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## Homecoming 1985



—H.A. Powell Photo

1985 Homecoming Queen Meitre Clowney (Detroit) is surrounded by attendants Trudy Fair (Pontiac), Sonja Barcus (Lima, Ohio), Simone Hipkins (Joliet, Ill.) and Dawn Bradley (Oxford). (Related photos on Page Six.)

Homecoming is always a special occasion at MCC, and this year was no exception.

A week of spirit and fun-filled activities preceded the Homecoming basketball game on Saturday, February 2.

Hat Day, Backwards Day, Cuddle Day, Nerd Day and MCC Spirit Day each gave students a chance to join in a bit of light-hearted fun.

Nerd Day seemed to be the most popular as shouts of "Did you see Gerry??" (or Candi or Christopher or Lori) brought gales of laughter in response.

During the week, the cheerleaders persuaded everyone to part with his nickles so that spirit chains could be made to decorate the gym at Oakland University the day of the game.

**THE WINNERS** in the competition were the freshmen with a total of 616 links. The sophomores had 597 and the faculty and staff 410.

During the halftime of the basketball game in which MCC beat the University of Windsor, the court members were introduced to the audience. They first entered the gym through a passageway formed by candlebearers Dan Boren (Woodhaven), Dan Dill (Rochester Hills), Rob Loshier (Troy), Darren Maggard (Melvindale), Andy Peper (Oshkosh, Wis.), Tim Pittman (New Lebanon, Ohio), Frank Pitts (Detroit), James Pobuda (Traverse City), Zachary Pope (Detroit), and Nathan Yoder (Flint).

After a hush fell over the audience, President Fletcher announced the selection of

Meitre Clowney, a sophomore from Detroit, as queen. Meitre was escorted by Carson Mathis, a BRE student also from Detroit.

**COURT MEMBERS** were freshmen Sonja Barcus (Lima, Ohio) escorted by MCC sophomore Emmanuel Lewis (Buffalo, N.Y.); freshman Dawn Bradley (Oxford) escorted by her father Gerald Ebeling; sophomore Trudy Fair (Pontiac) escorted by her fiance Darrel Ashby; and sophomore Simone Hipkins (Joliet, Ill.) escorted by MCC sophomore Mike Thomas (Sterling Heights).

President Fletcher presented Meitre a dozen red silk roses after placing the queen's red velvet robe around her shoulders. Pamela Whitelaw, MCC's 1984 queen and present Harding University student, crowned Meitre.

**THE EXCITING** week ended as students left the game to attend the Homecoming Banquet in MCC's cafeteria. The delicious ham and turkey dinner was provided by the Student Body Association and the MCC Alumni Association.

Mr. Buchanan and Friends provided entertainment for the evening. The group consisted of MCC students Becky Blake (Flint), Jim Calkin (East Peoria, Ill.), Linda Clayton (Troy), Pam Cline (Grand Ledge), Andy Peper, (Oshkosh, Wis.), Frank Pitts (Detroit), and Leslie Rhoads (Durand).

Mr. Larry Grizzell, father of freshman Todd Grizzell (Pleasant Ridge), was the featured speaker.

## New Business Manager comes to MCC from Pepperdine

President Milton B. Fletcher has announced the appointment of Mr. Bill Jordon as business manager for Michigan Christian College.

Mr. Jordon will be supervising the financial affairs division of the institution. He will supervise all accounting, purchasing, maintenance and financial functions.

Mr. Jordon and his wife Pam come from Pepperdine University where Mr. Jordon served as assistant controller for three years. While in California, the Jordons worked as youth leaders at Conejo Valley Church of Christ, teaching classes, leading devotionals and participating in workshops.

"The Jordons are a great

Christian couple who are deeply interested in young people," President Fletcher said.

At MCC, Mr. Jordon is enjoying the closer contact with students.

"I wanted to get back into more of a family-oriented area," he said. "At Pepperdine I never saw students, but here I am over student accounts so I do.

"MCC is much more my ideal in Christian education. Because MCC is small, students know the faculty members better, and we have more influence on their lives than at Pepperdine.

"I am a firm believer that we are stewards of God's resources. Christian education includes monetary resources, but it also includes people. That's the main reason we came to MCC."

The Jordons were both raised in Smyrna, Tennessee. They married and attended Freed-Hardeman College from which



Mr. Bill Jordon

Mr. Jordon graduated with a bachelor's in accounting in 1981. He played football and wrestled during his college years and was an NCAA qualifier.

Mrs. Jordon received her bachelor's from Pepperdine in 1982 and is presently a computer programmer at Multiple

Technologies. The Jordons are members of the Rochester Church of Christ.

"We're extremely delighted to have Mr. Jordon on board and look forward to having many years of service to Christian education at MCC from him," President Fletcher said.

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# Message from the President



Dear Friends:

Michigan Christian College is nearing the end of her 26th year. Across the years, the institution has experienced highs and lows in every operational area plus economic problems that would normally put an institution out of business. On the other hand, she has experienced great successes, times when recruitment was easier than at other times, and moments of great inspiration during Lectureships, Partnership Dinners, Commencements, and workshops. In short, we have "run the gamut."

For the last few years institutions of higher learning have been facing declining enrollments primarily because of fewer available students. There was a tremendous influx of students who entered higher education institutions immediately after World War II as servicemen were released. Their potential impact on the job market led the Government to emphasize and support educational programs everywhere. A few years later the post-World War II babies arrived on college campuses in the middle 60's at which time the largest enrollment ever in higher education began. Then the post-Korean War and Vietnam War babies arrived and extended large enrollments through the middle 70's. Since 1976/77, enrollments have declined. Evidence of a decreased population of young people can be seen as school buildings have been closed and sold. Consequently, colleges and universities in the nation today are in the throes of fewer available students. Public higher education is especially suffering because of this perplexing situation, but also, private Christian colleges are "feeling the pinch." In Christian education, however, we have a unique opportunity to overcome this downward trend in enrollment because we can definitely identify our market and because apparently only about 15-20% of the young high school graduates in Christian families are going on to Christian colleges. That being the case, an 80-85% potential market is untouched. We just need to do a better job of selling young people and parents on the proven advantages of Christian education and on Michigan Christian College.

*We need your help!* Our admissions and recruiting staff is doing an outstanding job, but all of us who work in and support Christian education need to join hands in selling the concept to more students and parents. Therefore, we are attempting to employ every reasonable method of identifying students and selling them on the concept. What can you do to help? May I make some suggestions.

1. Personally encourage your high school young people to consider Christian education at Michigan Christian College.
2. Forward to Mr. Larry Stewart, Director of Admissions and Recruitment at MCC, the name, address, city, state and zip code, telephone number and year of high school graduation of all high school students you know. A form is provided immediately to the right for your convenience. Don't worry about duplications — we will catch them!
3. Do not assume that any of those young people would not be interested. Please let them make that decision and help us get in contact with them.
4. Take a personal interest in high school students. Bring them to the campus on special occasions such as Celebration in Song, High School Day, Lectureship, or just for a campus visit. Contact our Admissions Office to arrange a campus tour.
5. Personally speak to high school students about Christian education as evidence of your interest in their lives. You just might be amazed at the impact your interest in them will have.

We look forward to hearing from many of you in response to this appeal. Across the years you have responded by supporting MCC in so many ways. Students are our products! Without them, we cannot operate or be of service. With them, we can continue offering a high-quality education program and have profound influence on the great Midwest, both from the standpoint of community and church.

Very sincerely,

Milton B. Fletcher  
President



Photo by Rick Watson

Walkers and runners alike round the bend during MCC's second annual Jogathon.

## "I did 40 laps — how about you?"

Over 200 "joggers" gathered at the Macomb Community College Physical Education Center in Warren on Feb. 16 to participate in the second MCC Men's Club Jogathon.

After Mr. Ray Jeffers, president of the fund-raising organization, welcomed the participants, Mr. Duane Harrison, coordinator of the event and the day's master of ceremonies, got the jog started promptly at 1 p.m.

For the next hour, a few ran and a few jogged while most walked around the one-eighth

mile enclosed track. Each participant had contacted at least twenty-five potential sponsors, asking them to pledge from 50 cents to \$100 per lap to help Michigan Christian College.

One who was able to find many eager sponsors was Mr. Lenard Losiewicz, husband of MCC freshman Laurie Losiewicz. Mr. Losiewicz is a quadriplegic as a result of a car accident four years ago and wanted to participate in the Jogathon because it was the first time since his injury that he had been able to do some-

thing completely on his own. Many of his doctors were among those who sponsored him.

"Betcha never thought I'd do 10 laps," a tired, but happy, Mr. Losiewicz said to Mr. Dennis Miller, a Men's Club worker from Echo Meadows, as he rolled his wheelchair to the door after his last lap.

Mrs. Losiewicz said her husband's participation was not easy but that she was proud as she watched from the sidelines.

"I'd kiss him every time he came around," she said. "He'd slow down after coming around that back stretch."

As the afternoon's event came to an end, the tired joggers left the track for cookies and glasses of orange drink and comparisons of their number of completed laps.

"Once again, MCC supporters rallied to the cause," Mr. Harrison said. "A lot of people worked hard to make this another very successful fund-raiser."

"To date over \$22,000 has been billed and over \$15,000 has been put in the bank. All of this money will be turned over to the college to help meet the budget requests given the Men's Club earlier this school year."

"I want to say again how deeply we appreciate all of those who helped. It was a great day made possible by a lot of great people."

Sponsor pledges are still being received, and invoices for those pledges are continually being mailed.

The groundwork is already being laid for the third MCC Men's Club Jogathon.

### Prospective Students for MCC

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call me for complete information since I do not have the above information available to me at this time.



*For preachers, teachers*

# Special spring term at MCC

## FIRST WEEK COURSES (May 28-31)

**Great Bible Doctrines I.** A study of several of the great Bible doctrines such as Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Gospel Plan, the Church, and Last Things, taught by Dr. Loren Gieger for one hour of credit.

**Techniques of Counseling I.** Methods of gathering, analyzing, and interpreting case data in counseling. The analysis of dynamics of counselor-client relationship, and interviewing techniques, taught by Dr. Leonard Knight for one hour of credit. Also available in a three-credit hour option, PSY 323, which requires the completion of both counseling courses in the special spring term plus an additional hour of independent study, paper, and project that must be completed by August 1.

**Biblical Storytelling.** Designed for Bible school teachers who are interested in learning to tell the great events of the Bible in interesting and informative ways. Individual, group, and dramatic storytelling approaches, taught by Dr. Larry Journey for one credit hour.

## SECOND WEEK COURSES (June 3-7)

**Great Bible Doctrines II.** A continuation of the first week's doctrine course, again taught by Dr. Loren Gieger for one hour of credit.

**Techniques of Counseling II.** A continuation of the first week's counseling course with Dr. Leonard Knight for an additional one hour of credit.

## SPECIAL FEATURE THIS YEAR

For the first time, Christian women have a spring term course which is specifically designed for them. The Biblical Storytelling course is one which will help every Bible school teacher and parent to become more effective in relating the great lessons of the Bible.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Meeting Times.** All classes meet from 9 a.m. until noon except on Tuesday, May 28, and Monday, June 3, when classes meet from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Tuition.** Each course costs \$84 for one hour of regular college credit or \$42 for two units of continuing education credit. Regular college credit can apply toward a college degree, while students interested in taking a course for personal enrichment may elect continuing education credit.

**Scholarships.** For each person from a congregation taking a regular credit course, a second member of the same congregation may receive a full scholarship for one course for either regular credit or continuing education credit. These awards are being made from the Paul and Margaret Southern and Hobart Ashby Scholarship Funds.

**Housing.** Housing is available in the Alma Gatewood Residence Hall for individuals or couples for \$20 per week per person; linens are not provided. Although food service is not available on campus, there are many restaurants located within a mile or two of the campus.

**Advance Registration.** If you would like to reserve a place in the class and/or a room in the residence hall, please send your name and address and a \$10 tuition deposit to Spring Term Registration, Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon, Rochester, MI 48063.

# Update: Annual Fund Dinners

The third Cincinnati and second Dayton Annual Fund Dinners took place on April 5 and 6 respectively. Dr. Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville, Tennessee, was the guest speaker for the weekend's activities.

Dr. McInteer is serving as the chairman of the annual fund campaigns during Michigan Christian's five-year, \$8.2 million Silver Anniversary Campaign.

Eighty-two attended the dinner in Cincinnati while 120 attended the fund-raising event in Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Frampton, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Hesson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davison and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams continue to serve on the steering committee in Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Foreman and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Howe serve on the steering committee in the Dayton area.

Along with the steering committee members, there are several in each city who serve as congregational contacts.

"These dinners mean so much to Michigan Christian College," President Milton B. Fletcher said. "We appreciate all the work, time and energy given by the steering committees and the congregational contacts in making these dinners such a success."

The actual monies raised are still being tabulated. Several thousand dollars are expected to be added to the MCC annual fund due to the generosity of the people who support Christian education in Cincinnati and Dayton.

The first Annual Fund Dinner to be held in the Dallas/Forth Worth, Texas, area is scheduled for Monday, April 29.

Mr. and Mrs. James Muns and Mr. and Mrs. Len Packer are serving on the steering committee for this initial effort in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Annual Fund Dinners are also planned for Rockford and Chicago, Illinois; Nashville, Tennessee; and Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona. These will take place during October, November and December of this year.

## At a Glance

### Company

Company, MCC's new traveling drama troupe, completed their first Spring Tour March 10. In addition to appearances at two congregations, the group performed at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario; Indianapolis Christian School in Indiana; Greater Rockford Academy of Christian Education in Illinois; and Valley Christian Academy in Burton, Michigan.

### Honors Comp

Honors Composition III students enjoyed the rare opportunity of hearing a world-renowned author speak at Oakland University on Feb. 7. The class attended a special presentation by Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, at the nearby campus.

### Secretarial

"Today's secretaries can get by with a little less penmanship, but they had better be prepared for an electronic future."

So began a recent article in *The Detroit News* on Feb. 11.

The article continued by stating that local secretaries with word processing skills have twice the chance of getting a job today compared to a year ago.

The article also cited national survey results indicating a five-fold increase since 1982 in the number of jobs requesting experience or interest in word processing.

Appropriately, all of MCC's secretarial degrees require training in basic computer skills and word processing. MCC has some of the finest equipment available today.

Currently, in the secretarial field, MCC offers majors in executive, legal, and general secretarial, as well as word processing.

### College Pays

Can college really affect your earning power? According to *Margo's Market Monitor*, it does. The average income of the family whose head is a high school graduate is \$23,837. This average increases slightly to \$27,440 for those with some college background and jumps dramatically to \$35,778 for those with a college degree.

## Fashion show helps Associates near goal

Outside, the sun shone brightly on March 9, the day of the annual Associates' Spring Fashion Show at Michigan Christian College. Inside, decorations of yellow and green were cheerful and promising that spring was on the way.

After a brief welcome by Mrs. Marjorie Christman, president of the Rochester chapter, Associate President Pat Harrison offered a prayer for the brunch of chicken salad, fresh fruit, honey-buttered rolls and cheesecake.

Throughout the meal, door prizes were given to many lucky women. Then, in a moment special for any Associate, Mrs. Linda Cochran of Flint received her life-time pin.

The pin was presented to Mrs. Cochran by her friend, Mrs. Linda Butterfield, also of Flint. Mrs. Butterfield's dedication to the Associates is evidenced by the fact that she has received a pioneer pin, a life pin, and a charm.

After the brunch ended, the ladies adjourned to the chapel which was also decorated in yellow and green. Mrs. Nola Cucheran, from the Rochester chapter, introduced Mrs. Jane Stilwell, manager of Hartman's in Allen Park.

Mrs. Stilwell's lovely models presented a variety of spring fashions. There was something for everyone: outerwear, casual separates, the new shirtwaist dresses, and after-five dresses. The models were warm and friendly, making the show delightful.

As the show ended, Mrs. Cucheran presented each of the models, as well as Mrs. Stilwell, with a gift expressing the appreciation felt by the Associates for the continual giving of their time and talents to the annual show.

The net profit of \$2,055 from the show brings the Associates closer to reaching their \$2 million goal this year.

### Correction

In the Winter 1985 issue, Tom Truax was quoted as saying his father was a deacon in the Church of Christ in Lapeer. The Lapeer congregation has never had elders or deacons, though she is working toward that goal.

# His Wordsmen sponsor Bible Bowl, retreat

by Patrick Medlock

His Wordsmen, the student religious group whose influence is stronger on the MCC campus than it has been in years, sponsored a Bible Bowl tournament between the four campus social clubs as part of their contribution to the MCC Spiritual Reaffirmation campaign.

The preliminary round, held Jan. 28, pitted the students of Kappa Kappa/Theta Rho, Kappa Tau/Alpha Tau, Alpha Beta/Beta Gamma, and Sigma Phi/Delta Nu in competition. The top two clubs advanced to the finals. Sigma Phi/Delta Nu defeated Alpha Beta/Beta Gamma 45-30 Feb. 25 to win the club title.

His Wordsmen planned at the beginning of the year one major activity for each semester that would contribute to the Spiritual Reaffirmation campaign launched by MCC President Milton B. Fletcher on the opening day of chapel. As the name implies, the purpose of this campaign is to cause the faculty, staff and student body to reevaluate their spiritual lives and to make a special effort to let this resolve pervade the campus.

The first semester activity was a weekend retreat to the Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica, Michigan, Nov. 2-4. Twenty-seven students attended devotionals, played games, ate pizza, and heard

talks concerning spiritual reaffirmation by MCC alumnus ('79) Leonardo D. Gilbert, minister of the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ in Chicago.

**THE BIBLE** Bowl was proposed as the second major activity of the year. The questions in the elimination round were taken from the Gospel of John, while the finals contained questions from the Acts of the Apostles. Questions were written by a committee from the 25-member group.

Members of the committee were His Wordsmen President Daniel Corp from Ashtabula, Ohio; Darren Maggard, Melvindale; Patrick Medlock, Pontiac; Kevin McCabe, Watervliet; Vice President Tim Postige, Trenton; and Anthony Whitley, North Canton, Ohio.

Judges for the tournament included His Wordsmen members Greg Campbell of Lansing and Whitley; Mr. Mark Briggs, MCC computer services manager and His Wordsmen sponsor; Mr. Kent Hoggatt, MCC financial aid director and His Wordsmen sponsor; and Mr. Jerry Tallman, minister of the Rochester Church of Christ.

**THE ROUNDS** lasted until the questions were exhausted. Correct answers were worth up to three points, relative to the question's difficulty.

"We thought this would be the best way to provide spiritual activity for the social clubs," Corp said.



**HIS WORDSMEN:** Kneeling — Darren Maggard, Anthony Whitley, Tim Postige, Dan Corp. Standing — Al Mitchell, sponsor Kent Hoggatt, Todd Wells, David Rainey, Jerry White, Paul Yoder, Tom Twigg, sponsor Mark Briggs.

"I feel that the Bible Bowl was a great experience for the social clubs," said Carson Mathis, president of the runner-up Alpha Beta/Beta Gamma squad. "We should have more activities of this level."

**CORP GAVE** His Wordsmen sponsors credit for the group's success this year.

"Mr. Briggs and Mr. Hoggatt want to get things done," he said. "Being under the leadership of the elders at Rochester

has helped. Mr. Hoggatt (a deacon) and Mr. Briggs support each other and the eldership supports them. Without those two, we wouldn't have been able to do half of what we've done."

Mr. Briggs looks forward to next year and the improvements that can be made on the Bible Bowl.

"Considering that it was the first year, it was successful," the 25-year-old MCC alumnus

('79) said. "There's a lot we'll do differently next time. The two-session format wasn't as successful as we wanted it."

"**NEXT YEAR**, we'll know how to write better questions. I feel good about the different social clubs putting forth effort and the high percent of participation from His Wordsmen."

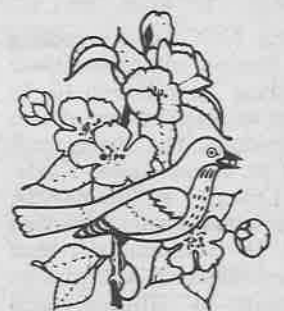
The group has expressed interest in making the retreat as well as the Bible Bowl an annual event.



**A CAPPELLA CHORUS:** Front Row — Karla Gaddie, Terri Teachworth, Jody Foster, Carolyn Norris, Dawn Bradley, Linda Clayton. Second Row — Tracy Johnson, Shannon Roper, Lana Stinnett, Emmanuel Lewis, Wendy Stark, Lisa Gilbert, Nathan Yoder. Third Row — David Rainey, Becky Blake, Mark Berard, Pam Cline, Leslie Rhoads, Andy Peper, Lynn Howe. Fourth Row — Danny Corp, Kim Rossell, Simone Hipkins, Jim Calkins, Tracy McDonough, Mark Starling, Candace Washburn, Angela Irvin, Greg Campbell.

## A Cappella Chorus

### Spring Tour



May 11-24, 1985

Edward Buchanan  
Director

**11th** Averill Avenue Church  
**7:30** Flint, Michigan

**12th** Church of Christ  
**6:00** Midland, Michigan

**13th** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Gladwin, Michigan

**14th** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Traverse City, Michigan

**15th** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Newberry, Michigan

**16th** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Marquette, Michigan

**17th** Oakhaven Church of Christ  
**7:30** Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**18th** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Waukesha, Wisconsin

**19th** Church of Christ  
**6:00** Belvidere, Illinois

**20th** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Morton, Illinois

**21st** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Channahon, Illinois

**22nd** Church of Christ  
**7:30** Valparaiso, Indiana

**23rd** Lindberg Road Church  
**7:30** Anderson, Indiana

**24th** Horton Road Church  
**7:30** Jackson, Michigan



# Dr. Lucien Palmer, Board member, made Nigerian Chief

Dr. Lucien Palmer, who worked for Michigan Christian College from 1958 to 1974 and is now a member of the Board of Trustees, recently completed a six-month tour of the country of Nigeria, West Africa.

While this alone is not unusual, because Dr. Palmer has been making such visits for the past 10 years, a most unique honor was bestowed upon him during this latest tour of duty.

On October 27, 1984, with approximately 1,000 people in attendance, the Conferment of Chieftaincy was awarded Dr. Palmer in the village of Ikot Usen. This is a unique honor in that it is not sought after and seldom is realized by a foreigner.

Making the occasion even more meaningful is the fact that Ikot Usen is the village where in 1952 the Church of Christ in Nigeria had its beginning.

ALSO MAKING the event special was the fact that His Royal Highness, the Okuku of Ibiono Ibom, pronounced and performed the Conferment. This prestigious man is chief over 237 villages and seldom appears in public.

The Okuku is waited on and cared for completely by others. Whenever one wishes to have audience with the Okuku, he must make an appointment but only after having been thoroughly scrutinized and after having obtained special permission.

Since the Okuku never speaks in public, he had a "son of the village," a British-educated university graduate, speak for him as he placed the Chief's Cap upon Dr. Palmer's head.

As he did so, he pronounced Dr. Palmer to be "Obong Nkori" or "Chief of Progress and Good Works" for the following:

Progress in Spreading the Gospel;

Progress in Christian Education

Progress in the Human and Spiritual Welfare of the Nigerian People;

Progress in Working with African Christian Schools with All Its Special Programs and Projects.

The essence of the speech reviewed Dr. Palmer's contribution over a 30-year span to the people of the Ibiono Villages and the Community, to the Cross River State and to the country of Nigeria as a whole.

SINCE 1954, Dr. Palmer has been involved in almost every phase of work and growth of the Lord's kingdom. He has served as evangelist, teacher, manager of village schools, principal of Nigerian Christian School and president of the College of the Bible (now Nigerian Christian College).

Dr. Palmer was the administrator of Nigerian Christian Hospital for three short tours. He also oversaw the construction and beginning of the Nigerian Christian Printing Press and Distribution Center.

MOST RECENTLY, Dr. Palmer met with, in an advisory capacity, several committees as they planned the construction of the Palmer Medical Center in the village of Ikot Usen.

IN HIS dedication to the Lord and His work, Dr. Palmer has been a beautiful example for generations of Christians.

Dr. Palmer and Dr. Otis Gatewood, president of MCC from 1958 to 1964, were the first employees to start laying the groundwork for the school.

"Basically," President Milton Fletcher said, "MCC was organized by Lucien Palmer. He established what was then North Central Christian Junior College as a tax exempt organization and worked with the board members in writing the first bylaws and first charter for the new college."

DURING HIS years at MCC, Dr. Palmer was academic dean, business manager, president and chancellor.

"From the standpoint of long tenure, he probably has made a greater impact on this institution than any other one person," President Fletcher said, "and he continues to make an impact through his influence and his activities as a member



Dr. Lucien Palmer is awarded honor of Chief in Nigeria.

of the Board of Trustees."

President Fletcher probably paid Dr. Palmer the highest compliment possible when he said, "Lucien Palmer is one of the closest friends I've ever had

and is responsible for having directed me and influenced me in a number of specific ways.

"I don't believe I know of any man I'd rather have praying for me than Lucien Palmer."

## Tribute to Peggy Matthews

Miss Peggy Matthews, a 1970 Michigan Christian graduate, recently passed away as the result of a brain aneurysm.

While at MCC, Miss Matthews was co-captain of the women's basketball team, business manager of the 1970 *Totem Pole*, and a member of Sigma Tau. She was also chosen Freshman Favorite, Sophomore Class Favorite, and the 1970 Miss MCC. Miss Matthews also sang in the Ladies' Ensemble and the A Cappella Chorus.

Miss Matthews had been teaching in Harding Academy

in Memphis, Tennessee, but had recently resigned to attend nursing school.

The following tribute was written by Garth and Pat Pleasant, classmates of Miss Matthews at MCC. Mr. Pleasant is currently teaching physical education and coaching the basketball team at MCC. Mrs. Pleasant is the vice president of the MCC Alumni Association.

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The Lord blesses each of us in numerous ways. Certainly very

few blessings can match that of friendship.

How fortunate we were to have been touched by the life of Peggy Matthews. Upon learning of her death, we recall so many fond memories of her and of experiences shared.

Peggy would jump into our lives every day. Her face would glow as she greeted us with her smile and a big "Howdy." She had the unique ability of making everyone feel important. She genuinely cared and how refreshing that was.

Many things set her apart and made her so special. She had such a genuine love for her associates. Can anyone ever recall Peggy having the capability to meet a need but failing to do so? She consistently reflected the example of the Good Samaritan.

Peggy was to be admired for her devotion and love for her family. What a thrill it must have been to be able to call her "daughter" or "sister." She truly had a heart that was surrendered to her Creator. She spoke of her love, sang about her love, lived her love for her Lord. She indeed illuminated the life of Christ.

All who were touched by her life are better because of her. How we miss that captivating smile, those twinkling eyes, and her sincere nature. Yet we celebrate. We celebrate that she has inherited her reward. We look forward to being able to share with her again.

Peggy Matthews will continue to live on because she is more than a memory — she is a living presence.



Freshman Justine Gossmann (Rosemont, Ill.) and Mrs. Fawn Knight discuss an Honors Composition III assignment.

## Poet wins award

Justine Gossmann, a freshman from Rosemont, Illinois, has received a special award for her poem "Assuaging Rain."

Tina, a student in Mrs. Fawn Knight's Honors Composition III class, was thrilled when her poem was published in a semi-annual anthology titled *American Collegiate Poets — Fall Concours 1984*, International Publications.

"I love to write," Tina said. "I was having a bad day when I wrote this poem and, ironically, the rain cheered me up."

### Assuaging Rain

Rain, you splash  
upon the pavement  
echoing every doubt  
within my very being.

Rain, you splash  
down in torrents  
shedding each fear  
that shakes my soul.

Your constant force  
steadies me  
like a receding tide.

Your gentle patter  
emanates peace  
like a vivid rainbow.

—Justine Gossmann

# Homecoming 1985 – the jubilation of success



Homecoming Queen Meitre Clowney (Detroit) is crowned by 1984 Queen Pam Whitelaw.



Court Jester Marty Phillips (Clio) scores two with a little help from Larry Marsh (Ortonville) during Homecoming halftime.



Christopher Turpin (Cleveland, Ohio) leads the way for the Warriors at the opening of the Homecoming game.

## Fifth Annual MCC Golf Classic

Saturday, July 27, 1985  
Dunham Hills Golf Club  
Milford, Michigan

For more information, contact the office of the President, 313-651-5800, or write to President Milton B. Fletcher, 800 W. Avon Road, Rochester, MI 48063.



### A Living Memorial

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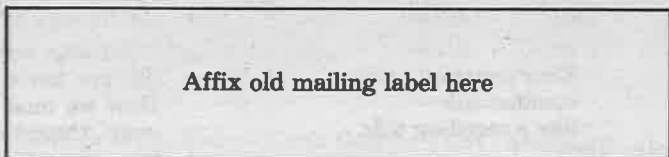
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# Warriors No. 2 in NLCAA poll

The MCC Warriors, under the direction of Coach Garth Pleasant, finished another great basketball season with a 23 and 3 win-loss record.

The Warriors entered the district finals of the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA) needing to beat Nazareth College of Kalamazoo and Orchard Lake St. Mary's respectively. A win over both schools would send MCC to the national finals for the third year in a row.

Pleasant's second-ranked Warriors pounded Nazareth 68-34 in the district semi-finals on Friday night, March 1.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's, a four-year National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) school, entered the NLCAA tournament after failing to earn a berth in the NAIA playoffs. OLSM and MCC battled throughout the Saturday afternoon contest, neither able to get a decided advantage over the opposition.

With a 10-point lead and just over two minutes left in the

game, it appeared that OLSM had the trip to the nationals wrapped up, but the Warriors would not give up.

**INTENSE** defense and some great outside shooting brought the Warriors to within two points with just three seconds left in the game.

Following a timeout, St. Mary's inbounded the ball and threw a lob down court.

Todd Grizzell intercepted the pass and fired back up court to Iantham Allayne standing a few feet over the mid-court stripe.

Allayne turned and, at the buzzer, "swished" a 40-foot jump shot.

As some order returned to the gym, the two teams went into overtime.

**AGAIN**, MCC fought hard but was unable to overcome a quick five-point deficit and found themselves on the short end of the 59-55 final score.

"This team played to its potential better than any team I have coached," Coach Pleasant said. "All year long we



**BASKETBALL TEAM:** Kneeling — Robinson Oldham, Todd Grizzell, Greg Spraggins, Tim Morton, Chris Turpin. Standing — manager Melvin Long, Marcus Little, Marvin Mathis, Erroll Anglin, Matthew Bugg, Iantham Allayne, Coach Garth Pleasant and Ron Duguay.

played very intensely. We were relentless on defense. Because of that, we had another good year."

The Warriors were ranked second in the nation. The only team receiving higher ranking was last year's national champions from Webber College who were expected to again take that crown.

**OFFENSIVELY**, the Warriors averaged 77 points a game. MCC led the country in the NLCAA, defensively giving up only 59 points a game.

Balanced scoring and overall good team play contributed to the Warriors' success. Allayne, Marvin Mathis and Greg Spraggins each averaged 15 points per game.

Allayne and Mathis led the team in rebounding while Spraggins led the team in assists. Captain Tim Morton supplied the leadership with his own intense style at play.

Matt Bugg, Grizzell, Marcus Little, Rob Oldham and Chris Turpin also contributed to the Warriors' fantastic season.

# Cheerleaders, Court Jesters rouse spirit of MCC fans

by Lori Elliott

The cheerleaders for the MCC Warrior basketball team enjoyed many unique and exciting experiences this year.

Friendships among the squad members grew while the girls traveled to both home and away games. Hours of practice, sweat

and sometimes even tears helped create a special spirit which flowed out to the crowd that cheered the Warriors on to victory.

The squad spent a fun-filled week traveling with the team to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

During the week, they visited the campuses of Harding and David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. The girls briefly toured downtown Nashville and stayed at the Marriott Hotel where they enjoyed its fine swimming, sauna and weightlifting facilities.

The girls were also able to get a taste of what university life is like as they attended campus tours and devotionals and visited large-scale gymnasiums, cafeterias and dormitories.

Friendships were rekindled as squad members visited with many university students who have graduated from MCC.

The squad also accompanied the team on a two-day trip to West Virginia, which proved to be just as exciting as the trip to Tennessee and Arkansas.

Miss Brenda Phillips, an MCC business communications instructor, sponsored the cheerleaders and was responsible for the purchase of new uniforms characterized by a brighter gold than in the past.

New to MCC this year was the men's pep squad aptly named the Court Jesters.

This lovable, highly-spirited group in their gold and white jerseys assisted the cheerleaders with mounts, cheers, halftime shows, crowd chants and special stunts.



**1985 CHEERLEADERS:** Janet Christensen (Sterling Heights), Bonnie Clayton (Cincinnati, Ohio), Jacqueline Hardin (Chicago, Ill.), Deborah Burney (Fort Wayne, Ind.), Lori Elliott (Sterling Heights), and (front) Dana Brown (Perrysburg, Ohio).



**COURT JESTERS:** (from top) Marty Phillips; Ken Jamison, Jesse Espinoza, Nathan Yoder; Tom Twigg, Scott Foster, David Rainey, Jim Pobuda; Calvin Mann, Dan Boren, Frank Pitts, Jerry Philpot and Larry Marsh.

## Position opening: Maintenance

Applications are now being accepted for a general maintenance man for MCC. Applicant should possess skills in areas such as boilers, refrigeration, electrical, plumbing, and light-duty repair work. Interested persons may send a resume to: Director of Physical Plant, c/o Michigan Christian College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester, MI 48063.

# Alumni News, Notes

## Former Faculty Member

Dorsey and Ola Traw are missionaries in Thailand. Ola taught at MCC in 1960-61 and she and Dorsey met and married at MCC. Their silver anniversary is Sept. 3, 1985. Address: P.O. Box 94, Chiang Mai, Thailand 50000.

### 1964

Janice Stewart Kearby, '64, and husband Russell Leon are the parents of Troy, 14, and Marty, 12. Janice is a receptionist; Russell is a sales consultant and an elder of the Southside Church of Christ in Indiana.

### 1966

Grace Lynn Dillard Beck, '66, and husband Scotty have a daughter April, 13, and son Corey, 10. They live in Pontiac, Mich., where Scotty works in quality control for GMC-T & C.

### 1972

Carol Speirs, '72, is a nurse and is planning to return to Nigerian Christian Hospital in April to serve for two years. She spent three months there as a medical/missionary in 1983.

### 1973

David Penn, '73, has been preaching for 10 years in Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois. He is now the resident minister of the Robbins Church of Christ in Robbins, Ill. He has a master's in religious education and plans to begin work toward a doctorate at the University of Chicago this spring.

Lynn W. Shinsky, '73, and his wife Holly G. (Anderson), '73, are the parents of Carissa Marie, born July 19, 1984. Lynn is a teacher.

### 1974

Steven Putman, '74, is a mechanical engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. He received a masters from the University of Dayton Dec. 15, 1984.

### 1975

Carol Emanuel Burkard, '75, and husband Ronald are the parents of Jill Marie, born Feb. 28, 1980, and Christine Marie, born Feb. 18, 1982. They live in Florida where Carol is a mail carrier and receptionist for a computer firm and Ronald is a supervisor for the Sea Ray Boat Co. Carol also attends college classes in Cocoa, Fla.

Dennis Swindle, '75, and his wife Terri Lynn live in Westland. Terri is a secretary; Dennis has been the minister of the Garden City Church of Christ for the past four years.

### 1976

Pamela S. Colglazier, '76, is a secretary for a mobile home dealership and works with the church in Bennington, Va., after serving as a dorm supervisor at Freed-Hardeman College for two years. Address: 16 Willow St., Hoosick Falls, N.Y. 12816.

Michael C. Flynn, '76, and his wife Denise (Bates), '76, are the parents of Michelle Christine Flynn born Nov. 24, 1983. Michael is a buyer for Chevrolet Gear and Axle. The couple recently purchased a home in Sterling Heights.

Jerry Gailbreath, '76, and his wife Teresa (Miller), '75, are the parents of Adam, born Dec. 14, 1984. Jerry, (B.S., Harding; M.S. Univ. of Houston), works in health administration. Teresa, (B.S.N., Harding), is a R.N. They live in Warren.

### 1976

Annie Oakley Green, '76, married Richard Dec. 10, 1983. Annie (A.B.S. in psychology, Oklahoma Christian College) is a case manager for the elderly. Address: R #2, Box 446, LaGrange, IN 46761.

### 1977

Sandra B. Hartmann Rooney, '77, married Gregory in 1983. Sandra is an electronic engineer; Gregory is a systems analyst. Address: 5106 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, OH 45429.

Kathy Harbison Smith, '77, and husband Terry are the parents of Jessica Leigh, 2, and Rachel Allison, 1. Terry is a project engineer. Address: 170 Highland Circle, Wytheville, VA 24382.

### 1978

Mark Dillard, '78, and his wife Kathy '78, are the parents of Karla, 2½, and Aaron Mark, born Jan. 30, 1985.

Gail Partridge, '78, is working as a sign-language interpreter for the Canadian Hearing Society in Windsor, Ontario. She was presented and introduced to Queen Elizabeth of England when the queen made a trip to Windsor during the latter part of 1984.

### 1979

David Briggs, '79, and his wife Laura (Stark), '79, are the parents of Timothy Gilbert, born Feb. 9, 1985 and weighing 10 pounds, 14 ounces. David is a registrar and instructor at MCC.

Mark Norman Taylor, '79, has been studying at the Sunset School of Preaching in the Chinese Studies Department during the past year and will be enrolled in the master's program in Chinese studies at the University of Texas in Austin this summer. He visited the Republic of China in summer 1984 and plans to return to Taiwan for missionwork and teaching.

### 1980

Clay Hart, '80, and his wife Cherry (Echols), '80, are the parents of Christopher Ryan, born March 28, 1985. The Harts live in Forth Worth, Texas, where Clay is the junior high youth minister for the Richland Hills Church of Christ.

Cheryl Rainsberger, '80, works at Sun Bank in Orlando, Fla., as an overlimit analyst in the credit card center. Address: 5110 Santos Road, Kissimee, FL 32741.



Mrs. Karen Watson and Miss Peggy Whitman share work in academic dean's office.

## Work with Riverdale church

### Dills move to Dayton, Ohio

Dr. Larry Journey, MCC's academic dean, found himself training two new secretaries in January after Mrs. Pam Dill, his secretary since June 1981, moved to Englewood, Ohio, with her husband Randy.

Pam Pierson from Grand Blanc had met Randy Dill from North Manchester, Indiana, when she was a student at MCC. Pam received her associate's in 1981; Randy received his bachelor in religious education degree in Christian Ministry in 1984. They were married in the Westside Central Chapel on the campus of MCC on May 28, 1983.

In his junior year, Randy began to serve as an associate minister for the Parkside Church of Christ in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. He is now working as a family minister for the Riverdale Church of Christ in Dayton, Ohio.

Pam is enjoying her role as a homemaker as she and Randy wait for the birth of their first child in April.

Replacing Pam at the present time are Mrs. Karen Watson and Miss Peggy Whitman. Peggy, a sophomore from Muskegon, will begin working for Dr. Journey full time upon her graduation from MCC in May.

### 1980

Diane Whited Garrett, '80, and her husband Roger are living in Heidelberg, Germany, where Roger is in the U.S. Army. They are the parents of James, 3; Kristin, 18 months; and Roger Jr., born Sept. 18, 1984. The Garretts will be stationed in Germany until Feb. 7, 1987.

### 1982

Douglas J. Doyle, B.R.E. '82, married Edith Ann Ferguson Dec. 8, 1984. Douglas is an assistant manager and maintenance supervisor for the Carriage Place Condominiums, while Edith, who has a B.A. in Bible languages from Abilene Christian University, works as a research assistant and librarian for the World Bible Translation Center in Forth

Worth. They will move to Botswana to do mission work in early 1986. Address: 831-B Harwood, Hurst, TX 76054.

Tina Wright, '82, graduated from Saginaw Business Institute in June 1984 and is employed at T.S.C. Industries in Caro.

### 1983

Le'Ann M. Ostrowski, '83, and John W. Harvey, '83, were married Nov. 24, 1984. Le'Ann is a typist; John is a broker of a milk marketing service. Address R.R. 1, Box 260-A, Wonewoc, WI 53968.

Kirsten Kay Theys, '83, married Richard Edward Thornbro Oct. 5, 1984. Kirsten is a secretary, Richard is an engineer.

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