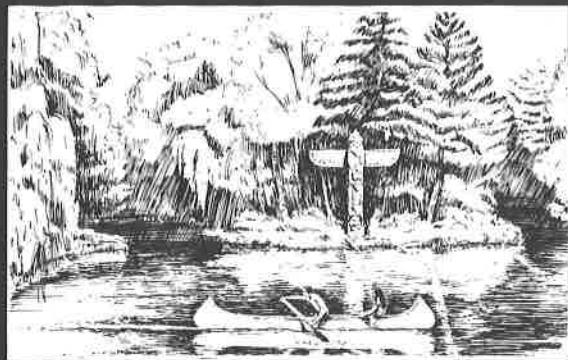


# MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BULLETIN

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## Partnership Dinner XI May 1 at Cobo Hall

Over two thousand friends of Michigan Christian College are expected to gather at Detroit's Cobo Hall on Saturday, May 1, for the eleventh annual Partnership Dinner. One of the most exciting and interesting programs ever has been planned for the encouragement and inspiration of those who attend.

This year the newly appointed regional chairmen will help coordinate ticket sales. They will be assisted by 120 local chairmen and more than 100 co-chairmen. Regional chairmen and their home congregations include: Bob Cucheran, Rochester; Chuck Devereaux, Flint Bristol Road; E.L. Freeland, Southgate Gateway; John Hart, Roseville; Clarence Locke, Detroit Russell Woods; Bill Smith, Toledo Echo Meadows; and Laurence Watson, Dearborn Chase Road.

Ticket prices will be \$65.00 for adults and \$35.00 for students. Proceeds from the dinner will again be used toward retirement of the Alma Gatewood Dormitory debt. After this Partnership Dinner, just one and one-half annual payments remain to be made.



## “Magic of the Circus” to be *Celebration* Theme

“Magic of the Circus” will be the theme as the annual *Celebration in Song* brings the big top to Michigan Christian College. Plans call for skits by campus social clubs, and music by the host, hostesses, A Cappella Chorus, and Celebration Singers to convey the message that life can be a circus.

This year's musical extravaganza will be presented Friday and Saturday, April 2-3 in the Westside-Central Chapel. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances are available at a cost of \$4 and \$5. Call Pam Pierson at (313) 651-5800, extension 36 for reservations.

Dr. Larry Journey, director of the production, has announced that four freshmen have been chosen from a large number of musicians who auditioned to serve as Celebration host and hostesses. They are: Tony Davis of Hartford, Connecticut; Deanna Howe of Dayton, Ohio; Dawn McKamey of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Geannetta Walker of Buffalo, New York.

Again this year, High School Day guests will be treated to a special Saturday matinee *Celebration* performance. For reservations and further details regarding the High School Day program, call the Admissions Office at (313) 651-5800.



## Message from the President



Dear Friends:

When we are so conscious of daily needs and problems, we sometimes become blind to the long range opportunities. I'm sure that is why it is difficult for young people to realize that retirement really isn't that far into the future. Would that I had the persuasive power verbally and by pen to convince young couples of the fleeting — vapor-like — quality of time. Those young children become adults so quickly and their sometimes never-ending noise all too soon disappears — creating an empty house filled only with memories. All the kids being home during the holidays brought to the surface these feelings.

With all this, the following analogy came to mind. In relation to institutions like Michigan Christian College, it likewise is easy to become so wrapped up in the daily activities that we sometimes fail to catch the vision of the long-range needs. For example, during the last several years, the educational dollar needs of students have come rather easy because of enormous amounts of financial aid being provided by both federal and state governments. Actually, that money has come from taxes paid by you and me as well as from governmental deficit spending funded by borrowed money. Eventually, however, any organization, person, or institution that continues to borrow reaches the end of the rope. That is now happening, and government financial aid sources are drying up. Thus, we begin to realize the problems related to our short-range view. When this happens, what immediate action must be taken? All who support our institutions, and we who manage them, must find new resources to replace those declining financial aid dollars. Would that all institutions could have been wise years ago and begun to build up an account like your personal savings account, known in educational circles as a "Permanent Endowment Fund." The difference in this fund and your savings account is that the Permanent Endowment Fund is never spent. Only the interest is used for benefits such as student financial aid awards. Think where we could be now if twenty years ago many of the families interested in Michigan Christian had dedicated even a small percent of their estates to a Permanent Endowment Fund! If every interested family would do that right now, within five, ten, or twenty years a Permanent Endowment Fund could produce income annually that would assist students as long as time lasts. That kind of gift never stops giving. The donor through his or her gifts lives on and on and on. We might call it an "Endowment for Eternity."

Sincerely,



Milton B. Fletcher  
President

## MCC Student Services Recommended as Model

Michigan Christian College has been recommended to the ACCTion Consortium as a model for small colleges in the area of student services. Copies of the MCC student orientation materials, parent's orientation handbook, and advisor's handbook have been requested by the ACCTion Consortium to be made available for reference in their library.

The ACCTion Consortium, which is designed to help colleges improve the areas of continuing and community education; instruction; resource development; and student development, has granted MCC \$3,000 for its student services program. ACCTion provides assistance in several forms: on campus-consultations, workshops, specialized training, information services, internships, and model program evaluations.

MCC Student Services personnel, including the Dean of Students, Coordinator of Housing, Residence Supervisors, and Career Guidance Coordinator will be traveling to Abilene Christian University in early March to be involved on an internship basis with their ACU counterparts. The effort will be coordinated by Dr. Leonard Knight, MCC Dean of Students, and Garvin Beauchamp, ACU Vice President for Student Services. During the information sharing sessions, such areas as chapel, intramural programs, student government, discipline, housing, career counseling and job placement will be discussed.

The grant has also made it possible to invite Phil Johnson, Dean of Men at Oklahoma Christian College to conduct a workshop this spring for those students who have been selected to be resident assistants during the 1982-83 school year as well as other Student Services personnel.

According to Dr. Knight, tentative plans also call for MCC to host the next student services conference for sister Christian colleges during MCC's Silver Anniversary year.

### Financial Aid Sources Available

On February 8, President Reagan formally presented his proposed 1983 budget to Congress. The federal student aid programs that Michigan Christian College students apply for include Pell Grants (BEOG), Supplemental Grants, National Direct Student Loans, Guaranteed Student Loans, and College Work Study. Each of the federal programs may be reduced proportionally due to federal budget cuts.

MCC will be notified late this spring as to the amounts of aid that will be available to students. The MCC Financial Aid Office will be happy to help families find all possible aid sources to finance their student's education at MCC.

## MCC Receives Grant From Sears-Roebuck Foundation

Unrestricted grants totaling more than \$36,400 were distributed to twenty-eight privately supported colleges and universities in Michigan during January according to a spokesman for The Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The Michigan colleges and universities are among over 1,000 private accredited two- and four year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,500,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1981-82 academic year. Funds may be used as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In the Detroit metropolitan area, Michigan Christian College, as well as Cranbrook Academy of Art, Lawrence Institute of Technology, Marygrove College, Mercy College of Detroit, Shaw College at Detroit, the University of Detroit, and the Walsh College of Accountancy received grants totaling \$13,300.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of special purpose programs in elementary, secondary, higher and continuing education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of more than \$2,000,000 in 1981 for its education activities.

## Eleven Named to *Who's Who*

Eleven students from Michigan Christian College will be included in the 1982 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. They have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

Students named this year from MCC are: Kristin Bryant of Allen Park, Michigan; Rob Clarke of Cass City, Michigan; Kathy Dickinson of Trenton, Michigan; Doug Doyle of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dwaine Estes of Poughkeepsie, New York; Letha Ferguson of Indianapolis, Indiana; Anne McGuiggan of West Lafayette, Ohio; Bob Norton of Oxford, Michigan; Tim Pruitt of Allen Park, Michigan; Keith Richards of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; and Joberta Rose of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

They join an elite group of students chosen from over 1,300 institutions of higher learning in the United States and several foreign countries.



## Gary, Onita Lutes Receive Alumni Citation

Gary and Onita Lutes have been presented the first Michigan Christian College Alumni Citation in appreciation for over thirteen years of service as missionaries to the country of Chile. In making the presentation during the Homecoming Banquet, President Fletcher noted that their work had brought honor to the Lord's church and MCC because of the dedication and exemplary character demonstrated in their lives.

Gary and Onita are the parents of four daughters: Karla, a freshman at MCC; Rita, who will enroll at MCC this fall, Rosa, and Marilu.

Since returning to the United States in June, 1981 Gary has been preaching for the Church of Christ in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

## Plans Set for Five Bible School Workshops

Plans for five spring Bible School Workshops and Christian Education Sundays have been announced. The programs, conducted by Michigan Christian College personnel, will cover a wide range of topics designed to help Bible school teachers more effectively serve in their local congregation.

The Bristol Road congregation in Flint, Michigan will be hosting a Bible School workshop and Christian Education Sunday the weekend of March 20-21. In the metropolitan area, Allen Park will sponsor the two-day event April 3 and 4. Flanders Road Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio has scheduled May 15 and 16, and the following weekend, May 22-23, MCC representatives will work with the congregation in South Holland, Illinois. June 5-6 will mark the Bible School Workshop and Christian Education Sunday weekend at the Donmoyer Avenue congregation in South Bend, Indiana.



Danny and Blossom Weddle plan to begin mission work in Cebu City, Philippines this spring. Blossom is a 1964 graduate of MCC and completed her studies at Oklahoma Christian College, where Danny also graduated. The Weddles are presently serving as houseparents at Children's Homes in Paragould, Arkansas. They, along with their three children, are committed to serve in the Philippines for three years. They are looking toward a lifetime of service in the mission field.

Ed Rosenbaum (Class of 1977) is senior accountant with Ernst & Whinney in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ed completed the Bachelor of Science degree at Harding University.

L. Dean Moore (Class of 1962) is head of the United Way Fund Drive for Porter County, Indiana. He and his wife, Mary, live in Valparaiso. Their daughter, Kelly, plans to enroll as a freshman at MCC this fall.

## Alumni Day Activities Highlight Homecoming

Morning chapel services followed a continental breakfast as Homecoming activities began on Saturday, February 6. Approximately 250 alumni and present students gathered at 10 a.m. for the special Alumni Day devotional. The A Cappella Chorus presented seven outstanding selections including the Alma Mater. Wayne Baker, (Class of '62) was the featured speaker. He is currently Vice President for Student Services at Alabama Christian College. During the mid-1960's he had served as an MCC admissions counselor.

During the brief business meeting, guidelines which will be used in selecting the recipients of the Alumnus of the Year and Alumni Citations were discussed, as well as suggestions for fund-raising projects in addition to contributions already being made by alumni.

Two special luncheons marked anniversary years for the Classes of 1962 and 1967.

Afternoon saw the Warriors defeat the William Tyndale College Lancers 98-70. Mike Adams, Brent Coleman, and Lester Dodd led the attack with 16 points each.

Halftime festivities were highlighted by the crowning of the 1982 Homecoming Queen, Mary Ann Feeback of Toledo, Ohio. Other members of the court included Kristin Bryant of Allen Park, Michigan; Roxanne Scarbrough

of South Bend, Indiana; Deanna Howe of Dayton, Ohio; and Geanetta Walker of Buffalo, New York.

Six former Homecoming Queens were also honored during the ceremonies. They were: Darlene Pobur Baker, Pat Palmer Pleasant; Connie Kinser Graham, Linda Brown Palmer, Rose Nonnemacher Ellis, and Terry Potter.

"Reflections of Times Past" was the theme of the Homecoming banquet sponsored by the MCC Cheerleaders and Student Body Association. Dinner music was provided by Iola Gieger. Randy Gill performed several original numbers.

Keynote speaker Wayne Baker then presented "What it Means to be an Alumnus of MCC." He noted that MCC alumni should live a life of service in gratitude for what they have received. Support of MCC with money, children, and good words is essential. In his closing remarks, Baker challenged all MCC alumni to remain loyal and true.

As the day's activities drew to a close, Gary and Onita Lutes were honored with the first MCC Alumni Citation for outstanding service as missionaries to the country of Chile. The final presentation of the evening was a special award by the MCC student body recognizing the dedication and leadership of MCC President Milton Fletcher.

## Utility Appoints Bruce Director, Human Services

Michigan Consolidated Gas Company has appointed Jim Bruce Director, Human Resources Development, Corporate Planning and Personnel.

In his new position Bruce will be responsible for professional and management training programs, employment and placement, affirmative action, career guidance and executive development programs. He will report to Mr. James Myers, Vice President Corporate Planning and Personnel for the utility.

Bruce received the Associate in Arts degree at MCC in 1967, and also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Michigan State University. He earned a Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University in interpersonal communication.

Bruce is the first MCC alumnus to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Michigan Christian College. He is also a member of the Business Education Alliance of Southeastern Michigan, the American Management Association, the Human Resource Management Association and the Midwest Gas Association's Education Committee.

Bruce and his wife, the former Carol Anderson (Class of '67), live in Livonia, Michigan and are actively involved with the Parkside congregation in Dearborn. They have two children, Steven and Melissa.

# Sculptor to Bring Art Show to MCC

Christian Diaz, a sculptor whose work depicts his fascination with the Western way of life, will present many of his works at a public showing Saturday, April 3 in the MCC Gold Room.

A native of Cuba, the 27-year-old sculptor emigrated to the United States with his family in 1965 following the takeover by Castro's Communist regime. Having given up everything to flee to freedom, the Diaz family found themselves poverty-stricken in Miami. Soon afterward, Chris' father died of leukemia and his mother was hospitalized because of a nervous breakdown. Chris went to work at the age of ten to help support his family. He credits the love and concern of Church of Christ members with helping him through a very turbulent adolescence. Because of extensive vocational training in commercial art during high school, Chris was able to do enough freelance work to pay his way through college. A graduate of Abilene Christian University, Chris was introduced to sculpture while studying under Dr. Art Williams. He is currently employed by the Advertising Design firm in Abilene doing graphics and design work.



He strives to demonstrate the qualities of life such as wisdom, gentleness and peace that he sees in the quiet life of Western man. The sincerity demonstrated in Chris' work has helped bring a number of honors and awards for his sculpting. During his senior year at ACU, he was commissioned by United Savings to do a limited edition of bronzes of the company's logo. Chris' work is displayed in several prominent collections.

## At a Glance

"Record-breaking" profits have been reported by Gwen Orr, MCC Associates' President, as a result of souvenir sales during Superbowl XVI at the Pontiac Silverdome. Volunteers from the Associates, Men's Club, and Luckett Christian Academy were responsible for operation of fifty-five booths owned by the Elias' Brothers restaurant chain. Profits will be shared among the organizations according to the number of workers representing each. A total of 278 workers dedicated sixteen hours each in helping sell over \$400,000 in souvenirs on Superbowl Sunday. Mrs. Orr noted that over thirty MCC students were among the volunteers, and expressed the group's deep appreciation for their efforts.

Michigan Christian College has recently received bound volumes of *Chemical Abstracts* covering the chemical literature from 1930 to 1956. The acquisition of these valuable reference materials was made possible by Thornton Community College of South Holland, Illinois and by Project SEED of the American Chemical Society.

Saturday, March 13, will be the MCC Associates' Spring Brunch and Fashion Show. The event promises to be new and different this year with fashions being presented by Hartman's. Only 300 tickets are available at \$5.00 each. Contact Catherine Sadurski of the Rochester chapter for reservations.

Interior design students and faculty at Harding University recently hosted Mrs. LaJuana Gill as a consultant and visiting lecturer. Mrs. Gill, formerly with the professional design staff of the J.L. Hudson Company, teaches part time in the MCC Art Department.

Spring cleaning is just around the corner and the MCC Associates may well be able to use your "trash" as "treasures" for the Associates Auction to be held June 5 on campus. Storage space is available now for donated items.

"Autumn" will be performing for several congregations in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio during their spring tour March 5-14. The ten-day tour will be highlighted by an appearance at the Canton Youth Rally.

As of the first week of February, the MCC Warriors Basketball team was ranked second in the nation among schools in the National Little College Athletic Association. The conference includes four year schools with enrollment under 500 students.

## Bonnie Tolliver Joins Student Services Staff



Bonnie Tolliver has joined the MCC Student Services team as Career Guidance Coordinator. Her duties will include vocational testing and skills assessment designed to assist students in selecting a career best suited to their interests and talents.

Since assuming the role in mid-January, Miss Tolliver has been working to build a rapport with the students to let them know what materials and services are offered for their use in the Career Center. A great deal of reference material, including microfiche, tapes, and films, are available to help students see the day-to-day procedures involved in specific job areas. Two on-campus workshops each semester will further aid students in developing career-related skills.

Miss Tolliver, a 1979 MCC graduate, received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in psychology last August at David Lipscomb College.

# A Cappella Receives Standing Ovation at Choral Festival

Seventeen choirs, including the Michigan Christian A Cappella Chorus, participated in the Christian College Choral Festival at Oklahoma Christian College January 8-9. The festival is an annual event designed to promote fellowship among the sister Christian college choruses. This year, 750 singers performed under the direction of Dr. Eph Ely, nationally known conductor from the University of Missouri.

Following an outstanding performance of "Something Has Spoken to Me in the Night," with narration by Letha Ferguson of Indianapolis, Indiana, and "Sinner Man," featuring soloist Tony Davis of Hartford, Connecticut, the MCC A Cappella was given a standing ovation. With the exception of the host chorus, the MCC A Cappella was the only other group to be so honored.

En route to and from the Festival, the chorus also performed in Rolla, Missouri; Tulsa, Oklahoma; St. Louis, Missouri; and Matteson, Illinois.

In late January, the A Cappella joined with the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus for the annual Michigan Christian Choral Festival. February 28, the Dayton Youth Chorus and the MCC A Cappella will perform at the Riverdale Church of Christ in Dayton, Ohio. April 16-18 will take the chorus to Gaylord, Michigan for a youth rally and "That's Entertainment?" seminar.

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## Gill Presents "That's Entertainment?" Across Country

Randy Gill, director of musical activities at Michigan Christian College, presented his "That's Entertainment?" seminar at Harding University in January. He also spoke to the Sunday morning adult Bible class at the Downtown Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas, and then conducted a special program for approximately 600 young people later in the day.

Using a wide range of slides and recorded examples, Gill examines the impact of today's television, movies and music on the lives of Christians and offers suggestions for choosing entertainment consistent with Christian values. A songwriter and performer, he is a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

In addition to teaching several music courses, Gill directs the MCC A Cappella Chorus. The MCC alumnus completed the Bachelor of Arts degree at Harding University and earned the Masters degree from the University of Michigan School of Music.

Twenty "That's Entertainment?" seminars will be presented across the nation during the coming summer months. Cities hosting presentations include Montgomery, Alabama; Little Rock, Arkansas; Denver, Colorado; Las Vegas, Nevada; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Dallas, Texas. According to Gill, all available dates this year have been filled as well as some in 1983.

## Calendar

March 13  
Spring Brunch and  
Fashion Show

April 2 and 3  
Celebration in Song

April 2 and 3  
Chris Diaz Art Show

April 3  
High School Day

May 1  
Partnership Dinner XI

May 8  
Commencement

June 5  
Associates' Auction

October 4-7  
Fall Bible Lectureship

## High School Day

April 3, 1982

- 9:00 a.m. Registration in Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Chapel Program with  
MCC A Cappella Chorus
- 11:00 a.m. Campus Tours
- 12:00 p.m. Autumn
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (\$1.75) and College  
Counseling Available
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration in Song  
(free only to registered  
High School Day students  
and their sponsors)
- 4:30 p.m. Program Ends

Overnight housing available by reservation only for those coming from a long distance. Call Linda at (313) 651-5800.

