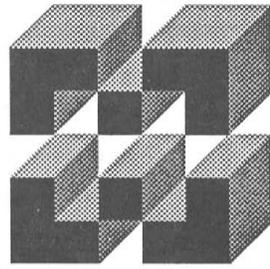


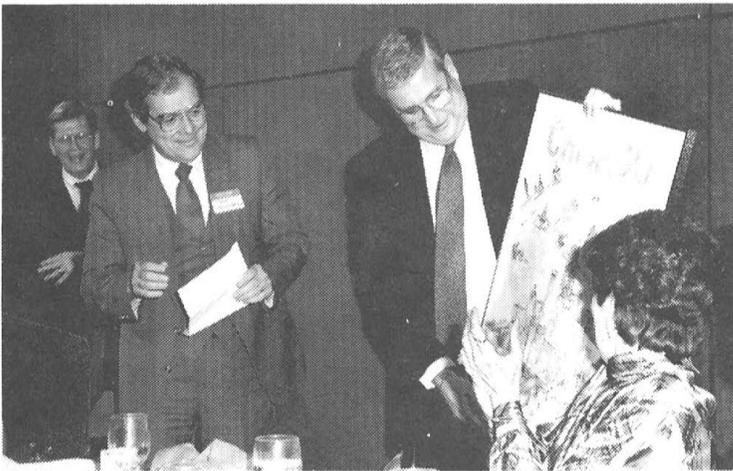
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A Fine Farewell



When they left for Washington, Jim and Bette McGrath took with them the memory of a farewell dinner attended by more than 300 Harper people. A number of Midwest mementos, such as the Chicago poster presented by Dave Williams, were given to the McGraths at the dinner.

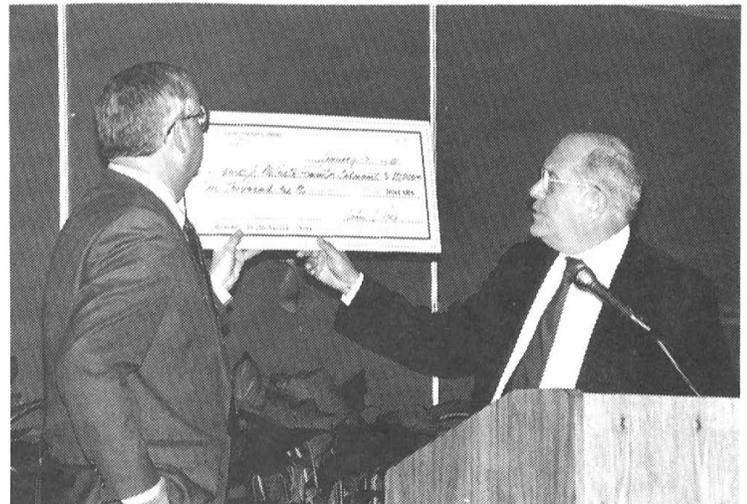
Resolution On Accreditation

A team from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited Harper College last fall to evaluate the College and make a recommendation on extension of accreditation. The final report from the Association has been received with the recommendation that Harper College be granted the maximum continuation of accreditation, which is ten years. The report commended the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff of Harper College, and the Board of Trustees passed the following resolution at the January Board meeting:

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of William Rainey Harper College express appreciation to President James J. McGrath, the administration, faculty and staff of Harper College, who have worked together cooperatively with the Board of Trustees to establish and maintain an environment of academic excellence and respect and support for the individual student, employee and community member. Special gratitude is expressed to Drs. John Muchmore, Roger Mussell and Joann Powell, who compiled the self-study document which provided the material reviewed by the North Central evaluation team prior to the campus visit and which contributed to the recommendation for continuation of accreditation for Harper College for ten years, which is the maximum number of years granted by the Association.



At the January 28 Board meeting, Chairman Kris Howard presented several awards on behalf of the College, including a plaque denoting outstanding service.



Among the many honors accorded Harper's departing president was an outsize check symbolizing establishment of the James J. McGrath Humanities Endowment, presented by Herb Muehl at the Educational Foundation's Recognition Dinner.

Insider's View of Elena Pokot

Elena Pokot and her husband became citizens of the United States on January 12, 1988, and her coworkers in Computer Services celebrated the occasion by decorating her office with red, white and blue crepe paper and a computer-generated congratulatory banner.

Although Elena already "felt very Americanized," the actual process and ceremony made her realize how grateful she was for the advice her parents had given her in 1980. Elena was in her fourth year of a five-year college curriculum when her parents encouraged her to come with them to the United States. Although it was not an easy decision for her to make at the time, Elena now exudes enthusiasm and appreciation for her life in the United States.

"There is no comparison between life in Russia and life in the U.S. Now I have the freedom to relax. In the United States I am free to be myself."

Elena finds her job as project leader rewarding and challenging and is still pleasantly overwhelmed by the friendliness and acceptance she finds in the United States, and especially at Harper.

Born: Kiev, Russia

Education: Vilno University (U.S.S.R.): applied mathematics

Family: married to a mechanical engineer

Hobbies: reading (belongs to the Great Books Foundation) and jazz

Favorite food: anything chocolate



Favorite book: *Short Stories* by O. Henry

Last movies seen: *The Sacrifice* and *Radio Days*

I would like to learn: how to say no.

I can't stand: stubborn, closed-minded people.

Best advice my parents gave me: Go to the United States.

If time and money were no problem: I would travel the world.

One thing I've learned in life: Set high goals and work hard to reach them.



From the Chair

The Women's History Week Committee

In a slight departure from the usual report on various in-house committees, this month's *Insider* features a committee that draws its membership from both the College and the community. The ninth annual Women's History Week will be celebrated at Harper College, March 7-10, and the Women's History Week Committee, chaired by Kris Howard, has planned a series of events that includes lectures, film, and music. Each day of the conference will focus on a particular theme: The Constitution... and "Remember the Ladies"; Creative Woman; Hollywood Films and American Jazz; Women: Cultural Diversity and Commonality; and Women in the Marketplace: "All in a Day's Work." Featured speakers and artists include Maggie Kuhn, founder and national convener of the Gray Panthers; Mary Cornelia Porter, visiting professor of political science at Northern Illinois University; Harper Professor Sharon Alter; Professor June Sochen of Northeastern Illinois University; trumpeter Ernestine Davis of the International Sweethearts; and Phyllis Jay Kepler of Kepler Associates Ltd. Admission to the seminars is free; meals are available at a nominal fee. Register for both by calling extension 2560 or 2272 by March 1. Child care is available; for information on the cost, call extension 2262. Again this year, Women's History Week at Harper is funded by contributions from the Avon Foundation, Motorola, Inc., and SAFECO.

Harper College Annual Campaign

At press time, preparations were underway for the Annual Campaign Party and St. Valentine's Day Raffle held on February 15. The winner, who will receive a trip for two to Hawaii, will be announced in next month's issue of the *Insider*. Money raised from the 1987 campaign was used to purchase a \$5,000 cholesterol testing machine called a Reflotron for the Health Service and to finance a \$1,000 grant for a Harper student to study in London. A \$7,000 contribution to the Carol Zack Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship has been proposed for the 1988 Campaign Project and is now under consideration.

Constitution Meeting at Harper

Delegates are being sought to attend the Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution at Harper College April 22-24. Approximately 120 adults from the northwest suburbs will discuss issues related to constitutional changes such as direct election of the president, judicial tenure, a six-year presidential term and four-year terms for U.S. representatives. Sponsored by the nonpartisan Jefferson Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Illinois Humanities Council and other organizations, the sessions will run from Friday evening until Sunday at 2:00 pm. Those interested in participating should apply for a reservation by March 1. There is no registration fee, but participation requires a commitment for the entire conference. For more information and an application, call Sharon Alter or Teresa Bachara at extension 2311.

1987 Crusade of Mercy

The 1987 campaign for the Crusade of Mercy has been completed, and the College has raised \$20,000, matching the 1986 contribution. Tom Johnson and Ray Devery thank the 319 employees who contributed.

For Your Information

Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting
8:00 pm, Board Room

Thursday, February 25

Illinois Council of
Community College
Presidents/Illinois
Community College
Trustees Association
Oak Brook

Friday/Saturday, March 11-12,

Committee Meetings
7:00 pm, Board Room

Academic and Student Affairs
Thursday, February 4
Negotiations and Employee Relations
7:30 am, Board Room
Tuesday, February 16
Finance/Buildings and Grounds
7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8
7:30 am, Board Room
Friday, March 11

General Interest

Friends of Harper, 7:30 pm, Board Room
Wednesday, March 2,
Foundation Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 8
7:30 am, A238
Women's History Week
March 7-10
Winter Sports Banquet
Tuesday, March 8,
6:00 pm, location TBA

Department Developments

On November 23, President **James J. McGrath** received the 1987 Kenneth W. Young Award in recognition of his leadership and commitment to community education. The award is presented annually to an individual whose leadership has enhanced the mental health of the Northwest Suburban area. Presenting the award was Judd Stone, executive director of the Kenneth Young Centers.



Al Dunikoski, dean of the Learning Resources Center, served as a judge in a video competition sponsored by the Community College Association for Instruction and Technology. More than sixty video producers and media students at community colleges across the country submitted entries. Retiring biology Professor **Ray DePalma's** poem, "My Brother Used to Say," was published in *Eve's Legacy*, Volume III. Former Supervisor of the Graphics Department **Nawanna Rodgers** has had five of her poems accepted by various publishers. One of her sonnets will appear in the anthology of the National Library of Poetry. Athletic Academic Coordinator **Tom Choice** presented a program on "Creating an Athletic Academic Advising Program at a Community College" at the 1988 convention of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. **John Eliasik**, assistant professor in the PEAR division, was named Region 4 Coach of the Year by the NJCAA. **Ray Devery**, director of Development, was cited by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education as a superior speaker in the January 1988 issue of *Currents*. **George Voegel**, dean of Educational Services, was the recipient of the 1988 L.C. Larson Service Award presented at the annual convention of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology in New Orleans. Associate Professor **Robert Thieda** is General Co-Chair of the Illinois Library Association Convention, which will be held in May at the Chicago Hilton. In the Music Department, Chairman **Bob Tillotson** was recently appointed by the National Association of Schools of Music to serve on a three-member commission to evaluate music programs in two-year community and junior colleges, and Assistant Professor **Cathy Albergo** presented a program to the Northwest Suburban Music Teachers Association on "The Musician as Teacher."

The *Insider* welcomes new employees **Bonnie Kurth**, CAD/CAM; **Barbara Zweifel**, Financial Aid; **Karl Johnson**, PEAR; **Doris Lee**, Food Service; **Michelle Swanson** and **Scott Keiler**, Bus/SS. Congratulations to recently promoted employees **Geraldine Resner**, now head Cashier; **Norman Duesler** Continuing Education Program assistant; and **Bobbye Levine**, Word Processing lead operator. Get-well wishes to **Leila Pepper** of LRC Media Services and **Dee Johnson** of BUS/SS. And welcome back to **Lesley Stambaugh** of Disabled Student Services and **Gail King** of LRC Media Service.

Twenty-year Faculty



Harper is a good place to work, as demonstrated by the 24 awards recently given to faculty members who have been with the College for 20 years. Pictured (left to right, front row) are Bob Zilkowski, Fred Vaisvil, Ray DePalma, Bill Punkay, John Muchmore, Rose Trunk, Martha Bolt, Mike Ostrowski, Roger Mussell, Mike Bartos, John Gelch, Henry Roepken, (back row) Clete Hinton, Joe Clouser, Henry Meier, Tom McCabe, Roy Kearns. Unable to attend the photo session were Harold Cunningham, Larry King, John Knudsen, Ron Stewart, John Davis, Martin Ryan and Jay Singelmann. Congratulations to all.

Harper Designer Wins Competition

First prize is getting to be a Harper tradition. Eva Osiowy, a fashion design student at William Rainey Harper College, is the first-place winner in the annual Fashion Group of Chicago design competition. The cash prize of \$2,500 was awarded to the 28-year-old designer for her entry in the career attire category for a clove wool crepe and black leather costume that the designer says is "tailored but quite feminine."

A native of Poland, Osiowy currently lives in Des Plaines. She entered the Harper fashion program in 1986.

Two other Harper fashion design students, Penny Pizzillo of Prospect Heights and Beverly Adams of Elk Grove, were among the 15 finalists selected from more than 350 entries by a panel of fashion professionals.

Retiree's Corner

Retired Counselor Bill Nelson writes from Chapel Hill, North Carolina:

"It is a real pleasure to receive the *Harper Insider*. News of Harper College is hard to come by when you live in the 'southern part of heaven.'

"Although almost six years have passed since I retired from Harper, it seems only yesterday that I said good-bye. Time flies.

"My wife and I are healthy and happy. We travel a great deal; I'd swear that every employee at the Atlanta airport knows me by my first name.

"I dabble in a little real estate now and then. Golf, swimming, boating, the theater, and skiing occupy the balance of our time. In fact, we just returned from a skiing trip in Colorado.

"Greetings to everybody. I hope to visit 'y'all' in the late spring of '88."

A Word of Appreciation from Helga Schulz:

"I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received over the years at Harper. I particularly appreciated it during my husband's illness and death and during my own illness. Thank you for the farewell gifts and parties at my retirement. It felt good to be part of the Harper family. I'll miss all of you and think of you often."

Retirement Seminar

Last fall Harper College hosted a preretirement planning seminar that was quite beneficial to attend. This year, in conjunction with SURS, Triton and Joliet Community Colleges will host a similar seminar on April 16 and 23. For information contact Peg Gorman in Personnel.

The Harper Insider, a monthly publication of the Institutional Communications Office, has been developed as part of the College Relations Departmental program of information for the college community and produced with assistance from LRC Media Services.

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 Larry Sisk, Institutional Communications, A302, extension 2628.

Health Service News

Board of Trustees Improves Employee Assistance Program

In October 1984, Harper College, in cooperation with Alexian Brothers Medical Center, initiated its Employee Assistance Program for all regular full-time and part-time employees and their immediate families. The program is designed to provide confidential referral and treatment of persistent behavioral, personal, emotional or medical concerns that interfere with the employee's life on and off the job.

Initially the employee was charged \$25 for the assessment interview, but in December the Board approved a revised agreement under which the College pays an annual fee to the Medical Center so that employees no longer have to pay for the initial assessment. In many instances further treatment may be reimbursed by medical insurance plans. The referral coordinator works with the employee to arrange for the best treatment the employee can afford.

Alexian Brothers Medical Center provides two Employee Assistance Program referral coordinators, who are not employees of Harper College, to discuss employees' problems in strict confidence. During the initial evaluation interview, the referral coordinator assesses the problem and refers the caller to the appropriate source for immediate assistance.

Typical problems for which employees seek professional help include marital, family, or financial difficulties; alcoholism and drug abuse; and emotional disorders. The objectives of the program are to encourage employees to seek confidential help before personal problems reach severe or chronic stages and to restore their productivity and joie de vivre.

If you or any member of your immediate family need assistance, call 981-3687, a direct line to the Employee Assistance Program Coordinators, Virginia Collins and GERALYN MAZZONE. During the evening or on a weekend, call 437-5500, extension 4551. If you have any questions about the program, contact Rosemary Murray in the Harper College Health Service, extension 2340.

February is American Heart Month

An important first step to preventing heart disease is a blood cholesterol test. A small pinprick of the finger yields enough blood for an immediate analysis of your cholesterol, using the Reflotron purchased by the 1987 Annual Campaign Project.

Cholesterol is a fatty substance carried in the bloodstream that is needed for cell and hormone production. But excess blood cholesterol contributes to heart disease by blocking arteries and choking off the supply of blood to the heart.

Harper College Health Service offers cholesterol testing to students for only \$1, and to faculty and staff for \$3. No appointment is necessary; just walk in to A362.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Where America Goes to College

February is Community College Month.

Physical Plant

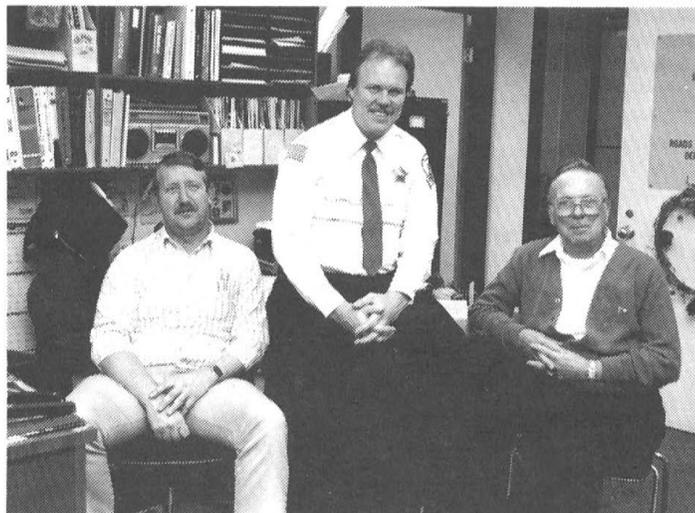
Last month's *Insider* focused on the people responsible for the Physical Plant Division's administration, maintenance and utilities department, and the College switchboard. This month, this column features the departments responsible for custodial services, public safety, roads and grounds, shipping and receiving, and the mail center.

Harper is a big, busy place. If that thought hasn't crossed your mind lately, just ask custodial Supervisor Charlie Hearn about what it takes to keep 733,990 square feet of classrooms, hallways, offices, and restrooms looking clean and attractive. For openers, it takes people — lots of them — working in three shifts day and night to accomplish a complete cleaning schedule that includes daily and weekly tasks along with the less frequent but equally necessary chores of cleaning windows and waxing floors. Crews are also kept busy setting up College rooms for everything from seminars to Board meetings to large events such as Commencement. In bad weather, there are additional duties such as shoveling snow, melting ice on walks and mopping in buildings. According to Hearn, "It's a little like being a doctor: you're on call all the time — days, evenings, weekends and holidays. The responsibilities are great, but so are the rewards."



Custodial Supervisor Charlie Hearn with foremen Mike Korrick, Bill Schurak, Santiago Gutierrez

Chuck Gura can also attest to the size of Harper College. As Supervisor of the Roads and Grounds staff, Chuck is responsible for a 200-acre campus, most of which must be mowed, pruned, or repaired in the good weather, with the remainder to be cleared of snow during winter months. Roads and Grounds staff members also change the listings on campus marquees, move equipment and supplies from one building to another, and put much thought and effort into designing and improving plantings. Staff efforts have resulted in a campus that is one of the most attractive community college sites in the state.



Chuck Gura of Roads and Grounds, Kevin King of Public Safety and Bill Walsh of Shipping and Receiving

The division is responsible not only for the appearance of the campus, but also for the safety of students, employees and visitors at the College. The Public Safety Department under supervisor Kevin King provides security patrols day and night on campus roads and parking lots, as well as inside the buildings. The department provides traffic control, parking assistance and security for events from rock concerts to commencement. Safety is the top priority, but courtesy is right up there too, as shown on a couple of particularly bitter January mornings when the department shuttled employees from the most windswept lot to the building. According to King, "The primary function of the department is to provide a safe environment so that the mission of the college can be carried out successfully."



Physical Plant (continued)



Max Netzeband, Janice Adams, James Kuzyk, Julia West, Ronald Schubert, Bruce McConnell, Kirk Schulz, Phillip Robert, Kevin King



Day Shift: David Berrios, Kurt Karas, Janice Morris, Anthony Murray (top) Jose Trevino, M.J. Miller, Anibal Berrios

The two remaining departments in this division, headquartered in the warehouse portion of Building B, are the Mail Center, supervised by Nancy Moloznik, and the Shipping and Receiving Department, headed by Bill Walsh. Preparing outgoing mail for the post office run, plus two campus mail deliveries each day, keeps Nancy and her staff busy. Other duties include providing materials, information, and permits for bulk mailings; monitoring College postage funds on deposit with the Postal Service; and keeping up with postal regulations and reports.



Second Shift: Juan Lopez, Arnoldo Soto, Edwin Zamora, Joe Pras



Susan Witt, David Fanizza, MaryBeth Weiss



Donald Brady, Arlan Foster, Raul Artega, Kay Webb, William Guy, Richard Geary, Dale Cook, Carrie Ridenour and Sam Feliciano are among the staff members who keep things moving on campus.



Night Shift: (1st row) Marty Ryan, James Hauser, Daniel Garay, Jr., William Schneider, David Hinds, Thomas Rourke, (second row) Alicia Calzada, Stefans Pfaff, Warren Hill, Robert Gadban, Charles Stokes, William Fisher, William Slaton, Walter Hughes, Ken Wille, Rick Willis, (third row) Daniel Garay, Sr., Carlos Meza, Carl Dybowski, Evaristo Calzada, Michael Lapicola, Keith Kollenberg, Ron Bush, Margaret Frisby

Bill Walsh, foreman in the Shipping and Receiving Department, accepts shipments of all sorts, from skids laden with course schedules to one small replacement part for a piece of lab equipment. Bill is also responsible for deliveries on and off campus, warehousing of extra supplies and any shipments leaving the College.

This concludes the two-part focus on the many members of the Physical Plant Division whose work centers around continuing to improve an already excellent environment at Harper College.