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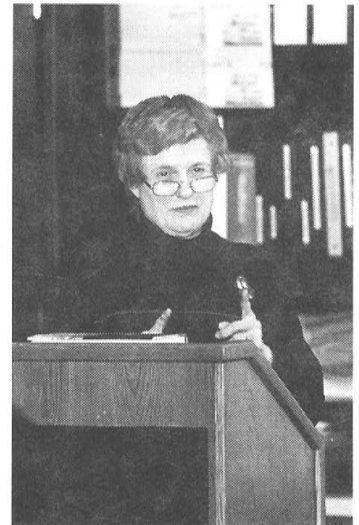
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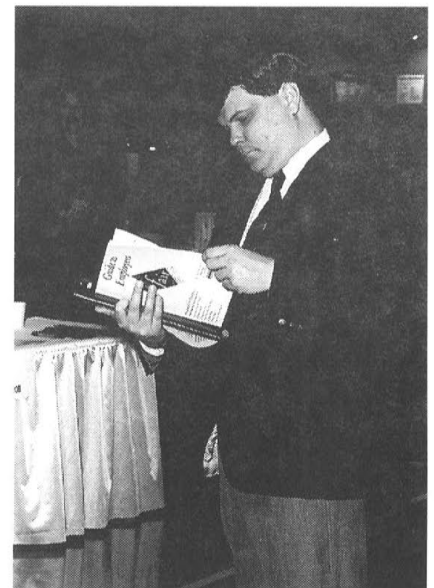
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Women and Religion was among the topics featured during **Women's History Week**, held **March 5-11**. Here, **Mary Todd** (left) of the **University of Illinois-Chicago** and consultant for programming for Harper's celebration listens as **Rosemary Skinner Keller** (right) presents *In Our Voices: An Overview of Women and Religion in America*. Later, Todd presented *The Women's Bible: 100 Years Ahead of Its Time?*



Entry-level and experienced job-seekers perused openings in area businesses during the College's annual **Employment Fair** held **March 21**.

President's Message

This month, representatives from High School Districts 211, 214, 220 and Harper College officially kick off a collaborative technology initiative. The initiative, the brainchild of Harper Trustee and retired District 211 Superintendent Dick Kolze, is designed to unite these districts as each moves forward with plans to develop and enhance computer technology for instructional and administrative uses.

After polling these districts, I discovered that each was indeed interested in meeting to discuss concerns. Therefore, a fact-finding joint meeting was held in late February that was attended by district superintendents, boards of trustees and administrative personnel who are responsible for computing technology.

During the meeting, each district outlined the status of its computer technology plan. Although we had a variety of responses, we also discovered that we had a great deal in common. We agreed that by working together, we could all move forward more efficiently.

As a result of the joint meeting, for example, the following ideas were brought up:

- Coordinated staff training
- Shared instruction between the high schools and Harper via interactive media
- Cooperative purchasing (and bargaining to obtain better rates from telephone companies for line charges, for instance)
- Collaborative workshops on multimedia uses
- The benefits of board-to-board and administration-to-administration sharing

Three representatives from each of the districts will serve on a team that will study these ideas and develop an implementation plan. They have been asked to report back by June 1.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you might have regarding this effort. In next month's *Insider* I will announce the technology plan that has been approved for Harper College.



David N. Thompson

Focus on Shipping and Receiving

Each day 18-wheelers, step vans, station wagons and pickups line up outside Building B to unload an average of 80 packages to Harper's Shipping and Receiving department. The trucks are loaded with everything from fertilizer to football equipment to live frogs, and the department's three-person staff is charged with receiving, sorting and delivering the items on campus, to the Northeast Center and to the extension sites.

"Just about everybody and anybody is likely to pull up to the loading dock on any given day," says Frank Olsofka, department supervisor. "We get packages from Airborne Express, UPS, Yellow Freight, Roadway...and the list goes on!" On an average day,

in fact, he says he'll accept 40 to 50 packages from UPS alone. But Olsofka adds that the delivery schedule picks up substantially in August, as supplies for the upcoming academic year arrive on campus.

"That's definitely our busiest time," Olsofka notes, adding that he finds it advantageous to keep a good working relationship with the staff in the Physical Plant. "We do rely on them for manpower when we're short handed—and it definitely pays to be on good terms!" In return, the Shipping and Receiving department helps with the Physical Plant's recycling program, arranging for the truckloads of recyclable materials to be hauled away each month.

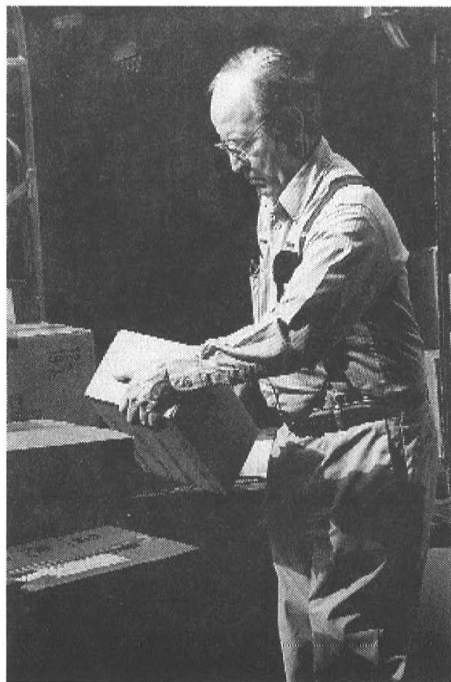
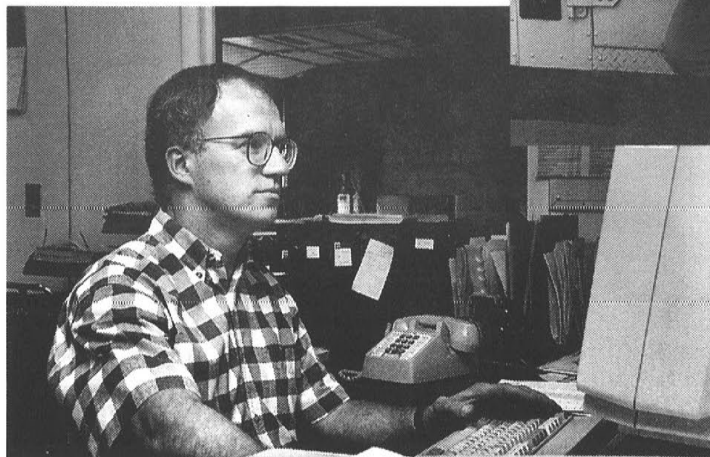
Olsofka says that most of his time is spent working on the computer, as the deliveries are closely tied into the College's purchasing and accounting systems. But, he adds, it's not unusual for him to serve as a detective, too. Many packages come in improperly addressed (To: Bob, Harper College), and he has to track down the rightful owner. He adds that several times each month packages will also arrive addressed to William Rainey.

The pictures below offer a taste of a typical day in the department.

...as Tony Murray (right) spends a large portion of his day delivering and picking up packages at the College's extension sites.



Shipping and Receiving Supervisor Frank Olsofka (below) tracks hundreds of packages that arrive on campus or are shipped from the College each week.



Warehouse driver Sam Feliciano sorts packages from the daily UPS drop before taking off in his golf cart to deliver them to offices on campus...

Insider's View of Marcy Brandt

One word aptly describes TM/PS administrative assistant Marcy Brandt—artistic. Whether she's designing interiors, watching films, exploring Chicago architecture or being creative with her Mac, art plays a big role in her life. In fact, even her employment at Harper began through her interest in the arts. Brandt enrolled in the College's interior design department in 1976, where she also worked as a student aide. After graduating, she stayed on the job in different roles and assisted as the program moved from extension headquarters to its present location.

During this time her interest in architecture was spawned (particularly in the Bauhaus movement), and she enrolled in a series of architecture courses offered through the College. From time to time she freelanced for architects and was even called upon to design a home that was built in South Barrington. "That was my shining moment!" she recalls. She adds that she would love to design, build, furnish and live in three homes—one in Carmel-by-the-Sea ("Where I would paint," she says); one in Provence ("Where I would 'summer'") and one here with a grand kitchen ("Where I would cook and entertain")!

Coupled with her interest in the arts is a strong work ethic. She's worked her way through the ranks here at the College, with posts in the LIB ARTS division, food service office and in CE. And as busy as her job as administrative assistant in TM/PS keeps her, she also finds time to serve on the Total Quality Initiative Budget Team, the TM/PS Dean Selection Committee and the Employee Campaign.

She says she enjoys her on-campus associations with colleagues, faculty and staff, explaining: "It's from these people that the Harper image springs and radiates out into the community."

Born: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Family: Two sons, Jim and Tyler; Jim's wife, Julie, and her daughter, Sarah; and Tyler's fiancée, Myrna.

Education: A.A.S.-Interior Design, Harper College (State of Illinois-Registered Interior Designer) and attended Valparaiso University

Interests: Art, architecture, interior design, culinary arts, theater, Ravinia, exploring Chicago, nature and natural things, crossword puzzles and *meaningful* conversations based on amateur psychology!

Best advice my parents gave me: *Well done is better than well said.*

If time and money were not a problem: I'm convinced we make time for the things that we truly want to do.

One thing I've learned in life: Don't waste time being upset by others. While you're sitting there brooding, the person who upset you is probably out there dancing! Also, I've learned that you can't right every wrong.



Marcy Brandt

I would like to learn: to speak French, German, Spanish and a choice of one more. Fluency in five languages is my goal!

I don't care for: "Toadies" (and the people who need them). I also have no respect for people who don't know the meaning of accountability or work ethic and people who say, "trust me"!

Favorite food: French—al fresco, bistro or in a fine restaurant

Favorite movies: Feel-good fluff, movies with unique story lines, oldies, courtroom dramas, foreign intrigue, movies that make me cry and mysteries that keep me guessing until the end.

Book I'm currently reading: *Fifty To Forever* by Hugh Downs. I also enjoy reading historical novels, cookbooks and Michener's books.

Inside Harper

Thanks everyone!

We'd like to thank everyone who responded to the reader survey in the February edition of the *Insider*. You told us what you like about the publication (e.g., it's easy and quick to read, it's interesting, it makes you feel a part of the College) and what you feel needs work. And we listened!

You said you wanted more retiree news...and we agree! We publish everything we receive and would love to publish more. In fact, we hope all retirees reading this now will take heart and drop us a line. For your convenience, a questionnaire is included below. We also remind current employees to toot your horns! *Departmental Developments* is your column, devoted to your activities.

Please contribute! (See instructions in the masthead on page 6.)

You said you wanted more diverse coverage of events and people across campus. We try hard to cover departments in various locations on campus. In addition, we rotate personality features between employee classification groups to assure a balance for all regular full- and part-time employees. However, because there are proportionately more classified staff and faculty members, we do tend to feature these employees somewhat more often. Because you're concerned, though, we'll keep an even closer eye on this!

You also suggested that we try a more entertaining approach to articles. Good point. We'll work on it.

And finally, you said you wanted faces in large group photos to be clearer and more identifiable. We know. This is an ongoing problem and one that's just plain hard to solve. Many of our photos are ordered and shot for other purposes—and we snitch them to use in this publication. We're proud to say, however, that the reproduction of photos in general has improved with more sophisticated pre-press equipment (scanners and software) and more efficient presses.

Thanks for your input. The *Insider* is written for *you* and we do appreciate your comments. Keep us posted—we're listening!

Harper Retirees: We'd like to hear from you!

In a previous *Insider* survey, many readers indicated that they'd like more news about former Harper employees. Take a few moments to fill out this questionnaire and we'll include your news in upcoming issues.

Name: _____

Department(s) at Harper: _____

Last title: _____

Years of service: _____

Year retired: _____

Hobbies: _____

Do you have a second career or any volunteer commitments? _____

Additional comments _____

Departmental Developments

During the annual TESOL•BE Convention held in Chicago last month, members of Harper's AE/LS faculty served as presenters. **Kathryn Powell** and **Paula Deeken** presented "Who's Running the Show? ESL Literacy Students Take Charge" and **Wallis Sloat** presented "Listen Up and Write It Down."

George Gintowt, BUS/SS, presented "Animation of BASIC Programs for Classroom Presentations or Student Tutorials for an Introductory Computer Literacy Course" at the League for Innovation in the Community College annual conference on information technology...**Ed Dolan**, ACA AFF, presented "Teacher Preparation: A Cooperative Venture" at the National Science Foundation Invitational Conference in Washington, D.C., in February. In addition, Dolan presented "William Rainey Harper College's Change Process" with President **Paul Thompson** at the Community College Symposium held at the University of Arizona last month...**Dennis Brennen**, BUS/SS, presented lectures to economics students at Hillsdale College in Michigan during the twenty-third annual Ludwig von Mises Lecture Series. His talks were entitled "The Economics of Friedrich Hayek" and "The Coase Theorem and Discriminating Monopoly."

Rosemary Murray, director, and **Mary Polniaszek**, administrative secretary, HLTH SER, accepted a first-place *Bright Idea Award* for the United Way Communications Contest in the "Printed Materials: Best Company Information Materials Dedicated to the United Way" category for their Harper 500 Campaign. Murray served as co-chair of the event; Polniaszek provided creative talent.

Harper's **Nursing Program** has been awarded national accreditation by the National League for Nursing. In addition, the self-study that the department performed for the accreditation procedure was selected as a model study. The program continues to graduate well-trained nurses. Graduates of the program's Class of 1994 have achieved a 97 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam.

We send our condolences to **Adele Muncey**, REG OFF, on the death of her father, and to **Pat Mulcrone**, AED, on the death of her mother.

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Retirees' Corner

The College will honor the following employees during a retirement celebration on Friday, May 12, at 2:00 pm in the fireplace area of Building A:

Harold Cunningham, TM/PS
Nancy Duffy, LS/HS
Sam Feliciano, BUS OFF
Lester Hook, BUS/SS
Larry King, BUS/SS
Susan Korbel, BUS/SS
Gerald Mellenthin, BUS/SS
M.J. Miller, PHY PLT
John Muchmore, LIB ARTS
Larry Olson, PHY PLT
E. Lee Owens, LIB ARTS
Art Roggenbuck, PHY PLT
Ronald Stewart, BUS/SS
Don Wille, PHY PLT
Willard Williamson, LIB ARTS

We invite you to attend this celebration and wish your coworkers well!

