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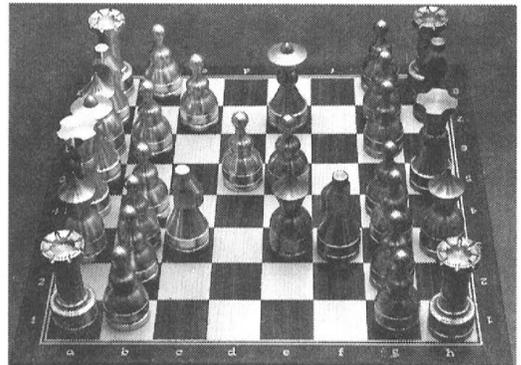
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Both attendance and funds raised at the September Soirée 1995 exceeded last year's event. The evening ran smoothly, due in part to the 50 Harper employees who served as volunteers. As always, the delicious desserts were prepared by Harper's Hospitality Management Department and the beautiful centerpieces were created by Harper's Horticulture Department. The 250 guests reviewed the variety of items to be auctioned, while enjoying live music provided by Orchestra 33.

The strong relationship between the community and Harper College was illustrated by the many sources who made donations to the auction. For example, area high school students produced four handmade chess sets.

Produced with instructors from Harper College's Manufacturing/Mechanical Engineering Technology Department, on equipment donated by Machinery Systems, Inc. of Schaumburg, these unique chess sets were quickly auctioned off—proving that when the College and the community work together everyone benefits.



The funds raised by this year's auction will provide support to Harper College through donations to new technologies, scholarships, teaching and learning projects and the arts gallery.

President's Message



I am often asked, "What sets Harper apart from other community colleges?" The answer is simple, "Our faculty and staff." I hope that we all recognize that our greatest assets are the talents and initiative of people working on behalf of Harper College.

A few weeks ago I accepted our fifth Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Award for Excellence in Teaching/Learning. The ICCB Awards are presented annually to community colleges whose innovative and responsive programs and initiatives improve the learning process for students in Illinois. Harper has earned more ICCB

Awards than any other community college in Illinois.

This year the ICCB Award committee singled out the Algebra Reform Initiative curriculum taught by Phil DeMarois and Mercedes McGowen (TM/PS). Their use of technology, collaborative group work, and writing assignments enabled students to develop new perspectives about algebra. Using employment-appropriate tools such as a graphics calculator, they have enabled students to apply mathematical concepts and so better prepare themselves for today's workplace.

Board of Trustees member Kris Howard is another individual who was recently recognized for her efforts. Kris has been named the 1995 Sears Distinguished Leader for her many contributions of time and talent which benefit the northwest suburbs. As part of her award, Sears will grant \$5,000 to Northwest 2001. As a committed volunteer with Harper, Northwest 2001, the National Board of Girl Scouts of the USA, and many other community organizations, Kris is a deserving recipient of this award.

And this month Harper College was awarded the Well Workplace Silver

designation. Impressed with the scope of our employee wellness program, and its progressive holistic approach that provides for the diverse needs of the Harper population, the Worksite Wellness Council of Illinois evaluated our program as "excellent." Congratulations to Charlene Padovani, Wellness Coordinator, to our Director of Health Service, Rosemary Murray, and the entire staff of the Wellness and Human Performance Division.

I don't think anyone was surprised to learn that our head football coach John Eliasik was inducted to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Hall of Fame. As the only head football coach Harper has ever had, John has tallied the most wins of any community college football coach in the nation. For the past 25 years John's personal commitment to the players and the program have helped build our reputation as a national force in community college football.

All of these individuals are examples to their co-workers and the student body, and their good works are a reflection on all of us at Harper College.



Having participated in the award winning project to some extent, members of the TM/PS Division celebrate the prestigious ICCB award. Pictured from left (back row) Dr. Ed Dolan, Nancy Vrooman, Carole Bernett, Therese Cummings, Tom McCabe, Karen Froelic, Dominic Magno, Cecelia Cooper, Alan Olsen, Ray Moehrlein, Harold Cunningham (front row) Dan Loprieno, Dean Bill Punkay, Mercedes McGowen, Phil DeMarois, Sunil Koswat.a, Bill Schooley

Focus on the Learning Resources Center

Have you visited the LRC lately?

The first renovation since opening 27 years ago has just been completed.

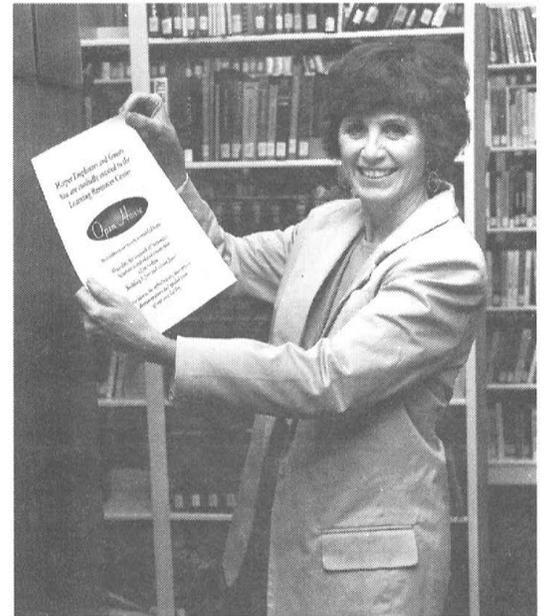
New carpeting, furniture, and lighting provide an inviting atmosphere throughout the LRC. There are browsing areas made up of comfortable seating adjacent to current magazines. Additional workstations are available. The carrels have always been a great place for quiet study, but now many of these also allow you access to audio and video materials. If you need a serene place for academic discussion, consider the Small Group Study Rooms. Also new is the Distance Learning Classroom. This facility allows students at several sites to participate in the same class.

New technology is everywhere. First Search is an on-line database providing access to millions of book and journal articles. Through the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) Database, you can search all holdings of 600 academic, public and special libraries. A variety of CD-Rom software including atlases, encyclopedias, literature, and foreign language subjects are available for reference and check-out. There is a large collection of fiction and non-fiction audio books in the circulation area.

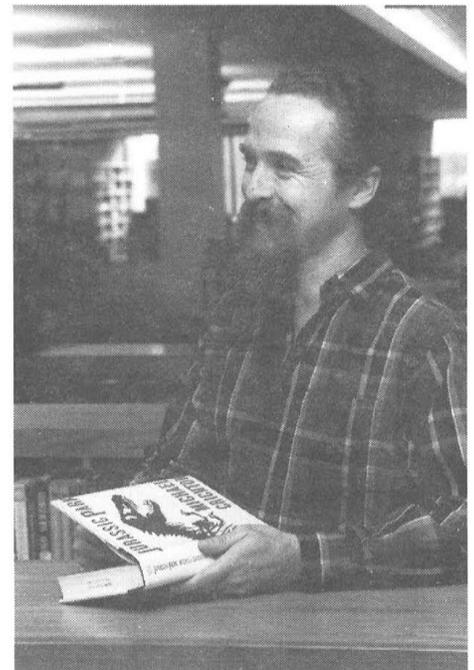
Copy machines are conveniently located on both floors, and you can find a color copier on the second floor. Color copies are \$1 each.

On November 16, from noon until 4:00 p.m., the LRC invites all Harper employees and their guests to an Open House. There will refreshments, tours, door prizes and a drawing for historic library wing chairs.

LRC Dean Lee Vogel and Frances Dionisio take the last of the stored materials back to the LRC.

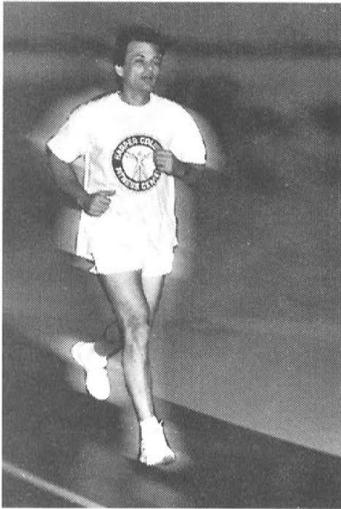


LRC Dean Lee Vogel posts an Open House invitation to all faculty and staff.



The familiar face of Jeff Willson moves from weekends only to full-time Information Desk Assistant.

Harper Happenings



Seventy-five employees participated in the Harper College Employee Fitness Day. Purple t-shirts were awarded to everyone who completed their chosen trail. A drawing was held and additional prizes were awarded to Marlene Hunt, GRAPHICS, Steve Morris, PHY PLT, Roger Mussell, TM/PS, Patricia Paulford, ART/MUS, Kelly Hamontree, WHP, Karen Didier, INF CTR, Laura Adams, WHP, Raul Arteaga, PHY PLT, and Pat Seitzinger, LS/HS.

Staff photographer John Callahan, PUB, runs faster than the speed of film at Employee Fitness Day.

The seventh annual Unity Through Diversity Week was exito, wunderbar, bravissimo, très formidable, bardzo dobrze and more! This year's events were wide-ranging, from Interior Design Instructor Jacque Mott's presentation, "African Design, Textiles and Costumes," to performances by salsa-jazz band Chizil and professional comedian Chris Fonseca. Many of the students who make up Harper's 18 percent minority population participated in the native costume fashion show.



AE/LS "Supermodels" Susan Cusack (left) and Kathi Holper.

Siemens Medical Systems, Inc. Nuclear Medicine Group of Hoffman Estates contacted Harper's Workforce and Professional Development Division seeking an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor for five research scientists visiting from the Ukraine. Adjunct faculty member Joe Hauser proved to be a perfect match. In addition to being an excellent ESL instructor, Joe has worked for both U.S. Borax Research and the Argonne National Laboratory studying boron and crystal characteristics. Familiar with scientific log-ins, journals and measurements, Joe used his diverse background to help the scientists develop the language skills necessary to interface with American material management experts.



Dr. Efim Tuchinsky of the Ukraine gives a thumbs up to Joe Hauser and fellow visiting scientist Dr. Lev Eidelman.

Insider's View of Mel Hampton

Seeing Mel operate his IBM Thinkpad amidst a roomful of computer hardware, you might think he spent most of his time absorbed with new technology. But Mel has an appreciation for history, too.

Using a CAD program, Mel created a three-dimensional drawing of the interior of his 104 year-old house. Built in 1891, the 10 room red brick and red stone structure stands in the middle of one of Chicago's oldest neighborhoods. Fortunately Mel's talents include plumbing and electrical skills, which have been put to good use rehabbing this beautiful home.

With an educational background in math and computer science, and professional experience in the marketing as well as the technical support of computer systems, Mel began teaching AutoCAD at Harper in 1988. Recognizing the corporate community's desire for UNIX training Mel quickly assembled a program, despite the very limited facilities that existed. The success of this project led to an expanded curriculum, which now includes training in Novell and Microsoft NT operating systems. As a result, Harper is now a Novell Authorized Education Center and an Authorized Microsoft Technical Education Center.

Recently Mel was appointed to a board position by the pastor of his church. Working as part of a group of 10 churches, their focus is the neighborhood. They are working to maintain the diversity of the community, fight crime and encourage education. The task may seem overwhelming, but as in his professional life, Mel enjoys the challenge.

Born: Chicago

Family: Single

Education: MA in Urban Economics, BA in Sociology, three years of engineering and computer science

Interests: Pentecostal studies, community development, interactive graphics, wide variety of reading, fitness and health, programming, computer networking and communications

Best advice my parents ever gave me: Don't lie, cheat, or steal

If time and money were not a problem: I would develop high technology industries in the inner city.

I would like to learn: The technical aspects of interactive TV

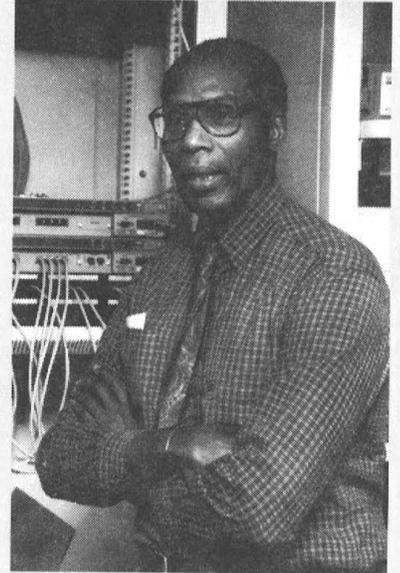
I don't care for: Domineering personalities

One thing I've learned in life: God is always going to prosper me.

Favorite food: Whole wheat "natural" bread

Favorite movie: *Hoop Dreams*—I had similar experiences in the hood.

Books I'm currently reading: *A Course in Miracles*, by Foundation for Inner Peace



PARTY!

The College will be honoring the following employees at a retirement celebration on Wednesday, December 6, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. in the fireplace area of Building A

Evaristo Calzada, PHY PLT

Susanne Havlic, BUS/SS

Olga Melchert, LIB ARTS

Pat Smith-Pierce LIB ARTS

We invite you to attend this celebration and to wish your friends and co-workers well.

Departmental Developments

Exercises in German Grammar, a new book by **Renate von Keudell**, LIB ARTS, is now available in the Harper Bookstore...**Jerome Stone**, LIB ARTS, has published articles in two different philosophy journals, *Process Studies* and *Zygon*. Jerome also gave a paper to the Association for the Development of Philosophy Teaching.

Faculty Development Coordinator **Lynn Secrest** was on the steering committee for the 18th Annual Conference of the National Council of Staff, Program and Organizational Development (NCSPOD). Annette Kitching, a visiting faculty member of Isles College in Wisbech, England was a conference guest of Dean **Liz McKay**, AE/LS, **Joan Kirkwood**, LRC, and **Peggy Kazkaz**, ESL. **Sandie Conley**, BUS/SS, assisted with registration. Peggy, **Marcia Litrenta** and **Patti Kalanquin**, LIB ARTS, presented "New Faculty Mentoring Program" ...**Robert Getz** and **Jon DeJonker**, PHY PLT, held a session on "Harper's Custodial Olympics."

Barbi Bakel, TM/PS, gave a presentation entitled, "Decreasing Anxiety and Increasing Appreciation in Chemistry for Allied Health Students," to the American Chemical Society national meeting...Recently **Jane Harris** and **Kathi Holper**, both of AE/LS, presented "Involving International Students to Enrich Our Education Experience" at the annual Illinois Community College Student Activities Association Conference.

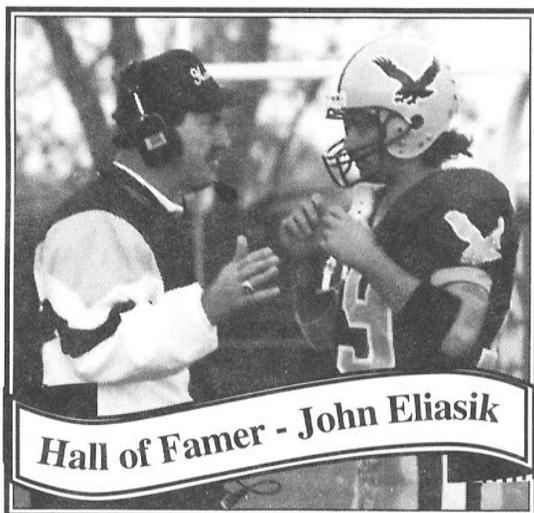
In August, **J. Stanley Ryberg**, MUS/ART, was a member of the orchestra for the Peninsula Music Festival, Door County, WI. In addition to the nine original fanfares he composed for the festival, Dr. Ryberg has received commissions for the Elmhurst Symphony season and the Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra.

Welcome to new faculty member **Paul Guymon**, BUS/SS, coordinator of the legal technology program, and **Ken Hyde**, LS/HS, biology instructor. Also welcome to three new staff members in PUB—**Rita Gregory**, editorial assistant,

Janice Loster, word processor/typesetter, and **Susanne Starck**, editor.

The **Office of Community and Program Services** announced that their program Certificate for Volunteer Management has been endorsed by the International Association of Volunteer Management...The OC/PS sponsored event "Tea and Crumpets with Emily Dickinson" was attended by more than 45 older adults. **Barb Hickey**, LIB ARTS, portrayed the poet Emily Dickinson.

Congratulations times four! On October 22, **Tim Manning**, TM/PS, and his wife Karin became parents to Arlyn Emmanuel, Annika Ruth, Oscar Johanson, and Eleanor Louise. The quadruplets have a two-year-old sister, Emma Sophia.



Hall of Famer - John Eliasik

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