Opening Day Is August 16

This year the traditional faculty orientation has been restructured to include events for the entire Harper staff. The first event of the week will be a reception for the new faculty and the Freshman Experience, sponsored by Student Development, on Friday evening, August 15.

On Tuesday morning, August 16, all Harper employees are invited to attend a coffee hour and address by Terry O'Banion, Ph.D., executive director of the League for Innovation in the Community College, a national consortium of leading community colleges in the United States and Canada. The coffee hour will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the presentation at 9:30. Both events will be held in the Building M cafeteria.

Dr. O'Banion has served as dean of students in two Florida community colleges and as a professor of community college education at the University of Illinois in Urbana, where he was selected for the Outstanding Teacher Award for seven consecutive years. He has also served as a visiting professor at the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Hawaii, the University of Lethbridge in Canada, and Florida State University. The author of eight books on the community college and more than 70 articles and monographs, Dr. O'Banion will speak on the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges Futures Commission document, "Building Communities." His address will be followed by an employee lunch in the Building A Dining Hall at noon. The afternoon session is to be given over to faculty orientation. Open registration will be held throughout the week. For a complete schedule of the fall semester orientation program, contact the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, extension 2300.

From the Chair: Employee Development Committee

Sixteen members of the Harper College administration, faculty and staff have been meeting all summer to determine the mission and objectives of the proposed Employee Development Committee. This committee, which has filed an application with the Council for the Coordination of College Committees, will consist of one umbrella committee, which will deal with issues of concern to the entire Harper community, and several subcommittees to deal with issues specific to the different employee groups. Special seminars, presentations and workshops are being planned for faculty, administration and staff. The opening day activities have been arranged with the input of the new task force and will serve as a kickoff for staff development programs being planned for all Harper employees during the upcoming academic year. For more information about the new committee, call Linda Alberts at 2541.
Department Developments

Professor Ed Metcalfe of the Park Management Program received a commendation from the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization for his exceptional service to the community. Assistant Professor Renee Zellner of the Physical Education Division received the Region IV award for Outstanding Women’s Track Coach of the Year. Her women’s track team won first place in the NJCAA Region IV meet. Former President Jim McGraith was recognized at a banquet in Springfield on July 11 as winner of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Meritorious Service Award for his leadership in service to public community colleges... Director of the Learning Assistance Center Lee Kolzow participated in the Smoky Mountain Seminar on Effective Teaching and Learning sponsored by the University of Michigan and the National Center for Research to Improve Postsecondary Teaching and Learning; she also attended the National Conference on Assessment in Higher Education.

Dean of Special Programs and Services Liz McKay has been appointed to the Northern Cook County Private Industry Council Board of Directors... Coordinator of Disabled Student Services Tom Thompson has been appointed to the Executive Board of the Association of Handicapped Student Programs in Postsecondary Education. Sign Language and Interpreter Training faculty member Donna Ritter Brandwein presented “Interpreter Training Opportunities” at the Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf state convention in June... Two articles by Student Activities Advisor Michael Nejman were recently published in the Art and Show section of The Chicago Sun Times... Professor Sharon Alter recently spoke to the Palatine Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons on the subject of “Elderly Citizens’ Vote.”... Professor Diane Callin presented the 1986 Illinois Alumni Achievement Award winners at a luncheon attended by state government dignitaries, the board of trustees, president, chancellor and vice chancellor of the University of Illinois. Supervisor of Health Services Rosemary Murray is the recipient of a federal grant from the Drug/Alcohol Awareness Network. Congratulations!

The Harper family welcomes the newly appointed faculty for the fall term: Biology Instructor Neil Schanker; Assistant Professor of Fashion Design Sandra Clark; Chemistry Instructor Julie Elferson; Associate Professor of Psychology Pierre Lacoste; and Interior Design Instructor Diane Batzkaill.

We have also a number of new classified staff: Robert LaRosa in LRC Media Services; Patricia Coleman in Student Development; Matthew Paul in Academic Computing; Judith Amelise in Special Programs and Services; Laura Butler, Kathleen Noworolnik, Sherry Ann Thill and Jodie Brokke in Life Science and Human Services.

This is the last issue of The Insider to be typeset by Cinny Poppen, who has been in LRC Graphics since the purchase of the College’s phototypesetting equipment. We’ll miss her pleasant ways and good work, and we wish her well in her new position as coordinator of CUANES, an emergency response network which initiates telegrams in protest when human rights are violated in El Salvador.

Insider’s View of
Susan Carlson

Because her office is off the main campus, many Harper employees may have missed meeting Extension Services Specialist Susan Carlson. As manager of the Northeast Center, she is responsible for marketing the services the College provides to individuals and businesses at all of Harper’s extension sites.

Before coming to Harper last February, Susan had accumulated six years of experience in college work, both in teaching and administration. Her most recent position was as registrar at Washington University Law School in St. Louis, but she had also worked for Lewis and Clark Community College and taught in Japan for Pepperdine College.

Being an “army brat,” as she calls herself, Susan had a varied childhood, living in many locations, but she grew up mainly in Alexandria, Virginia and definitely considers herself a Southerner. She likes to to cook Southern cuisine, and she and her husband Peter attend the Kentucky Derby every year. They now live in Buffalo Grove; their hobbies include sailing.

Born: Bremerhaven, Germany
Education:Radford University, Chaminade University of Honolulu, Southern Illinois University (BS in Sociology, MBA in progress)
Family: married to attorney Peter Carlson
Favorite foods: Southern cuisine, especially scrapple (a seasoned mixture of pork and corn meal formed, sliced and fried like sausage)
Favorite books: Stephen King novels and historical novels about the Civil War
I would like to learn: Everything — I’m committed to lifelong learning.
I can’t stand: indecisive people.
If time and money were not a problem: I’d travel the world at a leisurely pace.
One thing I’ve learned in life: Trust your instincts.
Focus on the Bookstore

The Harper College Bookstore has an inventory of approximately 2,500 titles and $250,000 worth of supplies, including a line of athletic clothing that you are likely to see being worn by one of our many joggers. Owned by the College, the bookstore also furnishes general supplies for all the College offices. Certain items not in stock, such as printing supplies and daisy wheels, can be special ordered.

Managed by Pat Furtak, the bookstore has eleven employees. According to Pat, the biggest frustration she and her staff face is one of space limitation. Although there are three storage areas below the store, there is simply no place on the first floor to receive books.

While many Harper students and employees rely on the bookstore for such everyday items as newspapers and magazines, maps and even pantyhose, some of you may not realize that the bookstore stocks a good selection of used paperback best-sellers. If you're looking for a good read, stop by the bookstore and see what's there. You can purchase your choice for only 79 cents. By the same token, if you have paperbacks you want to get rid of, the bookstore will buy them from you for 50 cents apiece. They'll even buy back the ones they sold you, so you can read a book for 29 cents.

Many of us have enjoyed the convenience of being able to buy a birthday card in the bookstore and mail it right there. (You can purchase up to ten stamps from the cashier.) Beginning this month, the store will carry a complete new line of Hallmark greeting cards for every occasion.

Secretary Marie Downing and Accounting Clerks Joyce Whitman and Pat Schneider keep track of the Bookstore's paper work.

Supply Buyer Beverly Roeschel

Book Buyer Marge Adamson

Peggy Greenquist prices backpacks.
Anniversary Celebrations

Parties were given in July for Dee Johnson of Business and Social Science and Polly Brandt of Computer Services, both of whom are celebrating more than 20 years as Harper employees. An original employee of the College, Dee is retiring this month after 22 years of service. Betty Marscin of Word Processing was also recognized by the Board of Trustees for her many years of dedicated service to the College.

Few Harper employees have been here as long or worked for as many deans as Dee Johnson, shown here with former bosses Chuck Harrington, Don Sedlik, Larry King and Tom Johnson.

New Parking Permits

The College parking permits have been redesigned and color coded to help the Department of Public Safety enforce parking regulations. The new faculty/staff permits, which are red with a letter B, are numbered and are valid indefinitely. Although the new permits are not required until August 16, employees are urged to obtain and display them as soon as possible. Permits may be picked up in person at the Office of Public Safety in Building B. Please bring your faculty/staff identification card when calling for your parking permit. Permits will not be sent via campus mail or issued at the division offices.

Condolences

The Harper College family extend their sympathy to Liz McKay on the death of her father, Fred Rutz, who passed away in Ohio on July 11. A fund is being established with the Educational Foundation in memory of Mr. Rutz; contributions may be sent to Barbara Schmeltz in the Special Programs and Services Division. Liz would like to thank the members of the Harper community who have offered their support and sympathy, “It certainly is a blessing to work with so many caring people!”

We were also saddened to learn of the death of Kathy Ferreira’s father, Harold W. Johanson, who had been hospitalized for some time following a stroke. Services for Mr. Johanson were held on July 15 at the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove.

For Your Information

Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm, Board Room
Thursday, August 25

Committee Meeting
Finance, Buildings, and Grounds
7:00 pm, Board Room Tuesday, August 9

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