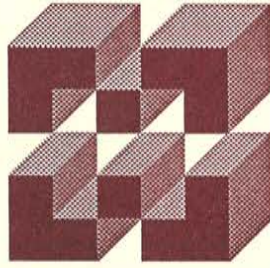


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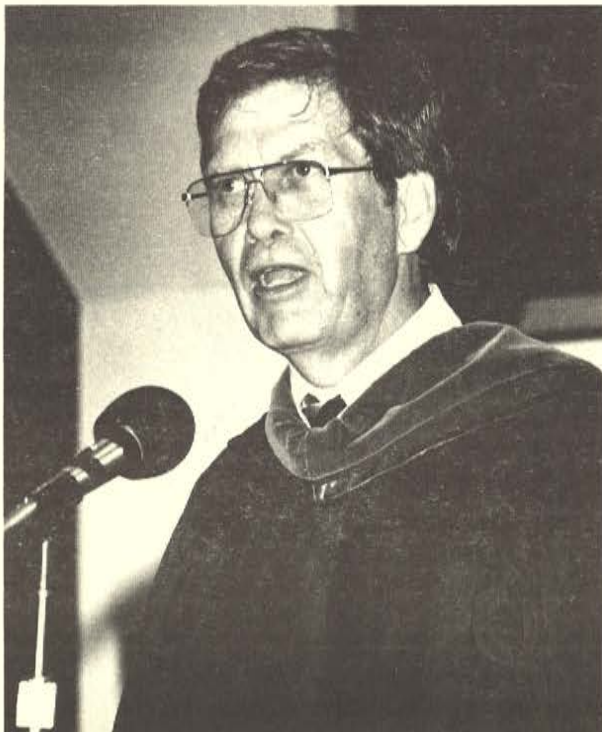
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'87 Graduates Hear Muchmore

John Muchmore of the Speech Department encouraged the 1987 Harper graduates to have pride in their degrees and to focus on the positive rather than dwell on the less important details that commonly cause us problems. Winner of the 1986 Distinguished Faculty Award, Muchmore spoke at the Honors Convocation as well as at Commencement. He admitted that it was not easy to keep the two talks separate in his mind when he was preparing for the two occasions.

Dr. Muchmore has also been active behind the scenes where he has directed the fall production of the Harper College Theatre for the last five years. Within his profession, Muchmore has presented seminars in public speaking for corporate training programs and has shared his expertise through publications and active participation in professional organizations.

Attendees at both convocation and graduation truly received "muchmore" by listening to the informative and entertaining words of one of our own.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

The William Rainey Harper College Dining Hall opened officially with a ribbon cutting ceremony. On hand were (from left to right) Steven Miller, Regional Food Director of the Canteen Division of TW Services, Bob Kazunas, Chef Ted Trzcinski and Karen Villano. The festivities continued with an Italian Fest put on by the Advanced Cooking Class. Villano of food services commented that although the special day was a lot of work, it seemed to increase volume that day and the following. Response was very positive from all diners. Bobbye Levine of word processing said, "Congratulations to Harper's chef Ted Trzcinski, his students and all the food service staff, who provided so much fine food at such a reasonable price." *The Insider* agrees!

Irene Lavelle



After teaching for 30 years (20 of those at Harper), Irene Lavelle is looking forward to traveling, some consulting work and sleeping in. These are just a few of the ways she plans on spending her retirement. "I would like to open a small consulting firm which would acclimatize the families of French businessmen working in the United States." Finding the right place to live, schools and the best croissant bakery are concerns that Lavelle would be able to help French families to resolve. When asked to compare the United States with France, she commented that the U.S. is definitely home but trips to France are necessary to "recharge and keep my sense of the French culture and tongue alive."

A feeling for the culture was a key element in the establishment of Lavelle's "Immersion" program. Students leave on a bus Friday night and think, eat, act and speak French until they return three days later. The program has been extremely successful and one that ex-students still reminisce about when they meet Lavelle. *Au revoir, Mme. Lavelle!*

Education: French law degree; Master's degree in French from Roosevelt University.

Home: Nancy, France.

Family: Two daughters, one son.

Hobbies: Sewing (likes to remake clothes), knitting, gardening and reading (she has a number of French books lined up to read after she retires).

Favorite "pig-out" food: Sourdough bread and sour cream.

Favorite author: Marcelle Proust.

Worst movie I've seen lately: "Angel Heart".

I wish I could: Say no!

I can't stand: Stupidity.



The best advice my parents ever gave me: The only way up (and out of the ghetto where she was born) is through education.

If I've learned one thing in life: You never stop learning.

If money and time were no problem: I'm lucky, I will be living my fantasy by traveling, especially throughout the United States.

Cornerstones

It's useless to put your best foot forward, then drag the other.

The younger generation may not know where it is going, but it's positive it needs a car to get there.

Digging for facts is smarter exercise than jumping at conclusions.

You don't really know a person until you have observed his behavior with a child, a flat tire, when the boss is away, and when he thinks no one will ever know.

Proud Parents

Stephen Brantley, a senior at Rolling Meadows High School, wrote a poem "Hell's Angel" which will be published in the *Illinois English Bulletin* late this spring. The bulletin contains the best Illinois prose and poetry of 1986. The author is the son of Frances Brantley, counselor in Student Development D. His poem was selected from 500 entries by a committee representing the Illinois Association of Teachers of English.

Carol Schweitzer of the Registrar's office welcomed home son Stephen, a Harper student, from spring break in Daytona Beach, Florida. He arrived with a tan and two swimming trophies, for finishing second in a 200 meter freestyle race and first in a 100 meter freestyle competition. Schweitzer will represent Harper in the final competition in Daytona Beach, September 25.

Department Focus on Disabled Student Services

Accessibility is the key word and focus of the Disabled Student Services Department. Tom Thompson, coordinator of D.S.S. says that "creating an accessible environment is much more than architectural compliance and supportive services. It is attitudinal!" Thompson goes on to describe the thrust of D.S.S. "We are here to help students know and actively be involved with Harper."

It is obvious that Harper's Disabled Student Services Department is doing a good job. The department was chosen as an award winner for the National Organization on Disability (NOD) — J.C. Penney Joint Award Program. The award was presented to Liz McKay, dean of Special Programs and Services at the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges (AACJC) Annual Convention in Dallas on April 24. The review committee was very impressed "with the quality and variety of services afforded to disabled students at Harper."

This is the first year that NOD has given recognition awards to community colleges. The plaque was on display at the D.S.S. open house held at the College for the purpose of thanking the Harper staff who have made themselves "accessible" to the D.S.S. program.

Services to disabled students were formally initiated in 1973 when Liz McKay was approached by three hearing impaired students about some kind of help. Health Services became the department that formed a framework for a Hearing Impaired Program and subsequent establishment of Disabled Student Services. Over the past 14 years, the population and the needs of disabled students have grown and changed in many significant ways.



Liz McKay and Tom Thompson proudly display the national award received for Harper's comprehensive services to disabled students.



D.S.S. staff members from left to right; Beth Rockstad, Lisa Kaufman-Lindahl, Marcie Nordlund and Tom Thompson.

When Thompson came to Harper from the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Ray Graham Association and the Chicago Jewish Vocational Services, the department underwent a major change, growing from the Hearing Impaired Program to a comprehensive service encompassing needs of all disabled persons. Thompson requested that the state change its funding by altering the focus of the grant which funds the department to apply to all disabilities.

The D.S.S. at Harper serves 250-300 disabled students each year, including Learning Disabled (the largest group), 50-60 hearing impaired students, physically handicapped, students with head injuries (a number that has been growing) and visually impaired. No student would ever be denied admission due to a disability alone.

The variety is what keeps Thompson's job interesting. "Individual assessment and allowing for individual differences" is the challenge of the job for him. The department works closely with Health Services, the counseling department and English as a Second Language department and will develop a component with the newly established placement office. The department is expanding its services and will be presenting "disability awareness" events to the Harper campus community. There are 2400 disabled individuals living in Harper's district. The Disabled Student Services Department at Harper College is filling a need and filling it well:☺

Department Developments

The *Insider* extends a welcome to **Phyllis Teigler**, Admissions; **Nancy Domain**, Student Development and **Thomas Knoff**, LRC Media Services and to **Margaret Frisby** and **Michael Garceau** in the Physical Plant. We're happy that you are here! Happy retirement to **Virginia Bresnahan**, Admissions; **Irene Lavelle**, **Marilyn Swanson** and **Bob Tysl**, Liberal Arts; **Pauline Jenness**, TM/PS and **John Thompson**, LS/HS. A nice sendoff was enjoyed by retirees, faculty and staff members. Our very best wishes to all of you. Please keep in touch! Remember **Joanne Pepich** who worked in the President's Office and D.S.S.? She is now **Joanne Rausch** and has recently joined the staff of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Hoffman Estates. Youth ministry and religious education will be the area of concentration for Rausch and husband Joseph. They are expecting their second child. Congratulations to Harper graduate **Lorel Kelson** of the print shop. Lorel has been accepted by Northern Illinois University where she will continue her studies.

The *Insider* expresses sympathy to the family of Ken Jauch, who died in an airplane crash, Thursday, May 21. Jauch, an associate professor of Electronics Technology, came to Harper in 1968. His friends and associates will miss him.

Did You Know?

The Tax Reform Act requires that a Form W-4, Withholding Allowance Certificate be completed by all employees no later than October 1, 1987.

Steve Dudek sent a letter to all those employees who have not returned the form. Employees are advised by the IRS to submit the form to their employers as soon as possible to assure that the amount of tax withheld from their pay closely matches the tax owed for the year. Please return the W-4 form to the Payroll Department.

The Board of Trustees adopted the Chronic Communicable Disease Policy at the April 23 meeting. The statement reads as follows:

An employee with a chronic communicable disease or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease shall be permitted to retain his/her position whenever, through reasonable accommodation, there is no significant risk of transmission of the disease to others. An employee who cannot retain his/her position shall remain subject to the Board's employment policies, including but not limited to sick leave, physical examinations, temporary and permanent disability and termination.

The President is authorized to establish rules and regulations designed to implement this policy.

From the Chair

A camel is a horse designed by a committee.

This is just one of the many jokes that have been told about committees. The *Insider* is out to prove the stereotypes wrong. Each month "From the Chair" will feature the activities of two or three committees that are active at Harper. Chairpersons will report on their activities, goals and problems. The June issue will focus on the activities of the newly established marketing committee, the graduation committee and the committee that keeps track of what is going on in all the other committees, the Council for Coordination of College Committees.

Blow Your Own Horn

Better yet — let us do it for you. The *Insider* wants to share your accomplishments. Tell us about goals you've reached or are reaching for: accomplishments, honors, etc. Have you set a p.r. in a race? Have you had something published? Have you won an award? Have you received an honor or added a degree?

Remember — no one will know about your special accomplishments unless you share them. The exposure can be good for your career as well as interesting and maybe inspiring to your fellow workers. The *Insider* wants to know! Contact your division dean or any of the following representatives with your news:

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