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Popular tour sites and Cedar Point visited by chorus

Visits to several tourist attractions in northern Michigan and to Cedar Point highlighted the recent Spring Tour of the MCC A Cappella Chorus. Their May 10-21 tour included twelve performances in Michigan and Ohio.

Following their opening performance, the chorus began their first week by visiting the world's largest Christmas store and the gift shops of Frankenmuth. The following day included hiking among the virgin pines of Hartwick Pines State Park and time for miniature golf and go-carts in Gaylord.

An early-morning ferry ride to Mackinac Island left several hours for bike riding, shopping, and exploration of the famous resort island. A visit to the Gerald Ford Museum, a tour of the Amway Corporation, and a performance before about 1,500 people at MCC Partnership Dinner XVI at Cobo Hall in Detroit rounded out the group's first week.

After beginning their second week, the chorus spent part of a day shopping in the unique underground malls and shopping arcades of Cleveland. A short traveling distance on Wednesday allowed for a full day at Cedar Point before an emotional final performance that evening in Toledo.

Tentative plans for next year include a Winter Tour to Oklahoma for the annual Christian College Choral Festival and a Spring Tour to Canada, New York, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Membership in the chorus is by audition. Music awards are available to talented students regardless of major.

TOP LEFT: Chorus members inspect "Big Wheels", a log-moving device from the 1800's, on their hike through Hartwick Pines State Park. TOP RIGHT: Souvenirs attract the attention of Ady Hutchins in Bronner's of Frankenmuth. MIDDLE LEFT: Linda Sattison and Tonya Meyer press for the lead in a go-cart race at Gaylord. MIDDLE RIGHT: Tourists keep their distance as Kali Ponder and Pete Sexton attempt to master a tandem bicycle on Mackinac Island. BOTTOM LEFT: David Brackney provides a strong tenor lead in a song of praise. BOTTOM RIGHT: Small, but powerful cannons in Fort Mackinac fascinate Rob Wright.

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At a Glance

Bibles to Brazil received a donation as the result of a drive sponsored by the MCC Student Body Association. The gift will purchase 193 bibles. In addition, the SBA sponsored a Working Wonders Sale to purchase a travel trailer to be used by Autumn and Company.

Student and employee volunteers met in the Muirhead Library before the end of the academic year to begin moving materials into a special room being transformed into a business library. Numerous materials are already on order to be added to the collection in support of the third-year business program being added in the fall.

"Residence hall living increases the chance of student success" notes the National On-Campus Report. About eighty-five percent of the full-time students at MCC usually live on campus.

Women's Club members and their guests considered "The Woman's Role" in their annual Ladies Lectureship on April 25. W Club President Yvonne Fitzgerald of Indianapolis, Indiana emceed the program.

Chemistry students recently toured the nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) facilities at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. The hospital is a world leader in research and use of NMR, which is used to detect and study heart disease, cancer, and nerve disorders.

Female participation in sports is increasing on a nationwide basis according to the May 3 edition of the Detroit News. Women at MCC may now participate in intercollegiate basketball, cross country, softball, track, and volleyball. Men may choose from intercollegiate baseball, basketball, cross country, soccer, and track.

Expressing sentiments often shared by MCC students, one graduate recently wrote, "The two years I have spent here have been two of the best years of my life. I wish I were still a freshman."



Early spring adds to outdoor setting of 27th graduation

Bright sunshine as well as an early array of flowers and foliage complemented the annual graduation ceremony on May 9. The exercises took place in the traditional outdoor setting under the campus pines. John Bob Hall, Vice President of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Washington D.C. addressed the graduates.

Ten percent of the graduates achieved a bachelor's degree in Bible, while 72% received transfer-oriented degrees which meet the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Several of the latter graduates plan to continue at MCC in either Bible or the new third-year business program. The remainder earned occupational degrees designed for immediate employment after MCC, including such majors as Accounting, Child Care, Legal Assistance, and Word Processing.

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