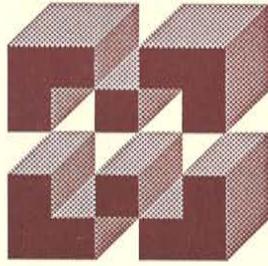


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Gene Kimmet and Ben Dallas will leave Harper for a spring semester in London.

Learning and Teaching While Traveling

In Fee Simple, a book of poetry by Gene Kimmet, Economics Department Chairman, was one of the factors that led to his spending this spring semester in London. Kimmet and Ben Dallas, art history professor, will join three other teachers from Illinois chosen to be part of the first International Studies Program organized specifically for community college students. Harper has joined a consortium with 24 other community colleges and Illinois State University to provide a semester abroad program for students at these institutions.

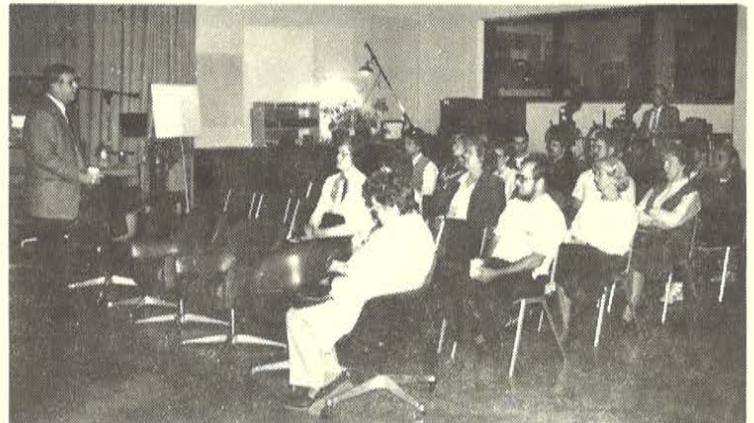
The five teachers were selected by the International Enrichment Committee, who considered factors such as teaching credentials, experience and a specific interest in the site of the program. The faculty will live in small apartments in Kensington, England, and will teach the subjects that they would normally teach at their home school. Kimmet, whose wife will be joining him for the semester (at their own expense), feels that the book of poetry he has written, which will be published in the spring by Stormline Press in Champaign, Illinois, signaled to the committee that his interests extended outside of the realm of economics. Kimmet is no rookie when it comes to familiarity with Great Britain. He took a summer course at Oxford University and wrote his master's thesis on the British economy. He is looking forward to the cultural offerings indigenous to England and, while he is familiar with British society, he looks upon the next four months as an adventure.

Dallas is looking forward to "living and studying in an environment rich in culture, different from [my] present place and close to other interesting places." He hopes to travel to France, Germany, Italy and Russia and return with an appreciation of a bigger world, personally changed because of the experience.

According to Martin Ryan, Dean of Liberal Arts, who was instrumental in involving Harper in the International Studies program, England was chosen as the first site for a semester abroad because it is a friendly, exciting city with limitless cultural opportunities and no language barrier. Studies will take place through the Imperial College of the University of London, and students will live and study in a dormitory as well as go on field trips associated with lectures given in the classroom. Harper's seven students will join 41 other community college students in this first year of Illinois' participation in the International Enrichment program. The rationale for involvement, according to Ryan, is that community college students often have no opportunity for a year of study abroad. Most schools offer the year abroad in junior year, which is the first year of study for community college students in a new college, and therefore not always a comfortable year for a trip away. Because of the consortium, students at Harper and other participating community colleges will no longer be left out of foreign study.

Cynthia Altenbach, one of the students leaving for London in January, has been working toward a degree as a part-time student for several years. This opportunity to combine vacation and education at a reasonable cost gave her the "kick in the pants" she felt she needed to commit herself to full-time educational pursuit. She is so committed to taking full advantage of the opportunity that she is selling her car in order to have money for side trips to Greece, Wales and Amsterdam. Previously, she spent five weeks in Europe on a whirlwind tour and is looking forward to concentrating on her favorite city of London for the next four months.

Although London, England, is separated from Palatine, Illinois, by an ocean and several thousand miles, Harper teachers and students will have a unique opportunity to shorten the distance.



President McGrath speaks to a group of employees about Harper's participation in the United Way/Crusade of Mercy drive. Campaign co-chairmen Tom Johnson and Tom Thompson are anxious to exceed the \$25,000 mark for total contributions. Final results will be reported soon; there is still time to pledge your fair share.

Department Developments

Northeast Center — Irene Reichmuth, office aide for Nonnative Literacy, is a member of this year's Illinois High School Association champion cross-country team, the Wheeling Wildcats. Irene and her six teammates won the state title in Peoria on November 8.

Media Services welcomes Lawrence Olsen and congratulates Timothy Johnson on his promotion. Congratulations on recent promotions to Betty Cords — LS/HS and Helen Pokot in **Computer Sciences**. Welcome also to Janette Kwitchoff — **Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs**, Raymond Stone — **Computer Services**, Georgia Casper — **Bookstore** and James Blasky — **PEAR**.

Wishes for a speedy recovery to Pat Mulcrone, **Special Programs Coordinator**. **Biology** — Good luck to retiring Professor John Thompson. **Liberal Arts** — Joseph Sternberg and Peter Sherer, English professors, have written a book entitled *Narrative Skills*, which was published by Kendall Hunt. Sharon Sassone of the **Tutoring Center** is also a playwright. Recent productions include *They Say Mrs. Brown Is Going Crazy* and *An Educated Man*, which she also directed in November at the Victory Gardens Theater. **Registrar's Office** — Yvonne Thomson has been awarded a "Special Award" of free publication of her poem entitled "Thoughts" in the *American Collegiate Poets Anthology* for the Fall Concours 1986. The anthology is a collection of the best contemporary poetry written by college men and women in America, representing every state in the nation. The author of the poem has given her permission to reprint "Thoughts."

Seasons Greetings

Insider's View of Ray Devery

Ray Devery, recently appointed Director of Development, has graciously agreed to be the focus of the first "Insider's View." Devery most recently served as director of major gifts for the Rotary Foundation where his extensive travels would next take him to Guyana.

Education: B.A. History, Illinois Wesleyan; M.A. Anthropology, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey; Duke School of Banking

Home: Frankfurt, Illinois, originally New Jersey

Spouse: Lynn

Previous occupations: President of Interstate Bank of Oak Forest; Vice-President for Continuing Education and Special Programs, North Central College

Spare time: Addicted golfer and cross-country skier

Favorite food: Japanese

Last good movie seen: "Chariots of Fire"

Personal hero: George Patton

I wish I could stop: Eating desserts and pizza

The best advice my parents gave me: Stick to it!

The one thing I can't stand: Rude people

If money and time were no problem: I would teach anthropology full time

If I've learned one thing in life: It's always changing.



Thoughts

The sound of your voice warms me,
Like a soft blanket caressing a baby
The touch of you thrills me,
Like a child on Christmas morning
The vision of you illuminates me,
Like a lighted candle on the darkest night
Your smile reassures me,
Like a mother's touch after a bad dream
Your manliness excites me,
Like a child at his first circus
Your presence soothes me,
Like a cool rain on a hot summer's day
The memory of your love will carry me,
Like a babe in his mother's arms . . .
Too precious to ever let go.



Yvonne Thomson



A Little Known Fact:

The first Christmas Card was 4½ by 6 inches, printed in black on white paper with the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," designed and produced by Richard H. Pease, engraver and lithographer at Albany, N.Y., in 1851. The illustration showed a fanciful structure with a banner, "Pease's Great Variety Store in the Temple of Fancy" (he misspelled *variety*). The cards were sent to his customers and friends.

Ray Devery



Department Focus on

The Print Shop

The Print Shop is one of the departments of the College that touches all staff members almost on a daily basis. Whether you want handouts for your classes, a brochure to advertise your department offerings, a flyer to promote an event or any of the multitude of possibilities for print media, the print shop is the final step in the process.

Peter Gart, supervisor of the print shop, started working at Harper 13 years ago and now spends half his time printing and the other half of his time supervising his staff of six full-time employees. Through the years Gart has seen changes in machinery and in types of materials produced by Harper. He feels that the presses and other machines are adequate for the College's needs. New equipment is looked at as needs change, and this year a collater will be purchased.

The volume of print material produced changes according to the rise and fall in enrollment. As enrollment increases there is a greater need for teaching materials and teaching aids. When enrollment is down, more program brochures and promotional pieces are printed. Currently Gart sees an emphasis on increasing enrollment and retaining marginal students through the printing of materials for tutors and special services as well as an increased output from Student Development and Student Outreach.

Gart and his staff appreciate the fact that initiators of print projects are understanding and do their best to plan ahead. The print shop is where the buck stops; deficiencies cannot be passed on. Gart feels that the print shop has a good working relationship with all College departments and will say yes to requests if at all possible.



Peter Gart, supervisor of the Print Shop, operates the AB Dick 306 press.



Lorel Kelson of the Print Shop keeps track of all incoming work orders and other operating information via computer.

Doug Kangail (who started in the mailroom at Harper) and Scott Graves are the press operators during the day, and Jim Morgan holds down the fort in the evening. Lynette Dickens and David Hanson are bindery operators who put the finishing touches of folding, stapling and cutting on your projects.

All the information necessary for the print shop operation, things like keeping track of the project, billing back to departments and inventory are now on a computer operated by Lorel Kelson. Lorel is the first person you meet when you enter the print shop. She began at Harper working part time in the library. After seven years of part-time status she decided to work full time when the computer was introduced into the department a year ago. She has taken computer courses at the College in order to work out the special needs of the program for the print shop and highly recommends to *Insider* readers that they take advantage of all the opportunities Harper offers its employees. Lorel currently has an A.A. and is waiting for word from Northern Illinois University where she has recently applied for admission.

Working in the print shop has proved rewarding for both Gart and Kelson, and both are happy with the working conditions, fellow employees and stimulating environment at Harper. When asked about the noise, both commented that except for the folding machine the noise is a part of the job that they don't even notice anymore. Neither wears earplugs nor feels that his hearing has been adversely affected.

So far this year, the Print Shop produced 3,479,500 pieces of printed materials. The next time you're in Building F, stop by one of the busiest departments on campus.

Share a Christmas Memory

Linda Pones: Trying to get kids asleep on Christmas Eve. "My husband stood outside their window ringing bells while I told them that they better hurry up and get to sleep because Santa was across the street at the Johnsons'. You never saw kids get to sleep so fast."

Evelyn Boissey: Firstborn's first Christmas. "Because he was about six months old and into everything, we put the Christmas tree in the playpen instead of the baby. It made for some interesting comments from visitors."

Kathleen Kangall: A special gift. "My older sister sewed a rust brown corduroy skirt and vest for me — it was the first time anyone ever made me something."

Mark Steffen: Stocking filled with coal and a belt! "I had recently run away from home and my parents decided that I needed to learn a lesson."

Denise Keeley: Christmas Eve engagement. "I got my ring from my husband on Christmas Eve. His whole family was there and captured the moment on videotape."

Cinny Poppen: Homemade Christmas gifts. "One year I made all the Christmas presents for the 20 plus people on my list. I knitted sweaters and hats, made shirts, puzzles and paper dolls. It was a lot of work but everyone appreciated the effort."

Kim Walters: Grandparents' farm. "I especially remember my great uncle dressing up as Santa every year."

Marlene S. Hunt-Brasch: Played Santa for friends' children. "Their little boy noticed my beard sliding off but was such a believer that he helpfully said, 'Santa, your beard is coming off.' Christmases were different in Germany. We put our shoes outside to be filled with goodies."

Diane Kinn: "The smell of cookies — especially the Italian ones my mother made."

June Steffen: Waiting for Santa Claus: "I remember that feeling of being in bed listening for Santa, excited but a little bit nervous that he might not come."

Bonnie Peebles: Waiting for grandparents to come. "They would always bring us our biggest present, always from Marshall Field in the prettiest wrapping paper."

Alice Kupchinsky: When children were two and five. "My neighbor sent over a friend dressed as Santa and didn't tell us about it. I think I was as surprised as the children."

Phil Troyer: My Christmas at age four: "We were eating dinner at my Uncle's house and I wanted a piece of the goose skin so badly, but I got the meat instead. Also, I had asked for a basketball and thought I knew where my father put it. I pointed to it in his closet and asked if that was my gift. He gave it to me and said to bounce it. It fell flat (because there was no air in it yet) and I was convinced I was not going to get it for Christmas."

Bill Neumann: "Last year I began, as a tradition, reading 'The Night Before Christmas' to my eight-year-old. I enjoyed it as much as she did."

John Callahan: "Christmases at a friend's house in Minnesota."

Anne Frost: Making presents with brother. "We would cut up Christmas cards and cover match books with them to give away as gifts. We also made pomanders out of oranges and cloves."

Bonnie Henry: Christmas church services. "The gifts and family dinners were good too!"

Renee Zellner: Christmas lights. "I especially love the way my daughter's eyes light up when she sees the Christmas tree and house lights."

Gil Tierney: "My mother's cranberry apple pie."

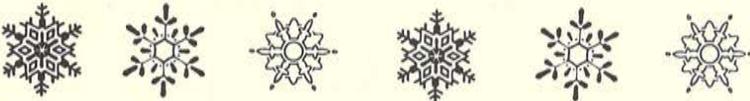
Jim McGrath: Christmas carols. "Singing Christmas carols with my daughters at the creche is a favorite tradition on Christmas Eve."

Kris Howard: Anxious toddler. "It seemed like we just got to sleep when our four-year-old was ready to get up at 3:00 a.m. Christmas morning."

Liz McKay: Christmas tree. "My father cut down our tree on our own property, brought it into the barn and got it ready for the house."

Pauline Jenness: Christmas pageant. "I always performed in the Christmas pageant, after which I would always come down with a cold or the flu."

The Institutional Communications Department and College Relations staff wish for you and your family many happy holiday memories!



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