Construction Zones Ahead

Once construction on the new Liberal Arts and Bookstore building begins this fall, students, staff and faculty members who usually park in Lot 1 on the south (Algonquin) side of the campus may want to wear their hiking shoes or park in another lot. The new building, Building L, will be positioned between Buildings F and P.

Don DeBiase, director of Harper's physical plant, explains that the south entrance of Lot 1 will be used for construction traffic, so anyone wishing to park there will have to use the north entrance. Although 70 percent of the lot will still be available for parking, the sidewalks leading to Buildings F and P will be fenced off during construction, and only the sidewalk on the west side of Lot 1 leading north toward Building A will be open.

"Lot 1 will now be resurfaced and we've increased the number of parking spaces," DeBiase says. "This may help replace the parking eliminated in Lot 1." The resurfacing project will be completed before the start of the fall semester.

Groundbreaking for the new Print Shop building, located between Buildings M and T, is slated for later this fall and will cause less disruption. "In fact," DeBiase says, "probably only the special events that are held in the Building M gym will be affected—and then only during the loading and unloading process."

"It will be hectic for a while," he admits. "We're shooting for November or December of 1993 as a completion date for Building L, but January of 1994 would be more like it. I can't remember a building coming in on time since I've been involved in new school construction!"
The President's Message

It's especially appropriate during our Silver Anniversary year that we take time to focus on Our Preferred Future—what we've accomplished with the goals so far and where we'd like to see ourselves in ten years.

During this past academic year we've worked specifically on four goals of the Preferred Future Statement—Quality Improvement, Comprehensive Programs and Services, State-of-the-Art Technology and International Multiculturalism. This fall we'll move to the next phase of implementing these goals. For example, to address our need for quality improvement, we'll provide employee training on quality issues. All faculty and staff members will be invited to participate in a two-hour orientation and then, following this training, additional representatives from each work unit will be selected to participate in an expanded three-day awareness training workshop.

To address our goal of international multiculturalism, members of our task force have identified ten goals. These goals focus on multicultural programming, minority student and staff outreach and retention, and multicultural awareness for faculty, staff and the community at large.

We're also committed to providing instruction for and access to state-of-the-art computer networks and technology. The work on this goal, originally developed by Technology Specialists, Inc., is well underway. In September, 30 staff members will work with Information Systems to develop a four-year plan.

Additionally, a committee established last year to study comprehensive programs and services has targeted four areas to work on during this academic year—1) program effectiveness, 2) review of general education programs, 3) retention, and 4) assessment of student outcomes.

For the 1992-1993 academic year, we'll add four more components to our focus—quality teaching and active learning, protecting the environment, developing partnerships with business and industry, and employee development. Design teams will study each of the four statements, developing and submitting four-year implementation plans.

The first statement of Our Preferred Future document (noted in the box to the left), however, must always remain our top priority. Harper exists to serve its students and the citizens of this community. We must ensure that tax and tuition resources are used wisely and that the level of service meets their expectations.

By focusing on quality teaching and active learning, we will measure our strengths and determine how we can improve—for Harper has been and must continue to be a quality learning institution.

Quality teaching and active learning (must) be a hallmark of Harper College.
Journalism Department

Technology is the name of the game in media today, and students in Harper's journalism program are getting the training they need. "The media are all computerized—public relations, advertising and newspapers," says Susan Havlic, program coordinator. "So during the past year and one-half we've built up our program to keep up with advances in technology."

The journalism lab in Building A is equipped with 13 Macintosh computers, programmed with Microsoft Word, PageMaker, FreeHand, Superpaint, RightWriter, Adobe TypeAlign and HyperCard software. Each program is used in the various journalism course offerings—with students writing, editing, designing and producing advertising and public relations campaigns, newsletters, magazines, and radio and television broadcasts.

"Everything is very 'hands on' in our lab," Havlic says. For example, new interactive software such as City Council, she explains, is designed so News Reporting and Writing students can research and report on mock council meetings. The program even allows students—via computer—to "phone" council members to pose questions as they prepare news stories. Because of the instructional possibilities that this type of interactive learning allows, Havlic is learning to use the HyperCard program to design her own computer-based mock news situations.

Journalism students who are preparing for work in radio and television are also able to take advantage of the latest in technology—using the equipment, staff and know-how available in the TV Studio. In the Radio and Television course, for example, they prepare newscasts for WHCM and write, videotape and edit Campus Camera segments and audio background for the Harper cable channel.

Havlic is the only full-timer in the department, with the adjunct faculty made up of working professionals in the news and advertising fields. She stresses that although some journalism coursework teaches theory, the program's focus leans toward the practical. She explains: "While offerings like Mass Communication and Media Adjuncts are thought process courses, we like to think that we also train our students well in editing, grammar and spelling—skills that are always emphasized in education."

Student Miguel Monzon prepares for a mock interview during the final class session of his journalism externship. Coached by Susanne Havlic (standing), he was interviewed by Harper Editorial Supervisor Anne Frost. The interview was taped in the College's TV Studio.
INSIDER’S VIEW of Pat Beach

Pat Beach is a man who cares about what he does. Whether he’s marketing Harper’s hospitality program or monitoring juvenile offenders as a volunteer probation officer, he gives 100 percent to the task.

Beach joined the Harper staff last fall as coordinator of the Hospitality Management Program. During the past year, he has worked to 1) develop a mission for the program, 2) ensure articulation with the 40 four year colleges in Illinois and surrounding states, 3) initiate national recognition for coursework by developing a partnership with the National Restaurant Association and also the American Hotel and Motel Association, 4) initiate curriculum changes, and 5) market the program.

“There’s a lot of competition among area community colleges in this field,” he says. “But one of the reasons I took the position was that the Board of Trustees, President Thompson and (Business and Social Sciences) Dean Tom Johnson were committed to developing the hospitality program here.”

Both Beach and his wife have enjoyed living in the Chicago area this past year and recently bought a home in Elmhurst. “This summer our families have come to visit, so we’ve been doing the tourist scene.” He adds that he loves blues music and spends time at area blues nightclubs. He especially recommends Buddy Guy’s Blues Legends on South Wabash Street in Chicago.

Before coming to Harper, Beach taught culinary arts and hotel management classes in Michigan while working full time managing restaurants. “The adjustments of moving from managing 80 employees with a budget of $2.5 million to becoming part of a bureaucratic system were more difficult than I thought they would be. But,” he says, “the good news was that people were willing to go that extra step to help me understand why the College does things the way it does.”

Born: Detroit, Michigan

Education: A.S. Business, Oakland Community College; B.S. Hospitality, Grand Valley State; graduate studies at Central Michigan University

Family: Wife, Tricia

Interests: Running (he recently completed an 11-mile footrace along Lake Superior and admits that his wife beat him by one-half hour!)

Best advice my parents gave me: To thine own self be true.

If time and money were not a problem: I’d probably spend one-half my time volunteering in the courts and the other half playing guitar, dancing, running and wind surfing.

I don’t care much for: politicians, but I love the political process!

Favorite food: beef and pork

Favorite book: Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand

Last Book Read: Sister Ignatia—Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous by Mary C. Darrah
McShane Joins Information Systems Staff

"Computer technology was an avocation that I was able to turn into a vocation," says David McShane, the newly appointed vice president of Information Systems. He began his career at Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he created and developed a computer department. In turn, he established a complementary support staff. In 1972, he was hired by Wayne Westland Community Schools where he progressed through the ranks to the position of executive director of Computer Services. His career path established, McShane went on to become dean of Information Systems at Schoolcraft College in Michigan.

Recruited for the position at Harper, McShane accepted because he could not resist the challenge of developing a resourceful and operative information systems division. His aim is to provide technological service to the user community through an accessible information resource network that incorporates an integrated data base, an integrated phone system, imaging and the use of instructional and interactive video. He plans to address the needs of the user by keeping technology simple and by making available various information sources necessary to complete a task or project. He likes to build things from the bottom up and hopes to apply that talent by assisting Harper in its focus to prepare for the next generation by staying at the forefront of technological change.

McShane was born in Sliema, Malta, where his father was stationed with the British Army. One of seven children, he lived in many countries—his favorite being the Scandinavian countries of Norway and Denmark.

A "techie" by trade but a "tinkerer" by design, McShane enjoys building and reconstruction, snow and water skiing and is an avid traveler. He recently traveled to Alaska and Hawaii with Cynthia, his wife of 15 years.

He earned a B.B.A. degree in accounting and finance as well as a master's degree in business education from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Retirees' Corner

We send a big thank you to the many retirees who have reported in during the past few months. This month we heard from Beverly Strauss, who retired from Harper's Personnel department in 1987. She is now living in New Bern, North Carolina, where she serves as vice president of her machine quilting guild and has also won several basketweaving awards.

She volunteers for her church in religious community services and at a local rest home, serves as secretary of the church's evangelism explosion program and tends her flower and vegetable gardens in her free moments.

In the last issue of The Insider we published the list of spring retirees and their years of service to the College. The information provided for Joann Powell was incorrect. She was actually on staff for 21 years, rather than the 16 years that was published. We regret the error.
Inside Harper

Art Professor Mike Brown, a member of Harper’s Fine Arts Committee, looks over six color lithographs donated to the College’s permanent art collection this summer. Four floral prints—entitled Gladiolus, Double Tulips, Pansy and Hollyhock—are the work of Winifred Godfrey and represent her concern for color, detail, texture and scale. Trial by Journey, by Cynthia Archer, contains a personal mythology and illustrates her love of subtle color. These were donated by Mr. Medard C. Lange. A sixth lithograph, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Verb, is the work of artist Will Peterson. Entitled From There to Here, it is rich in personal imagery, representing a cerebral and physical journey. The prints are displayed outside the Board Room in Building A.

Recycle Recycle Recycle

For many of us on campus, recycling disposable food service products has become an important environmental issue. So, on September 9, the Food Service and Environmental Club will kick off the dining hall recycling program. Special receptacles for polystyrene containers, glass and non-recyclable items will be placed in dining areas along with the now present aluminum can containers. Users will be asked to dispose of the items from their trays into the appropriate container.

Harper’s new recycling program is the result of a two-year study by the Environmental Committee to determine the most environmentally effective waste disposal program for the Food Service area. Although other proposals were submitted to the committee, they were later ruled out. For example, the use of china and flatware proved costly in terms of hot water use, capital outlay for dishwashing equipment and loss due to breakage and theft. A disposable system using only paper products was also ruled out because it would require the consumption of 65 trees and 1,000 gallons of water each week. The committee therefore recommended the recycling of polystyrene, as it provides the best alternative for cost containment and preservation of the environment.

Karen Villano, Harper’s Food Service operations manager, says: “Students, faculty and staff have been concerned about a recycling program in the dining room for some time. We’re instituting this program because the food service industry needs to be a part of the recycling process in this country, and we want to do our part here at Harper.”

So, beginning this fall, watch for the new recycling program—or, better yet, use it.
Members of the Cardiac Rehabilitation staff were honored during the June meeting of the Harper Board of Trustees for saving the life of program participant Mike Lindstrom. Lindstrom (pictured third from the right) suffered an episode of tachycardia—cardiac arrest—while exercising on the Center's treadmill. Staff physician Roger Nissen (pictured second from left) applied defibrillation paddles two times while other staff members administered CPR and started an IV line. They stabilized Lindstrom before paramedics arrived. Those present for the recognition include (front row) Nancy McCorvie, Debbie Tellischow, Julie Hunter, Laura Adams, Carol Lindstrom, Mike Lindstrom and Kelly Hamontree. The second row includes Dr. Nissen, Max McCorvie, Katchen McDonald, Sherilyn Sorem and Will Hoffman.

Peak Program

Enrollments in this summer’s PEAK program topped 1300—up from 700 last year. PEAK (Programs for Energetic and Ambitious Kids) is designed for kids from 11 to 14 years of age and this summer included such offerings as Mystery of Magic and Memory; Environmental Newscaster; Spanish; Fashion Coordinator; and numerous other courses...

while 566 area elementary and junior high school students participated in the PEAR-sponsored sports camps, which offered volleyball, baseball, basketball and tennis instruction.
Departmental Developments

With the new academic year approaching, we have many new faces on campus. In AE/IS, Lynn Altfeld, Wallis Sloat and Kathryn Powell join us as instructors (Kathryn was Harper’s supervisor of nonnative literacy), and new Student Development counselors include Roderick Brown, Karin Lacour, Sharon Finkelstein and Lisa Brady. Diane Mack joins us as an instructor and Mark Zelman and Carl Dittburner as assistant professors in LS/HS, and Karen Froelich and Dan Loprieno have been hired as instructors in TM/PS. Newly hired Liberal Arts faculty members include Cheryl Turnauer and Nancy Davis as instructors and Juliann Fleenor as an assistant professor.

In other campus appointments, James Zabou has been hired as a senior programmer analyst in IS, Patricia Priore as administrative secretary for Strategic Planning, and Gail Karch has transferred to secretary in BUS/SS. Reclassifications include Robert Brown, systems programmer, and Susan Nowakowski, a programming lab assistant in IS; Suzanne Sons, student records coordinator, REG OFF; and Chris Kranz, placement specialist, Student Development.

New faces on campus include Shelley Silvers, clerk typist, TEST; Dawn Benjamin, clerk, ADM OUT; and Farida Sadrud-Din, clerk typist, FA/VA.

Our congratulations go to Nancy McCorvie, exercise technologist in the Human Performance Laboratory, for coordinating the “Do It for Your Heart” fund-raising campaign. Proceeds of $4,315 were donated to the American Heart Association to benefit research programs. Bookstore Manager Rich Seiler has been elected to a one-year term as treasurer of the Illinois Association of College Stores.

We’d like to remind the Harper faculty and staff that the Women’s Program has been renamed Resources for Women. Its mail code remains the same. Mail for Bill Howard, dean of Strategic Planning, should be marked STR PLN. His office is in C102d and his phone extension remains the same (2656). Tom Choice, who has been appointed as assistant to the vice president of Academic Affairs, has moved his office to D129. His mail code is ASST/VPAA.


Pat O’Leary, of the Nursing faculty, presented two programs this summer. The first, Stress Management and Wellness in Law Enforcement, was presented at the Illinois Crime Prevention Association Annual Conference. She also facilitated a two-day conference for the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association which taught public education officials how to interview and counsel juvenile fire setters.

Juli Peterson, formerly in Curriculum and now working temporarily for the Office of the President and Board, graduated with honors from Roosevelt University this spring. A liberal arts major, Juli was also inducted into Roosevelt’s Franklin Honor Society.

Wedding bells rang for several Harper employees over the summer. Deanna Thiel, WD PROC, and Jose Torres were married on June 27. Kelly Wickstrom, PEAR, and Dean Hamontree were married on July 4. Tom Knoff, LRC Media Services, and Barb Cohen, a member of the Harper Foundation Board of Directors, were married on July 18. Tom and Barb’s ceremony was performed by Anne Frost, PUB, a lay minister at the Community Church of Rolling Meadows.

We send our congratulations to Eric Ryan, LRC-MED SER, and wife, Patty, on the birth of their daughter, Elena Nicole. Elena weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

We send our condolences to Guido (Jim) Norini, TM/PS, on the death of his wife, Dorothy; to Mary Strama, PEAR, on the death of her brother; to Laura Spagnolo, REG OFF, on the death of her brother; to Carol Schweitzer, REG OFF, on the death of her mother; and to Kathy Noworolnik, LS/HS, on the death of her father.

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