



# INSIDE MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



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## Construction transforms look of campus



Workers complete brick and roofing on one of the residence halls.

Dramatic, exciting, and phenomenal are just a few of the words chosen by observers to describe the transformation taking place on the campus of Michigan Christian College. "It's fascinating to see how quickly the building has gone up," stated Julia Noon, a freshman from Bolivar, Ohio. "It has changed so quickly over the past few weeks."

This past spring, contractors began work on a \$4.2 million dollar construction project for Michigan Christian College, including two residence halls, a campus commons, a new campus entryway, and major improvements in roads and parking areas. "Although the crews experienced a late start because of unusually heavy spring rains, they are now progressing at a nice pace toward their goal of a spring completion date," stated Mark Davis, vice president for operations.

Although inconvenienced with temporary parking and lots of dust, the students have enjoyed watching the project move

forward. "The building has a lot of style," stated Matthew Fields, a sophomore from Bedford, Indiana. Moses Velasco, a second-year student from Scarborough, Ontario, commented, "It's a lot bigger than I expected." Angie Qualls, a junior from Plainfield, Indiana, stated, "I like the design and the central commons where everyone will be able to go."

"We have experienced a lot of great side benefits from this project," noted Mr. Davis. "Rather than haul extra dirt from the campus, we formed berms along Avon Road and created a riverside park in back of the construction site. Also, millions of gallons of runoff water will now be diverted to the campus lakes from the new roadway and parking areas."

"We expected this project to make a big impact on the image of the campus," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Most people, however, are surprised at the magnitude of the change."



Construction transforms campus appearance.

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Put Yourself in the Picture!



Performing groups from Michigan Christian College have developed a reputation for their skill and quality. Tryouts for the 1997-98 editions of Autumn, Spectrum, and Company will take place on February 21-22, 1997. Call the Admissions Office toll-free at 1-800-521-6010 for information.

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# Cooperative programs in education and technical fields established

Providing new opportunities for students interested in education and technical training, Michigan Christian College recently finalized arrangements to offer a number of cooperative degree programs. "Between our regular four-year degree options and the new cooperative programs, we can now serve students with a very broad range of choices," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs.

"For years, hundreds have received associate degrees from Michigan Christian College before going on to complete degrees in education," stated Dr. Westerfield. "Now,

students can complete three full years of a program in either elementary or secondary education on our campus, and then continue to live in our residence halls and participate in our campus activities for the remainder of their studies." Final course work and state certification is completed through Madonna University of Livonia, Michigan, which is known nationally for their quality academic program in education.

Under current arrangements, students complete all general education and religion courses at Michigan Christian College, as well as selected education courses. "In most cases, all but twelve credit hours in a major also may be taken from Michigan Christian College," stated David Brackney, campus director of the program.

"Madonna University has made a commitment to teach a minimum of ten hours of the professional education courses on our campus each year," continued Mr. Brackney. "With sufficient demand, which we expect, they will offer almost all of the education sequence on our campus."

The college also recently announced cooperative agreements with Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College. Through an innovative approach, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree from Michigan Christian College with a specialization in a technical field completed at the community college.

With numerous possible specializations, students will be able to pursue such fields as computer information systems, graphic and commercial art, health care administration, and vehicle design. New students will be able to complete a good portion of their work at Michigan Christian College before beginning technical coursework in the community college.

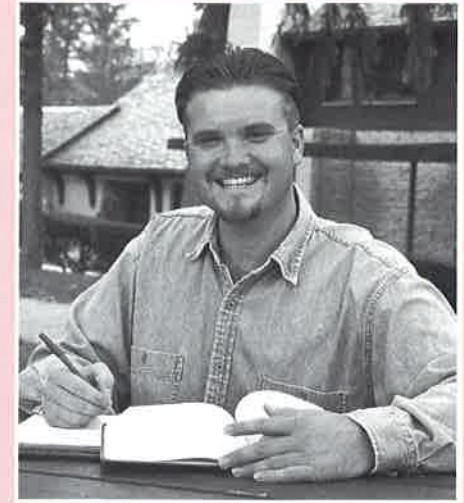
"The vehicle design program represents the wonderful opportunities that this agreement provides," noted Dr. Westerfield. "Macomb has developed a strong program in vehicle design, known for its outstanding placement record in the automobile industry. Since both colleges are located in the automobile capital of the world, the cooperative program will allow the students



*Sarah Reddick reviews classes with Stacey Bowers.*

of Michigan Christian College to tap into an exciting career field in a way that is possible only in this region of the United States."

Over the past three years, Michigan Christian College has developed a broader array of academic programs. In addition to cooperative programs, the college now offers fourteen specializations at the bachelor's degree level in areas of management, human services, and Christian services.



## MCC ? Ask Me !!

"These past four years at Michigan Christian College have been great! My degree program has proved to be a well-balanced program of scholarship and personal spiritual mentoring. My involvement in performing groups has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life. It's a pleasure to work with qualified, experienced professionals of the performance arts."

Jim Lewis, MCC Senior  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Jim is a Christian services major with a youth and family ministry specialization. Last summer he completed an internship with a church, which included a mission trip to Trujillo, Honduras, with a group of teens.

While completing his work at Michigan Christian College, Jim has been an active member of the college community. Last year, he served as secretary of the Student Body Association. He has performed with the Pied Pipers, Spectrum, and the Concert Chorus. Currently, he is a member of Autumn and sings with the A Cappella Chorus.

## Money Matters

### NOW IS THE TIME!

Planning to attend college in the fall? Well, now is the time to apply for financial aid! This year, 92% of the student body received aid, including various forms of scholarships, grants, loans, and work programs. The college will award about \$700,000 in institutional scholarships and grants, including a number of Trustee Awards that cover the full cost for tuition, room, and board. Those applying for such awards should do so by January. Application for federal and state financial aid should be made as early in the calendar year as possible.

### JUNIOR-SENIOR DAY SCHOLARS

Students achieving top scores for departmental testing on Junior-Senior Day this past November will receive a special scholarship this fall. Winners include Jaime Kemp, Holly, MI, and Tiffany Hanna, Warren, MI, in English; Catera Gilmore, Troutdale, OR, and Crystal Petrucha, Swartz Creek, MI, in history; Erica Starkey, Macomb, MI, and Stacey Threlkeld, Warren, MI, in math; B.J. Gensic, Ligonier, IN, and Jamie Kemp in religion; and Chris Lang, Dowagiac, MI, and Erica Starkey in science. Congratulations!

## High School Day

March 15, 1997

featuring *Celebration in Song*

New for '97:  
Two-day  
option for  
juniors and  
seniors!







## Academic Opportunities at Michigan Christian College

### Bachelor's Degree Programs

#### **B.S. in Human Services**

*with specializations in:*

Counseling  
Criminal Justice  
Early Childhood Education  
Psychology  
Social Work

#### **B.B.A. in Management**

*with specializations in:*

Business Studies  
Childcare Administration  
Marketing  
Pre-Law  
Vocational Ministry

#### **B.R.E. in Christian Services**

*with specializations in:*

Biblical Studies  
Christian Ministry  
Christian Studies  
Youth & Family Ministry

**Cooperative Programs:** Elementary and Secondary Education, and Technical Fields

### Associate Degree Programs

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees that can be designed to fit most four-year degree majors with Unique "2+2" Transfer Guarantees

## Women's teams step up competition level

Entering another year of athletic participation, women's teams at Michigan Christian College continue to increase their level of competition and record for success. As the 1996-97 athletic season opened, not only did Michigan Christian College capture the national title in men's soccer at the NSCAA tournament, but also second place in women's cross country.

"Over the past ten years, our competition level and player quality have improved dramatically," stated Barry Wheeler, volleyball and basketball coach. "When our women's program began, our volleyball and basketball teams primarily played smaller colleges. Now, we play NAIA and NCAA colleges and universities for many of our games."

Even though the teams compete on a higher level, they have done so effectively. "Last year, we not only came within one or two points of defeating several NAIA institutions; we actually won basketball games with the bigger colleges," stated Coach Wheeler. "We even came within three points of playing for the national volleyball championship in the NSCAA."

Contributing to their success with larger

institutions, the amount of available talent the teams have attracted has increased in recent years. "When we started our program, we often took bench players to fill the team," noted Coach Wheeler. "Now the players are seeking us out and most are coming in with league or state honors from class A high schools."

"During the next decade, we look forward to construction of a new athletic center," stated Coach Wheeler. "Already, we have some of the best fans that really support us. A new center can only enhance our program and its success."



Coach Wheeler discusses strategy with the team.



## Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Autumn Auditions .....	February 21-22, 1997
Company Auditions .....	February 21-22, 1997
Spectrum Auditions .....	February 21-22, 1997
Celebration High School Day .....	March 15, 1997
Summer Jam .....	June 22-27, 1997
Cedar Point Sunshine Rally .....	June 30, 1997
Home School Science Camp I .....	July 14-18, 1997
Home School Science Camp II .....	July 21-25, 1997
Fresh Start Welcome Weekend .....	August 29-31, 1997
Fall Semester Classes Begin .....	September 2, 1997

**For information on any of these special events,  
phone the Admissions Office toll-free at 1-800-521-6010.**

## Nationally-known author joins faculty

Doubleday, one of the nation's leading publishers, recently released *Good Kids*, a new book by nationally-recognized author, lecturer, and researcher, Dr. Michael A. O'Donnell. Just prior to release of his new book, Dr. O'Donnell accepted a position as professor of family studies and chairman of the human services department at Michigan Christian College.

"Being at Michigan Christian College has been wonderfully affirming," noted Dr. O'Donnell. "Smaller class sizes provide an incentive to mentor students academically, professionally, and spiritually. I am thrilled to be involved in the preparation of students who will enter the field of human services with a uniquely Christian perspective."

Over the past five years, Dr. O'Donnell has addressed over sixty state and national conferences, as well as the United Nations in Vienna. His work has been featured in over 100 television and radio interviews and over 100 magazine and

newspaper features. In October, *USA Today* published a half-page feature about his research for *Good Kids*.

Dr. O'Donnell is author or coauthor of six additional books. *How a Man Prepares His Sons for Life*, released this past June, is part of Bethany Houses' best-selling nonfiction series. EO Productions of Hollywood has purchased movie rights for *A Question of Honor: The Cheating Scandal That Rocked Annapolis and a Midshipman Who Decided to Tell the Truth*, also released this year.



Barnes & Noble sponsors a *Good Kids* signing.