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**SHANE TO BE INDUCTED
INTO KALAMAZOO COLLEGE
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

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The late Marion "Buck" Shane '40 is one of fourteen individuals in the inaugural class of the Kalamazoo College Athletic Hall of Fame. Shane, the top tennis player in the MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) during the late 1930s, will be honored in a special ceremony at the Homecoming dinner on October 18, which begins at 7 p.m.

Buck Shane was born in Colon, Michigan, and grew up in Centerville, South Haven, and Kalamazoo. He was a 1936 graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School.

At Kalamazoo College, Shane was the first in a long line of great tennis players. He was the MIAA champion in both singles and doubles in 1938, 1939, and 1940, losing only two matches during that entire time. Shane led Kalamazoo College to the MIAA title in men's tennis in each of his four years, and helped to firmly establish it as a tennis power. His coach during his four years at Kalamazoo College was fellow Hall of Fame member Dr. Allen B. Stowe '20. Shane also won the championship of the state of Michigan in singles (1939, 1940, 1941, 1942) and doubles (1940, 1941, 1942).

During military service in World War II, Shane continued playing tennis. He won the Third Army singles championship in Nuremberg, Germany, and went on to compete at Wimbledon, England.

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After military service, Shane taught English for a year at Kalamazoo College, and assisted coaching the men's tennis team from 1947-1949. Among the players he helped coach was fellow Hall of Fame member Vic Braden '51.

In 1949, he left Kalamazoo and became the first person to receive a fellowship in the new inter-disciplinary program in humanities at Syracuse University. Shane became the first person to earn a PhD in the program in 1952.

From 1952 to 1962, Dr. Shane served first as an instructor, then as a full professor, at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. From 1962 until 1966 he taught at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. In 1966, he was invited to help start a new university, and he became Dean of Faculty and vice-president of Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota.

In 1972, Dr. Shane left Southwest Minnesota to become president of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania. He remained at Mercyhurst for eight years. In 1980, he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, and took up the position of Executive Director of the Minnesota Private College Council, an organization consisting of 17 member institutions. Dr. Shane passed away in February of 1983.

Throughout his life, Buck Shane retained an active interest in tennis, both as a player and as a spectator. He continued to compete in and win numerous tournaments. As late as 1982, he was ranked #2 as a player in the men's over-60 age category in the northwest territory. Mercyhurst College became a tennis power during his term as president, winning the NAIA national tennis championship in 1976, and defeating Kalamazoo College in a match that same season.

Buck Shane will be represented at the induction ceremonies by his wife, Dorothy Shane, of South Haven, Michigan.

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