ROWLEY TO BE INDUCTED INTO KALAMAZOO COLLEGE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The late David Rowley '74 is one of fourteen individuals in the inaugural class of the Kalamazoo College Athletic Hall of Fame. Rowley, one of the top football and baseball players of the modern era at Kalamazoo, will be honored in a special ceremony at the Homecoming dinner on October 18, which begins at 7 p.m.

A native of Imlay City, Michigan, Rowley competed in both football and basketball in high school. At Kalamazoo College, Rowley was a three-year starter at defensive tackle on the Hornet football team. He missed only his senior year, when he suffered a shoulder separation shortly before the season began. As a junior, he was an All-MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) selection at defensive tackle. He also served as a kicker for the Hornets.

Rowley also excelled in baseball. As a freshman, he threw a no-hitter against Adrian College, retiring twenty batters in a row, and driving in three runs. In the second game of that same doubleheader, he drove in three runs, and pitched three innings of relief. He established an MIAA record that season for number of innings pitched, with 50. Rowley won the department of physical education prize for the outstanding freshman athlete that year.
After college, Rowley played for several seasons with the Kalamazoo All-Stars, a semi-pro football team. In 1978, the team ranked 11th in the nation among semi-pro teams. Rowley was the team's second-leading tackler that season, averaging 8.5 tackles per game.

In 1979, Rowley returned to Kalamazoo College to coach the baseball team. He was head baseball coach and an assistant football coach for six seasons. In 1984, Dave Rowley died in a tragic boating accident.

A plaque honoring Mr. Rowley as a charter member of the Athletic Hall of Fame will be mounted in the lobby of Kalamazoo College's Anderson Athletic Center. Rowley will be represented at the ceremony by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Rowley of Imlay City.

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