Remarks
Dow Dedication
10/31/92

Thank you, Bob [Robert Tower of Tower Pinkster Titus Associates, Inc. who presented the key to the building]. I certainly wish to express appreciation to Tower Pinkster Titus, Associates, to the Miller Davis Company, and to all the fine people who have labored on the exciting project.

On behalf of Mr. Donald Parfet, our Chair of the Board of Trustees, the remaining members of the Board, and the students, faculty and staff of Kalamazoo College, I am pleased and proud to accept this symbol of the completion of a dream. I hereby dedicate the Dow Science Center, and render this facility officially and integral part of the Kalamazoo College campus.

My first, extended visual impression of the campus of Kalamazoo College was from a viewpoint at the extreme east end of the quadrangle, near Hoben Hall. I read a historical marker placed there, and that marker noted the outstanding reputation of Kalamazoo College in science education.

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There is no question that the addition of the Dow Science Center will serve to enable Kalamazoo College to perpetuate that excellence and deserved reputation in outstanding science instruction.

A facility, of course, cannot substitute for excellence in teaching and individual support for the students who study within its lecture halls and laboratories. That’s why it is such a privilege today to announce a $250,000 gift to the College’s endowment to establish the H.P. and Genivieve Connable Scholarship in Science. Geno... thank you very, very much.

In any project of this magnitude, there are any individuals who deserve our most sincere appreciation. I would be remiss if I failed to note the financial assistance from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation. The Dow Foundation, after which this facility is named, gave $4 million toward the completion of this project.

All of the major donors to the Dow [Page 3] Science Center are noted in the brochure, copies of which will be made available to you in a few moments as you begin your tour of the building. A plaque bearing the names of the major benefactors will be displayed prominently in the main entrance area of the Center.

I also want to express my thanks to all of you for joining with the immediate campus family to celebrate the public dedication of this new addition to our campus and program.

Now... let me share a secret with you. This is not the real, the true dedication of the Dow Science Center. The formal dedication make take place on this, a beautiful, sun-drenched Fall morning in 1992. But the real, true dedication will occur on a myriad of dates and under all variety of weather conditions. The real, true dedication will take place in the lives of the researchers, the physicians and the teachers who learn within these walls. Indeed [Page 4] the real dedication will take shape in the lives of all who will extend their liberal education through exposure to the sciences of biology and chemistry here. The true dedication of the Dow Science Center will take place in each and every moment that holds within it the thrill of discovery and the confidence gained through understanding. In those moments will the dedication of this
facility become real, true and lasting.

Thank you.