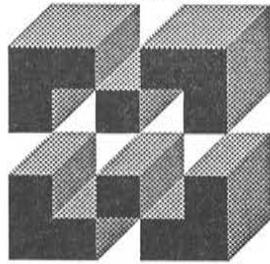


# The Harper Insider



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## Northwest 2001 Conference - A Successful Beginning

More than 300 participants met in a spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation to listen to speakers and to discuss the future development of the Northwest suburbs. Local media and conference participants agree on the success of the conference and the planners were pleased with the level of participation by the attendees. The Northwest 2001 conference is over but the results are just beginning.

Priorities for 2001 have been identified in several subject areas. Workshops have been scheduled to structure a business lobby and a council for human resource coordination. Another priority is establishment of a Northwest Development Council to work with the regional leadership team. Additional workshops will address quality affordable day care, solid waste management, use of open space and the development of a regional transportation plan.

Harper College will continue to facilitate and coordinate task forces and proposals which come from the workshop. Kathy Gilmer of Harper's Economic Development Department feels that "the impact from the sessions will be felt for some time to come." Gilmer will work with other planners to keep the focus on the vision as the future is built in the Northwest suburbs.



## Alumni Association To Form

A letter went out to more than 20,000 Harper alumni inviting them to become members of the new Harper Alumni Association. Harper graduates with an A.A., A.S. or certificate will receive an invitation to become an active part of the Harper community.

Why do we need an alumni group? An alumni association is a good barometer for the College. Because a high percentage of Harper graduates locate in the surrounding communities, our alumni are a valuable resource of support and input.

If any Insider readers are alumni or know of any graduates who were missed and would like to know more about the alumni group, please call Director of Development Ray Devery at 397-3000, extension 2490.



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## From the Chair

The Council for Coordination of College Committees, referred to as the CCCC does just what its name implies. The Council is composed of four members—two faculty members and two administrators—who serve for two staggered terms. Currently Dave Williams, Phil Stewart, Steve Catlin and John Muchmore make up the CCCC.

The goal of the Council is to "oversee the participative governance structure at the College, not to do the work of the committees but to make sure that the purposes and responsibilities are clearly defined and that tasks are undertaken in an open and rational manner," comments Dave Williams. The CCCC began in 1981 at which time the committee process was restructured, resulting in fewer college-wide committees.

The committee meets monthly and the toughest job is to "keep up with the paperwork" according to Williams.

As each committee is featured in coming issues, Insider readers will appreciate the scope of that task.

### The Graduation Committee

The Graduation Committee has successfully seen through the nineteenth Harper commencement. Committee members plan the program, make recommendations for the graduation speaker and clergy person and coordinate the day's events from putting tassels on mortarboards to the coordination with the food service department of the reception which follows the ceremony.

"This year's reception was especially nice because of the cafeteria renovation," commented committee chairperson Vera Davis. Davis praised her hard-working committee and is looking forward to incorporating a recognition of the twentieth Harper College graduation into next year's ceremony.

### Institutional Marketing Committee

Harper, along with other educational institutions, has realized the need to make its programs and services known to the community. The business of education means attracting students (customers) and serving those consumers well by gearing the product to their needs. In order to help attract and retain students, the Institutional Marketing Committee aims to act as a resource to the College to give assistance in the marketing effort. The infant committee has met five times and is involved in an information gathering mode. Chairperson Bruce Bohrer comments that the Harper faculty and staff are already producing much valuable marketing material. The committee is evaluating and assessing current output and hopes eventually to act as a clearing house in order to establish an efficient and accurate process for getting the Harper message to the community. The committee is looking forward to the results of a poll recently circulated in the communities served by Harper. The poll will be a tool that the marketing committee can use to assess strengths and weaknesses in the current communication process. The Institutional Marketing Committee has 19 members selected by the CCCC with an eye on an equal representation from the academic area and other areas of the College involved in marketing activities. The committee is in close touch with the Administrative Marketing Steering Committee chaired by Bonnie Henry. The entire college community will benefit from the marketing effort.

## Insider's View of Tom Knoff

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There is a new face in the television studio. Tom Knoff came to Harper from U.S. Cable of Lake County. His duties there were basically administrative, and while there will be administrative tasks to perform in his position of television producer/director at Harper, he looks forward to some hands-on producing, especially "in light of the technological advances" in the field. An interest in people and the impact of the media on people has led Knoff to communicate the way he knows and likes best—through visual media.

**Born:** Mundelein, Illinois

**Education:** Southern Illinois University, B.S. Communication and Fine Arts.

**Family:** Married (Tom's wife is a special ed teacher), 1 year old daughter.

**Hobbies:** Reading (a history buff), likes to watch T.V., model railroad enthusiast.

**Favorite food:** Junk food, especially pizza.

**Is reading:** "In Search of Excellence", by Peters and mystery detective novels.

**Favorite movie:** "Bringing Up Baby", with Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

**I would like to stop:** Smoking.

**A trait that my parents encouraged:** Honesty, which is his only expectation of others.

**I can't stand:** Lousy drivers.

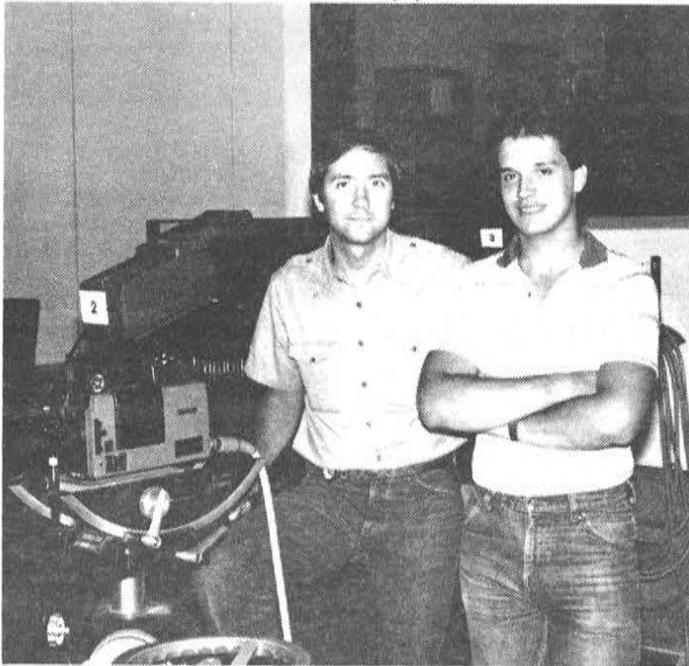
**One thing that I've learned in life:** We each create our own.

**If money and time were no problem:** I would like to be able to help other people.

## Department Focus on

### Television Studio

Welcome to Harper's television studio. The department mission is to provide service to faculty, staff and students in a variety of ways. Slides and videotapes are incorporated into several courses. Support materials are developed to disseminate information beyond the campus in the way of public service announcements, telecourse promotion and marketing materials. The International Forum, which features speakers from other countries, has been a regular Harper cable production. Tom Knoff, who recently took on the duties of television producer/director, describes his staff, composed of Tim Johnson and Kevin Oates, as "jacks-of-all-trades," who have responsibility for video projects from inception to completion. The television production staff wishes to demystify the video product. Knoff feels that there is a natural intimidation about appearing on video or participating in a production. The staff will work with interested parties to make the process as easy as possible and even enjoyable.



**Tim Johnson (L.) and Kevin Oates, AV technicians, find themselves on the other side of the camera for a change.**

Knoff promises to maintain an open door policy as much as possible and after the new construction in the studio is finished, there will be a more accessible entrance. Future plans include involving more students and staff in video communication, and presenting a 'weekly magazine' type of show to inform and educate the community about College activities on Harper's cable channels (American Cable 21 and Cablenet 90).

If you have a project in mind, give Knoff a call. Projects can be produced in the controlled environment of the studio or with portable equipment away from the facility. With the proper amount of time and preparation, the television studio staff will do its best to lift the mysterious curtain surrounding the video world.



**Chuck Gura, Supervisor of Roads and Grounds at Harper, sits in the driver's seat while Raul Arteaga (L.) of roads and grounds and two John Deere representatives look on.**

The large equipment that was seen surrounding the campus for a week in June was not to bulldoze the campus. The "Turf Expo '87" was the summer 1987 John Deere equipment demonstration. The show brought more than 300 dealers, landscapers and interested individuals to the campus to see the equipment. Chuck Gura, supervisor of roads and grounds, explained that the demonstration was held at Harper because it is an accessible location and the expo brought many people to the Harper campus who had never been here before. The roads and grounds staff has used Deere equipment with good results and is interested in more pieces which will enable the staff to perform more of the maintenance. Recently lines were extended for water and electricity out to the football field, a project for which a trencher was rented. Gura hopes to purchase a portable trencher for future jobs of that type.

### Communication via Satellite

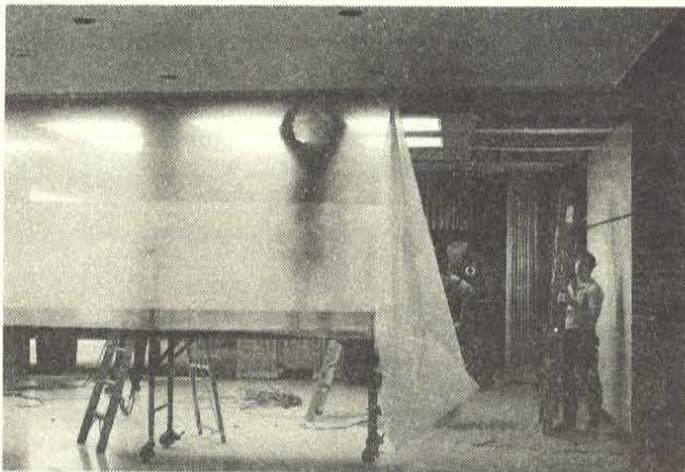
The installation of two satellite dishes located outside of Building F enables Harper's faculty and staff to view a variety of international and national programming. The recently installed communication satellite receiving system will broadcast instructional television programs to include interaction with the professor; worldwide news and governmental programs; cultural arts programs; general information telecasts and worldwide, state and national teleconferences. Harper is a member of the National University Teleconference Network based at Oklahoma University which provides listings of and publicity for college teleconferences. There are satellite television program guides available for faculty at the media desk in Building F along with request forms. Teleconferencing requests should be made at least 30 days prior to the event.

## Department Developments

Paul Szipera, TM/PS, was included in the Children's Reading Round Table of Chicago 1986 publication which honors authors and illustrators. His book entitled "I Can Be An Astronomer; I Can Be A Geologist" was published by the Children's Press. Watch for more information about Szipera in the August Insider. Sharon Alter, Bus/SS, served as cohost and political analyst for Cablenet's election night coverage of 12 northwest suburban municipal elections and the Chicago mayoral election. Congratulations to Harper graduate Miriam Kravis, Admissions Office, who will continue her education at Roosevelt and pursue a degree in Psychology. Fred Vaisvil, Student Development, served as a panelist at the University of Maryland Conference on New Options for Adult Counselors on May 19, 1987.

Welcome to the Harper Community Arlene Wiebusch, TM/PS; Barbara Wilkins, Food Service; Johanna Schnittman, Student Development; Mark Rissky, Mail Room; Pamela Chepil, Bus/SS; and Richard Will, LRC. Catheline Lomatch has transferred to LRC and congratulations to Kevin Oates, recently promoted in LRC. Best wishes and relaxing days to Bev Strauss, Personnel who is retiring and moving to North Carolina. We'll miss you!

*The Harper community is saddened by the death of Carol Zack. Our condolences to her family. She will be missed by all who knew her.*



## Campus Undergoes Refurbishing

A multitude of paint cans, ladders, hammers and saws have recently been in evidence around the campus. And this is only the beginning. Vern Manke says that this is all part of a three-year campus improvement plan. In several buildings we can already feel the results of new chillers and reconditioned cooling towers. Not so evident (yet important) are the replaced underground steam and water pipes.

New carpeting is being installed in areas of Buildings A, B, H and P. Remodeling is underway in the fashion design area (including installation of a showcase and construction of a runway) and a computer graphics lab is being built in Building C. Remodeling will take place in D.S.S., and in Building F, Rooms 119 and 132 for ESL classrooms and offices.

Assorted remodeling efforts will take place in the chemistry and math areas and in the communication lab in Building F. LS/HS students and staff will be happy to see the construction of an observation deck at the pond. New windows will be installed in the Student Activities area which will also be partly soundproofed.

Large projects to be included in the 1987-88 plan will be reroofing and implementation of a computerized environmental control system which will tie in all the energy systems throughout the campus. Sidewalks are being replaced as well as portions of the parking lot. Additional light poles will be sprouting up and the tennis courts will be resurfaced and fenced. A new water fountain will quench the thirst worked up by tennis and baseball players.

Campus beautification is an ongoing effort as are normal painting and repairs. Project requests are evaluated by the vice president along with other administrators. Many of these improvements will be completed this fiscal year. If your area needs improvements, they may be already scheduled as part of the three-year plan.



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