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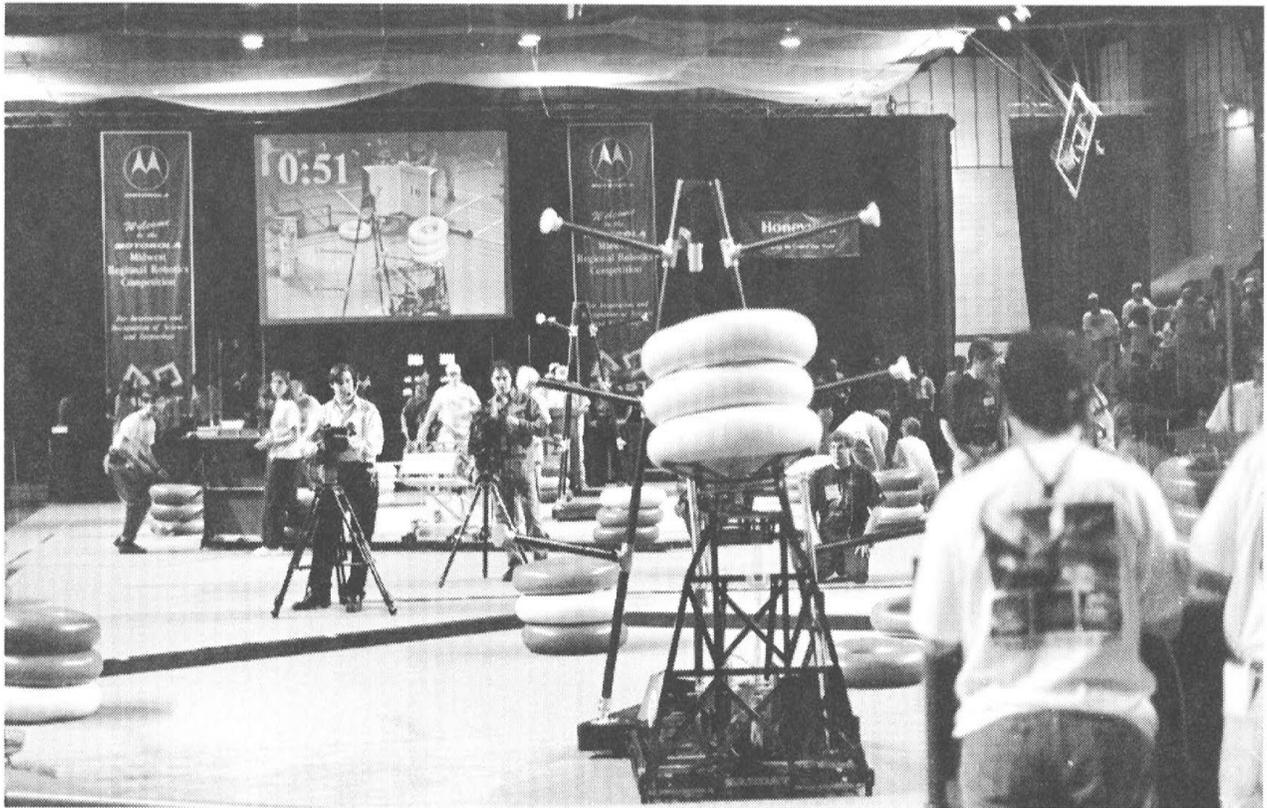
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## *A strong foundation*

While you may already know that Liz McKay presented the 1997 Spring Semester Rutz Award award to Sue Nowakowski, Local Area Network Manager of Information Systems, you probably didn't realize that this award was made possible through the Educational Foundation. In fact, there are about 100 funds available to Harper employees or their families. Over the next few weeks the Foundation will be contacting all Harper employees to help them learn more about the many benefits available to them.



The Building M Gymnasium turned into a scientific laboratory as high school students combined engineering, science and technology skills to build remote controlled robots during the Motorola Midwest Regional U.S. FIRST competition. U.S. FIRST stands for United States For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.



## *President's Message*

The work and involvement of all the participants at the North Central Self-Study Forum on January 17, 1997 was something to behold. The NCA Steering Committee and facilitator, Elaine Sullivan, together with many other helping hands moved us through

a very deliberate, inclusive process that by the end of the day achieved 40 strategy statements for consideration.

You have received memoranda from the NCA Steering Committee and from me regarding the outcomes of the forum and the next steps we are taking. By the time you read this, the group I have convened will have begun their deliberations.

I am reading a lot of information about academic institutions' governance models and the interrelationships among

and between decision-making, planning and communication. I would encourage you to do the same so that our efforts at helping to make our system function more effectively will be mutually supported and understood.

Our Learning Resources Center has compiled some sources that can be available to you as background. They range from change in organizations to very specific models for planning, to alternative academic governance models.

What we are undertaking is a change process. It is my intent to keep the information about it open to all. I challenge you to be knowledgeable participants and/or observers of the process. Learn as much as you desire—depending upon your interest.

Paul N. Thompson  
President

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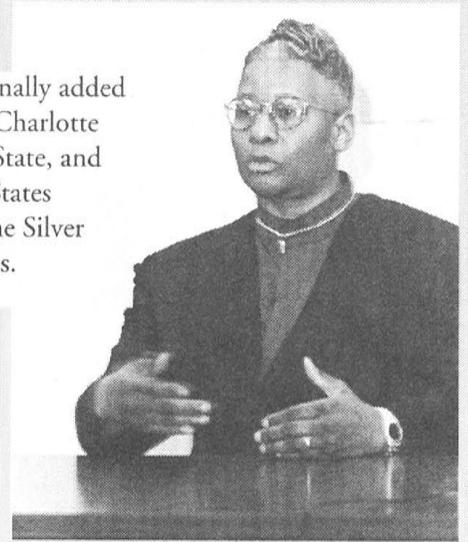
## HISTORY WEEK

The 18th annual celebration of Women's History Week, held March 3 -9, featured inspiring presentations by a variety of accomplished women, including Olympians Darci Dohnal, Charlotte Lewis and Willye White; syndicated columnist Beverly DeJulio; artist Anne Farley Gaines and Harper faculty member Charlotte Herzog.

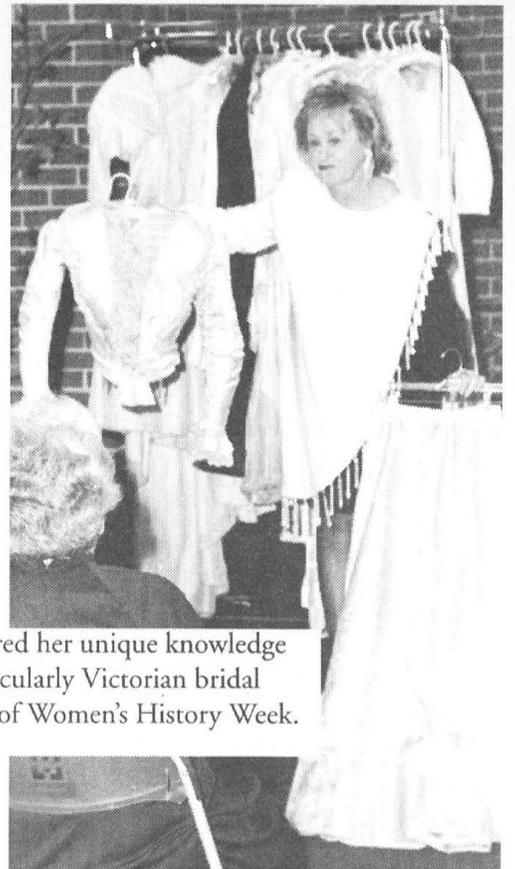
Willye White is known throughout the world as a "track legend." The first woman to compete for the United States in five Olympics, beginning with the 1956 Melbourne games through the 1976 Montreal games, White twice won the silver medal, a dozen National AAU long jump titles, and lengthened the national long jump record seven times. White was inducted into the Olympic Hall of Fame in 1981.



In 1976 women's basketball was finally added to the Olympic roster. That year, Charlotte Lewis, a basketball star at Illinois State, and her 11 teammates on the United States Women's Basketball Team, took the Silver Medal at the 1976 Montreal games.



Actress Nicole Pillow presented a dramatization of Gold Medal Olympian Wilma Rudolph.



Sandi Eileen Sheibley shared her unique knowledge of historic costumes, particularly Victorian bridal fashions, on the final day of Women's History Week.

## Departmental Developments



Good luck to **Terry Donahue**, AELS, (pictured) who is running for Hoffman Estates Park District Commissioner. The election is April 1.

History instructor **Thomas DePalma** has prepared a test-item file for the college textbook, *The American Journey—a History of the United States*. Publisher Prentice-Hall expects the book to be available this fall.

**Sharon Alter**, BUS/SS, recently made the following presentation at the 25th annual meeting of the North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynecology: *U.S. Historical Trends in Women's Reproductive Health Care and Current Policy Implications*. Alter also attended the 25th annual membership meeting of the Barrington Area American Association of University Women where she presented: *The 1996 Elections: Results and Impact*.

**Marina Wray**, IS/US, has completed Harper's Computer Information Systems-Microcomputers in Business certificate program.

In April, **Pat Best**, **Patricia Mulcrone** and **Kathryn Powell**, all of AED, will be presenters at the Connections '97 State Conference. The group was invited to the conference to describe their success using the Work Force On-Line System and strategies that link ESL, AED and general education development students to jobs and careers.

**Kate Kniest**, **Joni Rothblum** and **Pat O'Leary** were selected recipients of the Connections 2000 Award and they, too, have been invited to present their project at the Connections '97 State Conference. They will describe the initiation, refinement and ongoing implementation of Harper students' learning experience when partnering with the Head Start program.

Music Academy coordinator **Mark Mrozinski** gave a presentation to the Northwest Suburban Music Teachers Association entitled *Parents: Enemies or Allies?* The presentation discussed the parent-teacher relationship.

**Judy Thorson**, ADM SER, has been appointed by the Central Association of College and University Business Officers to the Host Committee. This committee is responsible for overseeing all functions for the organization.

**Mark Clancy**, ADM OUTR, served as a judge for the Chicago Tribune's 12th annual Illinois High School All-State Academic Team competition.

**Harper College Retiree News** A general meeting of the Harper College Annuitants Association (HCAA) will be held on April 11, 1997 at 1:00 pm in Building E at Harper College. This special program, for retirees or those about to retire in a few years, will focus on the State University and Colleges Retirement System (SURS), Social Security, and Medicare. Representatives of SURS, Social Security and Personnel will be on hand to answer questions. Become a member of the HCAA by sending a \$20 check made out to Harper College Annuitants Association and the following form. Remember, you do not have to be retired to become a member. If you are 55 years of age and contribute to SURS, you can join HCAA now!

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