Focus on the

Academic Computing and Computer Services Departments

We can no longer pretend that computers don't exist. Many of us who swore we would never go near a pc have had to eat our words. And surprisingly we're finally recognizing and even accepting that computers can really be timesaving and efficient. The folks here on campus who always have seen beyond the c prompt are divided into two groups, academic and administrative computer departments.

A Good Time Was Had by All!

A picture perfect tail day with great sounds from the Palatine Marching Band (yes, that was Bob Tillotson on the drums), terrific food provided by Food Services, and a convincing win by the Harper Hawks describes the first annual tailgate festivities. More than 150 fans and Hawk supporters of all ages responded to the calls of the cheerleaders and carried the spirit into the football stands. All the partyers under four feet tall could be spotted wearing Harper tee-shirts handed out by enthusiastic party organizer Ray Devery. The International Club came out with all its members and collected donations at halftime for the Peter Soby P.S. We Care fund. Look for the second annual tailgate party next year before Harper's first home game.

Fans cheered on the Harper Hawks to a 22-7 victory over the Illinois Valley Apaches after the tailgate party.

Jeff Covey checks a magnetic tape with Polly Brandt.
Take a Cursor-y Look at the Computer Departments.

Because of the increased use of computers within the College, Dr. David Williams set up a task force in 1982 which resulted in dividing the work of computer services into Academic Computing for Instruction and Computer Services, which handles administrative tasks. As a result, Larry Haftner was hired as director of academic computing. Haftner is a research sociologist by training who worked his way through graduate school by helping fellow students work on their quantitative research through computer programs. His interest in computers was piqued when he took his first programming course in junior high. Through reading and hands-on experience, he has expanded his knowledge and expertise. He has worked in the computer field at Morehead State University in Kentucky and at the University of Iowa.

When Haftner came to Harper, there were about 100 microcomputers on campus. Today, there are 400-450. Recently, agreement has been reached to standardize the software used campus-wide. Wordstar 2000 has been chosen and by the end of the month 60 staff members will have completed a training session on the software package. A users group has just started meeting on a monthly basis to talk about their personal experience using the software. This sharing of information should help make life with Wordstar 2000 easier for all concerned.

Haftner's department oversees computer use for all instructional activities, including labs, microcomputer and data processing equipment. With the help of secretary Margaret Kevorkian, lab assistant Joe Suchy and technical and communications specialist Troy Monaghen, Haftner keeps the academic computing services running smoothly.

Because of the overlap of computer functions, Haftner and his department work closely with Art Bowers and the Computer Services department located in Building A. The two departments view tasks as a whole and decide the best way to get the entire job done. Both directors are enthusiastic about the cooperation between departments and feel that the shared decision making process on how to divide their labor makes good sense. The job goes to the department which is best equipped to handle it from a manpower and equipment viewpoint.
Computer Services staff members from left to right are Art Bowers, Jim Thoms, Don Malzahn, Bob Brown, Mark Johnson, Helen Rakotz (seated) and Diane Novak. Jim Foody, Hazel Blikk and Larry Feldman were unavailable when this photo was taken.

Administrative tasks such as registration, budget, personnel and payroll are overseen by Bowers' department. New programs are being planned and designed for testing prospective students and organizing company contacts which will be used for the Placement Office as well as Continuing Education, Development and College Relations.

Bowers, who organized student records at the University of Oregon and then worked as an independent industry consultant prior to coming to Harper, recently returned from a professional leave to China. His group was part of a Citizen Ambassador program. American professionals dealt with their Chinese counterparts rather than with government representatives. Bowers was pleased with the trip and felt that he received as much of an education as the Chinese educators.

The department is divided between computer operations and programming services. The staff is involved in the day-to-day operations of computer related activities. These activities involve designing new programs to meet the changing needs of the College, maintaining and updating current programs and printouts and keeping operations running smoothly. Both computer departments are important, integral parts of the College.

For Your Information

**Institutional Calendar**

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- **Academic and Student Affairs**
- **Finance/Buildings and Grounds**
- **Presentation: Fall Festival Queen**
- **Elk Grove High School Night**
- **An Evening of Information: Colleges and Careers**
- **Friends of Harper, Election**

**Insider's View of Jim Arnesen**

Jim Arnesen, professor of Biology and department chairman, is beginning his sixteenth year at Harper. He came to Harper College from the University of Iowa where he taught five years while working toward his doctorate. His interest in biology began at an early age. "I liked to go out and play in swamps," he recalls. At the time, the Arnesen family lived in Palatine and there was a swamp near Jim's back door. Arnesen has been very involved in the development of the natural areas around the campus and hopes that the areas will provide a learning environment for the community as well as for the students. With Jim's vision and the indispensable work of Harper's Roads and Grounds staff, our work environment is a combination of lavender asters, Illinois Prairie tall grasses, blue-stem and flowering plants. Jim Arnesen has helped make the Harper campus a nice place to be. Thanks, Jim.

**Born:** Chicago, later moved to Palatine

**Education:** B.S. and M.S., Northern Illinois University; PhD., University of Iowa

**Family:** Married to a first grade teacher; has a 17-year-old parrot

**Hobbies:** Travelling; making stained glass and raising orchids

**Favorite "pig-out" food:** Chocolate and pizza

**Favorite books:** The Prophet by Khalil Gibran; works by Rene Dubos; and Reading the Landscape of America by May Theilgaard Watts

**Last movie seen:** The Big Easy

**I would like to stop:** Eating chocolate and pizza.

**I can't stand:** People who don't think.

**One thing I've learned in life:** We never stop learning.

**Best advice my parents gave me:** Do your best, we'll support you in whatever you do.

**If money and time were no problem:** I would travel and teach when I wanted to.
Department Developments

Welcome to new staff members — Tammi Beth Jungdahl and Deborah Billlick, C.E.; Miyako C. Staff and Manuel Cuellar, Food Service: Janet Beals, and Jenney Swilley, LAC; Sheetal Bhatt, LRC; James Thom, Computer Services; Katherine Norum, TIM/PS; Steffan Pfaff, Peter Aceves and Arlen Fowler, Physical Plant; Terrance Mullins and Elizabeth Minicz, Special Programs and Services; Nancy Pierson, CAD/CAM; Linda Breidel, Registrar’s Office; and Frank J. Solano, new director of Financial Aid/Veterans’ Affairs. Good luck and good wishes to John Tubbergen, tutor in Disabled Student Services, who is retiring after 12 years of service.

Risa Goch of the Business Office won the lead role of Polly Peachum in the Three Penny Opera which will be presented at Wheaton College in November. This will be Risa’s first performance of any kind. The show is running November 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15 with matinees on Nov. 8 and 15. Break a leg, Risa!

Congratulations to all of the LRC employees who were recently reclassified. Welcome back to Helga Schultz at the Northeast Center — we’re glad you’re feeling better. Ray DePalm, Biology, has had three poems published to add to his other works. Dennis Brennen, Economics, was invited to the U.S. Meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society. He joined Nobel Prize winning economists Milton Friedman, George Stigler and James Buchanan, who also attended the meeting. Paul Sipiere, physical science, with the help of his advisor in New York, has written an article that appeared in Mante Zenith, a professional book.

Barb Baker, Finance, and her husband Tom were recently honored as Exploring’s Scouters of the Month. The Bakers have long been devoted exploring fans beginning with the formation of the Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America first all female Sea Exploring Ship in 1974.

Condolences to Gerri Guicher, administrative assistant to the dean of instruction, on the loss of her father and to Audree Walsh, Information Booth, whose mother passed away.

Special Thanks

The members of the Classified Employee Council would like to extend a special thanks to the Classified Staff for their support during the past year and for their thoughtful and considerate contribution to the Carol Zack Memorial Endowment Fund. It is very rewarding and encouraging for the Council to have appreciation shown in such a special way.

CEC Elections

Classified Employee Council elections will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1987 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the College Center. DONT FORGET TO VOTE!

From Health Services

Stop Smoking Program

A Stop Smoking Program, provided by Harper College at no cost to employees and students, has been scheduled during the Fall semester as follows:

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This is an intensive stop smoking program which will be presented by Clinical Hypnosis, Inc. For best results, participants should plan to attend all eight sessions. The program will use hypnosis and psychoeducation to assist individuals to stop smoking and help develop better coping mechanisms for stressful situations. Please call the Health Service at extension 2268 if you are interested in attending.

Great American Smokeout — November 19

TAKE A DAY OFF ... from smoking. Join the 11th annual Great American Smokeout on Thursday, November 19. Millions of Americans across the country will make a fresh start and try not to smoke for 24 hours. How about you? Or, if you don’t smoke, adopt a smoker for the day and promise to help that friend get through the 24 hours without a cigarette. Adoption papers and helpful “quit tips” and information are available in Health Service, A362. Health Service specializes in adoption proceedings and will gladly adopt you.

CPR

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation classes will be held on the following days in the Board Room:

CPR Recertification: Tuesday, November 10, 1987, 1-4 p.m.
Basic CPR Wednesday, November 11, 1987, 1-3 p.m.
Thursday, November 12, 1987, 1-3 p.m.

Call Health Services to register, extension 2268.

Blood Drive

Blood is like a parachute — it’s not there when you need it, chances are you’ll never need it again. Please consider donating a unit of blood at our next Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building A, Room 242. There are very few restrictions to giving blood, but you should be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds and be between the ages of 17 and 65. It should be at least eight weeks since your last donation.

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Employee groups and individual administrators, faculty and staff members are cordially invited to contribute stories and information before the first of the month for the issue published at midmonth. Please contact Patty Roberts, Institutional Communications, A302, extension 2628.