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December 6, 1995 - Doctors Miller and Triplett on NCA • Faculty and Staff Out and About • Activities for December

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE - NCA: AN OPPORTUNITY

The theme of Missouri Baptist College, *Spirit of Excellence*, exemplifies the intent and the heart of our collective efforts in Christian higher education. As the President has stated there is no room for "mediocrity" in private, Christian colleges. No one truly enjoys being scrutinized or evaluated by others, just ask students during final exams, faculty during student evaluation days, and staff during annual reviews.

There are several ways to view an upcoming North Central Comprehensive Evaluation. One possibility is to see the enormous amount of effort and work by everyone already burdened with day-to-day functional assignments. This view is not necessarily without foundation. The work is time consuming and complex. A second point-of-view would consider the actual role of the NCA and its benefit to educational institutions. The NCA Statement of Mission indicates its responsibilities: "1) to establish the requirements and criteria for accreditation; 2) to strengthen educational quality...; 3) to advocate...effective peer review; and 4) to provide...accurate information." (*NCA Handbook, 1994-96, p.4*). An organized association of colleges in the Midwest began in 1895 (*NCA Handbook, 1994-96, p.*

2). Today the colleges and universities of 19 states offering accredited degrees in the Midwest are members of NCA. All of these institutions experience NCA consultant evaluatory processes.

Missouri Baptist College had what could be described as a positive focus visit in December 1994. The NCA team reviewed extension programs, faculty longevity and quality, adequacy of and planning for financial stability, and academic program quality. The team's recommendations commended us for our Excel program; judged the extension programs in keeping with our Mission Statement; faculty service increasing with real progress noted; and improvement in the financial stability of the college (*1994 Team Report, p. 27*). In addition a recommendation for approval of our PLUS-TWO Program at Jefferson College was given. The report also mentioned several concerns MBC should address: 1) number of overload courses; 2) library holding improvement; 3) Troy-Wentzville teaching space and library access; 4) faculty governance; and 5) coordinated planning.

Missouri Baptist can use the time and effort expended for the upcoming comprehensive

constructively. Change is an inevitable part of self-reflection and evaluation. Change can be frightening for some, but it can also be a time of challenge and opportunity. It would appear we now have the chance to make a difference. However, we do have a moment in the history of our College to strive for excellence.

A Self Study Steering Committee, appointed by Dr. Lacey, is actively responsible for "pulling together" the data and information as to what you are doing and what you would like to see happen. Please support them in this effort. Evaluate your responsibilities with utmost honesty and integrity and in a timely manner. Report those findings to your supervisor.

Missouri Baptist College can view this scheduled comprehensive visit as a change-agent opportunity to position us as an institution with quality and integrity.

Robert Miller
Clark Triplett
NCA Steering Committee

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APRIL 14-16, 1997 - North Central Review Team Visit to our campus.

**FACULTY AND STAFF
 OUT AND ABOUT**

Mr. John Hackworth was elected President of the Missouri Baptist Development Council sponsored by the Missouri Baptist Foundation. This organization serves as a forum on matters related to philanthropy for Baptist institutions affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention.

MBC was asked to give an Education Report at several meetings of the Associations of the Missouri Baptist Convention throughout the state this Fall. David Wilch represented MBC at six of these meetings, George Hutchings at two and Ray Walden spoke at one.

It's good to see Irene Baker back in the Library after several weeks leave of absence. We extend our sympathy to her in the death of her father.

Mr. Hackworth recently received his M.S. from the College of Financial Planning in Denver Colorado.

Nitsa Hindleh recently attended a two day seminar on Internet, given by the Missouri Library Network Corporation. She also attended a meeting at St. Louis County Library in Creve Coeur to meet the new State Librarian, Sara Parker.

David Wilch was the Walking Troubadour for the Mission Gate Annual Banquet. This event was attended by Congressman Talent, McCarty of KSIV, Cass Bank's Larry Collett and about 500 other guests. He was also the Worship Leader for the International Students Inc. Banquet with over 300 present.

Ken Revenaugh attended the Central Association of College and University Business Offices meeting featuring a series of seminars related to continuing professional education.

Ladd Faszold is performing with the Symphony the next two weekends. He is also directing a musical cantata in his church.

Mark Kimzey attend the Sexual Harassment Assault & Rape Prevention seminar, and the International Administrators College Law Enforcement Association, and the Metro College Investigators Association meetings.

Dr. Rick Maclin will receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Governor's Conference at St. Louis Community College-Forest Park on December 7th. President Lacey will accompany Dr. Maclin to this award presentation.

**ACTIVITIES FOR
 DECEMBER**

- 8 7:30 p.m. Choral Concert and President's Reception
- 11 6:30 Women's Basketball College of the Ozarks Home
- 12 Fall Semester Day Classes End
- 13 MIDNIGHT - Finals Feast
- 13-19 Final Exams Day Classes
- 14-21 Fall II Evening Classes End
- 16 5:00 p.m. Women's Basketball - Central Methodist - Home
- 20 12:00 Noon Fall Semester Grades DUE
- 20 Winterim Classes Begin
- 21 Fall II Evening Grades DUE
- 23-Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Merry Christmas and have a blessed Holiday Season!