduating class but one attended a Homecoming Luncheon featuring Fred Alexander of the pioneer faculty. The winter months also included the first chorus Sing-A-Thon, which raised over \$1,000 for new robes.

A new service for churches began in late March as members of the MCC faculty and staff conducted their first

Bible Teachers Workshop at the Cardinal Drive congregation in the Chicago area. The program focused on effective teaching methods for all levels of the Bible School program.

As classes ended, maintenance workers removed the old entrance to the Gymnasium and began construction on a new annex to the building. Gifts from the Men's Club, Jim and Bessie Gallaher, and Del and Zel Reminder of Bay City funded the project.

Members of the former Fairview congregation in Detroit met in the chapel on July 1 to present the first major endowment gift to MCC. Robert Jones, a former elder of Fairview, presented a check for \$15,000 to President Gilfilen along with a land contract from the sale of their building. The gift represented a value of nearly \$80,000, directed into an endowment fund for underwriting costs in the Bible Department. The components for a new phase of MCC history continued to come together.



Friends of the college join with former members of the Westside Central church of Detroit to formally dedicate the Westside Central Chapel and Utley Student Center.



Leaders of the former Fairview church in Detroit meet in the Westside Chapel to make a major endowment gift to the college's Bible Department.

The Providential Years

Accreditation of the BRE program could have been delayed by another administrative change, but providence brought the right man to MCC at the right time. The Providential Years fulfilled a desire of the original Board with the addition of the first four-year program. Reflections of the early years also touched the campus as the first group of second generation students arrived and as planning began for the twenty-fifth year celebration.

1979-80

Among those enrolling for fall classes was Mary Blake, the first student whose parents both attended MCC. This significant event in the life of any school brought the college into a new phase of maturity.

A year-long project of the Board culminated at Lectureship with the unveiling of a new Campus Master Plan. Guests admired a projected campus model, which resulted from a detailed study of the campus and future needs. Architect Abraham Kadushin of Ann Arbor designed the plan in such a way that the campus would always have a completed look at any stage of development.

A fall Sing-A-Thon by the chorus netted \$6,000, permitting the group to fly to Lubbock, Texas, for the Fourteenth Annual Christian College Choral Festival in January. The following month featured a student-sponsored benefit that raised \$1,200 for a student needing corrective surgery.

In February, the college submitted a document entitled *To Serve Better* to

the North Central Association, requesting a substantive change in accreditation before the next regular visit. An April 21-23 inspection team decided to recommend that change, but NCA approval was not possible until their Board met again in the fall.

Interest in restoring landmarks from the original Maxon estate surfaced with a Student Association-sponsored project for the Chinese Gardens. The students provided about \$800 in materials and volunteer labor to install new lines and a pump for the pools and to plant several shrubs. During the summer, construction workers followed suit by rebuilding the large stone stairway connecting the major walkways around the campus lakes. The Associates funded the stairway reconstruction project.



Red Cross appeals for blood donors motivate Yolanda Gantt to join several others in the annual Bloodmobile.



Second generation student Mary Blake, the first student whose parents both attended MCC, prepares in the Library for classes.



President Gilfilen points out a feature of the new Campus Master Plan to Jim and Bessie Gallaher of Bay City.

Student volunteers, including Julie Eckman, resurface the pools in the Chinese Gardens as a part of their major renovation project.



**Milton B. Fletcher
Fifth President
1980-Present**

After serving in the United States Navy, Milton B. Fletcher graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1947. He then entered the oil business as an office manager and later became Vice President of Westonian Oil Company in 1953.

In 1961, Fletcher began a long association with Michigan Christian College as Business Manager of the college. He became Vice President in charge of business operations in 1965 and moved to development activities in 1968. He resigned from MCJC in 1972 to work with Abilene Christian University, where he eventually served as Vice President for Public Relations and Development. During his tenure, Phase II of ACU's Design for Development generated \$22,500,000.

In 1980, Fletcher and his wife Gene returned to Michigan for him to become the fifth President of Michigan Christian College. Since then, both Abilene and Pepperdine University have recognized his outstanding service to Christian education with honorary doctorate degrees.

1980-81

A summer resignation of President Gilfilen led to the selection of Milton B. Fletcher as the fifth President of Michigan Christian College. Although President Fletcher could not officially begin duties at MCC until December 1, his experience at MCC and background in fund-raising brought strength to the pending request for NCA approval of



Faculty and students inspect the college's new highway bus after its surprise arrival during the morning chapel program.



Retired Chairman of the Abilene Christian University Bible Department, Dr. Paul Southern, offers out-of-class assistance to Tony Jackson.



Senior Bible major Doug Allen proudly receives MCC's first bachelor's hood from Board Chairman Bob Utley at the annual graduation ceremony.

the BRE program. Until President Fletcher moved to Michigan, Bob Utley served as Interim President.

On November 4, the North Central Association approved of MCC as a Bachelor's degree-granting institution. This decision allowed immediate implementation of senior-level classes in the BRE program.

Shortly before the chorus left for a weekend tour in November, a thirty-nine passenger diesel bus arrived on campus. The surprise gift to the students resulted from donations by the Associates, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burgett of Ann Arbor, and William Mitzelfeld of Rochester.

During the spring, contributors to the college became members of three new donor clubs. They included the Century Club for those giving \$100 to

\$999 annually, the President's Circle for those giving over \$1,000, and the Heritage Club for those including MCC in their estate plan.

Six graduates received the first bachelor's degrees awarded by MCC at the annual graduation program in May. That evening, Mike Roller of the class of 1973 received the first Alumnus of the Year Award at Partnership Dinner X.

Summer included several minor campus improvements including a new ceiling and lighting in the cafeteria. As summer came to an end, the college sponsored the first MCC Golf Classic at the Rochester Golf Club. Two weeks later, the college purchased five acres on East Avon Road at the cost of \$102,000 for a future faculty-staff housing development.

The college's first full orientation program for new students and their parents welcomed freshmen to the campus for the fall semester. Several new students enrolled in the Legal Assistant Program and Autumn reorganized into a twelve-member group featuring an exciting style of contemporary gospel music.

The Committee of Twenty-five held their first meeting at the Fletcher home on October 2. The committee, which was organized as an advisory group for the Silver Anniversary, recommended incorporation of the anniversary theme into current events rather than the addition of further events to the calendar. The committee also discussed plans for a logo, history

booklet, and potential fund-raising campaign.

Lectureship provided an opportunity for presentation of the first Artist of the Year, Doug Dye. Members of the Century Club later received copies of his painting. The first Parent's Day Luncheon at Lectureship also honored the Lester Allen and E.R. Bruce families for the number of children each had sent to MCC.

Phone-a-Visit VII reached \$208,198 in pledges during its fall campaign. Student volunteers made up about half of the calling force and Tony Russell, President of the Student Association, set a new record with \$12,000 in pledges.

In January, the Men's Club, Associates, and Lockett Ladies provided 278 workers for Superbowl XVI in the Pontiac Silverdome. The groups split the commission from over \$400,000 in sales.

Homecoming honored Gary and Onita Lutes with the first Alumni Citation. They were applauded for thirteen years of mission service in Chile.

The basketball team ended their first year in the National Little College Association (NLCA) with a national ranking that attracted television news coverage of the last home game. Their 17-4 season record and North Central Division Title earned the team a spot in the national finals in Oakland City, Indiana.

Spring also featured MCC's Developmental Studies Program as one of eight models in a national convention of developmental studies specialists. The MCC program was cited for exemplary services.

On April 16, the Board hosted their first Employee Appreciation Dinner. The program recognized those college employees with long records of service, including Bill Shinsky (22 years), Marcel and Jeanne Bertholet (14 years), Leo Hindsley (14 years), Larry Jurney (12 years), Mearl Ryan (11 years), and Larry Stewart (10 years).

In early summer, the Associates presented an endowed scholarship gift of \$10,000 to the college. The ladies named the scholarship in honor of Mary Monroe, long-time treasurer and charter member of the group.

Ninety individuals gathered in Abilene, Texas, on June 12 for the first of a series of benefit dinners for MCC. The dinner resulted in gifts of \$16,600. As the summer closed, workers completed new lighting and ceilings in the Campus Center wing and opened a mobile unit on campus for the Development Office.



Autumn pauses for a formal portrait before beginning an extremely active schedule of performances, which often splits the group into two ensembles.



Phone-a-Visit VII benefits from effective student-volunteer efforts like those of Tony Russell as he sets a new campaign record of \$12,000 in pledges.



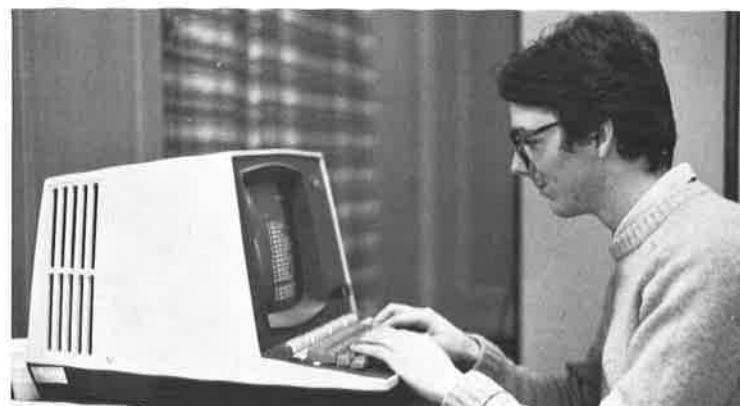
Channel 7 Action News films the final home game of the season before the Warriors depart for the national playoffs in Indiana.



Board Chairman Bob Utley presents Coach Shinsky with a token of appreciation for his twenty-two years of service to the college.



Meadow Brook Hall's dramatic architecture fascinates students during the first MCC Night at Meadow Brook.



Installation of the college's Wang Computer allows Bill Raper a few moments to admire the powerful new system.

Team co-captain Ricky Brown removes the net after winning the North Central Division Title.



Volunteers circle the track of the Macomb Fieldhouse for the Men's Club Jog-Rama.

Campus carpenter Ray Hyder installs kitchen cabinets in the new Homemaking House.

1982-83

Second generation enrollment continued to increase as fifteen sons and daughters of former students enrolled for classes. As part of the opening activities for the year, about 200 students and staff enjoyed the facilities of Meadowbrook Hall on a special MCC night.

Proceeds from Associates Queens Votes assisted in the purchase of a Wang VS-80 computer, which arrived in December. The powerful new computer not only permitted more efficient office operations, but paved the way for increased academic offerings in computer science.

Basketball season produced an 18-2 record and the second consecutive North Central Division Title in the

NLCA. The team subsequently participated in the national finals in Norfolk, Nebraska.

The Men's Club co-sponsored their first Jog-Rama on April 16 in conjunction with Lockett Christian Academy. Over 500 participated in the event at the Macomb County Community College Fieldhouse, raising over \$20,000 for a new computer science program.

On April 18-20, an inspection team from the North Central Association visited campus. Their review centered around a self-study entitled, *Strengthening Successful Service*. The team recommended continued accreditation.

At the close of the academic year, the college offered a special two-week term for preachers and church leaders.

Most participants received assistance from the new Hobart Ashby Memorial Scholarship, which was established by the Garden City congregation during the previous semester.

Summer projects included major remodeling for several new occupational majors scheduled to begin in the fall. Workers transformed two Campus Center classrooms into fully-equipped labs for Computer Science and Office Systems. Major renovation of the former estate's Gatehouse resulted in lab facilities for food preparation and sewing classes.

As the summer ended, campus personnel, incoming students, alumni, and volunteer groups anxiously awaited the opening of the twenty-fifth session of Michigan Christian College.

The Unique Campus



Towering pines, rolling hills, and scenic lakes have always set the campus of Michigan Christian College apart as one of the most picturesque college settings in the country. Students have always considered the natural beauty of the campus as one of the greatest assets of MCC. Beginning with the purchase of the beautifully landscaped Maxon Estate in 1957, land acquisitions and sales have resulted in a campus of ninety-one acres. The growth of Rochester and Avon Township has made this acreage some of the most valuable property in the area. Although current buildings are situated around the campus lakes, the 1979 Campus Master Plan calls for all future construction to take place closer to Avon Road. The proposed campus, which is designed to develop as needs dictate and funds permit, features academic, residential, and athletic activity clusters. The beautiful areas around the lakes are to remain in their natural setting for future generations of the MCC family to enjoy.

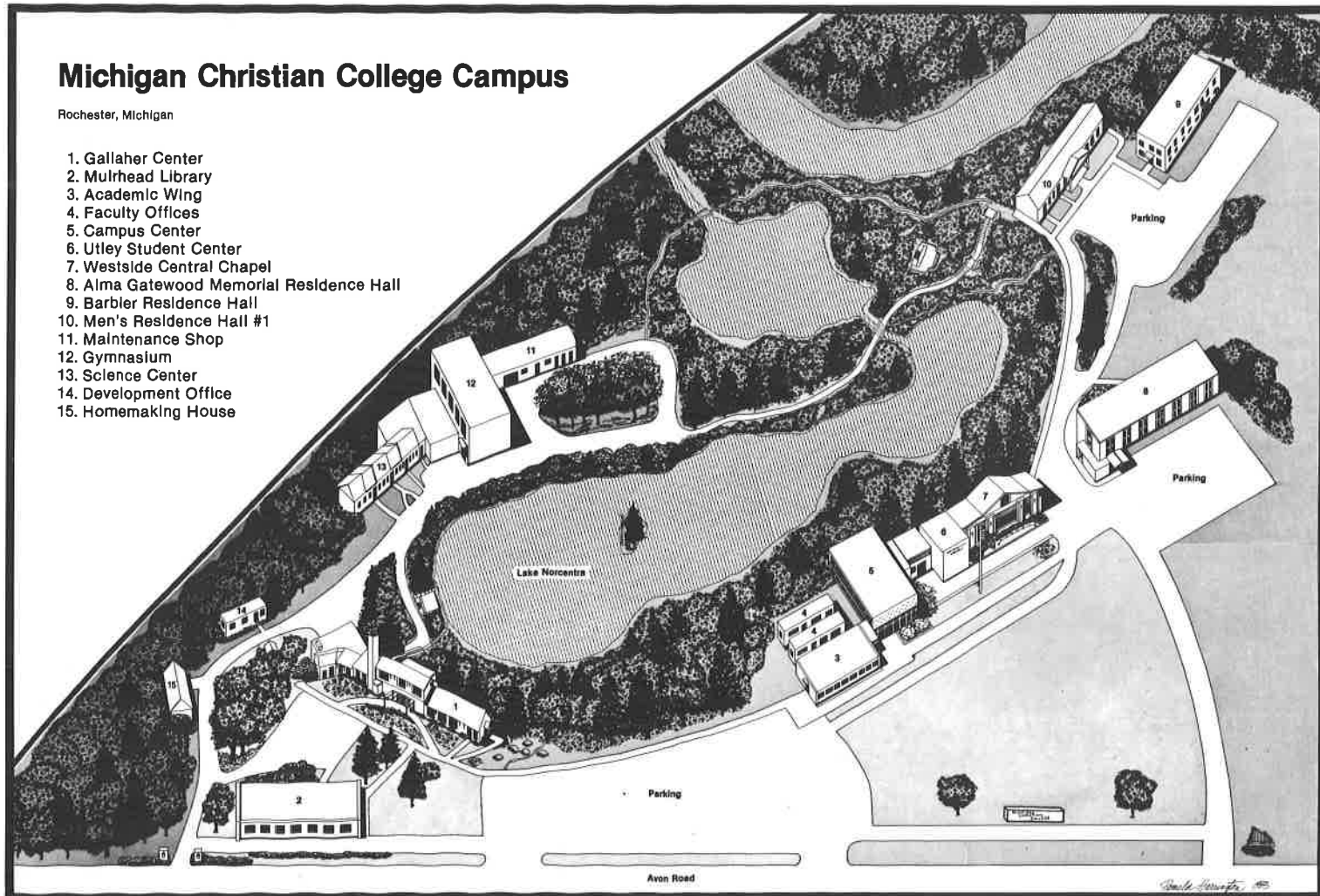


Formerly the mansion of the Maxon estate, the Gallaher Center houses several administrative offices and classrooms.

Lake Norcentra provides a focal point for the beautiful natural setting of the college.



Campus Center, which has received several additions since 1959, serves as the hub of campus activity with its academic wing, residence hall areas, and cafeteria.



One Story and Barbier Residence Halls, built in 1960 and 1961, house most boarding men.



Nature surrounds the Science Center and Gymnasium, constructed from 1960 to 1963.



Renovations in 1974 improve the Muirhead Library, which was constructed in 1965.

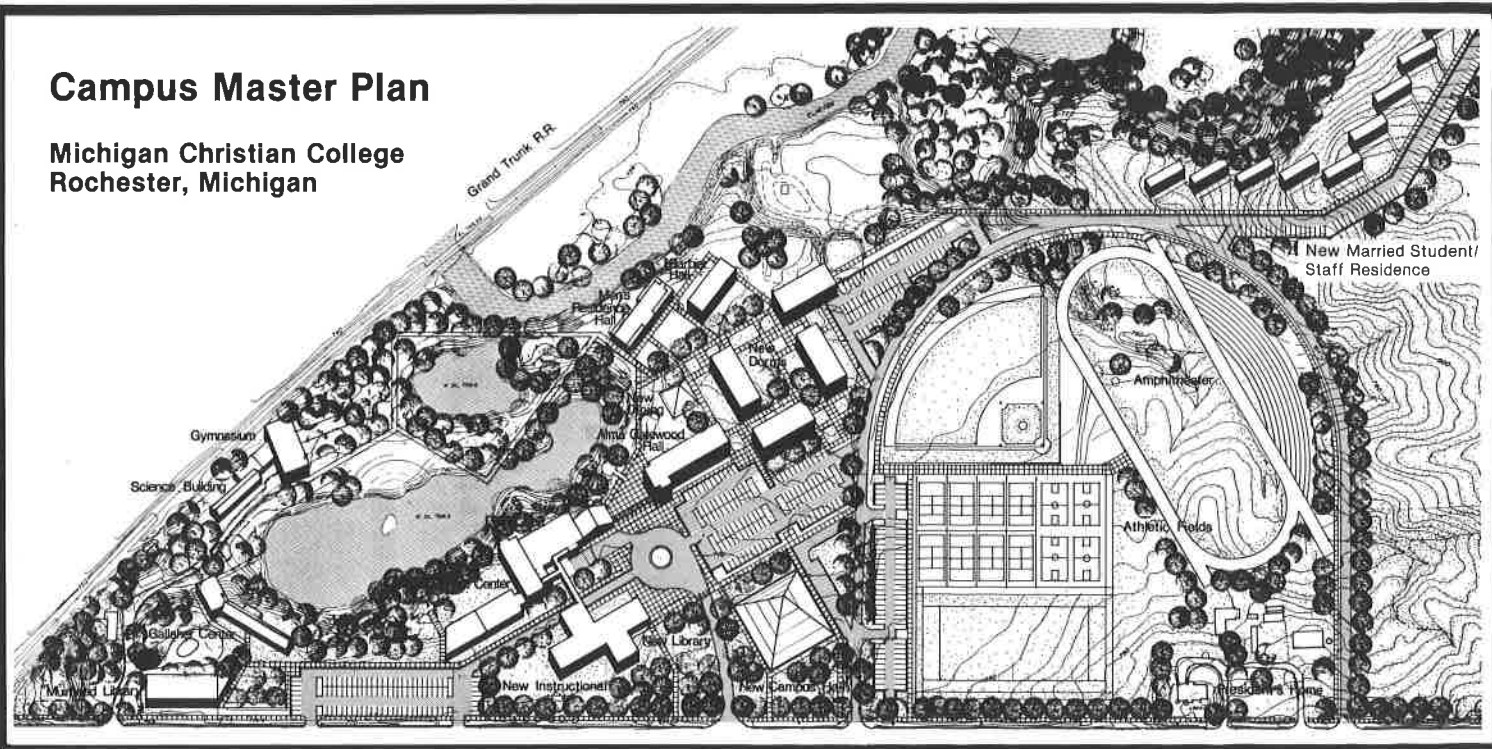
Completion of the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall in 1970 improves campus boarding capacities.



Addition of the Utley Student Center and Westside Chapel in 1978 changes the campus skyline from Avon Road.

Campus Master Plan

Michigan Christian College
Rochester, Michigan



The Annual Traditions

Homecoming

"Homecoming" at MCC can provide a
Real opportunity . . .
. . . To come home.
To come home . . . not to buildings . . .
. . . Not to the lake . . .
. . . Not to the trees . . .
. . . Not to the snow . . .
Those things are nice,
and they may help to jog some memories.
But buildings, lakes, trees, and snow
Can be found in a lot of other places too.
By themselves, they have never
Been known
To make a college.
Where else, though, can you find the friends?
Friends who brought life and laughter
And love
To the buildings, the lake, the trees,
And the snow.
Friends who remain . . . and will remain
After the buildings are gone . . .
. . . After the lake is dry . . .
. . . After the trees are dead . . . and . . .
. . . After the snow is melted . . .
. . . When the dimension of time no
Longer exists.

People!
God's People!
These represent the unique ingredients
Which provide the flavor . . .
. . . The spice for the MCC community.
These People . . .
Students . . .
Faculty members and Administrators . . .
Staff personnel and board members . . .
Alumni . . .
. . . And a "jillion" others who,
Though never having had any
Organic connection,
Talk about "Our College."
Perfect People?
Hardly!
Near Perfect?
Maybe. At least a few.
But whatever they were . . . whatever
They are . . .
Large or small . . .
Rich or poor . . .
Young or old . . .
Intelligent . . .
. . . Well, everybody has weaknesses!

They have been able, to some extent,
To realize
Their dream . . .
Their College . . . which has grown up.
Coming home provides an opportunity
to see,
And to talk with,
And to laugh with,
And to remember with
Those who were once
So much a common part of every day,
And now seem so special.
And you wonder:
"Why are we so special now,
When we were so very ordinary
And common then?"
In reality,
We were always pretty special!
It has just taken a while for us to realize that.
Special People?
Ordinary People?
Both!
And as you talk with each other now,
And laugh,
And maybe even cry a little,
You'll think of those who, today, are not here.
Some who are too far away . . .
And a few who will never be here again.
And these, perhaps more than the rest,
Become very special to us.
So, wherever you've come from today,
Whatever you do daily with your lives,
Whomever you share each day's problems
And triumphs with,
Whenever you were here,
and whenever you may be here again,
You are special
To the future of this institution,
And to those who have passed this way,
And to those who will be here
During the tomorrows to come.
And maybe in the future
You can find time often
To reconstruct, in your own memory . . .
During some of the quiet hours . . .
Today's scene,
And the pleasant ones from the past,
And in doing so,
Relive the good times,
Revive some of the meaningful
Relationships,
Rekindle many warm feelings,
Realize that, in a special way,
You really can come home!

Fred J. Alexander
MCC (1959-68)

New faces, changing interests, and special needs have dictated many of the unique events making up the individual years, but a strong tradition ties all of those years together. Some of those traditions are invisible hallmarks of Michigan Christian College. A friendly campus atmosphere, committed volunteers and employees, students concerned about the needs of others, and a genuine desire to promote growth of the church are just a few of those traditions. Other traditions, however, are annual events that have become as much a part of the monthly calendar as the national holidays. Such events as registration, Lectureship, and the annual banquets have evolved from year to year but have molded the seasons since 1959. Still further traditions have spotted the calendar since the first chapel, first chorus tour, first drama production, and first basketball game in the pioneer academic year. All such traditions have filled the years with the events that provide continuity with the past and a tie to the future.

Fall Semester Traditions

Registration has marked the opening of each new academic year since 1959. Reflecting on her wait in registration line, one student noted in the 1966 *Totem Pole* that the entrance to the Gallaher Center consists of 1,343 bricks and that the sign by the door is 128 fingers across and thirteen up and contains 146 letters!

The Faculty Reception began in 1959 as a formal occasion in the

Gallaher Center, which at that time served as a residence for the Gatewoods. The reception moved to the cafeteria in 1962, then to the Gold Conference Room in 1965, where it continued for several years. Most recently, the reception has been included in the orientation program for new students and their parents.

"I'm a lowly lousy freshman from MCC. The sophomores are much nicer than crummy little me..." So quoted

the freshmen, decked in gold and white beanies, for many years. In an attempt to avoid disruption of classroom activities, initiation became a Labor Day activity in 1977, but disappeared by the next year.

A new tradition originated in 1973 as busloads of students left the campus early in the morning to visit the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario. Since then, similar groups have enjoyed picnicking and feeding the

swans on the Avon River before attending one of many internationally-acclaimed productions.

The Associates sponsored their first Fall Festival in 1960. Since then, the Festival has developed into their largest single project, raising over \$375,017 in the last twenty-three years. During those years, annual crowds of thousands have attended the event.

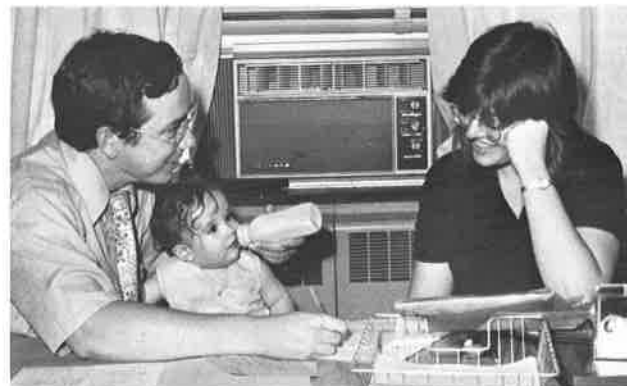
The first annual Lectureship occurred

in 1958, a year before the college opened. Although the majority of the program has taken place on campus every October since that first year, Ford Auditorium hosted one evening session per year until 1962. For years, brotherhood leaders have challenged audiences with thought-provoking classroom sessions, luncheon and dinner meetings, and larger keynote lectures.

Spooks, clowns, and witches began

appearing on campus in 1959 for the annual Halloween Party. The Bible Room, Cafetorium, Gymnasium, and barn by the President's House have each been transformed for the event.

Students and staff gathered in the original half of the cafeteria in December, 1959 for the first of several annual banquets. The resulting Winter Banquet has provided a traditional time to relax before the rigors of final exams and the holiday season.



Fatherhood requires double duty of Larry Journey as he counsels Brenda Gray on 1973's Registration Day.

Administrators greet Hazel Smith at the 1962 Faculty Reception.



Fall 1974's outing to the Stratford Festival allows Tim Harris a little extra time to tease a friend on the scenic Avon River.

Pig-tailed cuties from the 1974 initiation follow sophomore-orders by kissing part-time instructor Terry Blake during his lunch break in the cafeteria.



Large tents and flags add to the festive atmosphere created by the Associates in their 1976 Fall Festival.

Former Queen Laverne Smith presents Patty Harrison as the 1978 Festival Queen. (Photo by Rochester Eccentric)



Lectureship Themes

- 1958
Victory Through Christ
- 1959
Christian Education
- 1960
Building Up the Local Church
- 1961
Persecution in the Shadow of the Cross
- 1962
Merging Our Resources With Christ
- 1963
To God Be the Glory
- 1964
In the Shadow of the Cross
- 1965
Christ and His Kingdom
- 1966
Convictions in Crises
- 1967
The Christian Outreach
- 1968
On Commitment to Truth
- 1969
Thy Will Be Done
- 1970
Thus Saith the Lord
- 1971
Hear Ye Him
- 1972
I Know Whom I Have Believed
- 1973
Faith in Action
- 1974
Year of the Yes
- 1975
Year to Proclaim Liberty
- 1976
Freedom to Serve
- 1977
Christ or Crisis in the Family
- 1978
Evangelize or Die
- 1979
Spirituality
- 1980
Preach the Word
- 1981
Practical Christian Living
- 1982
The Christian Family
- 1983
The Christian in the Marketplace



Ira North of Madison, Tennessee captivates guests of the 1978 Annual Lectureship with one of his marvelous lessons about joyful Christian living.



Costume winners Bruce Kilmer, Diane Hatcher, and Wayne Emberton strike a gruesome pose for the photographer of the 1968 Halloween Party for students.



Faculty Four members Larry Leslie, Hugh Mingle, Dan Woodroof, and Fred Alexander amaze students with their entertainment skills at the 1962 Winter Banquet.

President Gatewood crowns Dona Mai Bruce as the first Valentine Queen of North Central Christian College.



Celebration Hostess Deanna Howe charms the audience of Celebration 1982 with her selection of *Send in the Clowns*.



Thirsty Steve Piatt stops for a drink of water after a hard game of softball in 1973's Beautiful Day at Bloomer State Park.



Jester Jim Belasco evokes mixed responses from Tara Damouth and Lori McKnight in 1983's Celebration in Song.



Friends of Michigan Christian College gather in an exhibit hall of Cobo Hall for the 1977 Partnership Dinner in Detroit.



Stirring songs of patriotism highlight a performance by the chorus at the 1981 Partnership Dinner.

Winter Semester Traditions

Homecoming developed from the early Valentine Banquets of 1960 to 1962. Although alumni activities at Homecoming decreased in the 70's as enrollment increased, the Homecoming game continued to draw a large number of former students. In recent years, several special activities have been planned to encourage alumni participation in the day.

Celebration in Song opened in the

Cafetorium in 1977 with skits and excerpts from popular musicals, presented by the chorus. The following spring, social club competition became the basis of the program, which moved to the new Westside Chapel. Celebration has developed into an exciting extravaganza of song and drama.

One day each year since 1966 the President of the college has dismissed classes for Beautiful Day at Bloomer

State Park. In 1975, Beautiful Day became a fall semester event in order to accommodate a similar Snow Day in the winter. Since then, however, students have enjoyed a warm Beautiful Day each semester because of the difficulty of finding an ideal day with mild temperatures and adequate snow.

Originating in 1972, Partnership Dinner has developed into the largest annual gathering of Christians in the Midwest. Ticket sales of 838 necessi-



Happiness fills the room as Jill Drummond learns of her selection as Miss MCC at the 1973 Awards Banquet.



Freshmen Jay Crow and Robbie Durocher serve sophomores at the 1978 Dean's Breakfast.



Singing led by Royce Dickinson highlights the 1973 Baccalaureate services held at the Rochester Church of Christ.



Large pines encircle Jim Thomas as he speaks on behalf of the Board to members of the 1979 graduating class and their friends.



Mixed feelings of joy and sorrow mark the accomplishment of graduation and the departure of friends at the 1981 Graduation.

tated a last-minute move of the first dinner at \$50 per plate from the college Cafetorium to the Gymnasium. Cobo Hall and the Silverdome have hosted subsequent dinners, which increased to \$60 per plate in 1973 and to \$65 per plate in 1982. Proceeds from the dinner have been the major source of debt reduction on the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall. No other region of the country has ever accomplished a more dramatic effort

on behalf of Christian education.

Prior to the end of each academic year since 1960, students and faculty have honored outstanding students at the annual Awards Banquet. The Deans' Breakfast has also provided an opportunity for graduates and faculty to reminisce and share future plans.

Traditional Baccalaureate services took place at the Rochester Church of Christ until 1981, when Senior Sunday replaced the more formal program.

Instead of guest speakers from off campus, Senior Sunday began featuring graduates of the BRE program.

Graduation under the large pines adjacent to the Gallaher Center has burned itself into the hearts of every graduating class. Although alternate locations have been proposed, each class has favored this traditional setting. Over 1,200 graduates have shared the strong emotions of this traditional ending to each academic year.

Tradition of Worship

Founding Board members determined before the establishment of the college that worship would be a regular part of each student's day on campus. Consequently, the entire academic schedule has been arranged around an appropriate time for a period of worship in chapel.

Chapel met in the recreation room of the Maxon estate during the first year of the college. During the following year, chapel moved to the newly-completed Cafetorium, where it met regularly for the next seventeen years. Excitement filled the air on April 4, 1978, as the chapel assembly picked up their song books and moved to the new Westside Central Chapel.

In addition to the memorable times of worship, chapel also has featured numerous special programs, special speakers from around the world, a traditional set of announcements, and

the annual proclamations of Beautiful Day. Spirited singing and responsive audiences have made chapel at MCC a special occasion. As one visitor from a sister Christian college once stated, "It was a delight for me to visit the Michigan Christian College campus. The chapel period was heart-warming. I wish there were some way to transport its uniqueness."

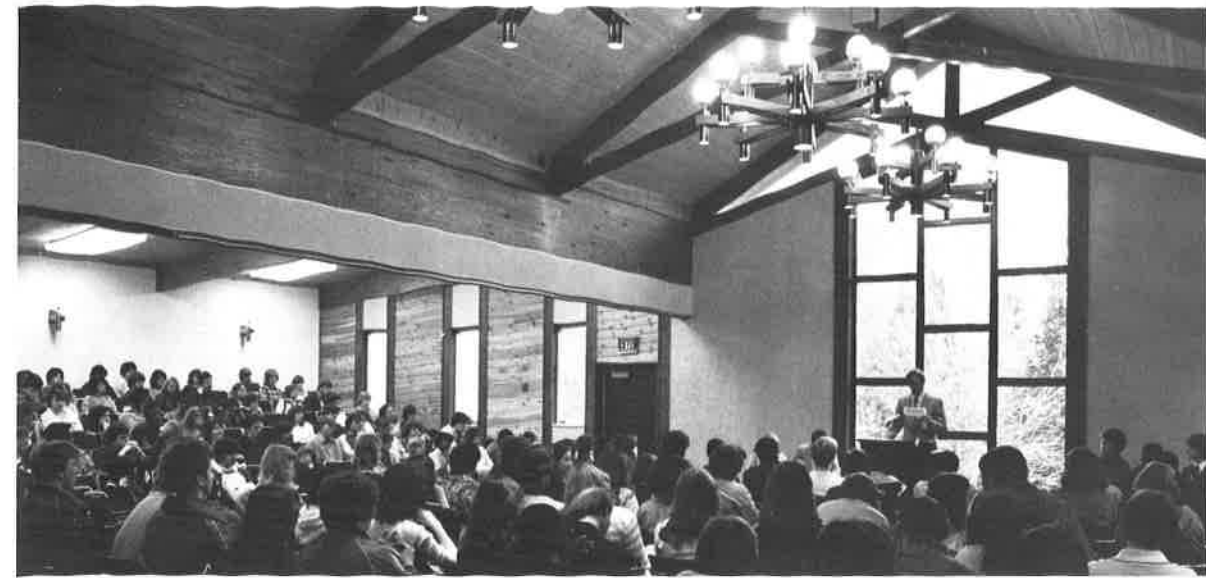
Weekly mixed devotionals have provided opportunities for reflection upon God and His word at the end of the day. The settings for such periods have included such places as the Gallaher Center, the Campus Center lobby, the lakeside, the Cafetorium, the Gatewood lobby, the Gymnasium, and most recently the Westside Chapel.

Although students have worshipped with a number of congregations in the area surrounding the college, a large majority have worshipped at the Rochester congregation. The Rochester

church has always had to consider the needs of MCC students in their planning. As a result, the congregation has provided additional facilities, special classes, and an adoption program for the students, as well as regularly scheduled periods of worship.

The most memorable times of worship often have been unplanned. Students opening songbooks in a dorm lobby on a quiet Friday night, lakeside hymns after returning to campus from a weekend chorus tour, and morning devotionals before a day of campaign work are just a few such times.

Worship has remained a central activity on the campus of Michigan Christian College. The locations and song selections have changed, but the stirring moments and thoughts have continued to touch the hearts of participants every year. Each moment in worship has brought individuals closer to one another as well as to God.



Students and faculty enjoy the spacious surroundings of the Westside Central Chapel, which opened in the spring of 1978.



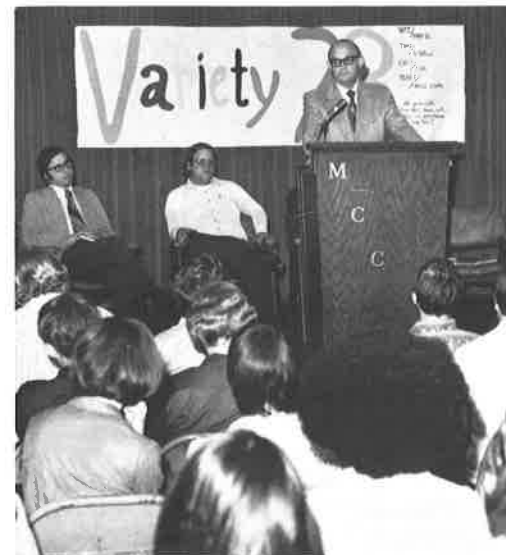
Pioneer faculty, staff, and students listen to a chapel speaker during a 1959 chapel service in the recreation room of the Maxon estate.



Participation in thought-provoking discussion sessions characterizes Ernie Gill's Wednesday night Bible class at the Rochester congregation.



Quiet moments during a 1977 devotional in the Bible Room add that special touch to Tom McCurdy's day.



Chancellor Palmer gives the traditional set of chapel announcements to the student body in a 1972 chapel program.



Secretaries check chapel attendance at the beginning of a 1963 chapel service, held in the Cafetorium.



Hugs of encouragement follow requests for prayer and forgiveness at the Rochester congregation in the spring of 1978.

Members of the chorus participate in a moving oceanside devotional in Massachusetts on their 1982 Spring Tour.

Programming of the 1963 May Rally in Detroit features a performance by the MCC Chorus under the direction of Fred Alexander.



Members of the 1965-66 A Cappella Chorus proudly display their new gold blazers, which first appeared during the previous year on the group's spring tour.



Performing in Chicago on their spring tour, the Mixed Ensemble from the MCC Singers travels on behalf of the college in 1972-73.



Lighting and formal attire dramatizes a 1975 performance of the chorus at the Gateway congregation.

Chorus Tradition

Writers of the November, 1960 issue of the *North Star* noted, "The administration of the school feels that a good A Cappella Chorus is a strong drawing point for an institution of higher learning. To this end, every effort will be made to mold the NCCC chorus into one of the best in the country." That tradition of excellence has prevailed over the years.

The chorus made its first public appearance at the 1959 Lectureship. Lectureship has continued to provide an occasion for the group's traditional debut performance. Throughout each year, a number of campus and local performances have blended into an active schedule of weekend and major extended tours.

In 1962, Michigan Christian Youth Camp provided a place of refuge for the chorus to begin their year with a period of intensive rehearsal and getting acquainted. Since then, Camp Indogan, Fort Hill, and Beechwood Hills have also hosted the annual chorus camp.

The chorus conducted their first choral festival with the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus in 1977. Since then, they have added similar annual festivals with the Dayton Youth Chorus and the Indianapolis Christian Schools Chorus. Regular participation in the annual Christian College Choral Festival since 1979 has allowed the chorus to take an additional extended tour each winter.

Countless students and supporters have been drawn to the college through the efforts of the Michigan Christian College A Cappella Chorus. They certainly have lived up to the tradition expressed in the 1960 college paper. Even among sister Christian colleges, they are considered to be one of the finest. Best of all, they keep getting better every year!

Chorus Directors

1959-1964
Fred Alexander

1964-1968
Paul Downey

1968-1973
Ed Ritchie

1973-1976
Fritz Petrich

1976-present
Randy Gill



Chorus camp in 1962 provides opportunities for fun and relaxation.

Chorus director Randy Gill generates the finest possible sound from the MCC Chorus and Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus in their 1978 festival.

Formals and suits outfit the 1978-79 Chorus, which began annual tours to the Christian College Choral Festival.



Touring the grounds around the Grand Hotel highlights a 1981 visit to Mackinac Island.

Michigan's upper state area near the Mackinac Bridge ranks high among favorite places visited by the chorus in 1983.

Chorus and Autumn Recordings

1962 *Arise, My Soul, Arise, Chorus*

1963 *May Rally Chorus, Rally Chorus*

1964 *May Rally Chorus, Rally Chorus*

1966 *Abide With Me, Tis Eventide, Chorus*

1968 *Folk Hymns, Chorus*

1974 *Just As I Am, Chorus*
You Can Close Your Eyes, Autumn

1975 *Hymns of Comfort and Meditation, Chorus*
We're Goin' Home, Autumn
Soft Hearted Music Man, Randy Gill

1976 *On Zion's Glorious Summit, Chorus*

1977 *My God is a Rock, Chorus*
Autumn, Autumn

1978 *On the Road Again, Autumn*

1980 *66 Miles to Madison, Autumn*

1981 *Were You There?, Chorus*

1982 *Lord Speak to Me, Chorus*
Sail On, Autumn

1983 *Sing a New Song!, Chorus*
Heed the Call, Autumn

Witches create an eerie atmosphere in a 1977 production of *Macbeth*.



Oliver receives a strong reprimand from Mr. Bumble in a 1970 production of the musical *Oliver!*



Snoopy, portrayed by Sue Seavers, and Jennifer Brown search for rabbits in a 1975 musical presentation of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.



Freshman Janice Price receives the Ida Award for Best Supporting Actress in 1973 from Ida Palmer for her outstanding role in a production of *Harvey*.



Pirates Mike Rae and Garry Qualls silence Randy Gill in a 1973 traveling production of *The Fantasticks*.



Drama Productions

- 59-60 *The Fatal Quest*
I Remember Mama
- 60-61 *L'il Abner*
The Creation
- 61-62 *I Remember Mama*
- 62-63 *The Line Up*
Nobody Sleeps
- 63-64 *Pirates of Penzance*
Importance of Being Earnest
- 64-65 *Macbeth*
The Miracle Worker
- 65-66 *Importance of Being Earnest*
Ruddigore
Beyond the Horizon
- 66-67 *The Crucible*
H.M.S. Pinafore
Oedipus the King
- 67-68 *A Raisin in the Sun*
The Fantasticks
- 68-69 *Abraham and Isaac*
The Golden Stool of Ashati
Not Enough Rope
Trial By Jury
Sunday Excursion
Odd Couple
- 69-70 *The Curious Savage*
Oliver!
- 70-71 *Barefoot in the Park*
Sound of Music
No Time for Sergeants
- 71-72 *All My Sons*
You're a Good Man Charlie Brown
The Telephone
The Apple Tree
- 72-73 *Harvey*
To Josephine
Little Box of Winter Seed
The Fantasticks
- 73-74 *Star Spangled Girl*
Richard II
The Young and the Fair
- 74-75 *The Mousetrap*
You're a Good Man Charlie Brown
Arsenic and Old Lace
- 75-76 *The Crucible*
Plaza Suite
The Italian Straw Hat
- 76-77 *Pride and Prejudice*
Brigadoon
Celebration in Song I
- 77-78 *Macbeth*
Sleeping Beauty
The Fabulous Fable Factory
- 78-79 *The Fantasticks*
The Little Foxes
- 79-80 *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*
Box and Cox
Soon the Darkness
- 80-81 *The Man Who Came to Dinner*
Christmas on Angel Street
A Touch of Fancy
- 81-82 *The Mousetrap*
- 82-83 *Star Spangled Girl*
- 83-84 *Importance of Being Earnest*



Plaza Suite, starring Rod Ardnt and Cheryl Knight highlights the 1976 Stark County Youth Meeting in Canton, Ohio.



Striking make-up supports David Allen's 1979 role as the mime in *The Fantasticks*, the longest running play in the history of Broadway.



Alpha Beta and Beta Gamma's 1980 segment of *Celebration in Song* includes a humorous skit by Jason King and Mary Chasca.



Drama director Larry Jurney assists Sue Rice with set construction for a 1976 production.

Drama Tradition

Drama enthusiasts have enjoyed a variety of stage productions by Michigan Christian College students over the entire history of the college. The Cafetorium and later the Westside Chapel have been transformed for a variety of comedies, tragedies, musicals, melodramas, one-act, as well as full-length plays.

The Student Council of 1959-60 presented the first campus production, *The Fatal Quest*, described by the yearbook as a "tragedy." The seriousness of the event became evident in the cast of characters, which included Rodney Grantham as the beloved queen and Mary Lou Smart as the princess with the shapely arms!

The combined efforts of the Music and Drama Departments resulted in MCC's first major dramatic production in 1964. That production of *Pirates of Penzance* began a long series of musicals that lasted for over a decade. By 1971, the Ida Award, named for Ida Palmer, became a symbol of excellence for outstanding work in drama productions.

Recruitment efforts of the early 70's included several traveling productions by the MCC Players. The first such production took place during the 1972-73 year as the drama troupe traveled to Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville. Similar productions highlighted the Stark County Youth Meeting for the next three years.

The introduction of *Celebration in Song* in 1977 brought a new dimension to the drama program. Social club competition and major stagecraft projects have involved the majority of the student body in this annual extravaganza of song and drama.

A number of individuals have assisted in the direction of major plays over the years. Those who have been involved in a multiplicity of plays include Linda Gould, Paul Downey, Doug Marsh, Don Shull, Don Bone, Larry Jurney, Ed Ritchie, Gerane Lyngdal, Randy Gill, Charlotte Roper, and Gale Edwards. Their direction has aided countless students in developing a special type of confidence on the MCC stage.

Basketball Tradition

Various intercollegiate sports have come and gone at Michigan Christian College, but one has dominated over the rest in student interest and achievement. Flag football, track, volleyball, cross country, and tennis teams have organized around and disappeared with key student talent. Basketball, however, has developed in such a way that it has attracted major news coverage as well as students.

The Warriors first entered team competition by participating in a Detroit area church league during the 1959-60 academic year. The team continued in the church league during their next season, yet added some intercollegiate competition by traveling to Great

Lakes Christian College and North-eastern Institute for Christian Education. The team and their new coach, Bill Shinsky, returned to campus from the trip with three victories.

During the summer of 1961, the Warriors became charter members of the Michigan Christian College Athletic Association. Other colleges forming the new league included Detroit Bible College, Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (GRSBM), and Great Lakes Bible College.

The Warriors earned their first title in 1969 by tying for first place honors. Garth Pleasant made two all-conference teams and won the league scoring title. The team earned their

first undivided conference title in 1972, when they achieved a remarkable 27-5 record.

In 1982, the Warriors left the Michigan area league and became affiliated with the National Little College Association. The team ended their first year in the association with a first place national ranking and a spot in the national playoffs in Oakland City, Indiana.

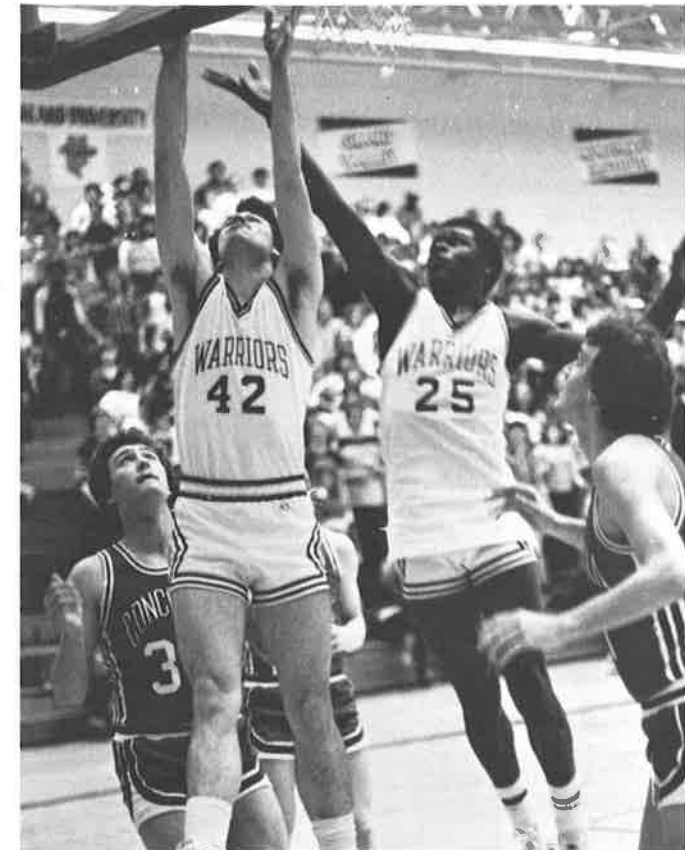
Basketball has provided a central activity for numerous High School Day and Homecoming programs and a rallying point for school spirit. Such a strong basketball tradition has developed at MCC that a remarkable amount of talent is drawn to the college year after year.

The Scoreboard

	won	lost	Coach
59-60	5	5	Clyde Balderson
60-61	16	5	Bill Shinsky
61-62	7	6	Bill Shinsky
62-63	3	11	Bill Shinsky
63-64	3	15	Bill Shinsky
64-65	7	13	Bill Shinsky
65-66	14	10	Bill Shinsky
66-67	16	11	Bill Shinsky
67-68	13	13	Bill Shinsky
68-69	15	10	Bill Shinsky
69-70	6	21	Bill Shinsky
70-71	21	10	Jerry Rushford
71-72	27	5	Jerry Rushford
72-73	17	8	Garth Pleasant
73-74	12	14	Bill Shinsky
74-75	12	15	Jim Clary
75-76	8	19	Ernie Gill
76-77	15	6	Doug Freeman
77-78	14	11	Doug Freeman
78-79	15	13	Garth Pleasant
79-80	14	12	Garth Pleasant
80-81	15	10	Garth Pleasant
81-82	17	4	Garth Pleasant
82-83	18	4	Garth Pleasant
	310	251	



Spacious surroundings in the Pontiac Silverdome create a unique atmosphere for the Warriors in a 1979 benefit game sponsored by the Associates.



Warriors Tom Johnson and Ricky Brown score two more points for MCC in a 1982 game that attracted television coverage by Detroit's Channel 7 before the team participated in the national finals.



Homecoming 1979 attracts a large audience for the traditional game which highlights the day's activities.



Members of the 1962-63 Warriors basketball squad pose for their team picture.



Co-captains Mike Fields and Garth Pleasant share the joy of MCC's first league title with Coach Shinsky at the end of the 1969 season.



Coach Jerry Rushford instructs team members during a time-out in the 1970-71 season.



Leading the crowd in enthusiastic cheering, Jacquie Arbaugh gives valuable support to a 1979 game victory.

Cheers fill the air as Coach Doug Freeman accepts the league trophy on behalf of the 1976-77 team.



Coach	won	lost
Clyde Balderson	5	5
Jim Clary	12	15
Doug Freeman	29	17
Ernie Gill	8	19
Garth Pleasant	96	51
Jerry Rushford	48	15
Bill Shinsky	112	129

The Facts and Figures



Thousands of people have contributed to the growth and development of Michigan Christian College. Since the original group of nine organized in 1954, ninety-six men and women have donated countless hours on the Board. On campus, a nucleus of capable administrators has conducted the daily operations. Among the student body, certain individuals have provided special leadership and have been selected by their peers for special honors. The Associates, currently numbering 1,200, have assisted in the financing of almost every major project and building program since their inception in 1959. The efforts of innumerable dedicated individuals have resulted in major financial progress within the institution. Even in the face of budgets affected by inflation and growth, the loyal support of thousands has allowed the college to make great strides in debt retirement. Such progress has opened the door to a new era of growth and maturity for Michigan Christian College.

Board Chairmen

1954-1955	George M. Ford
1955-1974	G. Wheeler Utley
1974-1976	James E. Thomas
1976-1979	John H. Hoover
1979-1979	James E. Thomas
1979-1980	Howard Hagerman
1980-present	Robert Utley

Current Board of Trustees

Mary Ellen Adams	Paul L. Lutz*
Cyrus Addams	Gerald E. Montgomery*
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David Lobb	Jesse Yoakum

*Members of the original Board chosen in 1954.

Administration

	President	Vice President	Academic Dean	Director of Admissions	Dean of Students*
1959-60	Otis Gatewood		E. Lucien Palmer	Hugh Mingle	
1960-61	Otis Gatewood	Milton B. Fletcher*	E. Lucien Palmer	Hugh Mingle	
1961-62	Otis Gatewood	Milton B. Fletcher*	E. Lucien Palmer	Hugh Mingle	
1962-63	Otis Gatewood	Milton B. Fletcher*	E. Lucien Palmer	Hugh Mingle	
1963-64	Otis Gatewood E. Lucien Palmer	E. Lucien Palmer Milton B. Fletcher*	E. Lucien Palmer	Hugh Mingle Fred Alexander	Clyde Balderson
1964-65	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher*	Roy Palmer	Fred Alexander	Clyde Balderson
1965-66	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher		Fred Alexander	Clyde Balderson
1966-67	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher	Joseph Jones	Fred Alexander	Dan Woodroof
1967-68	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher	Joseph Jones	Fred Alexander	Dan Woodroof
1968-69	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher	Joseph Jones		Dan Woodroof
1969-70	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher	Joseph Jones		David Fields
1970-71	E. Lucien Palmer	Milton B. Fletcher	Joseph Jones	Robert Waggoner	David Fields
1971-72	Don Gardner	Milton B. Fletcher	Ralph Burris	Robert Waggoner	William Shinsky
1972-73	Don Gardner		Ralph Burris E. Lucien Palmer		William Shinsky
1973-74	Don Gardner	Royce Dickinson	Donald Shull*	Larry Stewart	
1974-75	Don Gardner	Royce Dickinson	Donald Shull*	Larry Stewart	William Shinsky
1975-76	Don Gardner	Royce Dickinson	Donald Shull* Larry Journey	Larry Stewart	Don Robinson
1976-77	Don Gardner	Royce Dickinson	Larry Journey	Larry Stewart Don Robinson	Don Robinson Steve Hudson
1977-78	Don Gardner	Royce Dickinson William Fowler*	Larry Journey	Don Robinson	Dean Smith
1978-79	Walter Gilfilen	William Fowler	Larry Journey	Larry Ice	Leonard Knight
1979-80	Walter Gilfilen	William Fowler	Larry Journey	Larry Stewart	Leonard Knight
1980-81	Milton B. Fletcher	William Fowler	Larry Journey	Larry Stewart	Leonard Knight
1981-82	Milton B. Fletcher	William Fowler	Larry Journey	Larry Stewart	Leonard Knight
1982-83	Milton B. Fletcher	William Fowler	Larry Journey	Larry Stewart	Leonard Knight
1983-84	Milton B. Fletcher	William Fowler *Business Manager	Larry Journey	Larry Stewart *Dean of Faculty	Leonard Knight *Director of Student Life in early years

Assistant to the President 1959-63 Maurice Hall
1982-84 Richard Watson

Director of Development 1979-84 Jesse Clayton

Students

Enrollment	Student Body President	Yearbook Editor	Newspaper Editor	Homecoming Queen	Graduates	
1959-60	54	Tom Lewis	Harold Brazier	Jerry Burns	Dona Mai Bruce*	
1960-61	101	Leonard Blake	Betty Cross	Wilma Schmudlach	Darlene Pobur*	20
1961-62	170	Jesse Johnson	Dean Moore	Judy Milam	Carole Blackburn*	32
1962-63	193	Doug Tucker	Sharon Simpson	Jerry Brown	Virginia Wash	33
1963-64	182	Thomas Kemp	Hazel Smith	Nancy Strbenac	Sandra Woodroof	33
1964-65	210	Noel Wilson	Becky Nicks	David Fields	Becky Nicks	20
1965-66	233	Bob Scattergood	Kathy Callaway	Judy Keeton	Elisabeth Bridges	36
1966-67	232	Sherrill Cox	Lorraine Cagle	Joyce Whitaker	Wanda Jacobs	53
1967-68	229	Arthur Peddle	Nancy Ashby	Joyce Pippin	Karen Wise	33
1968-69	179	Adel Jarjoura	Beth Matthews	Ethelene Bruce	Sandra Powell	38
1969-70	178	Eric Fletcher	Larry Stewart	Carolyn Francisco	Patsy Palmer	51
1970-71	211	Todd Graham	Deborah Betts	Natalie Kilmer	Connie Kinser	50
1971-72	219	Dean Smith	David Matthews	Natalie Kilmer	Rhonda Pugh	50
1972-73	195	Dean Oliver	Lynne Yoakum	not printed	Linda Brown	57
1973-74	180	Sue Hostetler	Lynne Yoakum	not printed	Sue Hostetler	42
1974-75	236	Larry Ice	Judy Graves	Ron Hadfield	Rose Nonnenmacher	50
1975-76	343	Ron Hadfield	Susan Hammond	Ron Hadfield	Nancy Replogle	86
1976-77	347	Dwight Phillips	Cindy Foulk	Sherry Hoft	Michele Mercer	102
1977-78	400	Gordon MacKinnon	Cindy Foulk	not printed	Rosetta May	85
1978-79	323	Jay Crow	Peggi Palmer	not printed	Sarah Guymer	88
1979-80	280	Douglas Doyle	Cheryl Rainsberger	not printed	Diane Conner	58
1980-81	353	Robin Siegel	Suellen Cadle	not printed	Terry Potter	61
1981-82	323	Tony Russell	Kevin Dennis	not printed	Mary Ann Feedback	75
1982-83	346	Tony Russell	Debra Parker	not printed	Kathy Butterfield	68
1983-84		Tony Russell	Lisa Price			

*Valentine Queen

Students and Alumni

	Mr. MCC	Miss MCC	Valedictorian	Salutatorian	Alumni President
1959-60	Charles Hall*	Wilma Schmudlach*			
1960-61	Tom Lewis*	Betty Ann Cross*	Wilma Schmudlach	Dona Mai Bruce	
1961-62	John Whitwell	Mary Branstetter	Joan Clary	Betty Work	
1962-63	Clifford Nicks	Betty Klatt	Suellen Wilson	Phyllis Holt	
1963-64	Elmer Cox	Hazel Smith	Thomas Kemp	Hazel Smith	
1964-65	Edward Work	Linda Sanderson	Karen Pullins Becky Nicks	Edward Work	
1965-66	Tom Parish	Elisabeth Bridges	Margaret Mangion	Ruth Vallins	Paul Cross
1966-67	Sherrill Cox	Sandi Bonbrisco	Edith Wallace	Edward Barker	Paul Cross
1967-68	Larry Smith	Anne Dahlstrom	Anne Dahlstrom	Glenda Denno	John Whitwell
1968-69	Ron Lockett	Diane Hatcher	Karol Holmes	Mary Crutchfield	John Whitwell
1969-70	Larry Stewart	Peggy Matthews	Gail Berry	Kenneth Chaffin	John Whitwell
1970-71	Todd Graham	Connie Kinser	Margaret Claydon	David Moody	Rodney Grantham
1971-72	Dean Smith	Shirley Gallop	Niki Schafsnitz	Sandra Johnson	Rodney Grantham
1972-73	Dean Oliver	Jill Drummond	Jill Drummond	Lynn Shinsky	Rodney Grantham
1973-74	Randy Gill	Sue Hostetler	Teresa Nichols	Linda Doughty	Fred Liimatta
1974-75	Larry Ice	Susan Seavers	Judy Graves	Rose Nonnenmacher	Fred Liimatta
1975-76	Terry Burgess	Nancy Replogle	Debra Delbaugh	Frances Gastrich	Bart Rehkop
1976-77	Gordon MacKinnon	Suzy Bruce	Elenor Gettings	Susan Bruce	Bart Rehkop
1977-78	Paul Shinsky	Lisa Hancock	Paul Shinsky	Karen Seccombe	Jack Cronk
1978-79	Terry McClain	Pam Montgomery	Jacquie Arbaugh	Rosemary Upton Pam Montgomery	Jack Cronk
1979-80	Steve Sitter	Diane Conner	Barbara Keene	Michael Lake	Edith Wallace
1980-81	Tim Dill	Terry Potter	Gayle Thayer	Janet Artibee	Edith Wallace
1981-82	Bob Norton	Kristin Bryant	Susan Sparks	Joberta Rose	Larry Bridgesmith
1982-83	Cliff Plummer	Deanna Howe	Dawn McKamey Debra Parker		Larry Bridgesmith
1983-84					Randy Coss

*Mr. North Central

*Miss Norcentra

Associates

	<i>President</i>	<i>Festival Queen</i>	<i>Annual Amount Raised</i>	<i>Cumulative Amount Raised</i>	<i>Major Projects Over \$2,000</i>
1959-60	Elmeta Ford		\$10,879	\$10,879	library materials
1960-61	Vodie Kerr		\$27,714	\$38,593	gas bus
1961-62	Bell Parsons		\$34,682	\$73,275	office furniture
1962-63	Betty Huckaby		\$33,538	\$106,813	Science additions
1963-64	Wilma McKeel	Doris Dunn	\$43,781	\$150,594	salaries
1964-65	Wilma McKeel	Eddie Golden	\$41,883	\$190,477	debt retirement
1965-66	Mildred Freeland	Helen Williams	\$51,191	\$243,668	Cafetorium
1966-67	Mildred Freeland	Ruth Watson	\$50,743	\$294,411	Gymnasium*
1967-68	Betty Huckaby	Evelyn Glover	\$53,724	\$348,135	sports equipment
1968-69	Marie Carter	Sonja Temple	\$58,801	\$406,936	AG Dorm*
1969-70	Wilma Lutz	Betty Dunlap	\$53,134	\$460,070	Gold Room
1970-71	Catherine Sadurski	Jonnie Brown	\$51,480	\$511,550	station wagon
1971-72	Catherine Sadurski	Wilma Lutz	\$59,775	\$571,325	parking lots
1972-73	Helen Slater	Janet Hyder	\$71,626	\$642,951	dorm improvements
1973-74	Helen Slater	Viola Deckard	\$69,431	\$712,382	Library Building
1974-75	Helen Slater	Mary Monroe	\$84,645	\$797,027	Gierok annuity
1975-76	Mary Etta Stowe	Marie Hall	\$100,980	\$898,007	Athletic Field
1976-77	Mary Etta Stowe	Pearl Hancock	\$113,403	\$1,011,410	Tennis Courts
1977-78	Mary Utley	Laverne Smith	\$105,898	\$1,117,308	music equipment
1978-79	Mary Utley	Pat Harrison	\$105,757	\$1,223,065	dorm furniture
1979-80	Maxine Foster	Aileen Smith	\$115,528	\$1,338,593	class furniture
1980-81	Maxine Foster	Mary Etta Stowe	\$126,968	\$1,465,561	Pay-for-a-Day
1981-82	Gwen Orr	Georgia Phillips	\$167,422**	\$1,632,983	scholarships
1982-83	Gwen Orr	Hester Davies	\$124,447	\$1,757,430***	landscaping
1983-84	Pat Harrison				Gym Annex*

*Provided partial project funding.

**Included Super Bowl proceeds.

***Given \$1,530,873 of this directly to the college.

Men's Club and Finances

	<i>Men's Club President</i>	<i>Men's Club Donations*</i>	<i>College Expenditures**</i>	<i>Gift Income</i>	<i>Long Term Debt***</i>
1959-60			unavailable	unavailable	unavailable
1960-61			unavailable	unavailable	unavailable
1961-62	Jim Pendergraff	\$5,000	\$614,696	\$310,675	\$597,349
1962-63	Don Carter	\$10,500	\$555,317	\$232,585	\$616,960
1963-64			\$644,782	\$265,454	\$558,820
1964-65	Carson Spivey	\$2,900	\$652,118	\$227,598	\$754,971
1965-66	John Williams	\$10,177	\$686,164	\$218,967	\$772,016
1966-67	Bill Smith	\$8,953	\$762,588	\$141,145	\$789,520
1967-68	Bill Smith	\$16,268	\$602,086	\$254,320	\$723,735
1968-69	Huey Waites	\$7,066	\$570,356	\$203,854	\$694,440
1969-70	Bob Utley	\$4,450	\$1,349,101†	\$192,152	\$1,325,673
1970-71	Larry Hyder	\$5,000	\$811,889	\$152,707	\$1,504,166
1971-72	Larry Hyder	\$4,725	\$888,743	\$250,437	\$1,561,168
1972-73	Larry Hyder	\$4,193	\$799,554	\$288,567	\$1,481,448
1973-74	Ted McElroy	\$3,565	\$902,457	\$331,487	\$1,424,165
1974-75	Ted McElroy	\$5,961	\$1,088,357	\$375,109	\$1,405,256
1975-76	Maurice Hall	\$7,786	\$1,522,765	\$480,126	\$1,233,407
1976-77	Paul Watson	\$6,225	\$1,564,777	\$471,438	\$1,181,124
1977-78	Bob Dunn	\$4,513	\$1,537,508	\$501,075	\$1,018,100
1978-79	Bob Dunn	\$5,735	\$1,674,410	\$487,509	\$835,597
1979-80	Bob Dunn	\$4,250	\$1,770,376	\$617,644‡	\$618,100
1980-81	Bob Cucheran	\$4,357	\$1,860,203	\$538,861	\$447,854
1981-82	Bob Cucheran	\$15,500	\$1,933,991	\$575,319	\$378,640
1982-83	Duane Harrison	\$23,000	\$2,260,845	\$571,211	\$295,259
1983-84	Duane Harrison				

*Cumulative total of \$160,124.00.

**Includes expenditures for daily operations, construction, auxiliaries, and debt service.

***Reported at end of fiscal year.

†Includes construction of Alma Gatewood Memorial Residence Hall.

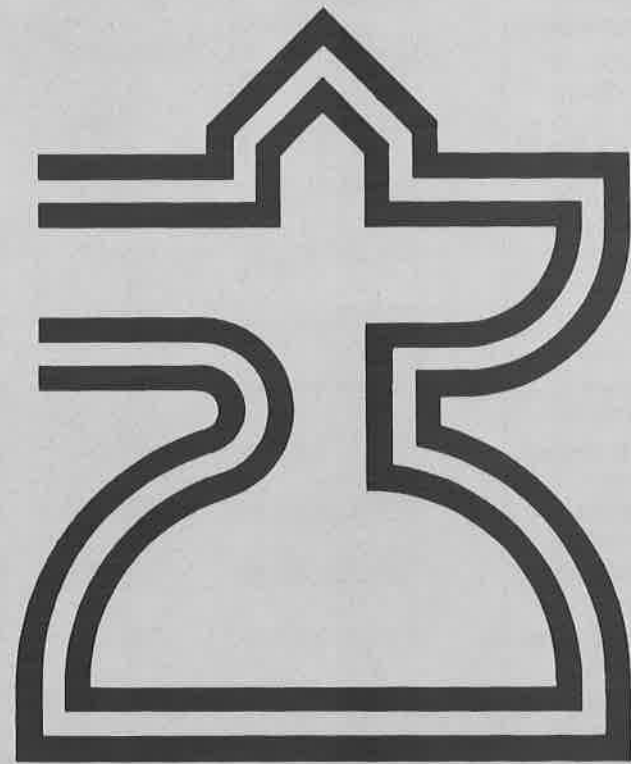
‡Includes Fairview Endowment Gift.

Alma Mater

We hail from Michigan Christian,
The college we've all grown to love.
Her visions are dreams of perfection,
Her guide is God's word from above.
Her banner we'll hold e'er before us,
It's colors of gold and of white.
We'll ever go forward with courage,
Push onward with all of our might.
To our Alma Mater give honor,
We'll cherish her though we must part.
Our dear Christian college forever,
Each mem'ry will live in our heart.

Fred Alexander
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