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**Kalamazoo College Explores Its Traditions: The Black Student Organization**

The Black Student Organization (BSO) at Kalamazoo College, in conjunction with the "K" First-Year Experience program, is presenting a lecture/discussion on the founding of the BSO at Kalamazoo College and what its mission has been since its creation. The lecture/discussion will be held Thursday, May 22, beginning at 8 p.m. in Dalton Theatre of the Light Fine Arts Building. There is no admission fee and all are welcome to attend.

Participants of the presentation include Kalamazoo College associate dean of students Danny Sledge, "K" alumni Clyde Solomon '71 and Myra Johnson '72, Romeo Phillips, professor emeritus of education, and some of the current members of the BSO.

According to College records, the BSO was founded in May, 1969.

The lecture/discussion was organized as part of a continuing effort by the College to examine its traditions.

"We will be discussing the beginnings of the BSO, what was the impetus for it at the time, and what the campus culture and climate was like to start an organization like that," said Sledge.

Solomon, who was one of the first members and founders of the organization, will discuss what it was like to be involved in the establishment of the BSO, while Thompson will discuss what needs were met through her own participation in the organization.

Sledge added that Phillips will focus on his own impression of the organization and how it affected the culture and the climate on campus from a faculty perspective, while the students will look at the current situation of the BSO, how the mission has changed, and how the BSO has helped shape the present culture and climate at Kalamazoo College.

For additional information on the presentation, call (616) 337-7213.

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