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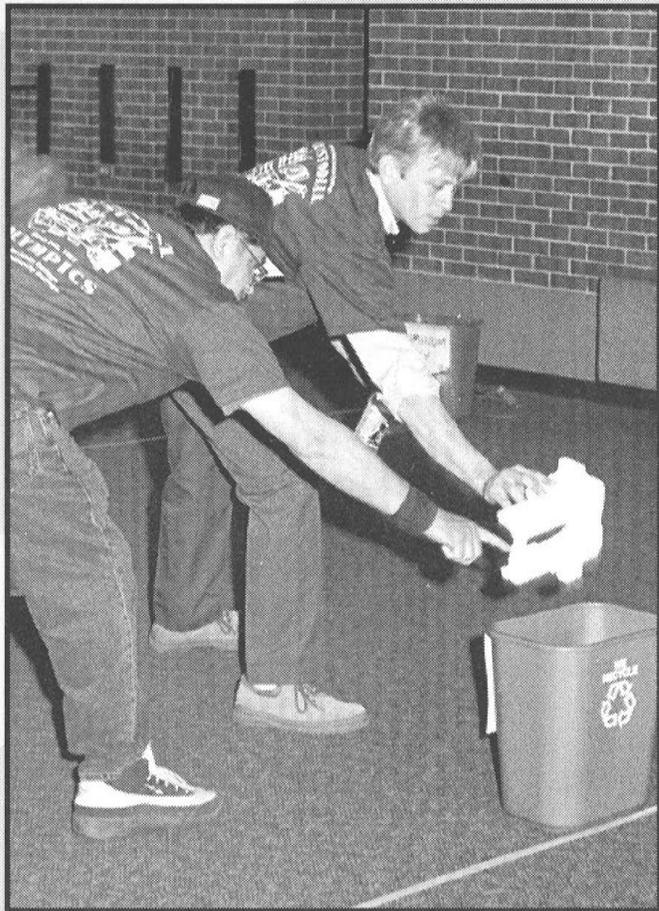
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Picking up the Bronze

Pictured above are Arnaldo (Arnie) Soto and Scotty Slaton as they participate in the *Re-cyclone* event of the Custodial Olympics. Jon De Jonker, custodial manager, looks forward to organizing this annual event where employees from Elgin Community College, Joliet Junior College and Harper College compete. "It's a morale booster and it's fun. Our other events included *The Big Buffer*, which dared players to buff through an obstacle course, and *Class Act*, which challenged teams to clean a mock-classroom at top speed." Also representing Harper were Michael Bondi, Rodney Ramey and William Shelby.

Focus on Registration

Because many students form their first impressions of a college during the registration process, the Registrar's Office plays a key role in contributing to Harper's positive image. The work that is completed in this office has a campus-wide ripple effect. In addition to placing students in the proper class in a timely fashion, decisions made here affect issues such as the number of faculty hired, the scheduling of classroom space and which sections are dropped or added.

"We distribute appointment cards prior to walk-in registration," explains Adrienne Kellum McDay, coordinator of registration. "Appointment cards keep the flow going. It's a necessary procedure when dealing with such large enrollment numbers — close to 18,000 students last fall. Walk-in registration is followed by touchtone and operator-assisted registration."

Melanie Frieberg, registration and records clerk, and Sharon Lorenz and Sue Skora, registration assistants, are assisted during peak periods by as many as 20 temporary employees.

One of the few gripes students have is that they missed the course withdrawal date. "Even though it's printed in the Course Schedule the student isn't always aware of it," says McDay. "With our new Regent System the withdrawal date is clearly listed on the confirmation notice. It will be easy for the student to see."

Unlike the previous mainframe system, Regent is integrated, which means data flows through the entire system. McDay cautions, "Although there are some bugs as there would be in any system, once we get Regent to adapt to the way we do business, I believe it will be very good." In April the department held a



Ready for 18,000 students are (standing) Melanie Frieberg, Adrienne Kellum McDay and (seated) Sharon Lorenz and Sue Skora.

mock registration processing 100 students through the Regent system. "It worked! We know we're ready for summer and fall enrollment now."



President's Message

Upon learning that this issue of Harper's employee newsletter would focus on members of families who work at Harper College, I couldn't help but reflect on all the qualities and attributes of the "Harper College family."

At the April Board meeting, we honored Antoine Starek, retiring Student Trustee, for his contribution to Harper through his involvement in campus and statewide activities...we recognized Board member Kris Howard, the recipient of the 1997 Illinois Community Education Association Distinguished Service Award, given to an individual who has demonstrated unusual service and dedication to community education efforts...we acknowledged staff members John Callahan, Joellen Freeding, Alice Johnson and Mark Steffen, for their team effort in creating a Workforce English as a Second Language/Basic Skills brochure which won a Gold award from the National Council of Marketing and Public

Relations...we congratulated nursing faculty members Kate Kniest, Joni Rothblum and Pat O'Leary, recipients of the Connections 2000 Award, given for their development and implementation of a student-learning experience with Head Start in Arlington Heights...we accepted an endowed gift of \$50,000 from Amersham Corporation, which will be used to enhance the scholarship opportunities for Harper students...and we applauded the Speech Team for their top twenty finish at a national speech competition.

Every person here at Harper brings a variety of talents which contribute in some way to the "Harper College family"...and those contributions are reflected in the breadth and depth of all that Harper has to offer. This is what makes Harper the quality institution that it is.

Paul N. Thompson
President

Take Your Mother to Work Day



*Karen Collins, switchboard operator
Deanna Collins, Mail Center assistant*



*Lynette Navigato, bindery operator
Joyce Stewart, assistant cook*



*Luz E. Hansen, bilingual secretary
Sonja Barbaro, program assistant*



*Janice Schleser, administrative assistant
Jay Schleser, temporary clerical*



*Jean Blackburn, data entry
Julie Zibble, clerk typist*

Mother's Day happens all year round at Harper. Just ask any of the moms who are Harper employees and have children who work here, too. Other moms (not pictured) are **Edith Herring**, custodian, and her daughter **Frances (Teresa) Herring**, custodian; and **Janice Erbe**, custodian, whose daughter **Jennifer Broadfield** works in Utilities and son **Steven Morris** works in Roads and Grounds.

Departmental Developments

Pascuala Herrera attended the Learning Disabilities Association Conference held in Chicago in February. Herrera represented the Center for Students with Disabilities at the Post-Secondary Options College Fair.

In March, **Debby Sampson**, CSD, presented a seminar on Deaf culture to participants in a Goodwill Industries workshop. Good luck to Debby who will be competing in Europe this summer at the International Deaf Olympics.

Jane Harris, AE/LS, and **Michael Nejman**, STU ACT, presented *Cross-Cultural Communication: Do You Understand Me?* as part of the International Symposium for the 1997 ACPA/NASPA Convention in Chicago.

In March, **Lois Veenhoven Guderian**, MUS ACA, directed the Creative Children's Academy Honors Choir in a performance with the North Shore Choral Society and the Skokie Symphony Orchestra.

Congratulations to **Marianne Holt**, DEN HYG, who received her Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Loyola University, Chicago.



Susan McGinty, STU ACT, welcomed Lt. Governor Bob Kustra to Harper on behalf of the Community Service/Service Learning Conference. Kustra was on campus to deliver the conference's keynote address.

Welcome to the following new Harper employees: **Catherine Brod**, DEV OFF, **John Eichinger**, MAIL, **Carole Hargarten**, PHY PLT, **Jimmy Hernandez**, PHY PLT, **Edith Herring**, PHY PLT, **Patricia Traynor**, TM/PS, **Janet Landato**, TM/PS, **Judith Zaplatynsky**, BUS/SS, **Tracy Atherton**, IS/AS, **Lynne Avenson**, CAR PAR, **Christine Burkhart**, WK/PR DV, **Darlene Giglio**, FD SER, **Festus Johnson**, AE/LS, **Lorena Killebrew**, OSFA, **Tandy Moore**, TM/PS.

More than 1400 people attended the various seminars offered during Wellness Week and over 800 people attended the Health Fair. The staff of Health Services points out, "We are all winners. Your participation in the Wellness Benefit Drawing will support wellness activities for students, staff and community during the next year and provide the *Hope* newsletter for us to enjoy." **Congratulations to the Harper employees who won prizes:**

- Round trip air transportation for two, Chicago to any American Airlines European destinationMarianne Gasparaitis, PHY PLT
- One-year Harper College Fitness Center membershipKent Payne, WHP
- Psychic reading by Sonia ChoquetteGreg D'Allessandro, PHY PLT
- Weekend stay at Chicago's Ultimate HolidomeNancy Brunke, WHP
- Studio family portrait session by Kramer PhotographersMarcie Landeros, LIB SER
- Golf at Poplar Creek Country ClubBonnie Smith, LS/HS and Thea Keshavarzi, PURCH
- Tickets for Sony/Loew's TheatresSheila Connelly, HLTH SER
- Gift certificate for Dominick'sEd Dolan, ACA AFF
- Gift certificate for Kitty's HallmarkAlice Blomquist, WHP