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HIGHEST FACULTY HONORS GO TO 1986

LUCASSE RECIPIENTS, ACKER AND THOMAS

Kalamazoo College's highest faculty honors, the Florence J. Lucasse Lectureship and Florence J. Lucasse Fellowship for 1985-86, have been awarded to faculty members George Acker and Dr. Philip Thomas. Both will be honored at a reception on April 28 in the College's Olmsted Room, Mandelle Hall. Friends are invited to the 8 p.m. reception.

The **Florence J. Lucasse Lectureship** for outstanding teaching was awarded to **George Acker**, professor of physical education. A faculty member since 1959, Acker has served as coach of the football, wrestling, men's cross-country, and men's tennis teams.

Acker's ability to motivate and lead his students has resulted in an extraordinary record in tennis. Twenty-four years ago, his team lost an MIAA match, 4-3, to Hope College; since then, the team has not lost a single MIAA match. At the beginning of this season, Acker's MIAA record stood at 162 wins and one loss, resulting in 27 MIAA championships.

In the ten years that the NCAA has held a national championship in Division III men's tennis, Kalamazoo has won the title twice and has only once finished lower than fourth.

Acker has served the Kalamazoo community through his participation in the city tennis program and the tennis school at Stowe Stadium. Through his leadership, the College's program in tennis has brought national recognition to Kalamazoo.

Acker earned BS and MS degrees from Northern Illinois University.

Dr. Philip Thomas, professor of economics and business administration, has been awarded the **Florence J. Lucasse Fellowship** for outstanding scholarship. During his twenty years as a faculty member, Thomas has earned the recognition of his colleagues in the United States and abroad as a consultant on international monetary and trade policy. His special interest is in the economics of less-developed countries, and he has written more than 80 academic position papers on the policies of the nations of south Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

Thomas has served as economic advisor to the governments of Pakistan, Swaziland, and Kenya under the sponsorship of the Ford Foundation, Stanford and Yale Universities, the USAID, Harvard University, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank.

In recent years, he has been a frequent consultant to the government of Kenya, serving as advisor on issues in international trade policy and developing a database of information in the areas of tariff and sales tax rates. Thomas will return to Kenya this fall for a two-year post with the Kenyan government.

Thomas earned his BA from Oberlin College, and his MA and PhD from the University of Michigan.