

**Eighth Annual William E. Drake Lecture**  
**Some Reflections on Society and Education**

**James Van Patten**



Professor James Van Patten was a former student and a great friend of Dr. William E. Drake. This lecture was inspired by a 4,000 mile Phi Delta Kappa International Education bus trip the two of them took to Portugal, Spain, Morocco, and Gilbralter. Dr. Drake loved to talk as he thought out loud. Just being in his office between classes was an education in itself. For Jim Van Patten it was the trip of a life time with many hours to enjoy the workings of his friend and mentor's mind. He has captured the essence of why Dr. Drake's students so loved and respected him.