Corporate Scholars Luncheon

Vice President David Williams and Dean Martin Ryan chat with Richard H. Albrecht of Federated Foods and Barbara Epperly, recipient of the Donald Albrecht Memorial Scholarship at the first annual luncheon for corporate scholars, held on March 31 in the faculty dining room.

Charles E. Gueniel, vice president of Square D Company; Kris Howard, Chairman of the Board; Andrea Chang, recipient of the Square D 2+1 Scholarship; and Dean George Dornier

Sandra Pflum of the Motorola Foundation with Elizabeth LeTourneau, winner of the 1987 Award for Excellence
Insider's View of
Laura Jacobson

On March 28 and 29 the student body elected a student trustee for the coming year, and they chose 19-year-old Laura Jacobson, a freshman from Schaumburg. In February, Laura had been elected to fill a seat on the Student Senate, and since then has attended meetings of the Harper College Board of Trustees. Her term on the Board will begin with the April meeting.

Laura is studying Spanish and science at Harper and hopes to transfer downstate to the University of Illinois after she completes her associate degree at Harper. Her hobby, astronomy, tints in with her interest in science. She is a part-time assistant at the Eisenhower Observatory, where she instructs visitors in telescope use.

Like many students, Laura selected Harper partly because of the financial advantages of attending a community college, and she admits that she was a little disappointed when some of her friends made disparaging remarks about community colleges. But her disappointment quickly turned to satisfaction as she became involved with Harper and the Student Senate. "Harper is an excellent school," she says, "and I'm very happy I came here."

Born: Schaumburg, Illinois
Education: Schaumburg High School, Harper College
Family: father James, mother Diane, brothers Lyle and Karl
Hobby: astronomy
Favorite food: chocolate
Favorite book: The Day the Universe Changed by James Burke
Favorite movies: oldies, especially Humphrey Bogart and Doris Day films
I would like to learn: another language.
I can't stand: snobbery and insincerity.
If time and money were no problem: I'd travel.
One thing I've learned in life: things aren't always as they seem on first impression.

From the Chair

The Distinguished Faculty Selection Committee, chaired by Chuck Harrington, is charged with evaluating nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Award submitted by the deans of the various divisions.

During March, letters of recommendation and support are submitted to the committee along with other materials, all of which are kept in the Dean's office for committee inspection. On April 15 the committee selects three finalists, whose names are presented to the Board of Trustees for final selection. The winner is not announced to the public until Commencement, when the award is presented. According to Harrington, "the award is conferred in recognition of excellence in teaching, and Harper is fortunate to have the majority of previous honorees still active in the classroom." The next time you find yourself in the College Center, look for the brass plaque (on one of the pillars near the information booth) with the names of the recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Award.

English as a Second Language and Disabled Student Services Work Together

Susan Cusack (ESL), Martha Brown (Student Development), Ellen Kaufman (Disabled Students), and Kathy Holper (ESL) presented "An ESL Approach to Teaching English to Hearing Impaired Students" at the 1988 Illinois Teachers of the Hearing Impaired Conference and "Developing Critical Thinking Skills for Deaf College Students" at the International Conference of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. ESL adjunct faculty members Peggy Kaczak and Joan Marubio also gave a presentation on "An Independent Listening Laboratory: A Success Story" at the same international conference. TESOL selected Harper's ESL department as one of the sites to be visited during the conference, and guests from England, Panama, Egypt, Morocco and other countries had a chance to observe the workings of an American program.

Illinois Print and Drawing Show

Professor John Krudsen, chairman of Harper's Art Department and coordinator of the Illinois Print and Drawing Show, explains the significance of a work to two of the many visitors who attended the exhibition on Sunday, March 5.
Focus on the Fashion Design Department

The Harper College Fashion Design Department began in 1969 under the direction of Betty Giordani. Chieko Nombu, the current coordinator, came on the staff a year later, and Giordani retired in 1972. Maria Baumgartner, a graduate of the German Fashion Academy, is the other full-time professor in the department. The part-time faculty, fashion professionals who are also knowledgeable in a number of specialties, comprises Nancy Briney, Sandra Clark, Robert Colborne, Brigido Swiatowicz, Mary Quinn, Betty Brown and Linda Longley. Augie Melchert is department secretary to both fashion and interior design. Fashion consultant Jo Deutsch assists the department with the spring show and other projects.

The fashion design department produces an annual show to exhibit the students' work. Originally the students modeled their own creations, but in recent years so many volunteers have come forward that there is now a competition every February to select models for the May show. This year about 170 students from Harper and area high schools entered the competition, and 70 of them were chosen as runway models.

There is much cooperation between Harper College and district high school programs in home economics and sewing. Last semester, for example, the College inaugurated modeling and career internship programs for high school students. This season's fashion show, entitled "The Best of '88," will feature a lot of black and white and the brilliant floral designs popular this spring. It will be Chieko's last show here. She is retiring from Harper to pursue her own designing aspirations. Who knows? Next year you may be wearing one of her creations.

- William Rainey Harper College presents The Best of '88, the annual showcase of fashion students' designs, on Friday, May 13 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. in Building M. Tickets are $4.50 for the matinee and $6.50 for the evening show if purchased in advance, $6 and $8 at the door. Student tickets are $3. Proceeds benefit student activities and scholarships. The Best of '88 is a joint presentation of the fashion design and merchandising students enrolled in the two-year program, which leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree. More than 200 original designs will be shown in the 19th annual fashion showcase. Music for the 45-minute show is by Avron. For reservations and information call the box office, extension 2547.
Department Developments

Roger Mussell has been named Outstanding Technical Teacher of the Year by the American Technical Education Association. He received the award at the National Conference on Technical Education held in Nashville, Tennessee the weekend of March 26. . . . John Sturz (LRC/AV) gave a presentation on "AV Equipment Maintenance and Management" at the 16th National Learning Resources Conference held March 21-23 at the College of Lake County. John is also listed in the 21st edition of Who's Who in the Midwest. . . .

Activities Jeanne Pankarin was the guest speaker at the March 25 banquet of the Elk Grove Kiwanis Club; her topic was "What Does It Mean To Be Educated?" . . . Karen Fox, Adult Educational Development adjunct faculty member, served as cochair of the 1988 Celebrity Auction for the Elgin Community Crisis Center. Over $30,000 was raised to support women and children in crisis from 16 communities in the Elgin area.

Tim Terrell, Harper graduate and member of the Los Angeles Rams football team was one of the local celebrities attending. . . . At the recent ACT Program on Adult Students, Joan Kindle, Russ Mills, and Joyce Nolan were presenters; and Steve Catlin served as coordinator. . . . Harper's Adult Education Program is one of two selected by the Illinois State Board of Education for the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Adult Basic Education Programs and is also being considered for national recognition by the Department of Education. . . . Virginia Bender, coordinator of Data Processing, participated in a panel on systems analysis and design at the Midwest Computer Conference held at Northern Illinois University in March. . . . Anne Frost, Donna Ireland and Larry Sisk of Institutional Communications attended a seminar on printing sponsored by the Illinois College Relations Council at Matteson on March 21. . . . Supervisor of Tutoring Nimi Jonados and Area Tutor Coordinator of Data Processing Cathy Paprocki presented "Tutor Training in a Nutshell" on March 11 at the National Adult Developmental Education Conference in Orlando, Florida. . . . DePaul University has indicated that Harper accounting students have achieved the highest grade point averages of all community college transfer students; and three former Harper students have passed all parts of the CPA exam on the first try. Congratulations! . . . Gene Magad, coordinator of the Material Management Program, is recuperating after heart surgery and has begun a rehabilitation and physical therapy program at Lutheran General Hospital. . . . Congratulations to the following, who received faculty promotions on March 24: Assistant Professors Sally Koslar; Associate Professors Cathy Albergo, Charlotte Herzog, J. Stanley Ryberg, and Renee Zellner; Professors Paul Holdawy, Mary Ann Jirak, Barbara Olson, Pat Smith-Pierce and Roy Steffens. . . . Condolences to Clete Hinton (Student Development) on the loss of his father; to Nick Nicoulakis (Physical Plant) on the loss of his wife; and to Art Gorski (Physical Plant) on the loss of his father. Harper employees are requested to inform the Office of College Relations of serious illness or death in their families.

Health Service News

Organ Donation

Have you ever considered bequeathing your eyes, kidneys or other organs to extend or improve someone else's life after you are gone? Organ donation is a miracle that works, but organs are received from only 15 percent of the more than 20,000 people who die each year. Many requests remain unfulfilled. The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act allows anyone over 18 to sign a donor card willing some or all organs. The Illinois Drivers License Bureau can supply you with a stamp for your license identifying you as an organ donor. During Tissue and Organ Donor Awareness Week, April 24-30, donor cards and information will also be available in the Harper Health Service, A362. Your thoughtfulness now can become a miracle later.

Illinois Employee Fitness Day

In response to Governor Thompson's declaration of Friday, May 13 as Illinois Employee Fitness day, Harper College Health Service is sponsoring a noncompetitive one- or two-mile walk that day. Plan to bring your walking shoes and participate in this invigorating outdoor event. Watch your campus mail for additional information and registration forms.

Retirees Corner

The Harper College staff extend their condolences to the family of retired custodian Bill Fairman, who passed away on April 1. Personal expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at 1161 S. Humphrey, Oak Park, IL 60304.

For Your Information

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

Board of Trustees
Scholarship Reception
7:30 pm, Dining Room

Committee Meetings
7:00 pm, Board Room

General

Thursday, April 28

Thursday, May 12

Wednesday, May 4

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Harper Jefferson Meeting
Friday-Sunday,
April 22-24
Time and location TBA
Friends of Harper,
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 4
7:30 pm, Dining Room
Academic Convocation
Tuesday, May 10
7:30 pm, J143
Illinois Council of Community College Presidents
Friday, May 13
Sheraton Springfield
Illinois Community
College Trustees Association
May 13-14
Sheraton Springfield

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