



COLLEGE OPENS FOR CLASSES; ENROLLMENT TOPS 1,700. Early in September more than 1,500 students swarmed into Harper Grove to enroll for fall classes. After the first week of classes, by the time the dust had settled, Harper had more than 1,700 students, almost as many cars, and had become a "full fledged" college.

So great was the crush during registration that nearly 100 volunteers were called upon at one time or another to assist. Particularly helpful were the 30 or so members of the American Association of University Women who helped stem the student tide during those fateful three days.

In almost every way, activity at Harper College has exceeded expectations. Original projections by A. D. Little, Inc. for the first year estimated enrollment at 1,610. Actual enrollment stands at 1,775. Of the estimated 1,610, some 670 were expected to be full-time students. Harper presently has 931 full-time students. Volume of business at the bookstore ran 22% above expectations.

Demand for certain courses was so great that the number of sections offered had to be nearly doubled. Among the programs where the enrollment push was greatest were Data Processing and Law Enforcement. The number of offerings in law enforcement had to be doubled as enrollments surged to between 40 and 50. In Data Processing, where 75 students had been anticipated, more than 150 enrolled. Enrollments in most areas is strong and expected to increase as the programs get underway and become known.

And, of course, there was the auto traffic. The traffic problem is, simply stated, that of accommodating 1,700 cars in the high school lots designed to house 800. Nearly every Harper student, it seemed, was driving his own car. With the formation of car pools and the generosity of the Elk Grove Lions Club and the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit who have opened their nearby parking facilities for college cars, the traffic situation appears to be under control.

Perhaps the biggest adjustment problem affecting students and staff alike, is in the hours classes are held, from 4:00 to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. All classes are being held in Elk Grove High School with the exception of those in data processing, which are held at the Data Processing Center, Roselle and Algonquin Roads.

All this commotion is not without its impact on the staff of Elk Grove High School. The college is deeply grateful to Principal Haskell and Assistant Principal Rife and their staff for all their consideration and cooperation extended on our behalf.

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**FACULTY ORIENTATION PRAISED.**  
Ending immediately prior to registration was an intensive three week orientation for new faculty. Although up to their

academic ears in work, faculty members are still talking about that exciting and exhausting experience.

Highlighting faculty orientation were four national authorities in the field of education, each invited to speak on the area of his specialty. Dr. Leland Medsker of the University of California, Berkeley, spoke on "The Comprehensive Junior College - Its Mission and Programs;" Dr. J. L. Zwingle of The Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Washington, D. C., spoke on "The Role of the Board-Faculty-Administration in College Governance;" Dr. Max Raines of Michigan State University spoke on "The Importance and Role of Student Personnel Programs in the Comprehensive Junior (Community) College;" and Dr. B. Lamar Johnson of the University of California, Los Angeles, spoke on "Innovation and Experimentation in Junior (Community) Colleges."

Once the orientation was over, the faculty was asked to evaluate the experience. One indicated that "The orientation helped mold the faculty toward a common goal." Another summarized the experience this way: "I have learned a great deal about junior colleges I didn't know before. This provided a good opportunity to feel the pulse of the college, to meet others on the staff, and to set the tone for future activity."

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CAMPUS NEWSPAPER BOWS. "The doors swung open today for Harper College and its charter class of 1969." So began Vol 1, No. 1 of Harper's student newspaper which was published in time to greet students on their first day of class, Wednesday, September 13.

Marked by crisp journalism and catchy headlines, the inaugural issue was clearly the product of considerable effort. In fact, a working staff was formed during the summer with Gary Lovell, Dave Garland and Sally Weiler named editors. The paper even has its own cartoonist.

The Harbinger, as it is called, is a bi-

monthly, four page tabloid. Already the second issue is out. Those who enjoy good writing and are interested in keeping in touch with student news and views would do well to read The Harbinger. For information on how to obtain copies, call 437-7000.

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HARPER PRESIDENT IS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN. Dr. Robert Lahti, president of Harper College, was one of six community college presidents selected as conference chairmen for a convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 1-3. Convention theme was "Creativity and Diversity for the Seventies."

This marked the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Council of North Central Junior Colleges. Dr. Lahti is a member of the Council's Executive Committee.

Topic for the session chaired by Dr. Lahti was "Creativity and Diversity in Physical Facilities." Keynote speaker and resource person for this session was Robert H. Reed, facilities specialist and national consultant for the American Association of Junior Colleges. He is a professional architect on leave from Caudill, Rowlett and Scott, the Houston based architectural firm designing the Harper College campus in association with Fridstein and Fitch of Chicago.

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DON'T MISS GROUNDBREAKING. This Sunday, October 8, at 2:00 p.m., groundbreaking for Harper's new campus will take place. A brief but momentous ceremony will be held on the 200 acre site on Algonquin Road in Palatine. Entrance to groundbreaking will be off Algonquin Road (Route 62), one quarter mile east of the Roselle intersection. The Board of Trustees and college staff hope that friends of the college and their families plan to attend.