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U SARAJEVU



**P R O G R A M**

PROMOCIJE AKADEMIKA LJUBOMIRA BERBEROVIĆA ZA  
POČASNOG DOKTORA NAUKA

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY — SAD

petak, 12. maja 1989. godine u 15,00 sati

Otvaranje promocije i pozdravna riječ prof. dr Slobodana Loge, prorektora Univerziteta u Sarajevu

Uvodni govor gospođe Maxinne Swanson, predsjednika Odbora kontrole Grand Valley State University

Govor predsjednika Grand Valley State University, dr Arenda D. Lubbersa

Dr Antonio Herrera (Pedagoški fakultet, Grand Valley State University) predstavlja kandidata, akademika Ljubomira Berberovića

Promovisanje počasnog doktora nauka Ljubomira Berberovića i predaja diplome

Izlaganje Ljubomira Berberovića, počasnog doktora nauka Grand Valley State University

Predsjednik GVSU, dr Lubbers, zaključuje promociju

Predsjednik Grand Valley State University dr Lubbers priređuje koktel u čast promovisanog počasnog doktora nauka

Two years ago in this room I was honored to become a member of this great university. I will always be indebted to the Philosophy Faculty and all members of the University who participated in or acquiesced to that honor which was granted to me, and through me to my University. Now we have returned to this room to reenact a doctoral degree granting ceremony. There are some old actors and some new, but two of the old actors are exchanging roles.

As was the case in 1987 students from Grand Valley State University are in attendance, and that was important to me then just as it is now. Our exchange is for our students and our faculty, and ~~it is good for~~ I am happy that they can be a part of this ceremony which ~~is~~ ~~so~~ recognizes a person who is important to us and through him a University with which we have had the most cordial relations.

I am pleased that the Chairman of GVSU's Board of Control is with us and is a participant in the conferring of GVSU's highest honor on <sup>Professor</sup> Mr. Beberovic. In our system in the state of Michigan each University

has eight Board members appointed by the Governor of ~~an~~ our state who are responsible for making policy, passing a budget when money is received from the state, and appointing the President of the University. These powers are written in the Constitution of the state. Our Board members meet six times a year to fulfill their obligations, and often come to special meetings and functions for special purposes.

We invited Dr. Petrovic to receive an honorary degree at our university commencement ceremony, but he was unable to come to the U.S.A. Though we regret his inability to be with us ~~on~~ our campus it is pleasing to us that we can confer the degree here amongst his friends and close associates. Here, too, are students from the U of Sarajevo who studied at GVSU, and professors who have shared their knowledge with us. We are pleased that they are here to demonstrate that there is a spirit of community ~~between~~ ~~our two~~ joining our two universities.

You see us here dressed rather peculiarly for a Yugoslav audience. When we confer degrees we ~~wear~~ these costumes, our academic robes, caps, and hoods. The colors of

of Mrs. Swansons robe and my robe are the GVSU colors, ~~the~~ and worn by the Trustees and President of the university, Mr. Menneras, <sup>black</sup> robe is ~~black~~, the is that usually worn by Faculty members who hold the Ph.D; Doctor of Philosophy degree. The hood that we wear around the neck drapping down the back represents the degree we hold and the university that conferred it.

The degree Doctor of Letters

Lubomir Peberovic, research scholar, dedicated teacher, leader in your academic field and your university, Grand Valley State University recognizes your contribution to the field of genetics and particularly to your work at the frontiers of your discipline, genetic engineering. As you pursue knowledge in your laboratory at the University of Sarajevo your reputation as a scholar spreads throughout the world. While establishing yourself in your field internationally you have accepted responsibilities in your university and your republic. To successfully combine the qualities of a researcher and an administrator is a rare achievement, one that was recognized by your colleagues when they selected you as Rector of the University of Sarajevo.

We see in your devotion and your work for the university, the republic, and the nation the kind of spirit and effort that will contribute to the positive development of Yugoslavia. Devoted son of your country whose research and reputation transcend national boundaries and whose administrative skills and judgment have strengthened institutions within those boundaries Grand Valley State University confers

or you the degree Doctor of Letters, honoris  
causa.