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OUR FOUNDER

M. E. Davenport brought to the Grand Rapids Business College a sound background of education, experience, and concepts. He had been a rural school teacher, had graduated from and taught at Ferris Institute, and had taught in the commercial department at Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois. In addition to his educational experience he had worked in the administrative offices of a steel mill in Chicago, Illinois. Although business offered him a promising career, the strong urge to be involved with young people in their efforts to make a career for themselves in business compelled him to look to education for his own life's work.

What sounded like a good opportunity as a teacher with the Grand Rapids Business College turned out to be a disappointment. Upon his arrival in Grand Rapids he found, instead of a going enterprise, an institution that was rapidly approaching disaster. To greet him were a handful of disgruntled students, a demoralized faculty, weak leadership, and debt-ridden institution not even remotely resembling the stature it had once enjoyed. Shortly after M. E. Davenport's arrival on the staff, the pressures that had built up were too great for the manager to tolerate. One morning he just didn't show up and disappeared from the scene.

It wouldn't be difficult to understand M. E. Davenport's temptation to desert the sinking ship. He was new with the institution. He had had no part in the decline to its unfortunate status. He was a young man and could look to several other opportunities that offered more potential and far fewer problems. What caused him to stay? The answer can be found in what we know was characteristic of him throughout the rest of his life. He simply could not turn his back on a student in search of assistance. Few if any teachers can point to as many hours spent in individual attention, help, and counseling with students in academic, financial, or personal difficulty—students needing inspiration—students in doubt—than could M. E. Davenport. He was a great teacher with a strong interest in the individual student. It is true that he was an unusually capable and creative administrator as the record of growth of his institution under his leadership reveals; but first and foremost was his devotion to the activities of the classroom, as evidenced by the teaching schedule he carried for 40 of the nearly fifty years he was president of this College.
1866 C. G. Swensberg founds the Grand Rapids Business College.

1888 A. S. Parrish becomes head of the Grand Rapids Business College.

1910 M. E. Davenport becomes head of the Grand Rapids Business College.

1924 M. E. Davenport merges the McLachlan Business University with the Grand Rapids Business College to form the Davenport McLachlan Institute.

1949 College moves to present location at 12 S. Division Avenue.

1951 College becomes known as Davenport Institute.

1958 College purchases Mabel Engle and Lillian Myners halls as first acquisitions for Fulton Street Campus.

1959 Upon the death of M. E. Davenport, Robert W. Sneden becomes President of the College.

1961 College is accredited as a junior college of business.

1964 First Board of Trustees is named

1965 College becomes known as Davenport College of Business

1966 College announces plans for new classroom building on Fulton Street Campus
"What is past is prologue."

As a tree thrusts its roots deep into the soil to nourish the branches which reach ever nearer to the sky, so a college looks to its traditions to shape the goals which are ever changing upwards through the years.

But it's still the same tree, and it's still the same college. Each is a subtle blending of its past, its present, and its future. What the college is today is an outgrowth of its past; and what it is to be, it is now becoming. The innovations of today are the traditions of tomorrow.

The Centennial Yearbook, then, is a composite of a glimpse into the past, a proud look at the present, and a confident look into the future.
The Livingston Hotel, site of present Davenport Building

The Grand Rapids Press Building
Board of Trustees

The forward look in education places more and more emphasis upon specialized vocational education. The President of our College, —Robert W. Sneden, is a national leader in the development of specialized business education; and Davenport College under his leadership has attained the status of one of the leading colleges of business education in the nation.

As recent past-president of the United Business Schools Association Mr. Sneden’s influence has been felt and his voice has been heard throughout the nation. We are proud to have this man as President of our College.

Mr. Sneden is truly an unusual person. His warm welcome and sound advice to freshmen, his congenial personality, his dedication to the destiny of the College and his leadership in the administration of the College are appreciated by the faculty and the entire student body.
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Secretary to Vice President and Treasurer

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Secretary to Dean of Women

BETTY Saur
Secretary to President
Comfort & Understanding . . .

MARY BAKER, Housemother
Warren Hall

Grayce Rohm, Housemother
Mable Engle Hall, Lillian Myners Hall

BLANCHE HANDS, Housemother
Margaret Hall, Honors House, Reamon House

Come From Our Housemothers

Guidance & Supervision . . .
HUGH SANDERS
Superintendent of Building
and Grounds

Maintenance Men

NORWOOD GOLSON
Maintenance Man

JOE BAKER
Maintenance Man
Mr. Anderson tries for a strike in Faculty Bowling League!

Mr. Hamlin admires certificate from Interstate Commerce Commission.

Mr. Schmiedicke & Mr. Wessell share a laugh!

Mr. Kinsman finds tennis team all present & accounted for!
Post Office building erected in 1879

Present Grand Rapids Post Office
BARBARA BAIRD  
med. secretary  
Clifton, New Jersey

DANIEL BLUNT  
gen. business  
Belding

JEAN CASWELL  
exec. secretary  
Alma

DONALD COOK  
traffic  
Holland

GERALD BOOMSTRA  
gen. business  
Grand Rapids

ANTOINETTE BROWN  
med. secretary  
Ionia

DIANE KELDER  
med. secretary  
Wyoming

JANET KRANZ  
exec. secretary  
Morley

CHARLENE KRUPP  
med. secretary  
Sparta

A view to the NEW!
Now let's run through that again.

DONNA CRUMP
rept.-typist
Cedar Springs

PAUL DECKER
traffic
Plymouth

CHARLENE DYKE
rept.-typist
Allendale

DONALD DYKEMA
accounting
Holland

BEATRICE DYKHOUSE
rept.-typist
Cascadie

GINNY ECKELSTAIFER
rept.-typist
Belmont

LARRY EDWARDS
retailing
Grand Rapids
KAREN ERB
med. secretary
Wyoming

JACK FAIRBANKS
gen. business
Holland

CONSTANCE FAULKNER
recept.-typist
Ionia

CHARLENE FLEMING
exec. secretary
Grand Rapids

SANDRA FOX
stenographic
Ludington

PAMELA FRANK
exec. secretary
Branch

PATRICIA GRASIEWICZ
stenographic
Grand Rapids

JANET GREEN
recept.-typist
Carson City

JUDITH GREEN
jr. accounting
Holland

ROBERT GROENEWOUD
gen. business
Holland

MARCELLA GRONEWOLD
recept.-typist
Freeport

SHARON GROSE
exec. secretary
Comstock Park

BRENDA GUNIA
recept.-typist
Wellston

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exec. secretary
Grand Rapids

JAMES HAGE
accounting
Grand Rapids

KATHRYN HAIGHT
recept.-typist
Holland

CHERYL HARKE
gen. business
Mt. Pleasant
HALDANE HARVEY
gen. business
Wyoming

HELENE HEMMINGSEN
recpt.-typist
Sheridan

CARL HERP
ex. accounting
Dorr

GEORGE HILD
traffic
Grand Rapids

CATHERINE HIMERBAUGH
recpt.-typist
Charlevoix

RUSSELL HIRDES
traffic
Hudsonville

KENNETH HOLLAR
retailing
Hartford

JULIE HOOPLE
recpt.-typist
Grandville

JILLENE HOSTETLER
recpt.-typist
Ali

MARY HUBERS
recpt.-typist
Poe, Minn.

CRAIG HULLIBERGER
traffic
Grand Rapids

BETTY JAMISON
jr. accounting
Grand Rapids

JOHN JIPPING, JR.
traffic
Wyoming

JEAN JOHNSON
med. secretary
Greenville

That's Jughead (on the right)
PANELA JOHNSON
recpt.-typist
Dowagiac

CHARLOTTE JOHNSTON
stenographic
Grand Rapids

BARBARA KARCH
recpt.-typist
St. Joseph

MARILYN KOHN
recpt.-typist
Morley

WAYNE KOMEJAN
gen. business
Zeeland

CAROLYN KONKLE
stenographic
Grand Rapids

NORMA KOOPS
recpt.-typist
Hamilton

ESTHER KNOLL
recpt.-typist
Holland

CAROLYN KUIPERS
recpt.-typist
McBain

RUTH KYLE
exec. secretary
Fremont

JAMES LAMBERTS
recpt.-typist
Grandville

GERALD LAMPMAN
retailing
Fremont

JAMES LAGO
marketing
Grand Rapids

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recpt.-typist
McBain

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retailing
Fremont

Pre-registration time already?
Where's the Fairway?

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med. secretary
Ludington

ALAN
MOSCHIONI
gen. business
Stevensville

MICHAEL
MUNSON
gen. business
Greenville

CONNIE
NEUMANN
stenographic
Rockford

THOMAS
OLMSTED
accounting
Ada

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ORLOWSKI
med. secretary
Grand Rapids

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gen. business
Newaygo

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Freestoll

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Morley

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Brooklyn

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Allegan

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Grand Rapids

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gen. business
W'yoming
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recpt.-typist  
Sparta

LINDA SOWERS  
stenographic  
Sturgis

MARILYN STAHL  
recpt.-typist  
Grand Rapids

LINDA STEGEHUIS  
recpt.-typist  
Grand Rapids

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White Hall

JAMES SWARTZ  
marketing  
Greenville

ALICE SWIETER  
jr. accounting  
Wyoming

GAIL SYMKO  
exec. secretary  
Grand Rapids

JAMES THOMAS  
gen. business  
Grand Rapids

REBECCA TIFT  
exec. secretary  
Reed City

ALMA TODD  
recpt.-typist  
Hopkins

CAROL TROOST  
jr. accounting  
Wyoming

PHILIP TRUMPTHeller  
gen. business  
Grand Rapids
"This is what I think they oughta do"
ETHEL WILLIAMS
recpt.-typist
Grand Rapids

PAMELA WILLIAMS
recpt.-typist
Hart

EDWIN WILLIAMS
marketing
Greenville

RITA WILLIAMS
stenographic
Grand Rapids

RITA WILLIAMS
med. secretary
Gowen

EDNA ZANK
stenographic
Grand Rapids

PHYLLIS ZUIDERVEEN
jr. accounting
Falmouth

JANICE WILSON
stenographic
Grand Rapids

RUTH WINKLE
exec. secretary
Grand Rapids

PAMELA WOOD
exec. secretary
Belding

GLENDA WYNNE
exec. secretary
Grandville
Class of 1966

VALEDICTORIAN . . .
Anne Slendebroek
Grand Rapids
Accounting Major

SALUTATORIAN . . .
Diane Kelder
Wyoming
Medical Secretary

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