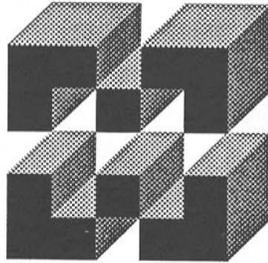


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Harper to Host Dinner with Astronaut Schmitt

Harper College insiders are invited to share the experience of space exploration at a dinner featuring scientist/astronaut/senator Harrison "Jack" Schmitt as guest speaker. The dinner, sponsored by the Department of Physical Sciences, will be held at Sage's in the Radisson Hotel, 75 W. Algonquin Road, in Arlington Heights on Thursday, October 6, at 6:30 pm. Donations of \$50 per person will go toward construction of an observatory on the College campus, which will be used by students and area residents interested in astronomy, meteorology and space exploration. The building will be equipped with an excellent telescope which was given to the College last spring.

Schmitt, the only scientist to go to the moon, served as lunar module pilot for Apollo 17, the last Apollo mission to the moon. His study of geology included a Fulbright Scholarship to the University of Oslo and a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Later studies of the Valley of Taurus-Littorin on the moon made Schmitt one of the leading experts on the history of the terrestrial planets. After his service with NASA, he was elected to the U.S. Senate from his home state of New Mexico.

In recognition of Schmitt's major contribution to space exploration and the geological sciences, the Harper College Meteorite Research Group is to be renamed and will henceforth be known as the Harrison H. Schmitt Meteorite Research Group. The Group, which has been active for several years under the leadership of Associate Professor Paul Sipiery, is working with a number of area organizations to complete the fund-raising effort and the construction of the observatory. The new facility will allow the College to add observatory experience to existing courses, to offer a more advanced course in astronomy, and to share research capabilities with other scientific groups in the Chicago area.

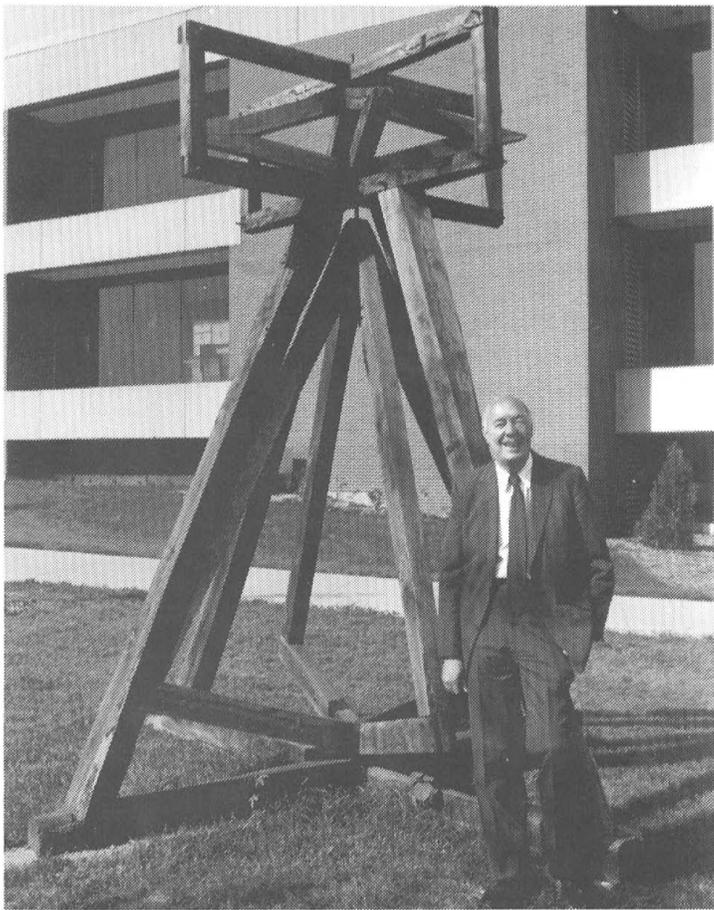
Schmitt will also offer a free lecture in the Building J theatre at 1:00 p.m. on October 6. Students, Harper employees and area residents are welcome to attend.

For more information or to make reservations for the dinner, call Paul Sipiery, extension 2726 or 2375.

Carol Zack Scholarship Awarded

Janet Chambers of Hoffman Estates is the first recipient of the Carol A. Zack Memorial Scholarship, the newest of the many awards available to Harper students. The \$500 prize will cover tuition and fees for one semester and is renewable based on continued academic achievement. Chambers plans to major in commercial art and photography. The scholarship is funded by contributions from friends and fellow employees of Carol Zack, who headed the Harper Office of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs for many years until her death in 1987.

The Harper College Educational Foundation Annual Campaign committee of College administrators, faculty and staff who solicited contributions to the Foundation from College employees recommended the scholarship as one of the projects to be funded. It is expected that the scholarship will be awarded each year. The Carol A. Zack Memorial Scholarship Fund has also received a number of individual contributions, which are welcomed by the Foundation at any time of the year. For information about the Scholarship Fund or to make a contribution, call extension 2490.



Insider's View of Martin Ryan

Martin Ryan is one of those happy and fortunate people who seems to have no dividing line between what he does for a living and what he does for his own enjoyment. Dean of the Liberal Arts Division for the past nine years, he has also expressed his love of the arts in working with the Foundation's Arts Committee to acquire sculpture pieces (as gifts or on loan from artists and galleries) for the campus, to add important two-dimensional works to the permanent collection of art owned by the College, and to add to the cultural resources Harper offers to the community. A summer project has been the installation of bronze markers identifying art works, and work is now going forward on the Richard Hunt Sculpture Show to be held here in mid-October. The show will take place in conjunction with the placement of a floating sculpture Hunt has created for the Harper lake. Martin has also participated in planning for the Smithsonian Lecture Series, some of which are to be held at Harper. "Art in Public Places," scheduled for October 22 in Building J, naturally holds particular interest for Martin. Recently, he also accepted membership on the Northwest 2001 Cultural Council which will cooperate with existing art organizations to sponsor new events, particularly those which will increase exposure to the arts for young people in our area.

Born: St. Louis, Missouri

Education: Ph.B., Northwestern University; M.A., University of Chicago. Also studied for one year at the Sorbonne.

Family: Wife, Ann, sons Christopher and Eric and two grandchildren.

Favorite food: Ice cream.

Currently reading: Robert Bly, Joseph Campbell.

I would like to learn: To relax while I'm working hard.

I can't stand: Cruelty, even the most subtle kind.

If time and money were no problem: I'd be doing what I'm doing now.

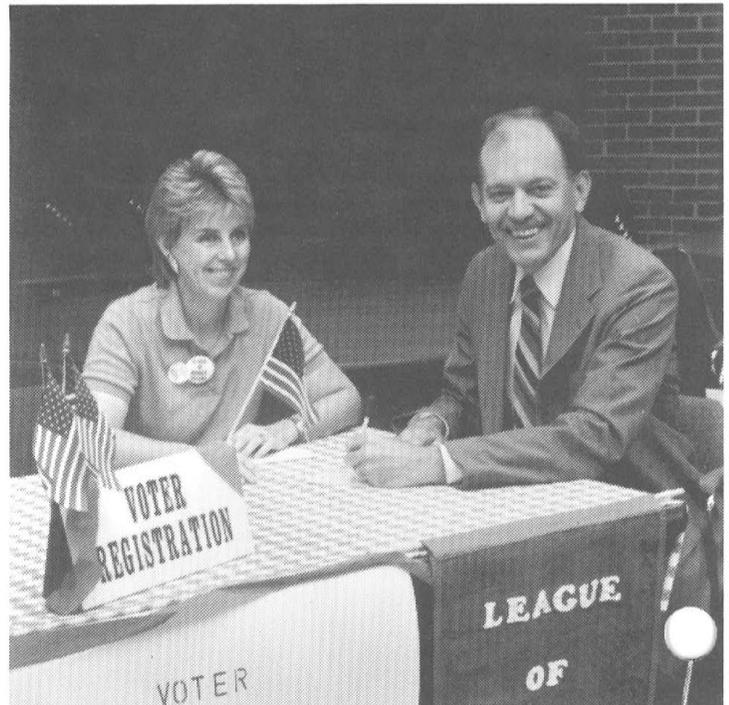
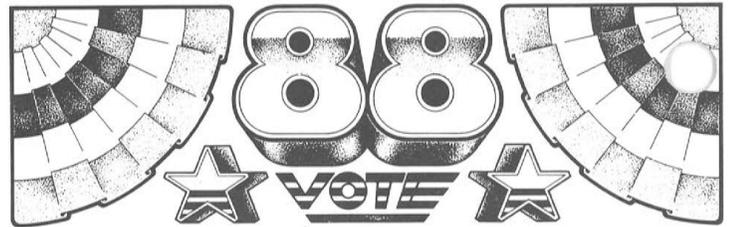
One thing I've learned in life: Tolerance.

From the Chair

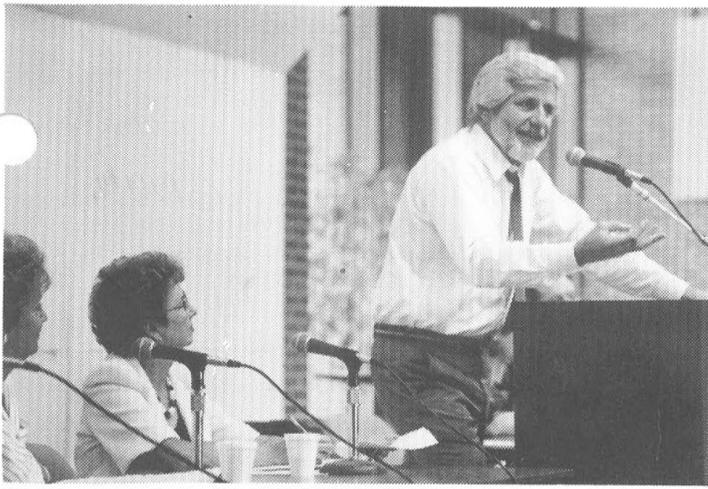


The charge to Academic Standards Committee is "to establish and maintain high academic standards," and the group's work is one of the underlying reasons for the reputation Harper maintains for academic excellence. Twelve faculty members from the various divisions plus three administrators selected by the College president meet twice monthly on Friday afternoons throughout the academic year. The Committee solicits items to be considered during the year and forwards its recommendations to the Faculty Senate for appropriate action.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs Dave Williams, "Every year the committee's work helps us make changes that improve the educational experience for each of our students." According to Committee Chairperson Therese Cummings, this year will be another busy one for the group. She notes, "During the fall semester, the Committee will be continuing to develop recommended policy for student standards of progress (defining good standing and conditions for probation, suspension and dismissal.) In addition, the Committee will prepare a report on the general education component of Harper's degrees as requested of all community colleges by the Illinois Board of Higher Education."



President Thompson was one of approximately 270 persons who registered to vote during fall registration for classes. Palatine League member Toni Vargo (left) reported many favorable comments on the project from students and area residents and noted that another registration is planned before the November election.



An expansion of orientation week offered exciting activities for incoming freshmen and their parents, and an event designed for the entire Harper community. Guest speaker Terry O'Banion's discussion of "Building Communities" was followed by a luncheon for administrators, faculty and staff.

Department Developments

Associate Professor of Journalism **Susanne Havlic** has been selected to judge the 1988 Annual Publications Contest of the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association . . . Harper photographer **John Callahan** was a judge of a photo competition held by the Quaker Oats Company on June 23 . . . "Baby," a 1960 Buick convertible belonging to **Karla and Warren Hill** received first place trophies at the Zion Nostalgia Days Celebration and the Volo Auto Museum Car Show this summer; the same car won third place last April in an all-Buick show held in Nashville, Tennessee . . . Professor **Henry Roepken** received a Ph.D. from Columbia Pacific University . . . Director of Academic Computing **Larry Haffner** has coauthored a book on Criminal Career Continuity published by Human Sciences Press of New York . . . Professor of Electronics Technology **Roger Mussell** has been invited to serve as an advisor to the Illinois State Board of Education on curriculum development . . . Economic Development Specialist **Kathleen Gilmer** attended the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Annual Corridors of Opportunity meeting in Springfield in May and represented the Golden Corridor at the High Technology Target Industry Roundtable . . . Dean of Business and Social Science **Tom Johnson** was commended by the American Council on Education for his work on the team that visited the National Association of Realtors to determine credit recommendations for realtor training programs.

Welcome to returning employees **Janette Kwitchoff** in Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs; **Carol Mazzarella**, Business and Social Science; **Sandra Kreiling** and **Karen Lustig**, Life Science and Human Services. Familiar faces in different places are the result of transfers and promotions for **Kathleen Stewart**, Accounting; **Miriam Hegy**, Business Services/Finance; **Kathleen Cornman**, Admissions; **Phyllis Tiegler**, Women's Program; **Denise Scheiden**, Switchboard; **Nancy Domain** and **Risa Goch**, Continuing Education; and **Betty Parkhurst**, Purchasing. And welcome to newcomer **Joellen Freeding**, Editorial Secretary in Institutional Communications.

Editor's Note: This is the last issue of **The Insider** that Larry Sisk had a hand in producing. We congratulate him on his appointment as assistant professor and chairman of the music department at Lewis University, and are pleased to pass on to you his comment that, "In my eight months at Harper, I felt very much a part of the College family, and I shall miss the many friendships I have made here. Harper is a great place to work!"

Harper's Own Baby Boom

Three new members have joined the extended Harper family recently, and have made the summer an exciting one for the Student Development Division. On July 1, **Diane Perhats Trickey** gave birth to **Michele Diane**, **Kathy Hanrahan's** son, **Kevin Patrick**, arrived on August 10, and **Janet Friend Westney** welcomed son **Jeffrey Harrison** on August 26. Congratulations to all three families! Diane is back at Harper, and we look forward to welcoming Kathy and Janet back before long.



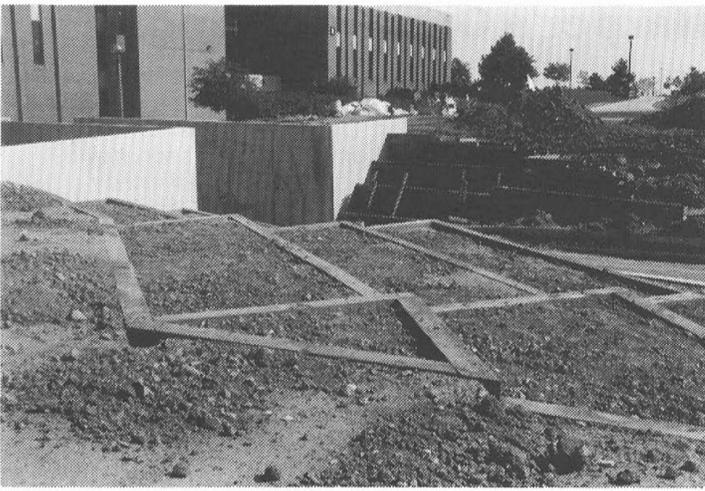
"Narcissus" by Winifred Godfrey is now on display in the Building J Theatre lobby, thanks to the agility and balance of Hill Kerstein and Greg Dallesandro. The painting was presented to the College as a gift from the artist's brother, Foundation Director Thomas Godfrey.

Retirees' Corner

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Virginia Kuykendall** in August. Ginny was employed at Harper College from her employment in 1967 until her retirement in 1983. Her position prior to retirement was secretary in the Business and Social Science Division. Since her retirement, Ginny had been living in Bonham, Texas. Funeral services were private. Information will be available later concerning memorial donations.



Registration was an especially busy time this fall, and resulted in an enrollment increase of approximately four percent over fall semester of 1987.



It doesn't look beautiful yet, but in time the west entrance to Building A will be enhanced by a terraced garden as pleasing as the now-established area at the main entrance.

It's official . . .

Late in August, the College received the Illinois Community College Board Certificate of Recognition attesting to the fact that William Rainey Harper College has achieved the status of a "recognized" college in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Public Community College Act. In announcing the recognition at the August Board meeting, President Thompson said, "Thanks to all of you for this achievement."

Legislative Update

As you may have read, the proposal for an increase in the state income tax to provide funds for education was prevented from coming to the house floor for a vote by House Speaker Michael Madigan.

SB 145, which would have provided the same health benefits to community college retirees as are provided to other state employees, never came to a vote, because funds for the program were dependent upon passage of the income tax increase.

Institutional Calendar

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting	Thursday, September 22 8:00 pm, Board Room
Informational/Study Session	Wednesday, October 12 7:30 pm, Board Room
General	GED Commencement Friday, October 7 7:30 pm, J143



Watch this space . . . in October, a Richard Hunt sculpture will be placed in the Harper lake as an addition to the campus art experience.