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Budget Meetings

It's Saturday morning and I am enjoying a cup of coffee here in my family room. In actuality, I'm trying to digest the past week. It was that dreaded budget stuff. There have been few MBC employees who have escaped the projection assignments and deadlines necessary in this process which greatly affects all of our lives next year. It is at once apparent we won't have the resources to do everything we had hoped to accomplish. Maybe that's the way it should be. I had an insightful brother-in-law several years ago make the comment, "my business is going so well it takes special effort to trust the Lord and realize I am still dependent upon His provisions." I think he had it right. It is easy to forget the source of all good and perfect gifts when life appears effortless.

Well, this past week at MBC has not been effortless. I watched a quality group of administrators led by the President struggle and actually agonize in wanting to see things accomplished next year which will certainly exceed our anticipated income. Many of you are aware that

several individuals worked practically round the clock to make the budget process move forward.

Everyone expected me to say a proud word for academics. I thought I was rather convincing. The trouble began when I listened to the other administrators who also made strong cases. Certainly everyone knows we need more professors to meet the increased enrollment. There are some academic areas which need "shoring-up." Who would argue against additional English instructors? How about help for Ray Walden in computers? The list goes on. The President listened patiently (well, he appeared that way) as each area head shared the respective needs associated with their particular department of college life. John Hackworth discussed the need for personnel, hardware, software and some other kind of ware I didn't understand. Gloria Vertrees was riding high on past successes and none of us wanted to change or "monkey around" with what she was providing for all of us. After all, any academician would prefer performing before a full house. Ask Ed Fliss, Bob Miller and certainly that stellar man of the cloth, Dale

Allen. Next, I had to sit through the litany of our one and only (thank heaven) business manager, Mr. Kenneth *Revenue*. I must say he also made a lot of sense. Besides, who is going to argue against anyone who controls that great fortress, the snow removal team. I certainly have no intent to "muzzle this team who treads the grain." Finally, the Dean of Students took a deep breath and commenced to pontificate. She also made sense. We need to do more to provide student service for the young people who are choosing a Christian Education at One College Park Drive. Yes, I agree the students are our customers. Without them, none of the rest of us would be needed.

As I finish my cup of coffee and greet my granddaughter who lives next door, I just realized why I haven't given serious thought of becoming a college president. Dr. Lacey, you are in our thoughts, prayers, and yes the administration will graciously accept a track of the "Four Spiritual Laws" whenever you think they need one.

Arlen R. Dykstra
Executive Vice President and
Academic Dean

Don't forget the January Birthday Party next Monday, January 29th at 3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

If you were not on the list please get your name to Joan Gaines right away, so you can be included.

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.

- Walter Elliott

The Updated Calendar for the Spring Semester was put in boxes last week. If you did not receive one, you may pick one up in the President's Office.

Don't worry about opposition. Remember, a kite rises against the wind, not with the wind.

-H. W. Mabie

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Staley Lecture Series

January 23-25, MBC will host Roger Nelson, in the Staley Lecture Series. He will be in chapel services on Tuesday, and Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.

He will be presenting his one man show on John Wesley, "The Man From Aldersgate" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, January 23rd. Join us for an exciting performance sharing the life story of this great man of faith.

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After a couple of days with the computers being down and not working correctly, I think Pearl Bailey might have been right when she said, "What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork."

All of us could take a lesson from the weather, it pays no attention to criticism.

North DeKalb Kiwanis Club Beacon

Christian High School Day

Wednesday, January 31, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., the Admissions Department will be hosting students from the area Christian High Schools.

There will be about seventy-five students on campus that day. They will be welcomed by the President, have a speaker, served lunch and take campus tours.

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I know several of you have been "Out and About" in the last few weeks, please get me a short summary of what you have been doing to be included in future issues of the Circle.

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The mind is like a TV set - when it goes blank, it's a good idea to turn off the sound.