

## Embarking

# William Tyndale College sets sights on building expansion and fund-raising campaign

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Farmington Hills-based William Tyndale College wants to quadruple enrollment. But before the school unrolls the welcome mat, some more building space is needed.

Right now, 650 students attend the nonsectarian Christian liberal arts school. William Tyndale College officials predict the student rolls will eventually swell to 2,500 in 10 years.

Applications for fall semester are already up 44 percent compared to last year, school officials say.

Such projections encourage college officials as they embark on an aggressive building expansion and a \$20.8 million fund-raising campaign. School officials expect to break ground on a library and high-tech science building dubbed a "MindLab" next spring at the 12 Mile and Drake campus.

"We are looking at our future," said Ann Corwell, assistant to the president for communications and operations. "We're looking to grow the number of

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Aside from quantity, William Tyndale College is seeking quality too.

Currently, the private college has an "open door" policy for incoming students.

"We've made great accommodation for people who are looking for a Christ-centered education," Corwell said.

In the future, more stringent standards may require students to have

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strong ACT or SAT scores and higher grade-point averages.

Tyndale has brought in a former Ford Motor Co. executive to oversee its new Presidential Scholarship Program, which is expected to lure above-average students.

College officials also expect to increase academic offerings, especially in hot job market areas such as technology and sciences.

The school hired a new director of technology planning, Gary Oster, who has experience developing information systems in corporate and educational areas.

Oster will help develop both areas at Tyndale College where he teaches and direct activities at the school's library.

Tyndale College plans on retrofitting its accelerated degree program, which has become popular educational trend and

is designed for students who work.

However, 18 to 19 other institutions have similar fast-track programs in the Detroit area, Corwell said. Instead of trying to compete, Tyndale College will likely focus on a smaller number of students.

"We're looking to slightly compress that program," Corwell said.

To aid fund raising, Tyndale College hired David Lepper as senior vice-president for development. Lepper will direct the Millennium Capital Campaign.

Lepper worked for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, which completed a campaign to raise \$100 million. He spent 18 years helping raise money for the United Way.

The effort to raise \$20.8 million is the first part of a four-phase plan, which college officials hope to see bring in \$85-\$100 million.

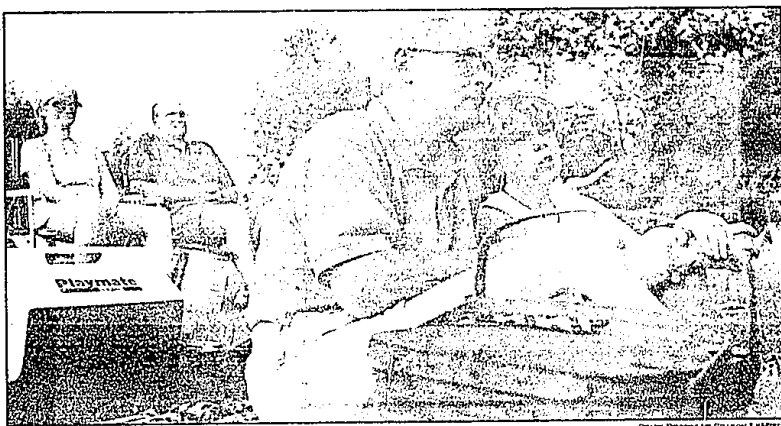
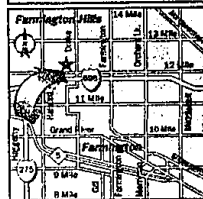
Future building plans include a fitness center, cafeteria and more dorms.

To secure the first \$20.8 million, though, the college needs to introduce itself to a wider audience.

"Not a lot of people know about William Tyndale College," Lepper said. "Part of that is letting them know they have this premier Christian college in their back yard."

### Tyndale College expansion

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Enjoy: Tom and Marianne Carolan of Farmington Hills picnic on an ahill in Heritage Park while listening to the Farmington Community Band's summer concert.

## A conductor makes his debut

### FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

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It must be in the genes. That was proven July 22 when the Farmington Community Band performed a Heritage Park summer concert with Randy — not Paul — Barber at the helm, making his debut as the conductor.

"I was covering for my dad this summer," said Randy, a Central Michigan University student, referring to his father who is the community band's conductor.

"I had a good time. But it was a bit nerve wracking at times," Randy said.

Nonetheless he carried it off with aplomb, guiding the band through a host of current and classical pieces. They included compositions from John Williams such as scores from Raiders of the Lost Ark, Superman and E.T. Guests who brought lawn chairs, blankets and picnics for the outdoor concert were also treated to Second Step in S by Gustav Holst, Gnavorina Fanfare, the Emperata Overture and Instant Concert, a rapid succession of 30-40 recognizable pieces. The concert concluded with Stars and Stripes Forever.

Randy Barber is currently a student teacher in the West Bloomfield Schools and is majoring in music education with a second degree in high school band.

It must be in his genes. His dad, Paul, is the Farmington Public Schools music coordinator, and his mom, Fern, long



Steppin' out: Mackenzie Wallace, 2 1/2 of White Lake plays duck, duck, goose to the marches. Her grandparents are John and Marge Lynch of Farmington Hills.

involved with the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

The community band recently performed at Betsford Commons, as well as in downtown Northville.



Debut: Randy Barber takes over for his dad, Paul Barber, as conductor of the Farmington Community Band during a summer concert in Heritage Park.

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