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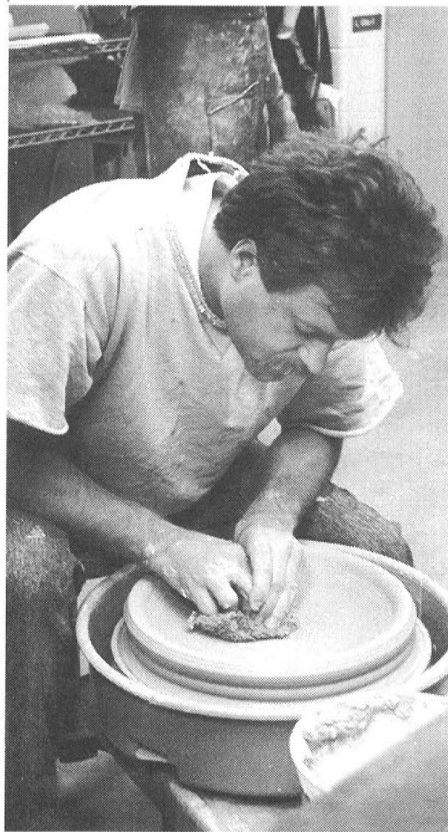
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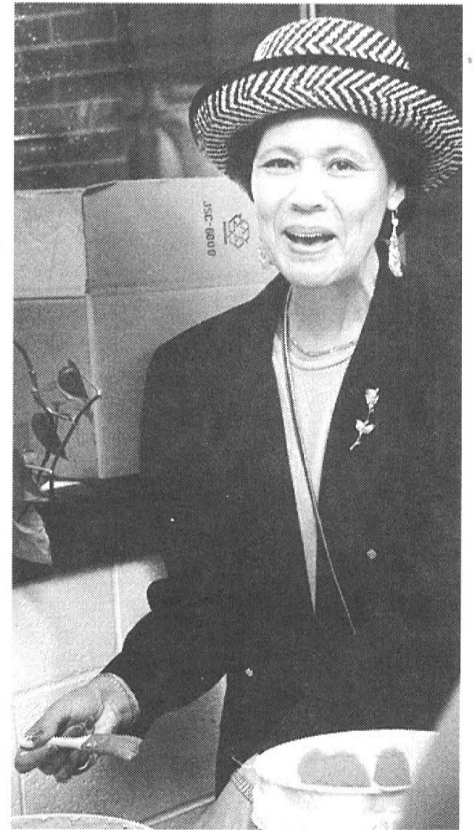
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**Harper's Community Faire celebration attracted more than 1,200 community residents who were treated to demonstrations, lectures and other activities. Here student John Ratkovich works on a piece of pottery...**



**...as Board of Trustees President Molly Norwood applies glaze to another.**

## President's Message

Last month I had the opportunity to meet with 10 Harper students who had entered the student essay contest sponsored by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association as part of community college month. Each student had written an essay describing How My Community College Is Changing (or Has Changed) My Life.

This luncheon meeting was especially valuable as it offered me the opportunity to meet the attendees in an informal setting to learn more about their lives and goals—as well as the experiences each has had here at Harper. I'd like to share some of their stories with you.

Winner Debbie Pollet began her college career at a "mega" university.

several years she realized that she wanted to return to school and enrolled at Harper. Although she was afraid, she discovered a supportive staff, faculty who were interested in teaching—and an employer who believed so strongly in Harper's mission that the company assumed the costs of her education. As she prepares to leave the College, she is thankful for the personal attention she has received here and is grateful that all her coursework will transfer.

Second-place winner Michelle Guthrie has a similar story. Michelle married her high school sweetheart, gave birth to her first child at 19, and by 24 was a single parent with three toddlers. She moved in with her parents and tried to balance parenting and



Christine Garcia, our third-place winner, entered Harper with no particular career goal in mind, but has been pleased with the assistance that she has received from the counseling staff. She's been encouraged to explore many options, and has found that this has given her the confidence to try new things and expand her outlook. She also feels that the variety of students and the enthusiastic faculty have made attending Harper a positive experience.

Stories like these are heartwarming, of course, but they also illustrate the important role that Harper plays in our community. Each day students are touched by the kindness, encouragement and educational opportunities they receive from all of us. Keep up the good work—Harper does make a difference!

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During her freshman year she contracted mononucleosis and was unable to complete her coursework. She received failing grades, lost her scholarship, dropped out of school and began working full time. After

working various jobs. Four years later she enrolled at Harper, has since received an associate degree and is now enrolled in the paralegal program. She is proud of her accomplishments and credits Harper for her success and personal growth.

## Focus On Admissions Outreach

If you're looking for a way to market your program or recruit more students, Admissions Outreach may have some ideas for you! Its staff of four works to market the College to all segments of the community—from traditional-aged students to adults to the business community.

The office targets potential students in area high schools by visiting each of Harper's 13 feeder schools twice each year, armed with the department's rap video and ready to talk to the students about career and transfer programs, student activities and other reasons for selecting Harper. During the program, students learn more about the College as they play "Harper Trivia," a game in which they are asked, for example, to identify Harper's school colors or name an Oscar Award-winning actress who is a Harper alumna. The office also coordinates "High School on Campus Day" and presentations for parents (of prospective students), as well as representing the College at more than a dozen area College nights and career expos.

To attract area businesses, the office coordinates on-site recruitment visits. Last year, in fact, the Admissions Outreach staff represented the College at 36 company locations. In addition, the office coordinates the College's Educational Service Agreement for area companies, an agreement that enables employees who work (but do not live) in the district to attend the College at in-district rates. Beth Quarnstrom, who handles this function for the office, notes that the number of participating companies has more than tripled during the past five years. She adds that while

she updates and keeps records of participating companies, the student paperwork is actually handled by Harper's registration staff members.

During the past few years the Admissions Outreach office has come up with a package of splashy and fun marketing materials. Its new video, *Harper Style*, in fact, won a merit award presented by the Admissions Marketing Report.

Both Amy Hauenstein and Bev Hoffman stress that the office is eager to try new recruiting ideas and assist in marketing College programs. Hoffman notes, "We're willing to listen to new ideas and test the waters!" Feel free to call the office for assistance or to share your ideas with the staff. They can be reached at extension 6247.



**Bev Hoffman, center left, and Amy Hauenstein, center right, discuss Harper's programs and application procedures with potential students.**



**Rochelle Corso, right, tallies the responses to the College's reverse transfer brochure with assistance from Beth Quarnstrom.**

## Insider's View of Kay Turner

Although you can generally find Kay Turner working in many areas on campus, she has spent the last few months in the greenhouse behind Building V. She's in charge of growing all the flowers you see on the grounds, and since January she's sown, thinned, pinched back and planted more than 12,000 plants.

"I start everything from seed," she says, explaining that this keeps costs down while enabling her to have plants ready exactly when she needs them. Growing healthy plants is important to her, and to ensure this, she has adopted an integrated pest management program that has been very successful. "We're virtually pesticide free in the greenhouse," she says, "and I'm very proud of that!"

Kay joined the Harper staff as a student intern in 1981 and was hired as a full-time member of the Roads and Grounds crew in 1984. When she's not in the greenhouse, you may find her—along with her coworkers—plowing snow, mowing grass, pruning trees and bushes, preparing the athletic fields or tackling any of the other tasks the crew attends to.

"This has been an unusual winter," she says, explaining that the Roads and Grounds crew moved Harper staff members into Building L and was often called in early to clear parking lots and sidewalks before the campus opened each morning. "The crew is very supportive of one another," she says, "and with all the snow this year we've been together a lot. Sometimes it seems as though I see more of them than I see of my family!"



**Groundskeepers Kay Turner and Raul Arteaga check the root system of one of the gold marigolds that will adorn the Harper stage during Commencement ceremonies later this month.**

Over the next few months, as you walk across campus, you'll see Kay watering the moss roses, marigolds, begonias, salvia, petunias, snap dragons and impatiens—or tending to the ornamental grasses that she's experimenting with on campus.

**Place of birth:** Highland Park

**Education:** AAS, horticulture and AAS, park management-Harper; and continued studies at the University of Illinois Extension, Morton Arboretum and Botanic Gardens

**Family:** Husband, Tracy, and daughters, Emma, 5, and JoHanna, 2

**Interests:** rollerblading, downhill skiing, wildflower gardening and prairie restoration

**I would like to learn:** patience.

**Best advice my parents gave me:** You have to work hard for what you want.

**If time and money were not a problem:** My family and I would live in a beautiful old farmhouse on 1,000 acres. Also, I'd like to take my family skiing in the mountains.

**One thing I've learned in life:** Roll with the punches.

**I don't care for:** bad news.

**Favorite food:** pizza

**Favorite movie:** *A River Runs Through It*

**Books I'm currently reading:** *The Little House on the Prairie* series (to my daughter, Emma) and Barney books (to my daughter, JoHanna).

# Inside Harper



**Community Faire outdoor activities included demonstrations by the knights of Medieval Times and stunts by expert rollerbladers. Here Matt Vasquez of Crystal Lake performs ramp jumps...**

## Retirees Corner

Oops! We inadvertently omitted **Lea Bartow** from the list of Harper employees who will retire this spring. Lea serves as administrative assistant for LS/HS...**Robert J. Hughes**, retired director of the Physical Plant and an original member of Harper's administrative faculty, received the Battle of the Atlantic Badge from the British Chamber of Shipping. The badge is awarded to Allied Navy and Merchant Marine seamen who participated in the Battle of the North Atlantic from 1939-1944.

We send our condolences to the family of **Audree Walsh**. Audree, who retired in 1992 after serving as coordinator of campus information and facilities, died in mid-April. We also send our condolences to the family of **Ralph K. Rohling**, former coordinator of the Community Program.



**...as June Bug applies face makeup to a willing community member.**



**During Wellness Week activities held April 12-14, Jeannie Ogden, left, of the Women's Club in Rolling Meadows, demonstrated arm stretches to one group of participants after starting another on slider aerobics.**

## Departmental Developments

**Ray Lesniewski** of the adjunct chemistry faculty is making news. He appeared on the February 23 broadcast of Wheel of Fortune (where he earned \$8,240!) and is now featured in the Alphabet Soup Productions' presentation of Pinocchio at the Candlelight Forum Theatre where he is playing the role of Lampwick...**Pat Best** and **Linda Nelson** of the AED faculty presented "Socrates Revisited: The Question as a Basic Tool in Teaching" at the Illinois Adult and Continuing Educators Association Conference...and **Ron Greenberg**, WHP, attended the four-day Aquatic Management School sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association.

**Ray Normann**, BUS/SS, has been awarded the Standard Setter Award by the CPCU Society. The award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through service to the insurance industry in their communities. Normann was recognized for his work with Harper's Tech-Prep program.

And congratulations are in order for members of the Harper faculty who received promotions. They include **Anne Davidovicz**, LIB ARTS, **Mercedes McGowen**, TM/PS, **Karen Lustig**, TM/PS, and **Dorothy McCabe**, LRC, to assistant professor; **Ellen Freeman**, LS/HS, and **Jean-Louise Gustafson**, LAC, associate professor; and **Virginia Bender**, BUS/SS, **Jean Chapman**, AE/LS, **Larry Kent** and **Karen Keres**, LIB ARTS, and **Renee Zellner**, WHP, professor.

The **Insider** has been honored as one of the top ten "most admirable" in-house newsletters in the United States and Canada by Lawrence Ragan Communications. The judges note, "Everything from writing to photography to printing is done in-house and quality is excellent. Here is a telling demonstration that even on a modest budget, an editor can achieve an admirable publication. The expenditure of thought, time, and dedication brings far better results than the expenditure of only money." We congratulate ourselves!

In other campus news, we welcome Harper's newest staff members. They include **Susan Dayton**, clerk/typist, TEST; **Laura Daniels**, secretary, AED; **Michele Szymankowski**, clerk-typist, TM/PS; **Leslie Sopko**, bilingual secretary, CSD; **Sharon Szymoniak**, secretary, PR/BD; and **Rodney Ramey**, custodian, PHY PLT. Reclassifications have been awarded to **Sylvia Kingsley**, administrative assistant, PR/BD, and **Geetha Murthy**, client/server and programmer/analyst, IS/AS. **Margaret Scott**, TM/PS, has been appointed professor emeritus for the 1994-1995 academic year.

We also send our congratulations to members of the Harper faculty and staff who have earned advanced degrees. They include **Jason Tiggs**, MAIL CTR, Associate in Applied Science in horticulture/park management from Harper; **Sue Nowakowski**, IS/TS, Bachelor of General Studies with a concentration in computer science from Roosevelt University; **Barb Bednarz**, BUS/SS, administrative assistant certificate from Harper College; **Kim Ostrowski**, adjunct fac-

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ulty, BUS/SS, specialist in school psychology from Illinois State University; **Bonnie Meltesen**, adjunct faculty, BUS/SS, Master of Science in Education with a business education concentration from Northern Illinois University; **Laura Adams**, PEAR, Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in health care from Roosevelt University; **Michael Knudsen**, PUB, Master of Arts in studio art from Northern Illinois University; and **Ann Goldberg**, PUB, Master of Arts in writing from DePaul University.

We send our condolences to **Susan Cusack** and **Kathi Holper**, ESL, on the death of their mother; to **Renee Loth**, CORP SRV, on the death of her father; to **Keith Jauch**, IS/TS, on the death of his mother; and to **Phyllis Shabsin**, PUB, on the death of her mother-in-law.