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State grants two-year license to Child Development Center

Following reinspection by the Michigan Department of Social Services, the Child Development Center of Michigan Christian College recently received a two-year license for continuation of their day-care services. The center opened last December with the normal six-month provisional license that the state issues to new centers.

Students enrolled in both the child care and early childhood programs have benefited from class observation and internships in the center since it opened. Marian Dannis, a state licensing consultant, commended the center for exceptional interaction between student workers and the children. She was impressed by the loving attitude demonstrated by the college students in their work with the children.

In July, Lesta Grear will join the professional staff of the Child Development Center. Lesta has directed the preschool program of Luckett Christian Academy in Royal Oak for the past six years. She will serve along with Debi Hoggatt, director of the MCC center.

During the summer months, the Child Development Center plans to concentrate on improvements in the playground area. Workers are scheduled to add gravel to selected areas of the playground and to install a swing set and a playhouse.



Counseling degree awarded by college to first recipients

Marking another milestone in the addition of four-year programs, Michigan Christian College awarded its first Bachelor of Religious Education degrees with majors in counseling at the thirty-first annual graduation exercises. Two students, Angela Hazel of Pontiac, Michigan, and Debi Shauver of Fort Wayne, Indiana, received the first degrees with the new major at the spring ceremony.

The college added the counseling major in the fall of 1989 for students with an interest in personal, marriage and family, or child counseling. The major features a core of thirty-nine credit hours in psychology and sociology, including an internship. The major is also designed to provide a foundation for those students who plan to continue their training in counseling at the graduate level.

While 13% of the graduates received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree with either a counseling or Christian ministry major, most received one of three associate degrees offered by Michigan Christian College. A majority of 60% received the Associate in Arts degree, 17% the Associate in Science, and 10% the Associate in Applied Science.



Opening their annual tour with an overnight visit to the campus of Michigan Christian College, the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus recently performed in chapel. Joe Bentley, assistant professor of music at MCC, directed the group for the past two years.

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At a Glance

Student Body Association President Deborah Crews presented a gift of \$2,000 to the college prior to the end of the academic year. The funds have been used to purchase bleachers for the athletic field.

Honoring recipients for their contributions to community service, the American Medical Association recently presented awards to fifty resident physicians from throughout the United States. Dr. Carl Griffin, a graduate of Michigan Christian College, received one of the prestigious awards for his volunteer work in a United Way support clinic and for his involvement in educating elementary school children about the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

Art students displayed their work during a two-day exhibit on campus. The show featured drawings and illustrations prepared in a variety of media.

Sigma Phi and Delta Nu social clubs recently raised funds from an auction to assist a Hillsdale family with medical expenses. The family has three children who suffer from multiple sclerosis.

Traveling to the East Coast for their final tour of the academic year, the MCC A Cappella Chorus performed on fourteen occasions from May 4-15. Appearances in six states and Canada gave the group an opportunity to visit attractions in such places as Niagara Falls, Boston, and Philadelphia.

Providing a new dimension to the counseling program, Jack Duty, a local minister with exceptional experience in working with older adults, began teaching a new course entitled *Aging and Society* during the spring semester.

Friendships formed at Michigan Christian College last a lifetime. Good memories drew former students who sang in the chorus from 1964-1968 to Tennessee for a recent reunion with their former director. Alumni traveled from Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario, Tennessee, and Texas to participate in the event.

Library collection of children's books supports new course

Coinciding with the introduction of a new course in children's literature, the Muirhead Library recently received a large number of children's books for addition to their collection. The gift allowed the library to begin a core selection of children's literature for those students enrolled in early childhood and elementary education programs.

Each year, publishers of children's books send samples of new releases to Oakland University for display in an examination center operated by the School of Education. At the end of each year, Oakland keeps a portion of the books and disperses the remainder. Through the influence of Dr. Fawn Knight, associate professor of English at MCC, Oakland decided to donate approximately 400 books to MCC this year. Dr. Knight maintains contact with Oakland by teaching graduate-level courses for them.

In addition to having access to the new collection of books, students enrolled in *Literature for Children* participated in a number of field trips. They visited such places as the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham and Oakland University to hear lectures by authors and illustrators of children's books.



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