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More than 300 guests attended Harper's silver anniversary ball on October 31. Members of the Harper community joined with faculty and staff members for an evening of dining, dancing and celebration.

## The President's Message

*Celebrating Silver, Going for the Gold* was one of the slogans submitted for our Silver Anniversary celebration. That slogan mirrors the emerging spirit of this special year. Members of our faculty and staff have teamed with members of the community to plan and offer many of the activities in which you are participating. We've been pleased with the response we've gotten from community members—both in their participation on committees and in their attendance at college observations during these past few months.

For example, the Dignitaries' Reception, held in September, honored 275 members of the Harper Community who have contributed to the success of the College and to the growth of the Northwest suburbs. Yet during this same observance we were also able to celebrate our future as we broke ground for the new Liberal Arts building.

Then the tree dedication and reception held Friday, October 30, honored former President Jim McGrath and the Friends of Harper. The Friends had given us the Friendship Grove several years ago, and this fall donated the plantings for the Silver Anniversary Grove, located south of parking lot 4. This grove will provide shade and beauty on the campus for years to come.

*Celebrating Silver* was the theme of the gala Silver Anniversary Ball held October 31. The sold-out event drew

a mix of Harper faculty and staff, business representatives, Foundation and Board of Trustees members as well as community members. Former presidents Bob Lahti and Jim McGrath were recognized, the entire College community was toasted, and a tongue-in-cheek video predicted what Harper might look like as it celebrates its Golden Anniversary.

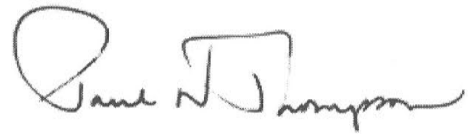
We now look forward to the other activities that team the community with Harper. For example, the College and Friends of Harper will sponsor one-month-long exhibits at nine area libraries throughout the year to illustrate the history and growth of the College. During the month, a reception and program, "Reconnecting with Harper," will offer information about the current and future status of the College by reinforcing the Preferred Future plan and by eliciting the support and interest in a Harper Alumni Association.

The Harper Hop is scheduled for March 12 in the Building M Gym (a

perfect place to hold a sock hop!). This event is open to Harper faculty, staff and students and will rekindle the flavor of the '50s and '60s—for the evening anyway!

Our Community Day celebration on April 25 will truly have something for everyone...classic cars (including a 1966 Corvette), music, food, sporting events, and contests and games for Harper students, alumni, supporters, faculty and staff members.

Finally, the May 1993 Commencement will bring the year's festivities to a close. Although we can celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary only once, the spirit of *Celebrating Silver, Going for the Gold* can continue to energize us as we look forward to the wonderful changes and exciting developments that will carry us into the 21st century.



*"Celebrating Silver, Going for the Gold . . . mirrors the emerging spirit of this special year."*

*Paul Thompson*

## FOCUS ON

# Music Department

From music theory and private lessons to VISION and MIDI seminars, the music department has developed a curriculum to meet the musical needs of almost every age group in the district. With a focus on an academic transfer program, the department also offers courses in computer music and opportunities to sing in choral groups or to play in the community orchestra.

Bob Tillotson, department chair, remarks: "Programs evolved as a student or community need was recognized. This need saw the emergence of courses in theory and aural skills, private and group instruction, the Music Academy and the Handbell Choir."

The approach taken by the music department is unique because it provides not only a unified core of music courses for the student seeking a four-year degree, but also courses of interest to the general population. Classes can also be used as electives in other curricula.

Each program has its own full-time faculty coordinator who ensures quality instruction and a resourceful curriculum. Stan Ryberg coordinates music theory classes and teaches low brass; Cathy Albergo teaches keyboard, coordinates keyboard activities and is the director of the Music Academy; and Tom Stauch coordinates and directs ensembles and applied voice. Tillotson, in addition to his administrative responsibilities, teaches clarinet, music appreciation and humanities.

Mark Mrozinski teaches theory and class piano and is the program coordinator for the Music Academy, which provides non-credit instruction in all instruments and voice while offering classes in preschool music and computer music. The daily activities for the department are coordinated by secretary Pat Paulford.

In addition, the department plans several musical events throughout the year—the music concert series, which includes several free noontime concerts; concerts by the Harper Symphony Orchestra; the Festival of Lessons and Carols; and concerts by the Northwest Chorale. These events provide an opportunity for active participation or absolute listening enjoyment.

In the big picture—instruction, involvement and enjoyment—the music department seems to encompass it all!  
—Joellen Freeding



Fulltime members of the Harper Music Department faculty and staff are (left to right) Cathy Albergo, Mark Mrozinski, Bob Tillotson, Pat Paulford, Tom Stauch and Stan Ryberg (not pictured).

### Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Music Department

**Miniconcert**  
Jeff Bradetich and  
Judi Rocky Bradetich  
December 3, 12:15 pm  
P205

**Festival Chorus Concert**  
December 6, 3:00 pm  
Building M  
Harper Community/Festival Chorus

**Steel Drum Band**  
December 10, 8:00 pm  
Building J Theatre

**Harper Community/  
Palatine Concert Band**  
December 11, 7:30 pm  
Cutting Hall, Palatine

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
December 13, 7:30 pm  
Building J Theatre

## INSIDER'S VIEW

### Marilyn A. Comer

Marilyn Comer, Harper's director of Financial Aid and Veterans' Affairs, says that balance and compassion are the two most important requirements for those working in her office, followed closely by positiveness and a sense of humor. In these tight economic times, as less grant, loan and scholarship money is available—and the office receives more and more requests for assistance—these qualities are often called upon.

"Because we're the office that says 'no' so much," she says, "we need to maintain a sense of balance between saying 'no' and making sure that the students still feel that they have worth." She adds that the office offers options to the students, ensuring that the door to education is still available—and not closed because of finances.

Marilyn says that although grant, loan and scholarship money is scarce, some of the institutional scholarship money goes unused. Citing that she's very concerned about this, she says that one of her current goals is to ensure that more students become aware of and apply for these scholarships.

When she's not working at Harper, Marilyn volunteers to counsel teens and young adults. Right now she is working with a group of six teens through Agape, Inc., an agency that coordinates activities to give teens more direction and provides jobs and job training skills. "Because my position at Harper involves working with so many regulations, it's good for me to have involvement where I can be more creative and flexible," she explains.

**Born:** Chicago

**Education:** Undergraduate, George Williams College; graduate, Governors State University and the University of Illinois, Chicago; currently attending Loyola University

**Family:** Husband, Darrell, and daughter, Dawn

**Interests:** Photo darkroom techniques, music and exploring new ideas

**If time and money were not a problem:** I would really like to trace my family's roots—as well my husband's.

**I don't care much for:** Nonperformance and people who don't try.

**One thing I've learned in life:** Persistence

**Book I'm currently reading:** *In Search of our Mothers' Garden* by Alice Walker

**Favorite foods:** Any junk food. My four basic food groups are crunch, cheese, salt and sweets.



**Marilyn A. Comer**



# Harper Child Learning Center Adopts Sister School

Over the past several months, the Harper Child Learning Center has sent more than 300 pounds of supplies to the Sittee River Preschool in Belize. The preschool is participating in a sister-school program with our Center as part of an informal agreement forged during the College's 1991 continuing education trip to the Central American country.

"During the trip we were invited to meet with 15 women from the community," Child Development Professor Jane Ann Thomas explains. "The community is very poor, and when members of the Harper group asked

how we could help, the women replied, 'Do something for our children.'"

The preschool, funded by Unicef, was slated to open shortly after the Harper visit. Yet when Thomas visited the school, she noted that it had minimal supplies. However, after she returned to Harper, Thomas reviewed the fourth Preferred Future statement—which calls for international/multicultural educational experiences—and received permission to offer support to the school.

"I thought that this would be a wonderful way for our preschoolers to get involved," she says. "So our preschool teachers and the Sittee River teachers

agreed to exchange children's letters, pictures and stories about our cultures." At that point the preschool parents' group joined the effort, arranging to send clothing, toys and used supplies to the school. They found, however, that the cost of shipping these items was astronomical.

Thomas contacted area community groups for financial assistance, and the Schaumburg Rotary Club and Illinois Task Force on Belize both agreed to contribute money for shipping. "We plan to continue this relationship with the Belize preschool," Thomas says. "Our children and our teachers are all very interested!"

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lected from a national pool to attend the Conference of Interpreter Trainers. **Sally Koziar**, who coordinates the program for Harper, serves as treasurer of the organization, and lab assistant **Amy Dixon-Kolar** served on its nominating committee.

And we welcome the new members of our staff! These include **Mary Paine**, clerk, ADM OFF; **John Schuler**, assistant athletic trainer, and **Pam Frye** (formerly at the Northeast Center), program assistant, PEAR; **Timothy Lembke**, lab assistant, Park Management, LS/HS; **Terri McKinney**, clerk typist, BUS/SS; **Nancy Desruisseaux**, senior records clerk, REG OFF; **Karen White**, AV tech I, LRC; **Susannah Swift**, evening clerk, PLG RES; **Margaret Heidtbrink**, lead attendant, STU ACT; and **Carol Cross**, **Jesse Hartline** and **Robert Torgerson**, custodians, PHY PLT. Promotions and transfers on campus this month include **Diane Kinn**, administrative assistant, IS, and **Anne Schimmel**, admissions associate, ADM OFF.

Harper's newly appointed vice president of Academic Affairs, **R. Edmund Dolan**, will join the staff on January 19, 1993.

# Inside Harper



The Palatine High School Gospel Choir entertained during Festival of Nations Day on October 14. The event was one of many offerings during Harper's annual Intercultural Week.



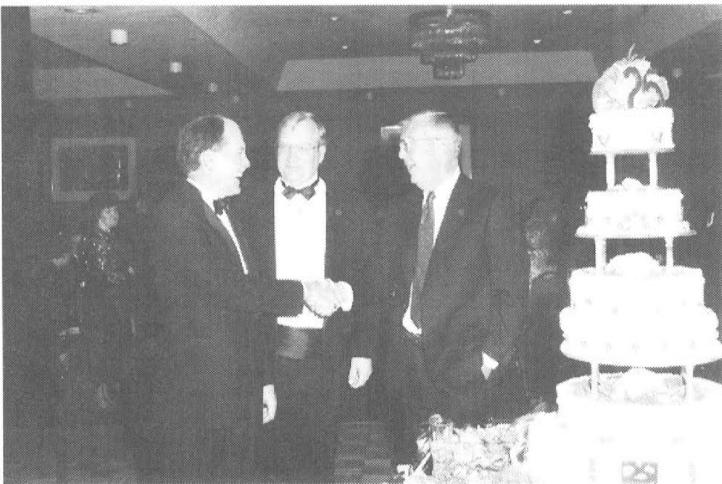
The Festival of Nations Cafe was a definite hit during the day, featuring creations baked and served by Vince Kaminski and the students in his Bread and Pastry Arts class...



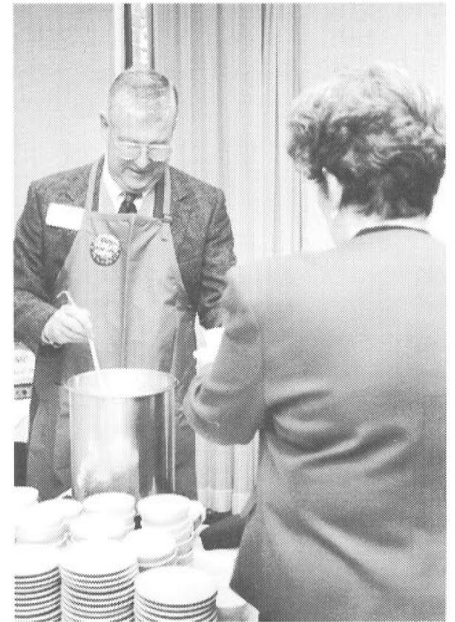
while other clubs, organizations, international classes and sister cities prepared exhibits of international focus.



Past President Jim McGrath and his family were on hand October 30 for the dedication of Harper's Silver Anniversary Grove. McGrath also donated a burr oak—planted in the Friendship Grove—in honor of his late wife, Bette.



Harper President Paul Thompson, left, welcomes past presidents Bob Lahti, center, and Jim McGrath during the Silver Anniversary Ball on October 31.



During the luncheon following the dedication, McGrath donned an apron and "served up the soup"—a task he had frequently taken on during his tenure as president.

## Departmental Developments

As we celebrate our Silver Anniversary year, faculty and staff members have been actively promoting the programs and activities of the College. Various divisions and departments have assembled displays featuring the College of yesterday, today and tomorrow. **John Callahan** will be photographing these displays for future issues of the *Insider*, and we encourage you to stop and look at these displays as you travel across campus.

Prints of artist Tom Lynch's watercolor of the Harper quad (with the Chicago skyline in the background) are on sale now! Contact **Patty Roberts**, MED REL, at extension 2279 for details.

In other campus events, radio station WRMN in Elgin (1410 AM) has been broadcasting its weekly *Harper Radio Show* on Wednesdays at 2:08 pm. Listen in as **Anne Frost**, PUB, and **Patty Roberts**, MED REL, talk with program coordinators and department heads about campus happenings.

Congratulations are in order for members of our math faculty for their fine showing at the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Student Mathematics League competition. Harper finished eighth nationally (out of 88 schools) and first in Illinois. In addition, student **Jong Ho Kim** scored number one nationally on the round three exam...Art faculty members **John Knudsen**, **Ben Dallas**, **Marlene S. Hunt** and **Perry Pollock** have been selected to exhibit their art in the Vicinity 1992 art exhibit in St. Charles. The exhibit will be held at the Norris Gallery until December 20. Knudsen took top honors in the exhibit, winning its Lester J. Norris Memorial Visual Arts Award for Excellence.

We also congratulate Internal Auditor **Ted Agresta** on his designation as a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) by the Electronic Data Processing Auditors Association. This designation is granted to auditors who have completed a five-hour exam and have worked in the field for a minimum of five years.

**Martha Bolt**, PEAR, has been named to serve on two national committees for the National Junior College Athletic Association—the Women's Tennis committee and the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee...and **Sharrie Hildebrandt**, Legal Technology, was honored at DePaul University's 20th anniversary reception of the School for New Learning. Sharrie was one of the program's first graduates and also serves on the university's adjunct faculty as a professional advisor to students in its paralegal program.

Student Affairs staff **Bonnie Henry**, **Mary Ann Jirak**, **Joan Kindle**, **Russ Mills**, **Barb Olson** and **Chris Staub** and **Tom Choice** participated in presentations during the National Interassociation Conference in Chicago last month. Their topics included Standards of Academic Performance, Outcomes Assessment, New Student Orientation and Career Transitions. The conference was sponsored by the American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the National Council on Student Development/American Association of Community Colleges. Student Development also won an award for its innovative SOAP program.

During the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, **Jane Thomas**, Early Childhood Education, presided over the presentation "Building and Renovating: Pleasures and Pitfalls" and participated in a panel discussion on "Child Care and Child Development on Campus: Getting Blood from a Turnip in Difficult Times."

**Linda Soto**, CE/PS, spoke at a LEADS meeting about the programs and services of Harper's Institute of Small Business Management, Small Business Management Program and the Global Trade Center...**Paula Deeken** and **Kathryn Powell**, instructors in nonnative literacy, presented "Do the Write Thing" and Powell also participated on a panel that reported "Standardized Testing in ESL" during the Adult Learning Resource Center's fall conference.

The Sign Language Interpretation Program is proud to announce that student **Jody Bulmash** was se-

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