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Festival Playhouse Sets Block-buster 1989 Season

This year's Festival Playhouse season promises to be one of the best in recent years, offering something for everyone. Shakespeare's great tragedy *Othello* opens the season, followed by *An Evening with Noel Coward*. For those who like fine comedy, the season concludes with the female version of *The Odd Couple*.

Several special events have also been scheduled in July, to celebrate the 25th season of Festival Playhouse, which was founded in 1964 by Nelda K. Balch.

Othello, starring professional guest artist Von Washington, will be staged July 6-9 and 13-15 in the Nelda K. Balch Playhouse. The story of a noble warrior who is emotionally and mentally poisoned by Iago, one of the most fascinating villains in all of dramatic literature, *Othello* also stars James Daniels as Iago, and Kalamazoo College alumna Mary Ryan as Desdemona.

The second show of the season, *An Evening with Noel Coward* (or *Don't Bump Into Me*, and *Speak*

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Science Building Plans Proceed

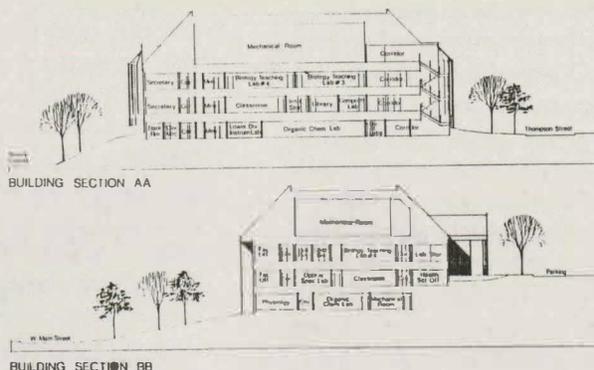
The basic building design for Kalamazoo College's new Dow Science Center was unveiled in May by William Garzelloni, architect with the local firm of Tower, Pinkster, Titus & Associates. The building will be situated at the corner of Thompson and West Main Street, bounded by Stowe Stadium to the east, and West Main Street to the north.

In keeping with College architecture, the building will be faced with red brick and will have a steeply-pitched roof. The facility will contain the biology and chemistry departments, with one and-a-half floors devoted to each; the fourth floor will house the mechanical equipment. Earlier plans that called for the building to also contain the physics department were altered because of cost and

funding considerations. The physics department will remain in Olds-Upton, which will undergo remodeling.

Laurence Wilson, chemistry, has been devoting full-time energies to the project, as head of the faculty building committee. Wilson points out that the smaller building allows much greater flexibility in siting, permitting the building to be farther removed from the traffic on West Main Street and rendering more green

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The Perils of Paula: Part I

To paraphrase the classic opener from the old radio soap *Our Gal Sunday*, "Can this girl, from a little colony in the woods, find happiness in the life of a hard-hat contractor?"

Last year, College organist Paula Romanaux was putting the finishing touches on her new home in Colony Woods, and traveling throughout Europe, teaching and presenting concerts. But that was before Paula's husband was transferred to New York—a change that prompted their decision to commute between locations and to sell their large home.

And so they did. Only now,

Romanaux must be out of the home by the end of August. Fortunately, Romanaux found a house that suited her, at the corner of Stuart and West Main. Unfortunately, it requires extensive work. Fortunately, she found a contractor; more unfortunately, he quit.

So, when you don't see Romanaux in Stetson Chapel as chapel organist and teacher, you'll no doubt find her at The Conlin House (as it is known in the historical register). As Kalamazoo College's only woman contractor, she'll be recognizable by her new hard-hat, clutching her newly-purchased 16-ft. retractable tape

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Clearly), is a Readers Theatre production of Noel Coward's writings: his songs, his plays, his poems, his opinions and reflections. Directed by Nelda K. Balch, it will be presented in Dalton Theatre, July 20-23. Included in the cast are Walter Ash, Jr., William Kirk, Naomi Stucki, Don Flesche, Sue Parish, other College alumni, and townspeople.

When Noel Coward died in 1973, he left behind over 50 plays, 25 films, hundreds of songs, a ballet, two autobiographies, a novel, several volumes of short stories and countless poems, sketches, recordings, and paintings. His diaries, chronicling the last 30 years of his life are filled with his comments about a wide range of characters, ranging from Winston Churchill to Marilyn Monroe.

D. Terry Williams will direct the season's finale, *The Odd Couple*. Performed in the Dungeon Theatre, it will be staged July 27-31. The play stars Sharon Williams and Pat Daniels, both of whom are familiar to, and popular with, Festival Playhouse audiences.

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space. The two-science facility will also permit natural lighting on two floors, rather than one. And, because the building can be situated near the top of the hill, it will present a more imposing view from the campus.

To add visual interest, the building will feature a dramatic glass vestibule and columns at each of four recessed corners. The exterior will be enhanced by distinctive plantings and a 15-ft. bronze work by well-known artist Richard Hunt. The top portion of the organic sculpture conveys upward movement, while the lower part contains geometric elements, which are compatible with science and nature.

The entire building project is being overseen by Thomas Ponto, business and finance. Also on the faculty building committee are Thomas J. Smith, chemistry, Paul Sotherland, biology, and David Evans, biology.

With the conclusion of the schematic phase, the College has

now entered the design development phase. During this period, Wilson is developing a detailed, preliminary layout of the interior, which includes making recommendations for all equipment, lighting, doors, windows, and electrical outlets. On gaining faculty approval, the plans will be incorporated into the design by the architect.

The center is expected to cost approximately \$8 million, with an additional \$1 million required for maintenance endowment. Currently, over \$6.3 million has been raised. If fund-raising continues on schedule, ground-breaking is expected in spring 1990. Construction will require approximately 18 months.

"I've been working on this project for two years," Wilson says, "and I'm really excited that it is now taking shape. The center will be more than a science building—this building is going to be a handsome addition to the campus and the community."

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measure.

The new residence will require complete exterior restoration, which includes the rebuilding of the West Main entrance and construction of a carriage house. Inside the home, Romanaux must adapt the ceiling to create a two-story gallery to house her 17-foot pipe organ. "Not to worry," Romanaux comforts, "it will offer no competition to the stereos in the

German and French Houses on Catherine Street."

Franklin Presler, political science, has dubbed the residence "the Kalamazoo College Salon," and students have already started to sign up for practice time. Numerous offices throughout the College are also requesting space for "official functions."

STAY tuned for the continuing saga, "Perils of Paula: Part II.

Thank You

Debbie and Don Mack, admissions and IMS, want to thank all who sent cards and plants in memory of Don's father, who recently passed away.

Fink Leads "Mathletes"

"Find the smallest number greater than 1 whose decimal representation differs from the decimals representation of its reciprocal only in the location of the decimal point." Or, how about this: "Find the integer between 100 and 999 that is equal to the sum of the factorials of its digits."

Those are the kinds of questions that John Fink is using with 15 students, ninth through 12th grade, as they practiced for the competition in the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML). The competition was held on the first weekend in June at Penn State.

Fink, who is public information officer of the Michigan Branch of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) was named director of the group at the February meeting of MAA. MAA also is supporting the travel costs for the group.

Practice for the competition has been held on Saturdays at Kalamazoo College. Team members (who represent the top .5 percent of math students in Michigan) have met to solve problems and discuss ways in which the problems might also have been solved. "There are as many approaches as bright individuals," notes Fink.

Fink, who traveled with the team to the competition, left at 6 a.m. on Friday, June 2. "I was a little frightened of them at first," he says. "But they're fun; they're interesting; they're all around kids."

Magazine Cover Features Wolff Organ

Kalamazoo College's Wolff organ will be featured on the front cover of the July issue of *The American Organist*. The publication, distributed worldwide, is the official journal of the American Guild of Organists.

Articles include those by builder Hellmuth Wolff, acoustician Lawrence Kirkegaard, President David Breneman, and College organist Paula Pugh Romanoux.

Although not available at newsstands, the magazine can be found in most college and university libraries. Additional copies of the article will be available through the office of communications.

"This will be wonderful exposure for us," says Romanoux. "In addition to its reconfirming the College's commitment to the arts, it will be an inducement for the students who are considering studying here."

Barnett Represents Kalamazoo College in Olsten S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g B-e-e

Dani Barnett, development, competed with over 75 representatives of firms and businesses throughout the state, as she represented Kalamazoo College in the Olsten Corporate Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee. The event was held May 20 in Cobo Hall, Detroit.

Dani sailed through the preliminary written exam, correctly spelling such words as "bacchanalian," "rapprochement," "chihuahua," and "shitzhu." This qualified her for the oral finals.

Although the word "streptomycin" tripped her up in the third round, Dani says, "It was a lot of fun, despite the fact that I stopped breathing on stage."

She's already thinking about next year and adds, "Medical words will be a top priority."

Nurrie's Ticket Is a "Zinger"

On May 27, Ann Nurrie, communications, bought a Michigan Lottery "Zinger." On May 28, Ann learned that her ticket contained three of the six winning numbers. But, being new to the game, Ann thought you needed all six to win, and so she threw the ticket into her "Herbie Curbie" trash container.

On the afternoon of May 30, Ann told co-worker Marilyn Kay about her ticket, only to learn that even one number carries a prize.

So, on the evening of May 30, one could find Ann scrambling through Herbie's interior, in search of the winning ticket. (Fortunately, the Memorial Day holiday had delayed Herbie's regularly-scheduled pick-up.)

Her efforts were rewarded, because she found the \$1 Zinger—the first she's ever purchased—and it was worth \$100. What will she do with it? "Pay bills," Nurrie says, "being the sensible person that I am."



Linda Topolsky completes last season as women's tennis coach at Kalamazoo College.

Kalamazoo's Team Commended for Lewis & Clark Run

Governor Blanchard sent his special congratulations to the "Seahorse Crawl to the Sea Racing Team," which finished in 9th place out of 19 in the Open Coed Division of the Washington State Centennial Lewis & Clark Trail Run. Or, as team member Kathy Hutchins, business, puts it, "Nine minutes out of eighth place." The first eight teams, who came from throughout the world, received ribbons and special recognition.

The team captain for the Kalamazoo team was David Crockett (a descendent of the original Davey Crockett), a part-owner of the yogurt chain TCBY. Also on the ten-member team were Hutchins and her husband, Terry, Susan Button, admissions, and her husband, Bill Blake.

In a letter to the team, Gov. Blanchard wrote, "After eight days and 500 miles from Clarkston to Cape Disappointment on the Columbia River, you have successfully celebrated your nation's history with your energy and enthusiasm. . . No longer the Seahorse Crawl to the Sea Racing Team, you have become heroes for those whose lives you touched during this time."

**Don't forget
Festival
Playhouse
productions
in July**

PEOPLE

On April 5 at Albion College, Nelda K. Balch, theatre emeritus, was initiated into the Michigan Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa as an alumna for "High attainment in liberal scholarship." When Balch was a senior at Albion College, she became a member of the local honor society, which became a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa shortly after her graduation.

Peter Corrigan, Classics, delivered a talk, "Companion Animals in Classical Antiquity," to the Classics Forum on April 19. Corrigan also gave a paper entitled "Who Really Was the Last of the Romans?" at the 1989 Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, Ky., April 27-29. The paper examined the intellectual traditions concerning Brutus and Cassius, two of Julius Caesar's assassins.

John Fink, mathematics, gave opening remarks at April 12 ceremonies honoring top achievers in the American Junior High School mathematics examination. More than 100 students from high schools in southwestern Michigan attended the event, which was held on the Kalamazoo College campus.

Tim Light, provost, gave a talk in April at the Rotary Club on Kalamazoo College and its relationship to the community. The text was subsequently featured in the "Viewpoint" section of the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. Copies are available through the office of communications.

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Walk Your Way to Good Health

With many faculty and staff engaging in a vigorous walking program in preparation for the Corporate Olympics, the following might be welcome news: "Walking increases our tolerance to stress and enables us to enjoy living more," says Dr. Samuel Fox, past president of the American College of Cardiology.

One British study finds that people who walk 20 minutes or more to work every day have a third fewer circulatory problems than those who drive their cars. Their hearts are more efficient. In another test by the University of California, Irvine, researchers asked a group of women to walk three miles a day, as they continued to eat what they wanted. After one year, the average weight loss was 30 pounds.

To start your own walking program, the American Medical Association gives this advice, especially for those who have not walked much before:

- Start slowly. Only walk as long as you are comfortable with the effort. Don't stress yourself at first.
- Make your first goal a 1-mile walk in 20 minutes. Don't tire yourself beyond the point at which a short rest will relieve fatigue.
- Increase the distance as soon as you can comfortably walk a mile in 20 minutes.
- Slowly increase speed and distance until you can comfortably cover three miles in 45 minutes. Gaining this level of strength could take some time, so don't be impatient.

Just keep walking your way to better health!

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Dasha Nisula, Russian, presented a paper, "Structural and Psycho-analytic Analysis of Russian Folklore," at the 42nd annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, Ky., April 27-29. In May, Nisula and her student, senior Marius Grazulis, participated in the Children's One World Festival at the Kalamazoo Public Library and Museum.

Sally Olexia, health, attended the annual meeting of the Central Association of Advisors to the Health Professions in Chicago, April 13-15. Olexia was moderator of a panel of advisors who discussed the medical school applicant pool, the new MCAT, and trends in career choices. She also served as moderator of a panel presented by representatives from pharmacy, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

Earlier in the year, by invitation of the Council of Deans, Olexia gave a presentation to Michigan medical admissions deans and Michigan pre-med advisors at a conference entitled "The Future of Medicine." The conference was held at Michigan State University and focused on counseling medical school applicants.

Romeo Phillips, education, was the subject of an article entitled "U.S. professor questions Liberia's education program," which was carried in the National News section, April 27 issue, of Liberia's *Daily Observer*.

In an address on Liberian education, which he delivered at the 21st annual conference of the Liberian Studies Association, Phillips indicted the government of Liberia for ignoring the inadequate curriculum at the African Bible College in Yekepa, Nimba County, Liberia. Phillips noted that, although the college was granted a charter by the legislature as a four-year, degree-granting institution, his examination of the curriculum revealed that it "does not meet the mandates for entrance into a graduate school."

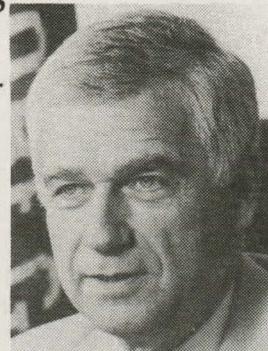
The paper, "A Systematic Analysis of the Spectra of the Lanthanides Doped into Single Crystal LaF₃," which was written by **Katheryn Rajnak**, physics; **W.T. Carnall** and **G. L. Goodman**, Argonne National Laboratory; and **R.S. Rana**, College of the Holy Cross; appeared in the April 1 issue of the *Journal of Chemical Physics*.

On March 31, **Rodney Rodriguez**, Romance languages, delivered a paper at the Northeast Modern Language Association meeting in Wilmington, Del. Rodriguez spoke on the effects of censorship on moral discourse in 18th century Spain. On April 14, Rodriguez spoke at the College of Wooster at a conference on the Spanish generation of 1898. His topic examined the structure of Antonio Machado's *Soledades* and the poet's movement away from symbolist verse and toward "pure" poetics.

The newest Lawrence Rackley work by **Larry Smith**, music, "*Ave et Vale*," had its premiere on May 8 at the 1989 commencement ceremony at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. A march for concert band, the composition was commissioned by an anonymous donor specifically for use as recessional music for KVCC's commencements. Members of the Kalamazoo Concert Band made up the ensemble, which was directed by

Hatfield to Deliver Commencement Address

United States Senator Mark Hatfield, the ranking minority member of the Senate Appropriations Committee,



will deliver Kalamazoo College's commencement address on Saturday, June 10. Hatfield and baccalaureate speaker Dr. Robert Jewett, professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, will also receive honorary degrees.

Hatfield rose through a 36-year career in politics to hold one of the most influential positions in government, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee (1980-86), the second longest as chairman in U.S. history.

When the Senate leadership shifted in 1987, Senator Hatfield became the ranking minority Senator on the committee.

Hatfield served in numerous posts in Oregon State's government and was its governor from 1959-67. He has been a delegate to the Republican National Conventions and was temporary chairman and keynote speaker in 1964.

As a Lieutenant J.G. in the Navy, he commanded landing craft in some of the bloodiest battles in World War II.

He is the author of three books: *Not Quite So Simple*, 1967; *Conflict and Conscience*, 1971; and *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, 1976, and co-author of four other books.

Hatfield earned a B.A. degree from Willamette University and an M.A. degree from Stanford University. He is the recipient of numerous honorary doctoral degrees.

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Personnel Personals

Arrivals

Ann Herzog began work as a graduate intern in the career development office in May. Her work is related to requirements for a master's degree in counselor education at WMU. She holds a B.A. degree in science education from Purdue University. A self-professed sports fanatic, Ann enjoys tennis, volleyball, wind-surfing, running, and swimming. Although she is an active member of two softball teams, Ann says she is not related to St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog.

Departures

Gilda Cekola left her position as assistant to the dean of Stetson Chapel on May 19. Gilda now works in the marketing department of Heritage Community.

Lindsay South completed her assignment as counseling intern.

Bill McClintick will leave the College on June 6, to become director of college counseling at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa.

Changes

Margie Flynn, formerly secretary in student services, has accepted the position of secretary to the dean of students. Margie has been employed at Kalamazoo College since Jan. 1988.

Retirements

Ada Folz, administrative assistant to the dean of students, retired from her position May 31.

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Martin Obro, chairman of the music department at KVCC and teacher of low brass instruments at Kalamazoo College.

On April 15, **Paul Sotherland**, biology, presented a workshop, "How to set up a paper recycling program at your business or institution—what works and what doesn't, and why," at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, as part of the Kalamazoo Forum. The workshop was one of several presented in conjunction with Recycling Week in Kalamazoo County, April 8-16. Activities also included exhibits, open houses, and lectures.

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Anniversaries

Two faculty members are celebrating June anniversaries, **John Fink**, mathematics, who has been at Kalamazoo 14 years, and **Michael VandeBerg**, foreign study, 1 year.

Members of the administrative and clerical staff who arrived in June are as follows: **Berdena Rust**,

personnel, 40 years; **Kim Sullivan**, development, 9 years; **Pat Sparks**, development, 6 years; **Dana Hendrix**, alumni, and **Ann Nurrie**, communications, both 4 years; **Terry Perry**, sociology/anthropology, 3 years; **Renata Schnelker**, library, 2 years; **Susanne Gibson**, chemistry, 2 years; **Dhera Donovan**, IMS, 1 year; and **Connie Funk**, physical plant, 1 year.

Physical plant staff who also are celebrating anniversaries are **Arnold Keyes**, maintenance, 29 years; **Kolden Heldart**, custodial, 10 years; and **James Smith**, grounds, 4 years.

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Apartment for summer sublet:

Located in Winchell Avenue area. Carpeted one-bedroom apartment on top floor (third), with balcony, microwave, carport, extra storage space. Available from July 1 for two months as sublet; may renew lease thereafter. \$459 per month. Call Lindsay Amthor, 343-7940. Please leave message.

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*Ah, summer at last! Slap some burgers on the grill, tune the radio to a baseball game
... and between innings, throw some news our way.*



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