



# Kalamazoo College

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-- A line-up of distinguished guests as honorary degree recipients highlighted this year's Commencement ceremonies. Commencement speaker Elliot Richardson and Baccalaureate speaker Dr. Ralph David Abernathy were joined in receiving honorary degrees by Governor William Milliken, Ray T. Parfet, Jr., Chairman of the Board of The Upjohn Company, and Dr. Wigbert Holle, Director of International Studies at the University of Bonn. The sunny, mild weather cooperated for a beautiful Commencement ceremony on the College quadrangle, attended by a large audience gathered to see the College's largest class (338) receive degrees. Dr. Abernathy's stirring Baccalaureate speech was also heard by an overflow crowd in Stetson Chapel. There were many favorable comments about the weekend, including glowing praise of our campus from our distinguished visitors.

-- Dr. Warren Board returned to our campus in late June to become Provost, the chief academic officer of the institution. He has been on leave during the past academic year to complete his Ph.D. at Syracuse University. Dr. Laurence Barrett delayed his retirement a year to fill the Provost's position until Dr. Board finished his advanced degree. Dr. Board first joined the administration in 1973 as Assistant Provost. Welcome back!

## Notables

President Rainsford gave the keynote address at the 23rd National Institute of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, held at Bradley University June 11-15. This year's Institute dealt with some of the critical issues related to student recruitment and retention. On June 28, Dr. Rainsford gave the keynote address, "Encouragement for the Private College," at the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools held in Asheville, North Carolina. A nine-page article written by Dr. Rainsford was published in the March 1978 issue of Liberal Education: The Bulletin of the Association of American Colleges. The article was entitled "Education for the Future."

Nelda Balch took a three-week trip to the Middle East in May, sponsored by Cultural Affairs of the State Department. The purpose of the trip was to prepare for the October visit of 16 Arabs to the U.S. to study theatre at six theatre centers, including Kalamazoo College. The College will be the only college or university on their itinerary. The trip, which stopped in Cairo, Kuwait, Damascus, Rome, and London, included meetings, observation of classes, rehearsals and performances, and workshops. Claudia Daub Crawford, a 1968 'K' graduate who is currently a consultant to the State Department for cultural affairs, proposed and planned the Arab-U.S. visit.

Bob Dewey will be presenting a paper entitled "Institutional Structures: Vehicles for Value Education" at the Annual Conference of the Society for Values in Higher Education, to be held August 13-18 at Notre Dame. Dewey will also have a small part in the Festival Playhouse production of The Taming of the Shrew. His daughter Paula will play the lead role of Bianca, and his son Eric will also have a bit part.

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David Fisher has accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois, beginning in August. Fisher will be responsible for all religion and philosophy courses taught at the college, and hopes to build the department there. He also anticipates the publication shortly of a paper which he read this year at the American Academy of Religion in Chicago.

Joe Fugate gave a presentation and participated in a panel on "Establishing a Study Abroad Program" at the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs Conference held in Ames, Iowa, on June 7.

Sally Olexia was elected to serve on the Governing Council of the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions at their annual meeting held in Madison, Wisconsin, May 4-6.

William Pruitt, Jr. gave a briefing on the situation in Zaire and on the misinformation in the American press to a conference for Michigan journalist held at Michigan State University on May 18. That same day he also spoke on the subject of Zaire at a meeting of the Michigan Organization of African Studies. Pruitt was also interviewed by telephone during May by The Times of London, the BBC, and the Africa News Service. The interviews dealt with the current situation in Zaire and with reviews and comments on the recent book by ex-CIA officer John Stockwell.

Robert Stauffer is a participant in a project of the American Sociological Association which is investigating the knowlege available and knowledge needed with regard to undergraduate teaching of sociology. As part of the project, Stauffer attended a workshop in Southfield in April, and is completing a paper this summer on the concern of sociology as a liberal art, which will become part of a larger subgroup report.

Wayne Wright had a paper published in the March issue of the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, entitled "Echosonde Interferometer for Atmospheric Research." The paper was co-authored by E. H. Brown and C. G. Little of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Boulder, Colorado.

### Coming Events

- July 20 Festival Playhouse '78, Candide. 8:00 p.m., The Playhouse. Repeats at 8:00 p.m. on July 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and at 2:00 p.m. on July 23.
- 20-21 African Studies Conference on South Africa Part II, "South Africa: The Investment Issue."
- 21 Forum, Kristin Lems, feminist folk singer. 8:00 p.m., Stetson Chapel.
- 24 African Studies Films, Mau-Mau and The Cows of Dolo Ken Paye. 8:00 p.m., Dewing 103.
- 27 African Studies Lecture/Performance, Dr. Paul Berliner, "Mbira Music from Zimbabwe." 8:00 p.m., Dewing 103.
- 31 Music, Summer Series of Informal Recitals begins. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall.
- Aug. 3 Forum-Alumni, Dr. Michael Petrovich, lecture on Soviet Union. 8:00 p.m., Dewing 103.
- Festival Playhouse '78, A Streetcar Named Desire. 8:00 p.m., Dalton Theatre. Repeats at 8:00 p.m. on August 4, 5, and 19.
- 5-13 USTA National Boys 18 and 16 Tennis Championship. Stowe Stadium.
- 7 African Studies Films, The Nguba Connection and The Edge of Hope. 8:00 p.m., Dewing 103.
- 10 Festival Playhouse '78, The Taming of the Shrew. 8:00 p.m., The Playhouse. Repeats at 8:00 p.m. on August 11, 12, 17, 18 and at 2:00 p.m. on August 13.
- 13-25 Gallery, Prints by Debra Van Tuinen. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Light Fine Arts Building.
- 14 Recital, Sharon Glaser, clarinet. 8:00 p.m., Recital Hall.
- African Studies Films, Sons of Bwiregi, Ujamaa, and Of People and a Vision. 8:00 p.m., Dewing 103.

Please send items for this newsletter to Mary Kay Hodler, Public Relations Office.

Occasionally this office receives requests from the local media for experts to comment on breaking news stories. For example, Dr. Pruitt, Director of the African Studies Program, has done many interviews commenting on the current political situations in Africa. It would be helpful to our office to have a list of those faculty and staff members who feel they have expertise in a field, and who would be willing to share their thoughts with the media. I would appreciate hearing from those of you who would be available if the occasion arises, with details on the specific subject areas you would feel competent and comfortable commenting on.

I would also be interested in hearing from people who have ideas that could be developed into in-depth feature stories. These could include human interest stories, unusual angles to projects or research, unique aspects of everyday campus life here, or any undated material of general interest which is not normally covered by news releases of specific events.

Thanks!

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