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Twice as Nice!

This year's Outstanding Service Award was presented to two employees. Kay Turner's landscape design and maintenance of Harper's flower beds were described as "a positive statement—which provides an outstanding first impression to all who come to Harper." Kelly Jones was recognized for her extraordinary efforts as a chemistry lab technician, "overseeing the disposal of hazardous waste which resulted in making Harper a safer place to learn and work."

Holiday Help

The good deed award goes to third shift custodians **James Hauser, Michael Bondi, Laurence Caul, Denise Cross, Nui Duong, Margaret Frisby, Jesse Hartline, Israel Hernandez, Teresa Hering, Peter Labbe, Richard Roeschel, George Sipiera, Wayne Sopher, Paul Twardzik, John Weil**

Upon their arrival to work on October 13 they noted a sign near Building G:

**A wicked person has stolen our pumpkin. We planted it ourselves and wanted to carve it. We are sad.
-Harper Preschool Class**

The custodians proclaimed this a "dastardly deed" and the following night posted this sign:

**We are sad, too. We can't solve the wicked person pumpkin caper and we know nothing can really take the place of home-grown. We want you to have these replacements.
Happy Halloween.**

The following night another sign appeared:

**Good News! The third shift custodians gave us a wonderful surprise and we are happy!!! Seven Big Pumpkins.
-Harper Preschool Class**

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to decorate your home for the holidays," says Joyce Grattoni, adjunct faculty member and manager of Harper Flower Shop And Plants, Too. "Bundle cinnamon sticks with a few sprigs of fresh pine and tie it all up with raffia to use as a party favor, napkin ring or a package topper. After the party throw the whole bundle into the fireplace for a beautiful scent."

In December, Grattoni will be teaching a Williamsburg Wreath class. Using magnolia leaves, pine, boxwood, fresh apples, lemons and oranges students will construct a door badge that can also be used as a centerpiece.

Grattoni enjoys finding new ways to use familiar items. Here are some of her best tips to get you started.

- Begin in your own yard. Prune a few branches from your boxwood, holly, mugo pines or other evergreens.
- Wait until fall to prune your crabapple trees. Their little red berries are wonderful in arrangements.
- Red twig dogwood branches are bare this time of year, which makes them great to use indoors for a dramatic holiday look.
- Find pine cones on the ground from late summer through the fall. If they're wet, warm them in your oven at 300°. Concerned about insects? Zap the pine cones in your microwave for two minutes.



President's Message

Ten years ago, during my first address to the Harper College faculty, I made the following statement: "The future of those we are educating will be dramatically different from what we can envision today. It is therefore important to attempt a vision for the next century and try to place our educational function in a context that is anticipatory, not reactive."

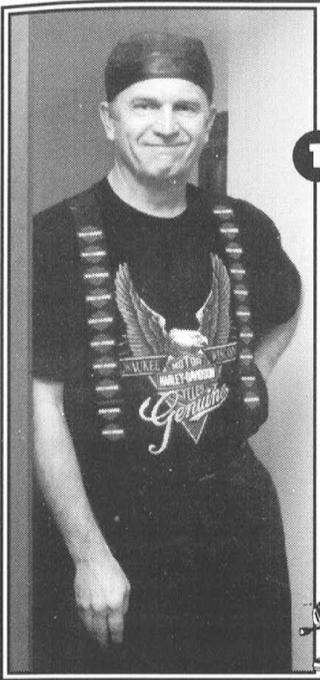
Increasing the number of full-time faculty was one of my goals for Harper at that time, and I am pleased that during my tenure at Harper, progress has been made toward that goal. In 1987 there were 191 full-time faculty

members at Harper; in 1997, there are 219, an increase of 8.7%.

During our recent North Central visit, the NCA evaluation team stated that our qualified faculty, staff and administrators are a strength of our institution. We can take pride in that fact. However, it is not these words today that make tomorrow a success. Action to support a new and changing vision for the future must be the goal for all of us at Harper.

Paul N. Thompson
President

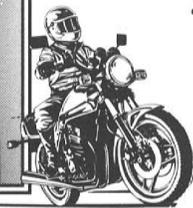
New Dress Code Proposed



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Displays of gang affiliation are unacceptable.

Steve Catlin, REG OFF



Always be aware of the fine line between self-expression and appropriate business attire.

Michael Held, Cindy McShane, Elena Pokot, Tracy Atherton, Hazel Rilki, all IS



Western-style clothing is fine; however sidearms should be left at home.

June Steffen, LRC



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Natural fibers and earth-friendly fabrics are encouraged.

Chris Burkhart, WK/VO DV and Alex Vogelgesang



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Be sensitive to your co-workers. Remember, wearing fur and other animal skins is considered by many to be politically incorrect.

Kate Burlette, Debbie Penny, LRC



Departmental Developments

The College will be honoring **John Knudsen**, LIB ARTS, **Tom McCabe**, TM/PS, **Eugene Magad**, BUS/SS, **Joseph Stehle**, PHY PLT, at a retirement celebration on Thursday, December 4, 1997 at 2:00 P.M, in the fireplace area of Building A. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration and to wish your friends and co-workers well.



◀ Insurance program coordinator, **Raymond Normann**, is the 1997 recipient of the Jack F. Derrickson Award for Outstanding Course Leadership given by the American Institute for CPCU and the Insurance Institute of America (IIA). The many reasons cited for the award include: his students pass national CPCU and IIA examinations at a rate higher than the national average; he shows a personal interest in students that fosters development of their self-esteem; he encourages their interest in learning and professional development; and he motivates them to complete their educational program.

Martha Simonsen, LIB ARTS, made a presentation on *Hinduism in Indian Literature* at the Community College Humanities Association 1997 National Conference, which was held in October.

Harper College hosted *Breakfast with the Legislators*. This annual event provides an opportunity for employee group representatives, executive council and the Board of Trustees to discuss Harper-related issues with our elected officials prior to the start of the legislative session. Attendees included (from left, back row) Board member **Roland Ley**; Board member **Richard Gillette**; Rep. Cal Skiller, Jr., Sen. Terry Link, Sen. Dick Klemm, Rep. Robert Bergman, **Board member Dick Kolze**, (front row) Sen. Marty Butler, Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, Rep. Terry Parke, Rep Carolyn Krause, Rep. Doug Hoeft and Board member **Kris Howard**.



Debbie Michelini, ADM, represented Harper College at the *Sixth Annual Celebrating Partnerships Conference in Honor of National Community Education Day*. Michelini focused on resources for the education of adults in the Chicago area.

After a long and grueling performance test **Karen Hale**, CSD, has been awarded a Certificate of Interpretation and **Stephanie Wooten-Austin**, CSD, has been awarded a Certificate of Transliteration.

Under the direction of “**Doc**” **Ed Metcalfe**, LS/HS, students from the arboriculture class shared their time and talent removing branches and performing other landscape tasks for the Alexander Stillman Nature Center, South Barrington.

Congratulations to **Coach John Eliasik** and the Harper Hawk Football Team. The Hawks finished the regular season at 8–2, placing No. 13 in the NJCAA Top 15 Poll.

Welcome to the following new employees: **Cheryl Hamilton**, ADM, **Kathleen Jordan**, TMPS, **Catherine Leland**, ADM, **John Whiteside**, OSFA, **Cheryl Klein**, PHYS PLT