



ENROLLMENTS KEEP SOARING

When registration for fall classes 1968 had ended, more than 3700 students had enrolled, more than double the number enrolling the preceding fall. Official fall enrollment is pegged at 3725 students, of which 1859 (or 49.8%) are full time, 1253 (or 31%) are women, and 1106 (or 29.6%) are adult. Part of the increased enrollment can be explained in terms of the sophomore class. Only freshman level classes were offered last year, whereas sophomore level offerings and students were added this fall. While this accounts for 662 students, there remains a net increase in freshmen of over 1300.

This growth rate puts the college nearly a year ahead of the original schedule in terms of student projections, on a year-to-year basis. More than 5000 students are now projected for the opening of the new campus next fall. At this rate, the six buildings included in the current construction project will soon be inadequate.

Faculty size too has doubled, numbering 83 full-time instructional staff. Some were added to teach in new career programs introduced this fall such as Architectural Technology, Chemical Technology, Dental Hygiene, Journalism, and Numerical Control Technology.

Enrollment pressures were greatest in programs like Nursing and Dental Hygiene, where class size is limited by facilities. Both were far oversubscribed. Established programs in Electronics and Mechanical Design tripled their first-year enrollments, while more than 300 are now in Data Processing and over 100 in Law Enforcement -- good evidence of the excellent acceptance Harper's career programs are enjoying.

The surge of students this fall follows in the heels of a record summer session in which almost 1000 students registered, practically doubling earlier estimates and greater than enrollments in junior colleges comparable to Harper but two to three years older. While many were regular Harper students, students from over 50 other colleges and universities in Illinois and throughout the country also took advantage of Harper's summer offerings.

HARPER HOSTS NATIONAL WORKSHOP

Representing 10 community colleges in 10 different states from Arizona to Florida to Massachusetts, 19 personnel workers participated in a three-week student personnel workshop hosted by Harper College and sponsored by GT-70. GT-70, a national consortium of 10 leading community junior colleges, including Harper, is

operating five workshops for developing institutions during the 1968-69 year under a \$600,000 federal grant. These workshops are designed to up-grade professional staffs of institutions either too small or too weak financially to provide this for themselves.

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NATIONAL WORKSHOP (Continued)

Selected for its outstanding student personnel program, Harper College planned and hosted the workshop under the direction of Dr. James Harvey, Harper's dean of students.

The workshop featured 10 guest speakers, authorities in the field from other colleges and universities throughout the country. A monograph highlighting their remarks has been published, and copies are available.

EDUCATORS HIGHLIGHT ORIENTATION

Again this fall as in 1967, staff returned ahead of student registration for an eight-day faculty orientation, highlighted this year by visits from three educators of national rank. Each speaker, following his formal presentation, spent the day on campus in informal discussions with small faculty groups. Patterned after last year's orientation which received national recognition, this year's program was planned largely by the faculty and focused on instructional problems at the divisional level.

The speakers included Dr. Karl Smith, director, Behavioral Cybernetics Laboratory, University of Wisconsin; Mr. Norman C. Harris, professor of technical education, Center for Study of Higher Education, University of Michigan; and Dr. Richard C. Richardson, Jr., president, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, Pa. Also presenting a major paper was John Muchmore, assistant professor of speech, Harper College.

HARPER PRESIDENT: CONSULTANT

Dr. Robert Lahti, Harper president, served as consultant at a two-day four-state regional conference on developing institutions held in August at Kansas City, Mo. Lahti worked with members of boards of trustees and served on two panels, one dealing with organization, administration, and student personnel services and the other with instruction and curriculum, media uses, and faculty and board relations. The conference involved colleges from Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri.

Also named by the American Association of Junior Colleges (AAJC) to head a consulting team for Nicolet College and Technical Institute in Rhinelander, Wis., Dr. Lahti visited Nicolet for two days in November, reviewing curriculum, student personnel, and organization.

FALL OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS

An open house, held in early fall and sponsored by the Engineering Division, attracted over 300 representatives from area industries. Highlighting numerical control engineering related programs and facilities offered by the college, various equipment was demonstrated including Lodge and Shipley lathes, a Cintimatic milling machine Gerber and Cal-Comp drafting machines, Friden tape punching equipment, closed circuit television, and a General Electric computer terminal.

HARPER FEATURED ON TV

Harper College was featured recently on the NBC television program entitled "To Educate the Many." The half-hour documentary explored the development and role of Illinois community junior colleges, including Harper, Triton, and Crane. A portion was filmed on Harper's new campus site, focusing on board members Richard L. Johnson, chairman, and Milton C. Hansen, vice chairman, in conversation with the program moderator, and silhouetting the campus construction in the distance.

HARPER DEAN RECOGNIZED

Harold C. Cunningham, assistant dean of career programs, was one of four in the nation recently named national consultant on mechanical technology by the AAJC. The four will help train consultants for mechanical technology programs in community colleges.