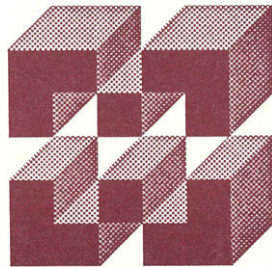


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Library Automation System Underway

The closing of the library from July 31 to September 5, 1989, for the bar coding of the circulating book collection heralds the end of the preparations for Harper's library automation project.

During the fall semester testing of the CSLI automated system will begin, followed by loading and indexing of the database and training of faculty, staff and students in the use of the computerized catalog.

"We are very excited to bring this new system to Harper," says Linda Glover, Automation Project Manager. "We consider the library to be the heart of the College. The capabilities of an automated library will better allow us to serve the academic efforts



of our students while they are here at Harper and later when they continue their work at other institutions."

A secondary advantage of a fully integrated automated system is the coordination of all internal library operations, such as acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, reserves, periodicals, media booking and statistics.

"The new CSLI automation system will increase tremendously the ways in which we can support the research needs of the college community," says Ms. Glover. "We take very seriously our charge to be of service and to contribute to the student's right to succeed."



The President's Message

Welcome to faculty members and staff who are returning from summer vacation! To some, it may seem that "summer's lease hath all too short a date." For me, it has been a very pleasant but busy summer. The year has been filled with challenges, and with opportunities for me to learn about you and the community which we serve. To my surprise, it has already been a year since I came to Harper College.

My conversations with you have focused to some extent on a need for looking much further down the road into Harper's future. Philosophical discussions have taken place about "vision" and what it really means for Harper College. To some, it means being able to visualize and anticipate the future, therefore enabling us to make better choices about what we should do now. To others "vision" has a spiritual sense, a distinctive picture, that captures our commitment and leads us in a certain direction.

While I prefer to view it in the former sense, I believe it is necessary and timely for Harper College to establish a "shared vision" for the future. The key is to develop a vision process to be used by this community to inform and direct the College's destiny. If we become intentional as we look ahead, we will achieve a **preferred future** for the institution. We can be in a position to act, instead of react. We can guide and direct our collective energies to that which we prefer to have occur. In the final analysis, what we want to happen will require **changes** in how we think and what we do **now**, not later.

The Board, at its spring long-range planning session, declared its intention to conduct a vision process this academic year. The objective is to achieve a preferred future for Harper College. The intended process is to involve all internal and external constituencies--students, faculty, staff, business and industry, civic leaders, legislators, community residents. Already, a team has been organized to determine the process for implementing the Board's directive.

My hope is that all of you will become involved as the process unfolds. Like pebbles which cause big ripples on the water, the addition of your ideas to our "futuring" will cause wonderful ripples at Harper. Think ahead 15 years, and try to visualize what Harper College will be or could be. What you want to see, you can make happen. With discipline and collaboration we can piece together an exciting mosaic which portrays what we'd prefer for our College in the beginning of the next century. I look forward to working together with you in its development!

Paul N. Thompson

Getting to Know Trustee Larry Moats

Larry Moats began his first term on the Harper Board of Trustees in 1969 when he was still a Harper student. The youngest elected official in the state, he was overwhelmingly reelected to the Board in 1972 and served for three more years.

Moats continued his service to Harper by becoming active in the Friends of Harper. He was on the Board of Directors from 1980-85, serving as president in 1984-85. He was also an active participant in the campaign leading to passage of the tax increase referendum.

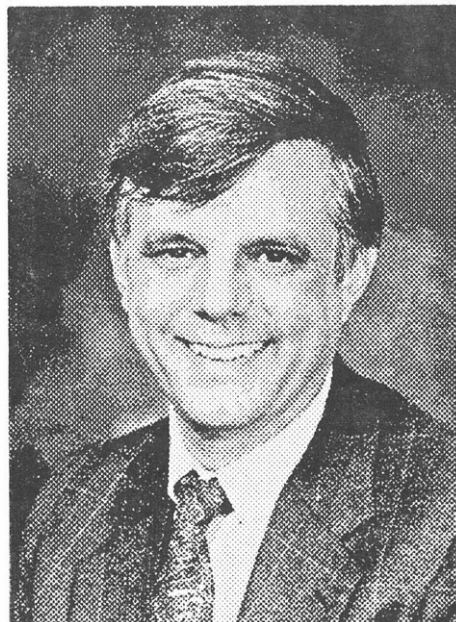
Moats' interest in the Board of Trustees was rekindled in 1987 when several vacancies occurred. He was particularly interested in the selection of a new president, stating that he or she "would have a great impact on the College."

Moats' career as founder and CEO of Arlington Electric, Inc. and AEC Automation Systems, Inc., have given him valuable business experience to bring to his deliberations as a member of the Board.

At the time of his most recent election, he stated that long-range planning was a major issue facing the College. He stressed that Harper should strengthen its ties with the business community and urged the creation of a task force of businesspersons to make recommendations on how Harper could improve communications with local businesses. He believes that Harper's image with large businesses in the area is good but that "there are many small businesses that are not aware of the resources available to them at Harper. We need to educate them."

Moats states that good progress has been made in the area of long-range planning and that "President Thompson has done an excellent job of focusing on this need."

Moats believes that Harper should continue to be responsive to input from the community, particularly in regard to planning for the future. "As a community college, our primary goal is to serve the various needs of the people in the district."



Focus on Student Activities

Coming Attractions - Itzhak Perlman and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra - Pegasus Players presents "Kiss of the Spider-woman" - "Noises Off" - Sir George Solti and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra - Regency (a capella) concert - "Food for Thought" film fest - ice cream social with Johnny B. Moore Blues Band - Christopher Childs "Greenpeace: Past, Present & Future" lecture and slides - Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats - Shanta (stories and songs of the African people) - martial arts display!

The events mentioned above are a sampling of the varied activities arranged through Student Activities under the direction of Jeanne Pankanin. The diversity is deliberate, planned so the programs will provide something of interest for everyone - adult students and families, as well as traditional age students.

Events and programs are scheduled by either the Program Board, which chooses the contemporary events, concerts and films, or the Cultural Arts Committee, which selects lectures, classical films and concerts, art exhibits and theatre productions. Students comprise the membership of the Program Board, and Michael Nejman, coordinator of Student Activities, is the advisor. The Cultural Arts Committee, a 4Cs committee, consists of faculty advisors, two students representing Program Board and Student Activities staff members in ex officio capacity.

The Harper Student Activities office schedules more events per year than any other community college in Illinois. In selecting the approximately 150 events planned per year, Pankanin says, "We try to go for the best national speakers, the major concert attractions, the best theatre production companies. We have made a decision to go for quality rather than quantity."



Pankanin, who has been at Harper since 1975, and Nejman, who started in 1982, complement each other in their areas of primary interest, and they both enjoy the challenges that are a part of their work.

Terry Karow, events information specialist, joined the staff last year and spends her time promoting Harper events. The regularity of sold-out events has definitely increased with Karow's efforts, reports Pankanin. Rounding out the staff is Sue McGinty, secretary.

Also under Pankanin's direction are the Box Office, Health Services, the Harbinger, Point of View, WHCM, College Bowl, the speech team, clubs and organizations and the Game Room.



The Game Room will have a new look soon. Additions will include a five foot screen television and seating, study carrels, tables for two for board games and video games. Student Activities staff will gladly accept suggestions for a new name for the room.

The department offers a variety of services to students, such as arranging for an attorney to answer their legal questions, making emergency loans up to \$50 interest-free for ten days, servicing the 25 campus bulletin boards, providing poster service and updating the Target vision system - the television monitors located throughout the campus which promote campus activities.

Long-range plans for the Student Activities department include focus on helping Harper students and faculty gain a global perspective, stimulate more volunteerism and help students with life skills. To that end, programs such as the fall lecture series and International Week have been planned.

Pankanin, who currently teaches math, expressed her philosophy for her department this way, "I have great respect for what faculty do, but I know that a lot of learning goes on outside the classroom. I feel my student activity contact has more lifelong and life changing effect than what I do in the classroom."

From the Chair Student Publications Board Committee

The function of the committee is to provide guidelines for the Harbinger and the Point of View. The committee selects the editors and the faculty advisors, but the editors and their staff are responsible for the design and content of the publications. Chairman Al Dunikoski reports "The committee (composed of students, faculty and administrators) provides guidance to make it easier for students to exercise their own talents and abilities in the production of the Harbinger and the Point of View."

The committee also is charged with reviewing the policies and procedures involved with student publications. Compliments and complaints regarding content should be directed to this committee.



Insider's View of Sandra Manner

Sandra Manner began working at Harper in 1972, on a part-time basis in the Engineering department. She worked in a ten-month position in the Technology, Math and Physical Science division before transferring to her present position as secretary to the vice president of academic affairs in 1975.

Sandy enjoys the diversity of her job and feels that Harper is her "second home." She finds her work challenging and interesting. About half of her time is spent on typing and clerical duties and the other half is spent dealing with faculty, staff, students and outside contacts, either in person or over the telephone.

One of the responsibilities of her job, and one that repeats prior to the beginning of every fall semester, is preparing materials for faculty orientation, beginning this year on August 14. Every faculty member receives information about the fall schedule and semester plans, plus informative materials such as the Manual on Committees, the Committee Roster and the Faculty Credentials Statement, which are updated each fall.

Born: Bell, CA

Family: Husband Charles, daughters Melinda, 33, and Tammy, 30; and son Brock, 26

Favorite food: good Mexican food

Hobby: read, play tennis and paint (with oils)

Best advice by parents gave me: Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

I would like to learn: I never quit learning.

I can't stand: procrastinators.

If time and money were not a problem: I would travel.

One thing I've learned in life: You can't have everything you want, even though I keep trying.

Favorite books: novels, such as historic romances

Last movie seen: Weekend at Bernie's.

I would like to stop: working so hard.

Two on the Aisle

Tickets for presentations throughout the Chicago area will be available right here on the Harper campus, when the Box Office, which operates as part of Student Activities, becomes a Ticketmaster outlet on August 31.

Ticketmaster sales will be on a cash basis only, with a service charge of about \$2 per ticket. To accommodate increased sales, Box Office hours have been expanded to 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday, Friday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, and from 10:00 am to 1:00 on Saturday. For additional information, check with Kevin Geiger in the Box Office, extension 2547.

Department Developments

Congratulations and best wishes to the new brides and grooms among the Harper family. July 8 was the date for the wedding of **Eric Ryan**, LRC-Med Ser, and **Patty Mottla**. Fathers of the pair are **Martin Ryan** and **LeRoy Mottla**, Liberal Arts. **Kathy Lindvig**, administrative secretary to the dean of instruction, married Ken Hermreck on July 15. Also on July 15, Susan Dorner, daughter of **George Dorner**, Technology, Math and Physical Science, married Daniel Sullivan....Additions and returnees to the Harper family include **Carol Hall** and **Margaret Maas**, Business & Social Science; **Ronald Greenberg**, Physical Education, Athletics & Recreation; **Valentina Bagratuni**, Lillian Thiel and **Solveig Bender**, TM/PS; **Rebecca Korbecki**, Planning & Research; **Sherry Thill** and **Leslie Barnes**, Life Science & Human Services; and **Constance DeBoey**, Student Development. Welcome! **Patricia Seitzinger**, LS/HS and **Scott Keller**, Academic Computing, are in newly reclassified positions....Harper received a Retention Excellence Award for its athletic academic advising program. **Tom Choice**, PEAR, accepted the award during the Noel/Levitz retention conference recently.

For Your Information

Faculty Orientation	Friday, August 18 8:30 am; J143
Communications Forum	Wednesday, August 23 2:00 pm; Board Room
Board Meeting	Thursday, August 24 8:00 pm; Board Room
Friends of Harper	Wednesday, September 6 7:30 pm; Board Room
ICPCCP/ICCTA	Thursday-Saturday, September 7-9; Bloomington
Foundation Board Meeting	Tuesday, September 12 7:30 am; Faculty Dining Rm
Committee of the Whole	Wednesday, September 13 7:30 pm; Board Room
ICCB	Friday, September 15 9:30 am; Springfield

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