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Fall applications reach near-record levels

"Michigan Christian College's residence halls will be full this fall!" That's the message Toby Osburn, dean of enrollment services, relayed to the Board of Trustees at their June meeting.

According to Osburn, applications have continued to arrive in the Admissions Office on an average of twenty-nine per month since September. Not since the early 1980's has the college maintained such a high rate of applications.

"The last time we saw this kind of activity, our student body grew at a phenomenal rate, and that growth was built around two-year degree offerings. With thirteen bachelor's degree majors being offered this fall, the possibilities seem almost endless for a substantially larger student body," Osburn added.

Preliminary enrollment projections indicate that over 200 new students will be enrolling at Michigan Christian College this fall, with around 175 students expected to return for sophomore, junior, and senior-level studies. That projection places the student body size very close to that of the college's record year of 1977.

Dr. Johnson notes several reasons for the increase in student interest. "We've worked hard over the last year or so to focus our recruiting efforts in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York, and Ontario. Not that we're not interested in students from outside this area, because we are! Our history simply reflects a strong student pool in these specific areas, and that's where we're experiencing our most successful recruiting right now."

The president also noted a significant increase in institutional scholarships for

students. "We're planning to award in excess of half-a-million dollars in scholarships this year alone. That's more than twice our scholarship budget from just a few years ago," said Dr. Johnson.

"I believe our greatest strength for growth lies in the increase in four-year majors," reflected Dr. Johnson. "With thirteen bachelor's degree options, the college has once again affirmed its commitment to providing quality Christian education for students in this part of the country."

"Many students will discover that they no longer have to consider transferring to complete their bachelor's degree. They can stay in this region of the country and receive degrees in business administration, management, human resource management, vocational ministries, counseling, psychology, sociology, social work, Biblical studies, Christian ministry, youth and family ministry, and missions and evangelism. That helps everyone. Students, families, employers, and churches in the North will be strengthened. That's exciting!" said Dr. Johnson.



Graduates say their good-byes, while scores of new students prepare to share life at MCC.

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Bachelor's in business approved by state

In a landmark decision for Michigan Christian College, the Michigan State Board of Education recently approved the college's request to offer the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. The April 21 vote came as a result of several years of intensive preparation and evaluation by college administrators and accrediting officials.

Michigan Christian College now awaits final program approval by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which is expected to take place within the next few months. Once granted, the college will award bachelor's degree majors in business administration, management, human resource management, and vocational ministries.

"We've finally entered the home stretch in the approval process," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of Michigan Christian College. "Development of the Bachelor of Business Administration degree signifies a strengthened commitment to a broad curriculum that not only meets the demands of the job market, but more importantly, allows our students to begin and complete their

entire bachelor's degree in business on the campus of Michigan Christian College."

The Bachelor of Business Administration degree offers a quality core of business and related courses, within a framework of Christian ethics and values. "We've found that more and more employers are searching for honest, dependable people who are trained in a variety of business-related skills," said Dr. Steve Williams, associate professor of business.

"Michigan Christian College's business graduates are highly marketable in the current job climate because they are well-trained in their field and they tend to practice good work ethics. They exhibit positive mental and spiritual attitudes, as well. That's important to companies and supervisors!" added Dr. Williams.

As the program develops, an increased number of majors will be considered to meet further demands of students, business, and industry. Additionally, computer laboratory and business library resources will continue to build with the new program.



Freshman Jenny Jolly of St. Clair, Michigan, clears the pole in the high jump at the NSCAA Track and Field National Championship. Michigan Christian College hosted the event in Rochester Hills. The men's team from Michigan Christian College captured first place in their division. The women's team placed second, next to Navajo Community College of Tsaila, Arizona.

Reminder about an exciting program for students entering MCC this fall !

"Bringing new friends together"

Fresh Start Welcome Weekend

August 27-31, 1993

orientation to college life
academic advising and registration for fall classes
spiritual life and group-building activities
games, concerts, and much more !



For more information contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-521-6010

Fall Trustee Scholarship winners announced

Twelve students have been selected to receive Trustee Scholarships to Michigan Christian College for the 1993-94 academic year. Trustee Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic ability, personal integrity and character, and involvement in church, school, and community activities.

Trustee Scholarships are awarded in amounts that cover either 100%, 75%, or 50% of the full cost for tuition, room, and board at MCC. The award percentage is applied to tuition costs for commuting students.

To apply for a Trustee Scholarship, applicants must achieve a composite score of 26 or above on the American College Test (ACT), have supportive high school grades, and demonstrate leadership skills. Applicants not chosen for Trustee Scholarships are given priority consideration for other types of institutional scholarship awards.

For this fall, April Shepard of Jenison, Michigan, received the 100% Trustee Scholarship. Students receiving 75% awards included Shawn Brown of North Aurora, Illinois; Marcia Hoffmaster of Berkley, Michigan; Christopher Russo of Fraser Michigan; Christopher Stampfly of DeWitt, Michigan; and Rebecca Stutts of Perrysburg, Ohio.

Additional incoming students received 50% scholarships, including Steven Bowers of Clarkston, Michigan; Heather Carrier of Mt. Morris, Michigan; Jason Dover of Galesburg, Michigan; Heather Hanna of Warren, Michi-

gan; Margaret-Ann Hibbard of Sarnia, Ontario; and James Spears of Plain City, Ohio.

"These students have made their families, churches, and schools very proud. We are pleased to recognize their hard work and commitment to excellence," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college.

Students who will graduate from high school in 1994 are encouraged to begin applying for scholarships now. The Admissions Office may be called at 1-800-521-6010 for details.



Trustee Scholarship winner Heather Carrier signs her award as Dean Osburn and her parents look on.



MCC ? Ask Me !!

"I finished my associate degree at Michigan Christian College and was making plans to transfer to a large university. Then, I realized that I now have everything I need right here at MCC - good friends, great teachers, and lots of majors. In two years, I'll have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Michigan Christian College, and even more friends than now. That's worth staying for!"

Aaron Burtch, MCC Junior
Shelby Township, Michigan

Aaron Burtch, a 1990 graduate of Corunna High School, extended his high school interest in music into his college career upon entering Michigan Christian College. During the past year, he sang with the A Cappella Chorus and Spectrum, MCC's newest traveling ensemble. The student body also honored Aaron during the past year as a member of the Homecoming King's Court. He is a member of the Epsilon social club and 4-Him, a men's service club.

At a Glance

Traveling through Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Ontario, and Michigan, the A Cappella Chorus recently completed their annual spring tour. In addition to performing each evening, the group visited such attractions as the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Hershey's Chocolate World, Niagara Falls, and sites in Toronto.

Putting *Honors Composition* writing skills into practical use, class members submitted articles for publication in *Teenage Christian* and *Power for Today*. The first article to be published, by Valerie May of Bangor, Michigan, appeared in the May/June issue of *Power for Today*. Valerie related a story that emphasized the importance of friends, and pointed out how friendship could be extended into a relationship with God.

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for parents and students

October 2, 1993

**admission information
academic advising
financial aid counseling
special entertainment
campus tours**

1-800-521-6010



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Mackinac Island Sunshine Rally	August 6, 1993
Canada's Wonderland Sunshine Rally	August 9, 1993
Fresh Start Welcome Weekend	August 27-31, 1993
Fall Semester Classes Begin	August 31, 1993
Junior-Senior Day	October 2, 1993
Youth Night at MCC Lectureship	October 3, 1993
Spring Semester Classes Begin	January 18, 1994
Celebration Saturday	February 19, 1994
Summer Jam	June 19-24, 1994
Cedar Point Sunshine Rally	June 24, 1994
King's Island Sunshine Rally	June 28, 1994

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

Fall Junior-Senior Day returns to campus

High school juniors and seniors will find a special day awaiting them this fall at Michigan Christian College.

Tracy Van Houten, admissions special activities coordinator, reports that well over 200 students and parents are expected to visit the campus on Saturday, October 2, 1993. "We felt a need to have something just for upperclassmen and their families," said Van Houten.

"Several hundred people come to campus every spring for Celebration Weekend, but many students and parents have expressed an interest in a time for upperclassmen to discuss issues like admission, financial aid, and academic programs. Junior-Senior Day is designed to do just that, and we expect many families will take advantage of this opportunity to get a head-start on the many details that go along with getting into college."

One item which will be of particular interest to students and parents alike is that of financial aid. "We want people to understand how the financial aid pro-

cess works before they start it," stated Debi Rutledge, director of student financial aid. "There are so many important issues such as application deadlines, gift aid eligibility, and loan repayment restrictions. It's important that families understand how the Department of Education distributes aid, and how the system can work for them at MCC."

Toby Osburn, dean of enrollment services, said, "Dr. Ken Johnson has authorized us to administer over one-half-million dollars in institutional scholarships during the 1993-94 academic year. Debi and I want to be sure that students and parents know exactly how to go about applying for those funds, in addition to federal and state financial aid programs."

Osburn continued, "One thing we hear time and time again from families is 'If only we had known this earlier.' We hope to help them know and understand, from the very beginning, what resources are available to help them pay for college. That's one small way we can serve."