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High School Day

April 5, 1986

9:00 a.m. Registration in Chapel

10:00 a.m. Chapel and MCC Chorus

11:00 a.m. Campus Tours

12:00 p.m. Autumn

12:30 p.m. Lunch (\$2.86) and College Counseling Available

2:00 p.m. Celebration in Song

4:30 p.m. Program Ends

- to accommodate crowd, attendance must be limited to grades 9-12 and group sponsors
- overnight housing available for those coming from a long distance
- reservations necessary for everyone, even if attending only day program

Celebrate Fantasy!



Celebration '86

for reservations or information phone (313) 651-5800

New Pre-Engineering major added to program offerings

Effective this fall, Michigan Christian College will begin offering an Associate in Science degree with a major in Pre-Engineering. Though the program will facilitate transfer to any engineering school, it is specifically designed to provide the first two years of Oklahoma Christian College's new programs in electrical, computer, and mechanical engineering.

The program features a core curriculum of liberal arts and Bible, and a heavy concentration of science, mathematics, and engineering courses. New courses being added to the MCC curriculum in conjunction with this program include *Physics I*, *Physics II*, *FORTRAN* for Engineers, Engineering Graphics and Design, and Engineering Economics.

The College Board reports engineering as third in demand among college majors on a nationwide basis. Projections by the Michigan Employment Security Commission for the Detroit area indicate a job growth rate ranging from 17.8 to 64 percent by 1990 for the various engineering fields (electrical, mechanical, etc.), compared to a job growth rate of 8.4 percent in other occupations. A study by Michigan State University lists engineering fields in five of the top six spots for estimated starting salaries in 1986.

Since its founding, MCC has served pre-engineering students. Former MCC students are now serving in such positions as Product Development Engineer for the Chrysler Corporation, Distribution Engineer for Southern Bell Telephone, Industrial Engineer for AC Spark Plug, and Electrical Engineer for General Motors. The new coursework included in the Pre-Engineering major will make preparation at MCC even stronger.

For more information about the new Pre-Engineering program or any of MCC's other academic programs, write the MCC Office of Admissions or phone (313) 651-5800.





University recommends dissertation of MCC instructor for honor

Oakland University faculty members recently recommended the dissertation of Dr. Fawn Knight, an MCC English instructor, for consideration as one of the ten best dissertations in Reading and Language submitted during 1985 in the United States. Dr. Knight, who also holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Pepperdine University, completed her Ph.D at Oakland University in October.

While working on her doctorate and teaching at MCC, Dr. Knight also served as a featured speaker at three major conferences in literature during the past year. In December 1984, she spoke at the annual conference of the Modern Language Association in Washington, D.C. This past summer, she presented sessions at the Annual Convention of the Children's Literature Association in Ann Arbor and the Children's Literature Conference at Oakland University in Rochester.

At A Glance

Get involved! Small colleges like MCC are known for the many opportunities they provide for students to participate in extra-curricular activities. Dr. Alton Cowan recently stated in the *Oakland Press* that such activities "are not only supportive of the academic mission of schools, but are inherently educational and vital to the total development of youth." He also cited surveys that indicate the positive influence that such participation has upon a student's grades!

Reporting on a legal research memorandum prepared by two MCC legal assistant interns, attorney Mark Lyon recently wrote, "I was thoroughly pleased with the depth and scope of their work . . . In fact, the work was so good, that we have created a separate Due-on-Sale research file which will be maintained in our law library.

Fiction and Facts about Financial Aid

Fiction. Federal and state budget cuts have practically wiped financial aid out of existence.

Fact. Although there have been some changes in eligibility requirements, there is still a lot of aid available. In fact, the Pell Grant recently increased from \$1,800 to \$2,100 and the State Tuition Grant from \$1,300 to \$2,100 per year. A large majority of MCC students are receiving aid, including various forms of grants, scholarships, loans, and work programs. The average aid package still covers over two-thirds of the cost for a full-time boarding student at MCC!

Fiction. Families must have a very low income in order to qualify for aid.

Fact. Naturally, the lower the income, the more aid a student can receive. However, some current MCC students with a family income over \$44,000 are receiving some federal and state assistance to attend MCC.

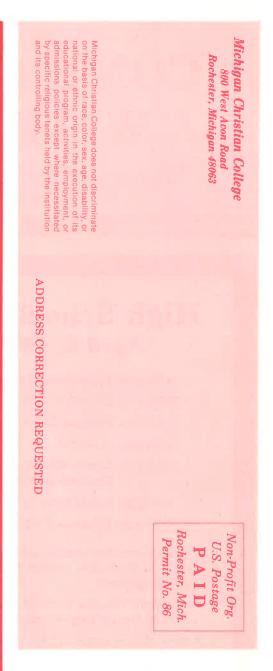
Fiction. It is wiser to live at home and commute to the community college since this option only involves tuition costs.

Fact. The College Board reports an average annual cost of \$3,627 at the community college. Many fail to consider the cost of owning and operating a car on a daily basis, the usage of extra utilities at home, and those grocery bills! In addition, community colleges usually do not offer as much financial aid nor the benefits of a Christian college environment.

Fiction. It makes no difference when one applies for aid.

Fact. Sure, some types of aid are available regardless of application date, but many are not. Michigan residents must apply for aid by mid-February in order to receive the \$2,100 Tuition Grant. Out-of-state students should apply for aid during the spring months. Later applicants receive aid, but their packages include less grant aid.

For more information about financial aid or for aid application forms, write to the MCC Office of Admissions or phone (313) 651-5800.



Cross Country season highlighted by strong individual achievement

Cross Country returned to MCC this fall with a series of individual achievements. Early in the season, Bonnie Clayton of Cincinnati, Ohio placed third in her division in both the Madonna College 5K and the Rochester Apple Amble. Two weeks later, Bonnie took first place in the Kensington 5K, while Suzanne Scott of Auburn Heights took third and Sonja Barcus of Lima, Ohio took fourth.

In their final meet, several MCC runners placed in their respective divisions. David Buskirk of Warren took first, Bonnie Clayton first, Suzanne Scott second, Cheryl Ingersoll of Traverse City third, and Keith Martin of Grabill, Indiana third.

For more information about the Cross Country program or awards, contact Michael Light in the Admissions Office.