



KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

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The 143rd annual Commencement ceremonies for some 300 members of the Class of '79 were held under beautiful blue skies on the College Quadrangle on June 9. The same weekend the Emeritus Club issued Citations of Merit to Lewis Levi Dipple (K'27), Mildred Tanis Harris (K'18) and Clifton W. Perry, M.D. (K'22). The Class of '29 held their golden anniversary reunion. The Board of Trustees elected three new members including James S. Gilmore III, William F. Keucher and Robert E. McQuaid.

The Admissions Staff also had fair weather for their successful Summer Information Day for prospective students which was held July 14.

Kalamazoo College sophomore Julie Waddell was selected as the 1979 Truman Scholar from Michigan. Truman Scholarships are awarded each year to one student in each state who is preparing for a career in public service.

Alfred A. Blum has been named director of the College's Funds for the Future program. Blum formerly was director of development at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, and was associate director of development at the University of Chicago. He is a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and received his B.A. from Emory University.

Dr. Marilyn LaPlante has been appointed associate provost. She formerly was Acting Dean of Academic Affairs at Earlham College, where she also served as Assistant to the President, Associate Academic Dean and Chairperson of Physical Education and Athletics. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Iowa, she received her M.A. from the University of North Carolina and her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Funds for the Future recently passed the halfway mark, with reports of more than \$8 million received from alumni and friends of the College, businesses and foundations. The \$16.4 million capital campaign, which was launched in April 1978, now begins Phase II, which will focus its efforts on other regions of the country. The major emphasis of Phase I was placed on the Kalamazoo area.

Alumni Division Co-Chairmen Caroline Ham (K'48) and David Stone (K'76) report that alumni response to the 1979 Annual Fund Drive has been outstanding. Through June, 1,541 alumni had made gifts totaling \$87,344, representing an increase of 56% in gifts and 36% in dollars over last year's pace. Annual Fund giving overall is running ahead of last year by 43% in gifts and 17% in dollars.

Dr. Rainsford was a panelist at the General Motors Conference for Business and Engineering Administrators held in Detroit June 12-14. The panel discussed "Education and the Issues."

Dr. Rainsford, Haydn Ambrose and trustees Robert Middleton and William Keucher represented the College and the American Baptist Churches USA at the National Congress on Church-related Colleges and Universities held at Notre Dame June 21-23. Dr. Rainsford chaired the Study Commission on Public Policy Issues and Keucher served as Reactor on that Commission.

Kalamazoo College hosted the development officers of member schools of the Great Lakes Colleges Association June 27-28. Dr. Rainsford and Roger Fecher addressed the group.

Bob Dewey will play a leading role in Festival Playhouse's production of Chekov's "Three Sisters," which runs August 9-11 and 17-18. He also will attend a conference at Dickinson University August 12-16 as a member of the Society for Values in Higher Education.

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Bob Grossman was the Psychology Department liaison in co-sponsoring a Workshop in Neuropsychology held June 1 on our campus.

Joe K. Fugate attended the 1979 "Conference on International Education: The Global Context, the U.S. Role," during winter quarter. Nearly 1,000 educators, business and government leaders met to analyze critical topics and make recommendations for future directions.

Augustine K. Fosu gave a lecture-seminar on "Fringe Benefit Choice -- A Theoretical Analysis" at Oakland University in May.

Russell Hammar has been listed in the 1980 "International Who's Who in Music and Musicians Directory."

Billie King and Babette Trader attended the American College Personnel Association Conference at Alma College May 9-11. The conference was entitled "Career Planning and Placement in the Small College."

Deb and Andy Noble had a 6 lb. 8 oz. baby boy, named Robert Andrew, on July 19, 1979. Congratulations!

Wade and Sandra Robison were named to the Danforth Associate Program, which makes them eligible to attend special Danforth conferences and to apply for grant funds. Wade also attended a Conference in Professional Ethics in May, sponsored by the Council for Philosophical Studies.

Kathryn Rajnak gave two seminars while in Europe spring quarter. In May, she presented "Analysis of Energy Levels of U I and II" to the Theoretical Chemistry Department at Oxford University in England. In April, she gave a presentation in French at the Université de Lyon in Lyon, France.

Bonnie Ross is assisting the program director for Elderhostel, an on-campus program for people aged 60 and older now being held at WMU.

Harry Thomas has just signed contracts recently to publish two books. The University of Michigan Press will publish an anthology of poetry entitled The Hopwood Poets: Fifty Years and the Garland Press of New York will issue an annotated bibliography and critical study of R.P. Blackmur. He also is scheduled to give readings of his own poetry at the U. of M., The Guild House in Ann Arbor, and the University of California - Santa Barbara.

Phil Thomas now is in Swaziland to attend dedication ceremonies for the new Central Bank of Swaziland, which was formerly The Monetary Authority of Swaziland for which he was research manager in charge of the economics and statistics departments several years ago. The dedication coincides with the annual meeting of the Association of East African Central Bankers and the 80th birthday of King Sobhuza, the longest-reigning and oldest king in the world. Phil plans to stop in other Sub-Saharan African countries to discuss recent economic developments with officials, economists and business people.

Bunky VanderSalm was elected Treasurer of the Michigan Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Donald Van Liere has been elected President of the Kalamazoo County Heart Unit of the Michigan Heart Association for 1979-80. He has been a member of their board since 1969.

Marcia Wood gave a lecture on "Women Artists: Themes and Images" at WMU in June. In July, she gave a slide presentation to the Kiwanis Club on her sculpture commission for the city of Detroit.

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New staff additions in the past several months include:

Selena Abrams - Admissions receptionist
Steve Baker - Admissions Officer
Laura Boersma - Alumni records clerk
Lida Bus - Education secretary
Rosemary Mitchell - L. Lee Stryker Center secretary
Pam Price - Admissions Officer
Bonnie Ross - secretary to the director of Funds for the Future
Marty Stone - Prospect Research Director
Hildur Wilcox - Admissions records processor

Kalamazoo College was well represented on local broadcast media programs during the past two months. Recent appearances included:

- WKZO-TV "9:30 Weekday" - May 23 - Archery Coach Ted Brooks and Sharon Bosche (K'82).
Laura Gran (K'82) demonstrated the sport.
- June 25 - Curt Butters interviewed about New Frontiers Program.
 - July 6 - Ultimate Frisbee team members Mike Daniels (K'79) and Noel Muyskens (K'79) demonstrated their sport.
 - July 23 - William Pruitt interviewed about the African Studies program.
 - July 24 - Richard Cook and 2 high school students interviewed about the NSF Summer Science Program.
- WKZO-TV "Accent" Pgm. - July 6 - Tim House (K'72) and Gary Stock (K'78), co-authors of Festival Playhouse's Cole Porter revue talked about "It's De-Lovely!"
Becca Greene sang a tune from the show.
- July 16 - Fred Strobel interviewed about recent predictions of recession.
 - July 18 - Clair Myers and Gary Stock interviewed about Festival's "Carousel," while Dianne Richoz (K'79) sang.
- WKZO-TV "Evening News" - News story about NSF Summer Science Program with Richard Cook and Paul Olexia and students doing lab and field work.
- WKZO Radio Comm. Rpts. - Interview with Nelda Balch on Festival Playhouse season.
- Interview with Rolla Anderson on USTA National Tennis Tourney.
- WMIK Radio "Spectator" - July 5 - Gary Stock, Sherry Nehmer, and Mick Fair on "It's De-Lovely!" for Festival. Sherry and Mick also sang.
- July 16 - Clair Myers, John Pruessner and Gary Stock on "Carousel." John also sang.

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