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College personnel are still assessing damage from lightning that hit Building U on Sunday, July 18. Lightning struck the roof exhaust fan of the Ceramic Studio, and rain damaged the kiln below. Computers in an adjacent building also malfunctioned after the incident.



## The President's Message

Growth has been the hallmark of the College throughout Harper's history, and as we move into our 26th year this growth will continue.

Our building project has moved forward this summer, advancing plans that were laid two to three years ago. Publications and Communication Services moved into its quarters in the newly constructed Building S this month, and in January the Liberal Arts department expects to relocate into Building L.

In addition, on July 13 the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the College's plan to purchase the Northeast Center building and property. This is especially exciting as it gives the College a permanent location in the northeast quadrant of our service area.

Along with the physical growth of our property, however, we've also seen the student population grow. Already the headcount for this fall exceeds that of this date one year ago, and this increase is expected to continue for the next five years.

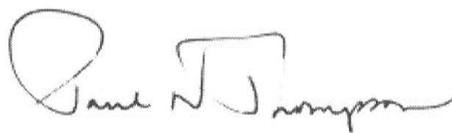
As new space has allowed us to expand, our Corporate Services department has also been able to offer more educational opportunities for employees of businesses and corporations in our service area. The 1991-92 headcount for these students was 895 and in 1992-93, enrollments grew to 1,704. This academic year Harper's projected corporate enrollment is set at

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2,800! The department has redirected its marketing thrust over the past few years, focusing on the role education can play in improving the quality and productivity of a business organization. Area business personnel realize that lifelong education provides them with employees who are more creative and who stimulate improvement in others and in their work environment. These results enable us to expand and strengthen our partnerships with the business community.

Clearly, Harper's influence is growing in the community, and this influence has increased the demand for programs we provide. This is a very exciting time for the College, and I look forward to a successful 26th year.



## FOCUS ON

# Insurance Program

Harper's Insurance Program is an example of the College's responding to the needs of the community and setting the pace in higher education. It also serves as an example of a business/education partnership.

Five years ago representatives from area insurance companies and banks noted that they were having difficulty attracting bright, capable and well-trained employees. They approached the Northwest Career Cooperative, an organization created to provide career training and job opportunities for high school students in districts 211, 214 and 220. Together they designed the 2+2 insurance and banking programs, which today are called Tech Prep programs.

The College hired Ray Normann as a consultant to develop the insurance Tech Prep program. A retired corporate trainer from Allstate Insurance, Normann was asked to design a curriculum that combined two years of preparatory training in high school with two years of specialized insurance training at Harper.

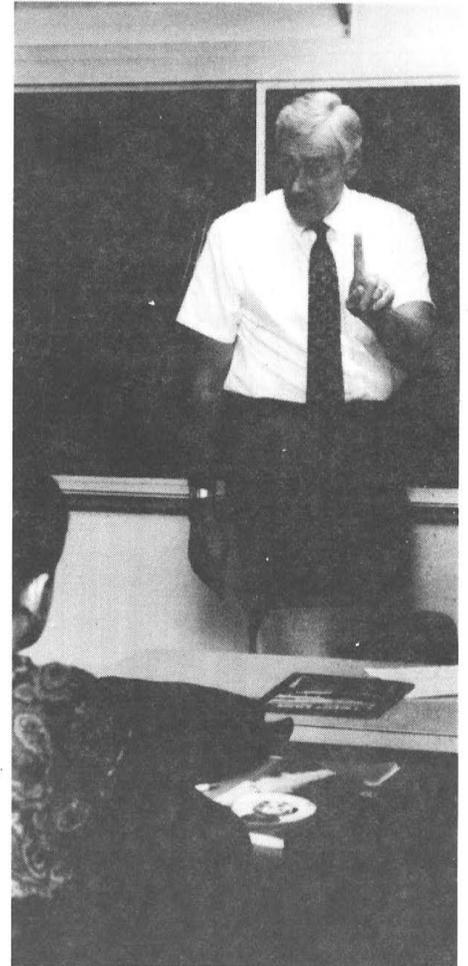
"My task was to put together a program that would close the people gap and skills gap that these companies were experiencing," Normann explains. "Basically, the companies were looking for employees with communication, computer and math skills who were also trained in accounting and insurance." He adds that the College already offered many of these courses in its general curriculum—composition, speech, computer literacy, accounting, economics, law and business courses, for

example. So Normann selected the appropriate courses and designed the curriculum. He then needed to create the insurance courses.

But even this task was easy! Having served as Allstate's corporate trainer for many years, Normann used outlines and textbooks from courses already offered in the industry and plugged in summer internship programs before and after the students' first year at Harper. The curriculum was then approved by the College's Curriculum Committee and Board of Trustees and sent on to Springfield for state approval. Normann notes that it was quickly approved and, in fact, now serves as a model for other community colleges that are developing insurance programs.

While the Insurance Program was originally designed as part of Tech Prep, Normann says that word of its success has spread, and individuals already employed in the field have returned to Harper to attend the insurance classes.

"We prepare our students well," Normann says. "They have a running start in the insurance business." To prove this point, he notes that the first two Tech Prep students graduated from Harper this spring and have taken jobs at area insurance companies. In addition, Normann is now working on articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities.



**Ray Normann, coordinator of Harper's Insurance Program, offers tips and instruction to students in the summer internship program. Each student works in an area insurance company for the summer and attends a weekly class at the College.**

## INSIDER'S VIEW

# Donald Baumgartner

Adjunct faculty member Donald Baumgartner brings a different perspective to his biology classes. Trained as a medical entomologist, he works in the pesticides section of the Environmental Protection Agency, where he provides technical assistance in the areas of public health, structural pest control, biotechnology, lawn care, protection of agricultural workers and pesticide laws and regulations.

"My diverse practical knowledge is reflected in my instructional style and content," Baumgartner says, adding that the first day of class is usually an eye-opener for students. "I start with students who are fairly ignorant of biology and science in general, and I end up with students who are eager to learn more and have a much better understanding of human anatomy, their environment and the web of life."

Baumgartner joined the adjunct faculty in 1987 and teaches evening and weekend courses in general biology. "I love to teach," he says. "It keeps my mind active and motivates me to keep current on new discoveries in science." He also conducts research, publishes and regularly attends and presents at scientific meetings.

Baumgartner has worked at the Field Museum, with private and governmental mosquito abatement districts and in bee research. He has also managed deer tick surveillance programs and has served as entomological consultant to the Kane County Health Department. "I think I've done pretty well for an entomologist living in an urban area!" he notes.

**Born:** Chicago

**Education:** B.S. and M.S. Biology, University of Illinois, Chicago

**Family:** Wife, Claudia Zaloudek, son, Kenny, two cats, a tarantula and a scorpion

**Interests:** Camping, hiking, canoeing, playing tennis and racquetball, cross-country skiing, bird watching, collecting fossils and attending Indian powwows

**If time and money were not a problem:** I would travel all over the world.

**I would like to learn:** spelunking.

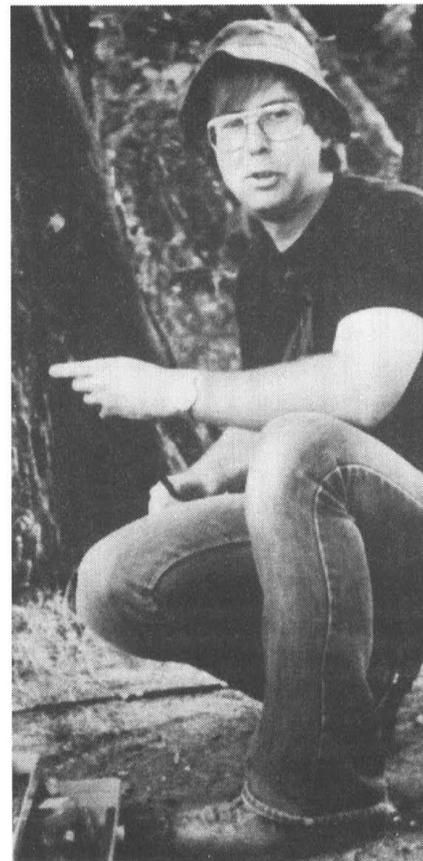
**One thing I've learned in life:** Learning is a continual process and the secret to youth. Keep your mind active by creating new intellectual challenges.

**Favorite food:** Mexican, Chinese, pizza and meatloaf

**Favorite animal:** Blowfly

**Favorite TV shows:** Although I'm active most of the time, I do tend to be a couch potato by night. I find it difficult to pass up *Star Trek*, *Home Improvement* and *Roseanne!*

**Favorite movies:** science fiction and horror



Donald Baumgartner



Harper Educational Foundation treasurer Mike Wolf and his wife, Shirley, pose for Foundation publicity photos at Poplar Creek Country Club. Harper's Educational Foundation will offer two fundraisers this fall, the annual golf outing on September 22 and a formal dinner and dance slated for October 30.

## Retirees' Corner

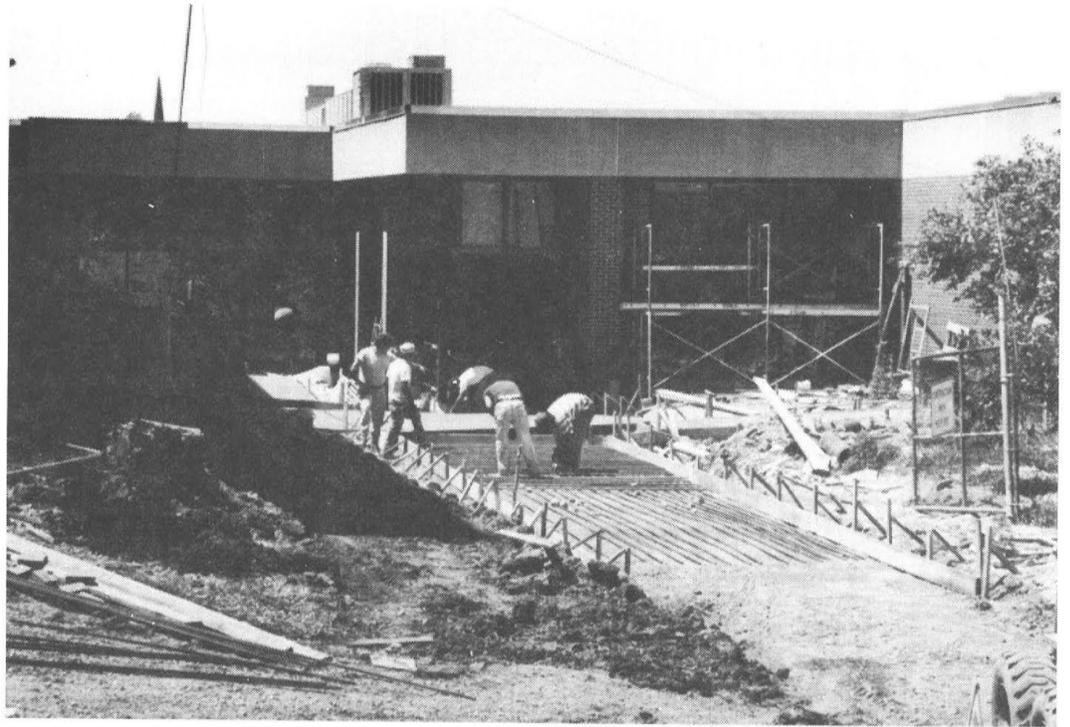
Two long-time Harper employees join the ranks of the retirees this summer. **Ellen Marnell**, Dining Services, retired in June, and **Patricia Schneider**, Accounting Services, retires this month. We congratulate them both!

**Betty Marscin**, formerly of Word Processing, sent word that she now lives in a retirement complex in Richmond Hill, Georgia. Her balcony overlooks a lake and woods, and she enjoys the mild climate. She enjoys taking short trips and attending concerts in Savannah.

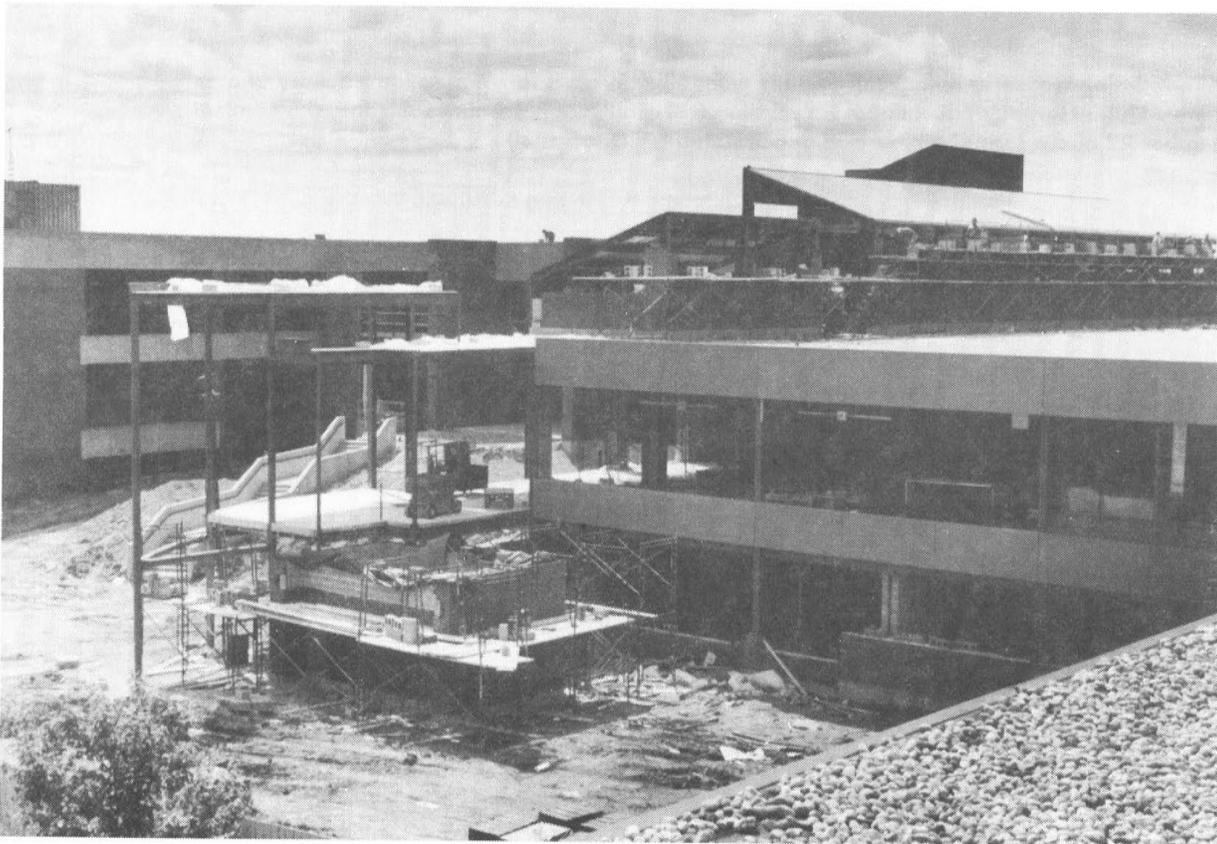
We send our condolences to retiree **Jane Campagnolo**, ACCT SER, on the death of her husband, Ado.

*Retirees: Please write and tell us what you're up to! The Insider receives many requests to publish information about Harper retirees—but we can't do this without your help... Please send information to Ann Goldberg, Publications, William Rainey Harper College, 1200 West Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL 60067-7398.*

# Inside Harper



**Workers lay the sidewalk leading to Building S, the new home for Publications and Communication Services. The editorial, word processing and graphics departments, photo lab, print shop and mail center moved in earlier this month.**

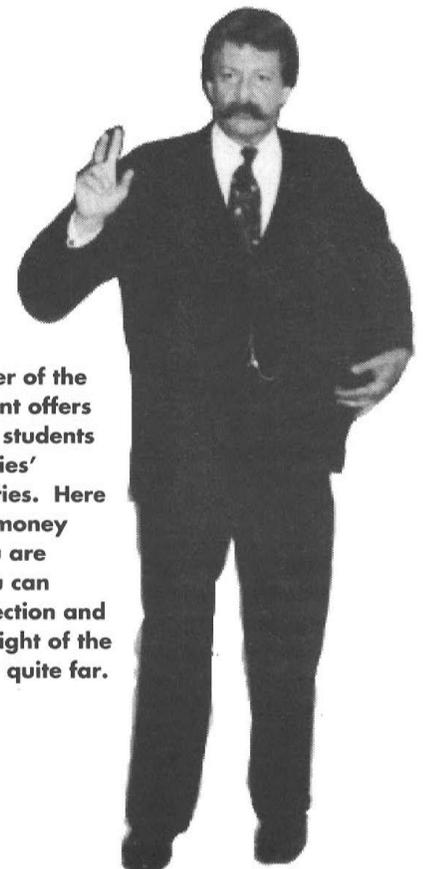


**Now that Building L is under roof, progress is moving quickly. The Liberal Arts division expects to move in before the start of spring semester classes in January.**

**Herb Barnett teaches PEAK students some tricks of the trade in his Mystery of Magic and Memory class offered through Harper's Office of Community and Program Services. Approximately 750 junior high school-aged students participated in this summer's offerings.**



**Adjunct faculty member Steve Suvada offers instruction in MIDI computer technology during the 1993 Computer Music Conference held on campus in July. The conference, sponsored by Harper's Music Academy, was attended by area music educators.**



**Detective J. J. Bittenbinder of the Chicago Police Department offers safety tips to junior high students as part of Student Activities' Family Entertainment Series. Here he recommends folding money into a money clip. If you are robbed, he explains, you can throw the clip in one direction and run in the other. The weight of the clip will carry the money quite far.**

## Departmental Developments

Numerous awards have been presented to Harper staff and faculty this summer. **Peg Burbach**, professor of Nursing, was recognized by the Illinois League for Nursing Faculty. Criteria for the award include communication skills, student interactions, leadership, and professional contributions and growth...**Margaret Scott**, TM/PS, was awarded the Service Through Education Award from Carlow College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The college presents this award to graduates who carry out the mission of the college in their personal and professional lives.

**Michael Nezman**, STU ACT, presented "United Through Diversity: Valuing Differences and Building Alliances at Two-Year Schools" for the Illinois Community College Student Activities Association Conference. The association also awarded him an educational grant for further research in the field of multicultural diversity...**Rosemary Murray**, HLTH SER, presented "Meeting the Challenges: Creating Solutions" at the American College Health Association annual convention...**Becky Santeler**, HLTH SER, was elected program chair of the Nurse Directed Section of the American College Health Association. **Felice Avila**, PR & BD, has been selected as a Kellogg fellow in the Kellogg Leadership Fellows Program. This program is sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College and the University of Texas at Austin.

**Linda Glover** and **Dorothy McCabe**, LRC, led a session on "Literacy and the Library's Role in Education" at the annual meeting of the Illinois Library Association. In addition, Glover was elected to a three-year term as academic library representative to the executive board of the Reference Librarians Association of the North Suburban Library System...**Peg Gallagher**, NURSING, was recognized by the Kenneth Young Centers for her work as a home-delivered meals volunteer...**Pam Frye**, PEAR-CE, passed the exams required for certification as a Certified Professional Secretary.

**Barbara Will Bakel**, professor of chemistry, attended the Iota Sigma Pi Women in Chemistry Triennial Convention as a national delegate. She will serve on the organization's Awards and Chemistry Awareness national committees. She is also organizing Harper's Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society and serves as secretary to the Chicago Area Chapter of American Women in Science.

New faces on campus this summer include **Kristin Jahns**, exercise physiologist, PEAR; **Renee Loth**, coordinator, CORP SER; **Kirk Erickson**, counselor, STU DEV; **Susan Benson**, coordinator, CE-LS/HS; **Tamara Liberman**, clerk, ADM OFF; **Patricia Fitzsimmons**, receptionist, REG OFF; **James Bly**, telecommunications manager, IS/TS; **Edward Stowitts** and **Jason Tiggs**, mail messengers, MAIL CTR; **Mary Lanus**, clerk typist II, BUS/SS, and **Arnold Michaels**, custodian, PHY PLT. **Lucille Lopez-Wark** has transferred to program specialist, Resources for Women. The following employees have shifted from temporary to regular status this summer: **Joyce Jones**, writing center specialist, LAC; **Rina Raudales**, clerk typist, and **Sheila Joseph**, clerk receptionist, AED; **Silvia Badiano**, lab aide, ESL; **Barbara Knoff**, assistant director, DEV; **Anne Mohr**, program clerk, BUS/SS; **Miguel Patino**, lab assistant, CAD/MFG; **Leslie Keress**, library assistant, LRC; **Stefan Adam**, photography technician, PHOTO; **Heather Lyne** and **Lisa**

**Wiggins**, information receptionists, STU DEV; and **Judy Amelse**, **Bonnie Covey**, **Rhea Dawson**, **James Kaeseberg**, **Jason Leznek** and **Cathleen Paprocki**, technical lab assistants, IS. Reclassifications include **Ron Greenberg**, facilities manager, PEAR; and **Hazel Rilki**, senior programmer analyst, IS.

We congratulate **Dan Loprieno**, TM/PS, and his wife, Heidi, on the birth of their daughter, Hayley Lynn, and **Julie Guiney**, PERSNL, and her husband, Elliott Hoffeditz, on the birth of their daughter, Bailey Louise. We also send our best wishes to **Paul Sipiera**, TM/PS, and Diane Vidmar on their marriage.

We send condolences to **Ailene Novack**, DEN HYG, on the death of her husband, John; to **Jacque Blount**, LS/HS, on the death of her mother; to **Betty Hull**, LIB ARTS, on the death of her father; to **Carl Dittburner**, TM/PS, on the death of his father; and to **Ray Moehrlin**, TM/PS, on the death of his mother.

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