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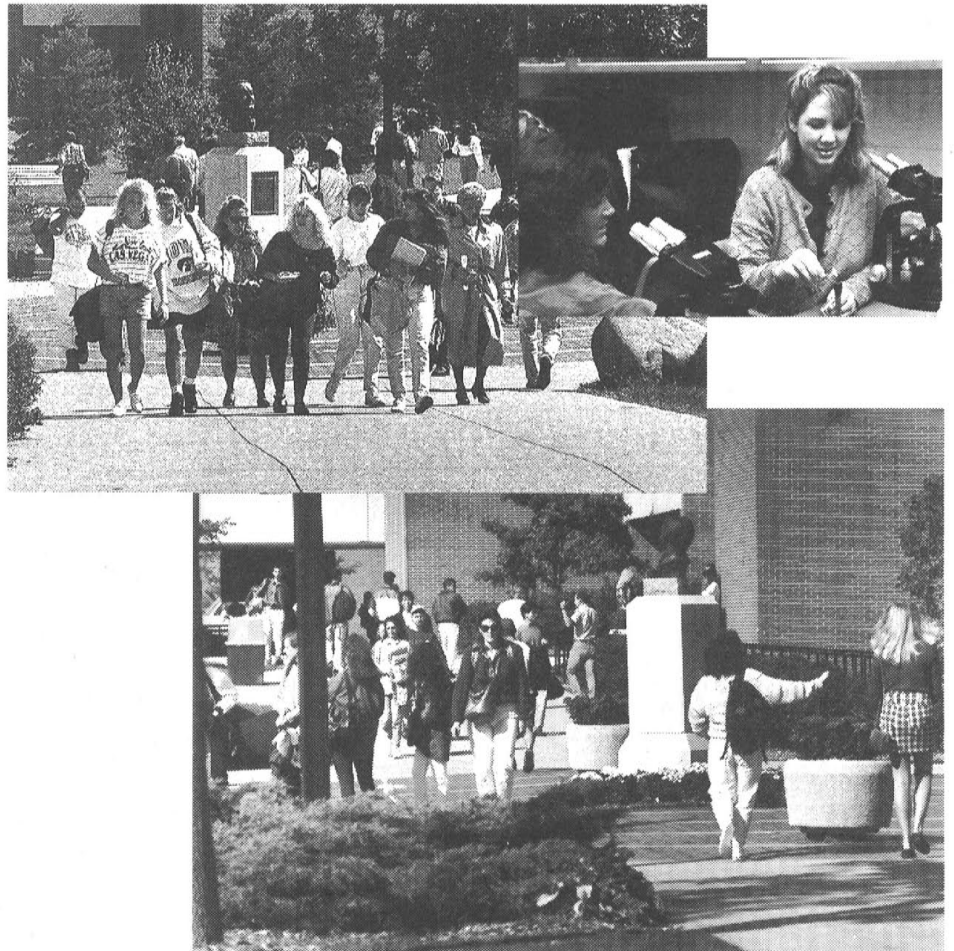
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August 22 signaled the return to classes for more than 19,000 full-time, part-time and continuing education students this fall. Take a look at just a few of the faces that you may encounter on campus this semester.

President's Message

The following is a synopsis of President Paul Thompson's Faculty Orientation address presented last month.

Harper College has tradition and legend that mark important keystones in the institution's development. A dictionary defines legend as "a story handed down for generations among a people and popularly believed to have a historical basis," "a notable person whose deeds or exploits are much talked about in his or her own time," or as "stories told about the exploits of such a person." Some of the stories I have been told by charter members of this faculty qualify, in my judgment, as legend. These include stories of the "burning of the barn"; founding President, Robert Lahti; Elk Grove temporary facilities and their restroom facilities; Tony Dolejs and payroll delivery; and pig roasts.

This past year had notable occurrences that may rise to the status of legend in future years! The Illinois Community College Board presented Harper's "Learning Communities" with its Excellence in Teaching and Learning award. Janet Wade, one of our 4.0 graduates, was selected as

the first ever community college student in Illinois for membership in the Lincoln Academy; John Muchmore led a wonderful rendition of "The Calliope Yell" at the dedication of Building L; Tom McCabe presented a polished and provocative presentation at the Academic Honors Convocation; and our athletic teams and individuals won top national rankings.

Ten years from now many of us will claim to "have been there when. . ." or proudly say, "She was in my class! . . . and some might ask, "Just how did you make the 'The Global Village' work?"

What are the possibilities for legend and/or the continuing of tradition at Harper College this year? Your crystal ball is probably better polished than mine, but I'll speculate that out of these activities we've embarked upon, something quite unique and special is likely to occur:

- transition to a renovated F building
- completion of the campus fiber optic network
- two-way interactive video classrooms linked with our consortium partners in the NW suburbs



- cultivation and development of major donors for our Foundation's Major Gifts Campaign
- an active and honest effort to recognize diversity issues and their implications for change at our college and throughout our community.

What I don't need to speculate about is that legendary accomplishments will continue to be made in your classrooms, laboratories and offices. They will probably not be much heralded. Some of what you achieve may never be known to you because your students don't tell you. I recognize the challenges you face. We must work together to provide a legendary opportunity for each of our students. That is the tradition of this wonderful place. That is the legacy of legend.

Paul N. Thompson

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Focus On Women's Program

Plans are underway for a celebration on campus! This fall the Women's Program celebrates twenty-five years of service to the community, and its staff is planning a series of minicourses and special events.

"Our office offers focused programs for those who are interested in personal and professional growth," says Rebecca Smith, Harper's new coordinator of Gender Issues and Community Counseling. "The anniversary celebration, therefore, will offer a taste of some of the courses the program regularly offers." Examples include shorter versions of courses such as "Decision Making" and "Women, Divorce and the Law."

Many of the programs offered through the The Women's Program are funded by state grants that target single mothers; displaced homemakers (who are re-entering the workforce due to divorce or the death or disability of their spouse); and non-traditional workers (women and men who seek jobs that are typically held by members of the opposite sex—male nurses or female construction workers, for instance).

The programs for single mothers and displaced homemakers offer counseling, tuition support and a general support system. "The support system that these women once had has deteriorated," Smith explains. "Our goal is to help them move on. We provide the counseling and education to assist them to find jobs with adequate pay and benefits. We're their advocates—we help them work through the barriers that hold them back."



Harper's Women's Program is staffed by (seated, left to right) Tyra LaRocca, program specialist, and Karen Cutlan, secretary; and (standing, left to right) Lucille Lopez-Wark, program specialist; Cathy Lindstrom, receptionist; Rebecca Smith, coordinator; and Jeanne Kline, program assistant.

In working with nontraditional workers, the program has two goals. The first is to assure that workers—both men and women—find jobs where they feel comfortable, and the second is that these jobs provide fair pay. "We try to help them find the right fit," Smith explains.

In addition to these programs, the Women's Program staff is also committed to working with the Harper staff to collaborate on programming. "We don't want to work in isolation," Smith says, adding that there are many opportunities to collaborate. For example, this winter the Women's Program will work with the Wellness and Human Performance division to offer a Women's and Girls' Sports Day, designed to encourage participation in sports. "We intend to feature women athletes as role models

while illustrating that by participating in sports, women and girls can learn skills in teamwork, reliance and following rules—important skills in the workplace." Other ideas include a workshop on gender issues set for February and "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," slated for April.

Smith says that the office is also exploring courses on men's issues. Some ideas include courses for divorced fathers and courses that help men better understand their feelings.

The Women's Program recognizes that it will be most successful if it works closely with all departments of the College. If you have suggestions, please contact one of the staff members at extension 6560.

Insider's View of Karen Villano

Whether getting her kicks on Route 66 or dreaming of accomplishing a triple loop on ice skates, Karen Villano approaches life with gusto.

An accomplished athlete, Villano's capabilities extend from competing in track, gymnastics and tennis to setting an exquisite table, researching other cultures and traveling throughout the United States. "I like to learn about different people and the character of places I visit," says Villano. "It personalizes the visit for me." Inspired by a documentary, in fact, she has traveled the old Route 66 and a portion of the Oregon Trail. Future plans include visiting the site of the Donner party (which had been stranded along the Oregon Trail) and traveling to Europe.

In preserving the heritage of her ancestry, Villano and her sisters recently spent time with her grandmother learning about her past and receiving first-hand lessons in making the family's time-tested pasta doughs, sauces, gnocchi and ravioli.

Villano began her career in the food service business 17 years ago, and she has been a member of the Harper staff for the past 10. Her on-the-job training led to her promotion first to catering supervisor and more recently to food service supervisor.

Place of birth: Chicago

Family: parents, Betty and Richard Villano, and sisters, Annette and Maria

Education: A.A.S., Harper; working toward a Bachelor of General Studies degree at Roosevelt University

Interests: Figure skating

Best advice my parents gave me: Always be honest.

If time and money were not a problem: I'd travel around the world to see animals in their natural habitats and research a cure for diseases such as multiple sclerosis.

I would like to learn: choreography and to speak Italian fluently.

One thing I've learned in life: Life is precious. It's a gift that doesn't last long.

I don't care for: migraine headaches.

Favorite food: any kind of crustacean

Favorite movie: *Dances with Wolves*

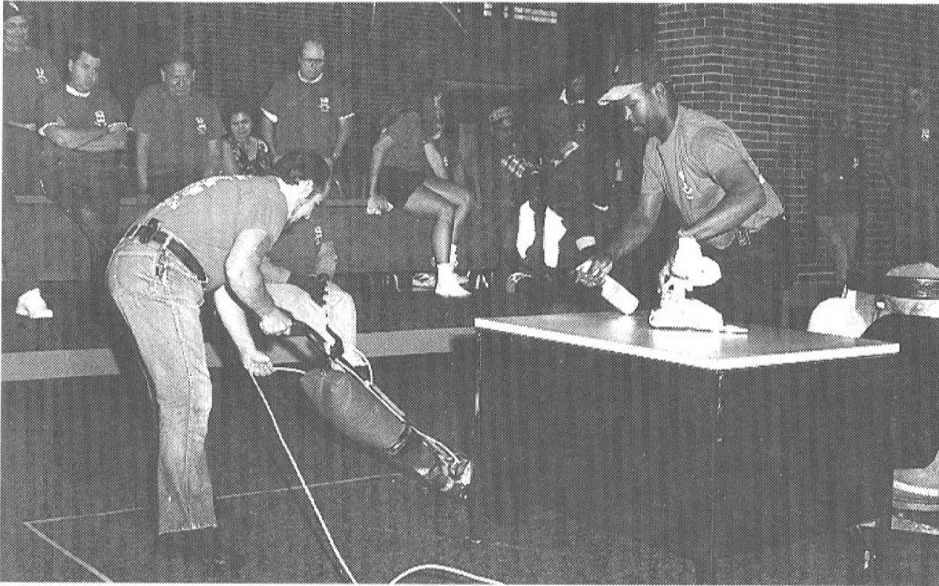
Favorite book: *Sacajawea* by Anna Lee Waldo



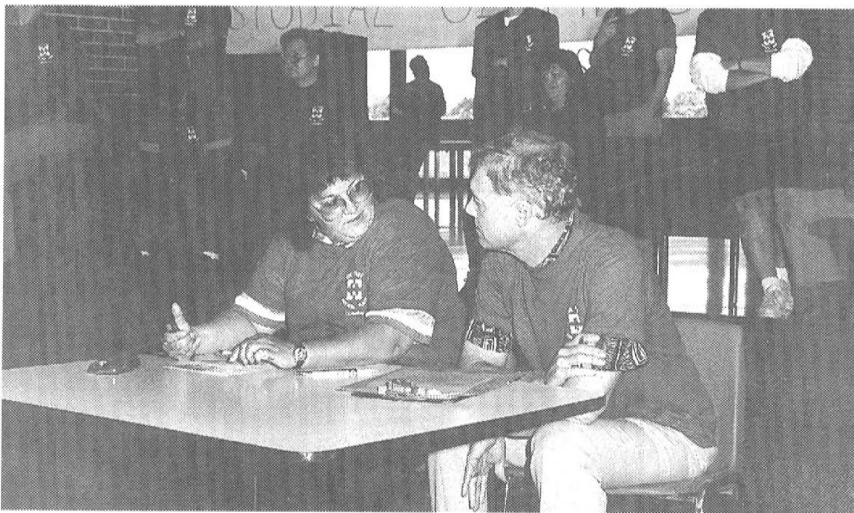
Karen Villano

—Joellen Freeding

Inside Harper



Gerald Gnaster, left, and Willy Shelby of Harper's custodial staff compete during the Custodial Olympics held last month. During the lunchtime competition, the staff participated in events that included a sponge relay, window wipeout, recycling contest, squirt shooting, washroom brigade, office cleaning and peanut herding. First place honors went to Team C, which included Darrell Miller, Jenni Broadfield, Charlie Steck, Dan Garay and Ken Wille. Second place was captured by Team D, consisting of Gerald Gnaster, Paul Herzmann, Dave Lauerman and Willy Shelby. The bronze was awarded to Team B—David Berrios, Walter Hughes, Juan Lopez, Tony Murray and Arnie Soto.



Pam Toomey and Harley Chapman of the Liberal Arts division served as judges—and white glove testers—during the timed office cleaning event. After each team's foreman had "messed up" an office, the staff moved in to tidy up. Harper's first-ever Custodial Olympics garnered press coverage from Continental Cable, the Daily Herald, Pioneer Press and Press Publications.

Thanks!

From Sunday, August 14, the day of the Freshman Experience, through Friday, August 19, which concluded our faculty orientation week, Harper College staff, faculty and administrators lent the 1994-1995 academic year their spirited and enthusiastic support for an auspicious beginning for all of us. I want to thank everyone involved in the planning and participation necessary for such a great start!

- The Freshman Experience set new records for attendance by parents and students.
- The Custodial Olympics was a very successful first-ever event.
- The Technology Plan unveiled on August 16 was an important milestone in collaborative development with a key component of our Preferred Future.
- The professional development seminars on diversity, learning communities and outcomes assessment were well conceived and well received.
- Great Teacher Seminar participants returned with new enthusiasm for their key roles in the classroom.
- More than 30 new adjunct faculty participated in their own unique orientation program.

Thanks again to all of you for helping Harper have such a successful kickoff week!

—Paul Thompson

Departmental Developments

August 6 was a big day in the Calzada household. **Evaristo Calzada** and his wife, **Alicia Calzada**, celebrated their fifteenth employment anniversary at the College on that date. Both work as custodians in PHY PLT. Congratulations!

Congratulations are also in order for several members of the Harper staff who were promoted last month. **Joellen Freeding**, PUB, has been promoted to editor/writer, and **Tamara Lieberman**, REG OFF, has been promoted to receptionist. **Lenetta Hartline**, formerly of NEC, joins the custodial staff, PHY PLT. We also congratulate **Marcia Litrenta**, LIB ARTS, who will serve as department chair for speech/theatre this year, and to **Cathy Albergo**, LIB ARTS, who will chair the music department.

Michael Knudsen, Graphics, and **Ann Goldberg**, PUB, served as contributors to the textbook, *Editing for Clear Communication*, to be published by Brown and Benchmark of Madison, Wisconsin. Their contribution is on typography as a design element in newsletters. The textbook, written by journalism professor Thom Lieb of Towson State University, Towson, Maryland, will be published next year.

New faces on campus include **Linda Michiletti**, secretary, CAR/PER DEV; **Regina Keane**, receptionist, CNS; **Cynthia Schweikert**, editorial assistant, PUB; **Deborah Faust**, assistant professor, TM/PS (fall semester); **Cheryl Wandambi**, assistant, LS/HS; **Raymond Lesniewski**, lab tech II - chemistry, TM/PS; **Alan Olsen**, tutor, mathematics, LAC; and **Maria Moten**, financial aid associate, FA/VA.



Liz McKay, left, dean of the Academic Enrichment and Language Studies division, presented the 1994 fall semester Fred C. Rutz Award to **Kay Kearns**, senior registration clerk for continuing education registration. The award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to promote the academic success of disadvantaged students. Kearns has worked tirelessly over the years to ensure expedient on-line registration of numerous English as a Second Language students in the crowded and dimly lit hallway of Building C. In addition, she has processed many registration forms for Adult Educational Development students who do not have on-line access for registration. Her efforts have enabled many students to access classes where they can experience academic success.

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Retirees' Corner

Ann Sophie, library assistant II, LRC, has announced that she will retire in December, and **Audrey Inbody**, STU DEV, will serve as professor emeritus for the 1994-1995 academic year.