



State grant provides funds to teach English language to foreign-speaking adults

There is a welcome at Harper College for foreign-speaking persons who may not yet understand the meaning of the word "welcome."

The special course in "English as a Second Language" is offered free of charge to foreign-speaking adults who are at one of four levels of learning the English language. Last year, instruction was available on only three levels.

The program has been expanded this year through an increased state grant for 1971-72, according to Marc Savard, Director of Governmental Relations at the college.

In 1970-71 the program enrollment included 99 per cent Spanish-speaking people. This year, three-fourths are Spanish speaking. Other students are from Japan, Finland, Greece, Russia, Iran, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, Israel, Thailand and Switzerland.

According to Mrs. Noreen Lopez, coordinator of the program, "Some students have had a good education in their own language, while others have had little education at all. Some want to learn enough English to hold a job or acquire a better job.

Mrs. Lopez adds that "Others have worked in professions in their own country. They want to become proficient enough in English to continue in their professions here."

Students may join classes at any time. During this fall semester, 105 students are enrolled in the English program, with others expected to join. Last year the total enrollment for both semesters was 143.

Mrs. Lopez, in discussing future expansion plans, says, "We are working with the Northwest Opportunity Center in an attempt to set up classes near Des Plaines. This would help students of that area who have transportation problems."

Also to aid new residents, a series of three consumer education classes will be held in Spanish during December. Open to the public, the sessions will be held at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 1001 West Kirchoff Road, Arlington Heights December 2, December 9, and December 16, from 6:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

The increased state grant has also made possible the addition of a basic reading class for English-speaking adults. Instruction is given from first through eighth grade levels.

In order to reach more individuals, the course is taught at industrial firms in the Harper district as well as on the Harper campus.

Classes are held two nights a week at Motorola in Schaumburg and three nights at Spotnails, Inc. in Rolling Meadows. The Harper classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings in Building F of the campus.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning 359-4200, extension 301.



Noreen Lopez (center) and Cecilia Saldivar examine Antonio Martinez' work as they help him learn "English as a Second Language" in Adult Basic Education. Mr. Martinez lives in Roselle. Mrs. Lopez, from Hanover Park, coordinates the program funded by the State of Illinois. Miss Saldivar, Harper student from Palatine, is a paraprofessional tutor.

Illinois community college enrollment up 16%; senior colleges and universities show 1% drop

There has been an enrollment increase of ten per cent (16,739 students) in public community junior colleges in Illinois this fall compared with enrollment figures for fall, 1970, according to enrollment statistics released early in October.

Dr. James B. Holderman, executive director of the Illinois State Board of Higher Education, made the announcement in a Chicago Tribune article on Sunday, October 3.

Dr. Holderman also noted that there has been a decrease in enrollments in senior colleges throughout the state, including a 4.7 drop at the University of Illinois and a 5.7 decrease at Southern Illinois University.

Major enrollment decreases occurred at the University of Illinois, Urbana, from 34,018 to 32,400; Southern Illinois, Carbondale, from 23,843 to 22,470; Southern Illinois, Edwardsville, 13,700 to 12,757; and Chicago State University, 5,651 to 5,385.

While the overall decrease in senior colleges was about 1 per cent statewide, Dr. Holderman noted that it was actually a drop of 4.5 per cent, or about 8,000 students, from anticipated enrollment for fall, 1971.

Dr. Holderman said that if this trend continues, the community junior colleges should be better funded.

Community college movement places higher education within the reach of almost everyone

The comprehensive community college, also known as the "open door" college, is a truly American evolution in education. The mission of this 20th Century innovation is to put higher education within the reach of everyone, and its purpose is to serve the needs of the people in the community.

Being a multiple-function institution -- offering transfer programs for students who wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree, career programs for students who want to enter the job market upon completing their education, and adult education courses for those who wish to continue their education at any time -- requires that the community college must be both flexible and innovative in its approach to education.

Most people were unaware of the significance of what was happening to education in 1965, when the Illinois 74th General Assembly enacted legislation known as the Public Junior College Act which in effect extended educational opportunities two years beyond the high school level.

The Act, with its well-defined two-year comprehensive community college system as an integral part of the "Master Plan for Higher Education in Illinois," found Harper's citizenry poised and ready for action.

Within a matter of a few weeks after the legislation became law, Harper's constituencies had passed a referendum establishing a college district to encompass the townships of Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling (high school districts 211 and 214). Barrington High School District 224 joined the district two years later.

In fall, 1967, classes began on an evening-only basis in facilities at Elk Grove High School. The following year, classes were also held at Forest View High School.

In September, 1969, classes opened on Harper's new campus with over 5,000 students. Phase I of the campus master plan -- six contemporary buildings on 218 acres in southwest Palatine -- was completed on time.

A year and a half later, on March 31, 1971, Harper was granted full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The community college is rapidly becoming a national goal, with more than 1,000 now in existence throughout the United States. In Illinois, more than 40 community colleges are serving the needs of students of all ages.

It is expected that by 1980 there will be a comprehensive community college within easy commuting distance of all Americans, wherever they may live.

New course offering

A new Harper course offering in Training the Severely Handicapped will be taught at the Countryside Center in Palatine next semester. The course is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and should appeal to teachers of the handicapped as well as to parents of handicapped children. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Countryside Center or Charles Joly at Harper College.

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Pre-schoolers, hand-in-hand with mothers, will enroll in Harper classes next semester

It won't be long before mothers with small children will be a familiar sight on the Harper campus. The children will be attending Harper, along with their parents.

Beginning January 31, 1972, the college is offering pre-school care for children of adult students attending classes at Harper. Three, four, and five-year-olds are eligible for care.

Students enrolled in Harper's new two-year Child Care career program will assist professional child care personnel in the "lab school" to satisfy the nursery care portion of their curriculum.

Children attending will be required to participate in a complete program of two and one-half hours a week, and will attend either morning or afternoon sessions (but not both).

A low fee will be charged to pay for refreshments and supplies, and the mothers will be billed monthly.

Under the supervision of a professionally-trained director, children will take part in such activities as painting, art projects, music and songs, table toys, supervised play, and "story time" to develop listening skills.

Charles Joly, Harper's Child Care coordinator, points out that this will not be a day care type of organization.

"Instead, we will provide a developmental type of education for the children," he said. "Classroom activities will include free play, opportunities for creative expression, and role-playing activities using puppets and dolls as well as home-making toys." Mr. Joly added that there will be plenty of blocks available for spatial and mechanical development.

Youngsters will use the Harper campus for outdoor projects and for scientific exploration.

Mr. Joly noted that the child care teacher is also interested in assisting social, emotional, and mental growth of the pre-schooler.

Starting time for the pre-schooler will be 8 a. m., with both morning and afternoon sessions scheduled to conform with Harper's daytime class schedule.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mr. Joly at 359-4200, extension 352.

Watch for The Voice, a pertinent publication coming out in December!



Puppets created by students in Harper's Dental Hygiene career program teach good dental habits as they perform their skits for Mrs. Mary Catherine Edwards, coordinator of the program.

Puppet troupe entertains while teaching dental health to children in Harper district

Harper's Dental Hygiene sophomores are hoping that their pirate sails will stay glued and that their fuzzy green friend's one and only tooth will stay where it belongs while the class puppet troupe tours district elementary schools to present dental health instruction.

The puppet troupe was designed to demonstrate, in storybook style, the do's and don'ts of tooth care. This is the third year of free dental health instruction presented by Harper Dental Hygiene students as a part of the requirements for their community dentistry course. It is the first year the puppets have made an appearance. The instruction is given at Barrington school district 4, Palatine district 15, Schaumburg district 54, and Arlington Heights district 59.

Included in the presentations is a puppet show, instruction by the visiting hygienist, and "brush-ins" with new toothbrushes for each child.

The puppets, which include such characters as a pirate, a golden-haired lady, various monster types, and even animated gloves, were created at the suggestion of Mrs. Mary Catherine Edwards, assistant professor of Dental Hygiene.

If there are any questions you would like to have answered concerning Harper College, please call 359-4200 and ask for the Community Relations Office, extension 261. If you would prefer to write, please send us your name, address, telephone number, and your question, and we will send you a reply as soon as possible.

Harper College Board Meetings, held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., are public meetings. They are open for general attendance except for certain discussion topics covered by law that should be closed. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings when they can.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Dec. 2 Lecture: "Al Koran Presents the Sixth Sense." Prophecies and predictions by internationally-known master of the occult and kindred sciences who has given 60 command performances for royalty. 12:00 noon, Room E-106. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 3 and 4 Drama: Harper Players' production of three one-act plays including Elaine May's "Adaptation," Albee's "The Zoo Story, and the Dietzes' "The Apple Bed." All-student production. 8 p. m., Room E-106. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 9 Concert: Harper Jazz Band Concert. Current tunes, including McArthur Park and Puget Sound, featuring original compositions by members of the band. Under the direction of J. Robert Tillotson. 12:00 noon, College Center Lounge. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 13 Concert: Harper Orchestra and Choral Concert featuring Bach's Magnificat, under the direction of Jerry Davidson. College Center Lounge, 8 p. m. Free and open to the public.

Jan. 10 Lecture: Dr. Rollo May, psychoanalyst and author of Love and Will. Dr. May is an existential therapist who espouses the principle that awareness of death is not opposed to, but essential to life. This principle illuminates his life and unites the psychotherapeutic school of which he is perhaps the most noted and articulate American. Dr. May brings his background of psychotherapy and theology into focus in his topic, "Human Power and Violence." Admission: \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Harper students, faculty, and staff free with ID card. College Center Lounge, 8 p. m.

Mrs. Edwards says, "The puppet show will be a good addition to our educational program. The class has extended themselves in doing the job -- the students have been so creative and innovative. Use of puppets in dental health education began recently and is now being more widely adopted."

The puppets are also television stars. The show has been video-taped in Harper's educational TV studio. The tape will be shown on a television monitor for children who attend the Harper Dental Hygiene Clinic.

The Clinic serves the public as well as Harper faculty, students, and staff. Clinic services include X-ray, cleaning of teeth by ultrasonic equipment, and charting of dental caries.

The Clinic is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. A nominal fee is charged for services.

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