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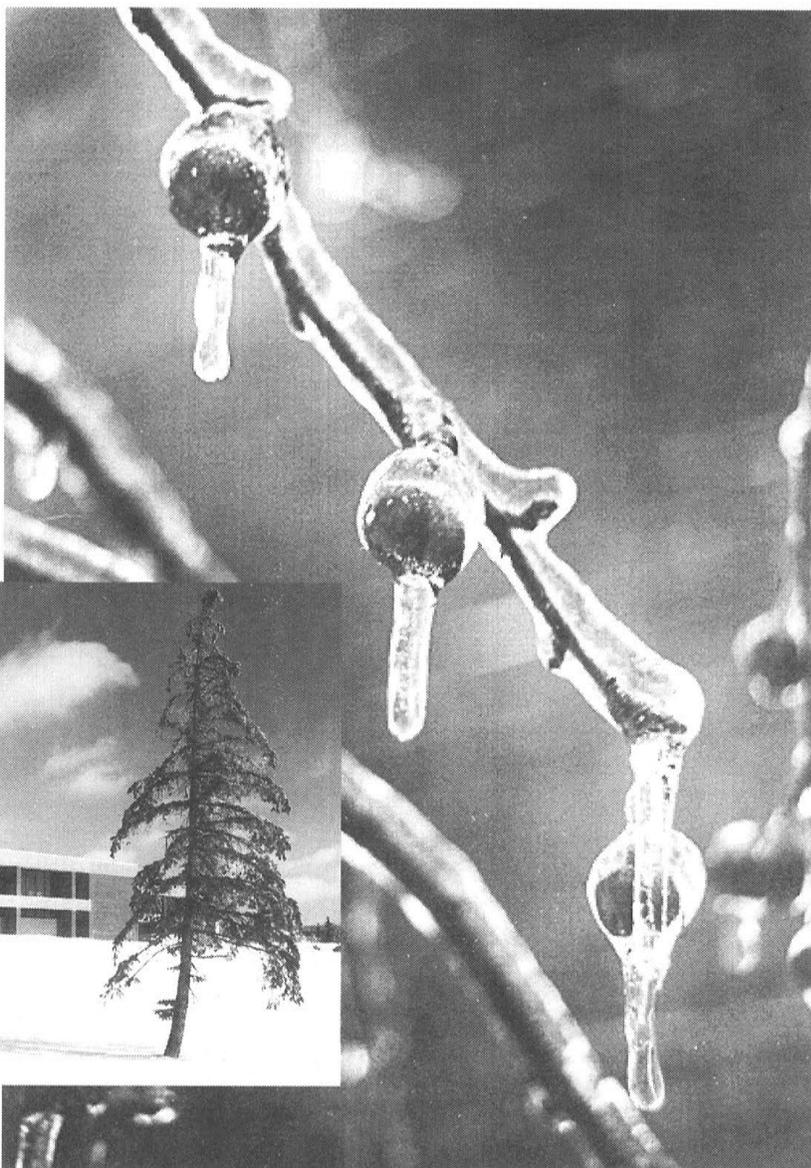
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During a winter beset by snowstorms, subzero temperatures and electrical outages that resulted in campus closings, there was a beauty to the campus. College photography technician Stefan Adam captured glimpses of it in these photos.

President's Message

The Board of Trustees here at Harper is an active and professional group of community leaders whose influence extends far beyond the campus. I want to use this column to better acquaint all of you with our Board and to illustrate how they carry the message of the College to the communities in our district, and to the state and the nation.

Barbara Barton of Palatine joined the Harper Board in 1985 and has served as Board chair. She now serves on the budget review committee and is a member of Friends of Harper. As past president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, she served on the public relations, Excellence in Education, federal relations and state relations committees and has served on the governance and bylaws committee for the Association of Community College Trustees. She also serves as president of the Prairie Center for the Arts and is a charter member of the Women's Alumni Group of the University of Southern California. Barbara is also active in the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. She is retired from her position as division sales manager of Avon Products, Inc.

Sarah Born of Arlington Heights is serving her first term on the Harper Board, where she is active on the budget review committee. She is the current Board liaison to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. In addition, she has served as president of United Way of Arlington Heights and Friends of Harper, where she now serves on the board. Sarah is also active in the Arlington Heights Youth Commission,

having served as its chair, and on the Arlington Heights Environmental Commission and Illinois Prairie Girl Scout Council. She is the owner of Sales by Sarah, an estate sale business.

John Coste of Schaumburg joined the Harper Board in 1983 and now serves on the budget review committee. The former village manager for the City of Schaumburg, John has also been a generous contributor to and valued supporter of the Harper College Educational Foundation.

Kris Howard of Barrington has been a member of the Harper Board since 1981, having served as its chair for six years. She has served on both the budget and benefits review committees and is also a founding member of Friends of Harper. Professionally, Kris is director of marketing and community affairs at the Suburban Bank of Palatine and also served as the executive director of the Golden Corridor economic development council. She currently serves on the board of directors of the United Way/Crusade of Mercy for the metropolitan Chicago area and chairs the steering committee of Northwest 2001, a volunteer group that addresses regional issues. A former chairman of the board at Northwest Community Hospital, Kris currently serves as chair of its community services committee and on its finance and medical affairs committees. A former Girl Scout leader and community chair, she also served as the organization's council president and spent nine years on the National Board of Girl Scouts of the USA. She has also been active with PEO, Bridge Youth Services, Resource Center for the Elderly and Infant



Welfare. She was instrumental in the establishment of Harper's annual Women's History Week observance.

Richard Kolze of Palatine, elected last fall, is the newest member of the Harper Board. Having served as superintendent of High School District 211 for 22 years, Dick is now an associate with Hazard, Young and Associates, Ltd., a firm that assists school districts in locating and hiring superintendents. A former member of the Harper Educational Foundation, he has also been active in Prairie Center for the Arts, Resource Center for the Elderly, United Way/Crusade of Mercy, the Private Industry Council and Rotary International.

Larry Moats of Inverness began serving on the Harper Board in 1969 as the student trustee. He was first elected to the Board from 1972-1975 and began his present tenure in 1987. During this time, he has served as the Board's vice chair and secretary and has chaired the budget, negotiations, procedures and cost effectiveness committees, and he currently chairs the technology oversight committee. Larry has served Friends of Harper as director, president and chair of the group's 15-year anniversary committee. On a community level, he is active with youth sports, Indian Guides and Princesses, the Chamber of Commerce and has served as a board member of the Northwest

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Focus On Health Service

The day starts early for the staff in Harper's Health Service. Patients often arrive before the office opens, seeking advice on concerns from headaches, colds and allergies to orthopedic injuries, sexually transmitted diseases and substance abuse.

"We really see a broad range of health concerns," says Becky Santeler, College nurse, noting that patients vary in age, ethnicity, economic status and personal health care philosophies. She adds that at any moment the staff may be summoned across campus to treat broken bones; asthma, anxiety or heart attacks; accidents; or falls.

"We don't just give aspirin and bandaids!" stresses Rosemary Murray, the Service's director. "The Health Service is a crisis center. We assess the problem and determine what the next stage of care should be," she adds. Sometimes patients are treated and released—or they may be seen by the doctors who are available in the Health Service on an appointment basis. At other times, they are referred to specialists or other medical facilities for more intensive medical care.

More and more often the staff sees patients with emotional crises—ill parents, depression, relationship problems or acute anxiety. "We refer these patients to the counseling staff here on campus," Murray says.

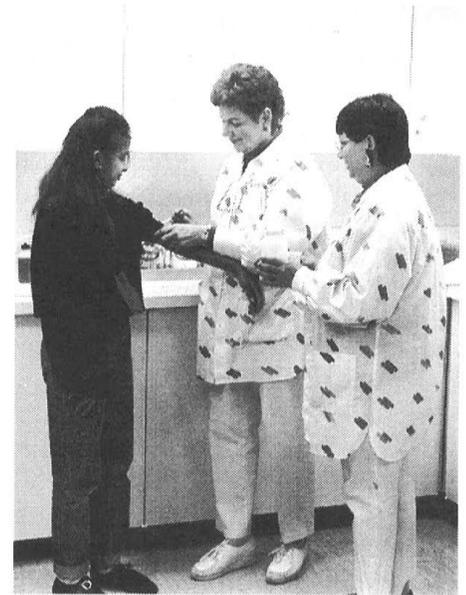
The goal of the Health Service is to provide medical services that will help retain students and ensure them a successful college experience. In addition to treating health concerns, therefore,

the staff is also committed to providing education and training in physical, emotional, intellectual, social, occupational and spiritual wellness.

Throughout the year the Health Service staff plans seminars and displays on various wellness topics. Next month's Wellness Week observance is an example of this type of programming. On April 12-14, experts will be on campus to address such topics as nutrition, addictions, menopause, relationships, stress, self-esteem and fitness. All Harper employees are encouraged to attend these events. Look for a schedule of events in the Bulletin Board. For additional information, contact Mary Polniaszek at extension 6268.



Rosemary Murray, standing, director of the College Health Service and Wellness Programs, discusses the previous day's patient load with administrative secretary Mary Polniaszek.



Nurses in Harper's Health Service admit that no two days are alike in their office. This winter they have treated students and staff for colds, flu and numerous bad-weather injuries. Here Harper's evening nurse, Phyllis Zabrocki, center, administers an inoculation to student Rupal Shah as College nurse Becky Santeler prepares medications for another.

Insider's View of Julie Hennig

Working at Harper has offered Julie Hennig the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. As coordinator of ESL registration and the part-time academic ESL program, she works with students from 70 countries who represent 40 spoken languages. "I feel as though I travel the world daily," she explains. "I learn as much about the students' lives and cultures as I teach about ours!"

In the past few years she has also served as president of the professional/technical employees' union, co-chaired the College's Institutional Planning committee and accepted the presidency of the College's newly organized chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. In addition, she has taken numerous fitness and sign language courses—as well as a course on writing about her favorite hobby, mysteries.

"I love mysteries!" she says, adding that she attended last fall's Bouchercon convention, a gathering of mystery publishers, writers, readers and buffs. "Many of the top writers were there," she says, explaining that participants were able to meet them and get signed first editions of books. She adds that she has also traveled to mystery weekends in Vermont and Massachusetts and participated in a mystery train ride from Chicago to Milwaukee and back last month.

Born: Chicago

Education: B.S. Secondary Education, Rockford College, and graduate courses in adult education at Northern Illinois University

Family: husband, Tim; daughter, Erin, 15; and sons, Paul, 12, and Scott, 9

Interests: Outlet shopping and mysteries

Best advice my parents gave me: My parents' lives have been very inspirational to me—because they were always so vital. My mother, for example, though now blind, still bowls weekly and also volunteers at a food pantry!

If time and money were not a problem: I would open a mystery bookstore and coffee shop. I'd read, talk to other mystery buffs and write a mystery book.

I would like to learn: to play the guitar.

One thing I've learned in life: Always be ready for a change or surprise. You never know what cards you'll be dealt.

Favorite food: anything with chocolate qualifies.

Book I've been recommending lately: *Dead Man's Island*, a mystery by Carolyn G. Hart



Julie Hennig

President's Message (continued from page 2)

Cultural Council. He is the president of Arlington Electrical Construction Company, Inc. and AEC Automation Systems, Inc.

Alfred Norris of Palatine is the College's student trustee. A computer engineering major, Al has served on the board of trustees of his homeowners' association and has been active in various community events. He has also served on the College's academic computing and assessment and testing committees.

Molly Norwood of Rolling Meadows, the Board's current chairman, has been a member of the Board since 1983 and now represents Harper on the Illinois Board of Higher Education accountability committee. She is also chairman of the legislation committee for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the long range planning and children's ministry committees of the Prince of Peace Methodist Church in Elk Grove Village. She is a member of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, the International Reading Association, the Illinois Reading Council and the Northern Illinois Reading Council. A former classroom and reading teacher, Norwood is now the owner and president of Blue Ribbon Press and serves as an educational consultant.

These individuals have all committed much time and energy to our Board. We are proud of their work and appreciate the efforts that they have made to ensure that Harper remains a quality institution.

Inside Harper

Congratulations are in order for members of the Harper faculty and staff who reached hallmark employment anniversaries in 1993. During ceremonies held on January 26, awards were presented to employees with five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service to the College.



Those honored for 25 years of service include Diane Callin, Mike Carroll, Daniel Cohen, Fran Dionisio, Marshall Fisher, Lester Hook, William Miller, Frank Oliver, Lee Owens, Marilyn Shaver, Frank Smith, June Steffen, Gil Tierney, Bob Tillotson, George Voegel and Joe Yohanen.

Paul J. Thompson

Awards for 20 years of service were presented to Lea Bartow, Pat Bourke, John Callahan, Ed Downs, Peter Gart, Juan Lopez, Carol Neuhauser and Dee Morning (who also retired last year).



Employees who celebrated 15 years include Teresa Bachara, Frances Brantley, Dennis Brennen, Betty Brooker, Daniel Garay, Anna Harshbarger, Lorel Kelson, Hillard Kerstein, Kevin King, Michael Lackey, Bobbye Levine, Pat Mulcrone, Halina Polakowski, Vicky Rowe and Linda Sorenson.



Ten-year celebrants include Jane Allendorph, Nancy Brunke, Bob Campbell, Daniel Castellanos, Richard Cowan, George Cwik, Karen Evans, Robert Gadbow, Edna Goldberg, Karla Hill, Marianne Holt, Jan Jacobson, Bruce McConnell, Sue McGinty, Geetha Murthy, Darrell Richie, Gerry Schuenke, Carol Schweitzer, Sherilyn Sorem, Dawn Spannraft, Mark Steffen, Mary Strama and Carol Tucker...



...and awards for five years of service were presented to Dianne Batzkall, Gerald Bochum, Sandra Clark, Gwen Clayborne, Pat Coleman, Ludinila Cruz, Donna Drake, Julie Ellefson Kuehn, Joellen Freeding, Kim Frendreis, Luz Guadalupe, Mark Healy, Doris Howden, Vera Jarecky, Terry Karow, Sharon Kirmse, Michael Klasa, Chris Kranz, Sandra Krueger, Beth Krueger, Margaret Kukula, Janette Kwitchoff, Pierre Lacocque, Marcie Landeros, Jorge Lopez, Karen Lustig, Cal Meltesen, Kathleen Noworolnik, Juli Peterson, Jennifer Pitek, Sandy Rea, Neil Schanker, Randy Schietzelt, Jan Schleser, Chris Staub, Joyce Stewart, Paul Thompson, AnnMarie Wadas and Phyllis Zabrocki.

Departmental Developments

We welcome new faces on campus this month! **Robert Butts** joins the Corporate Services staff as a coordinator; **Salina Abbas** joins the staff of the Tutoring Center as a receptionist and **Virginia Kitani** as secretary; **Starr Helgemo** has been hired as a receptionist in the Information Center; **Kara Akers** will serve as a secretary in the President's Office; and **Gerald Gnaster** has been hired as a custodian in the Physical Plant. And we send our congratulations to **Karen Steltman**, LRC, who has been promoted to circulation supervisor.

We also congratulate Art Professor **Rusty Herzog**, whose article, "A Rose by Any Other Name: Violet Oakley, Jessie Wilcox Smith, Elizabeth Shipper Green," was published in the Fall 1993/Winter 1994 issue of *Women's Art Journal*.

During the January Board meeting, eight faculty members were granted sabbatical leaves for the 1994-1995 school year. **Jack Dodds** and **Peter Sherer**, LIB ARTS, will spend the fall semester in Europe on a "Grand Tour," studying the literature, art and architecture of the continent. **Carole Rae Lissy**, BUS/SS, will study ways to improve the College's marketing programs, with the goal of increasing enrollment and revenues to the College. **Duane Sell**, TM/PS, plans to rewrite laboratory experiments for Chemistry 131 and 132 and prepare multimedia presentations that will incorporate modern technology, critical thinking and collaborative learning into the courses. **John Eliasik**, PEAR, will participate in the Educational Exchange Program, traveling to Europe to teach and coach football and meet with European instructors and administrators to learn more about their approaches to fitness, exercise, health education and wellness. **Michael Lackey**, LAC, will spend the spring semester studying Harper's English 098 curriculum, reviewing the College's placement policy, exploring the way computers can be used to deliver alternate modes of instruction (via modem, for example) and the best ways to ensure that concepts are learned and mastered. **Jean Chapman**, AE/LS, plans to update her mastery of linguistics and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) next year through extensive reading and visits to other colleges and universities that offer excellent programming. **Dom Magno**, TM/PS, will spend a semester studying C++ and Object Oriented Programming in order to update his skills and prepare timely curriculum for Harper computer science programs.

Will Hoffman, of Harper's Human Performance Lab, has announced that Hewlett-Packard will award two \$500 scholarships to students in the Cardiac Technology Program. These awards can be used at the Hewlett-Packard training facility in Naperville. In addition, the company sent specialists to campus last month to train students on its cardiac ultrasound equipment.

We send our best wishes to **Rick Manetti**, CAD/MFG, and his wife, Jackie, on the birth of their daughter, Veronica Patricia. Our condolences go to **Vic Berner**, BUS OFF, on the death of his mother-in-law, and to **Barbi Bakel**, TM/PS, on the death of her nephew.

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Retirees Corner

Two long-time members of the Harper staff have announced that they will retire this spring. Barbara Schmeltz, administrative assistant for Academic Enrichment and Language Studies, is slated to retire on April 15, and Anna Harshbarger, senior clerk of charge-backs and joint agreements in the Registrar's Office, will retire in June. We send our best wishes to both!
