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Harper is Host to AAWCC Conference



This year's Illinois AAWCC (American Association for Women in Community Colleges) 1995 Fall Conference was very successful! There were 30 community colleges represented and over 170 participants, including 50 women from Harper College. Dr. Elizabeth McKay was the program co-chair and Julie Hennig and Rebecca Smith served as conference co-chairs. The organization's purpose is to encourage educational program development, support women in leadership roles, and develop communications among women in community colleges. This was obvious by the variety of contemporary topics discussed at the conference such as: *Seeking and Managing Grants, Avoid Stalls on the Information Highway, and Legislative Trends Affecting Women.*

Common Pursuits

The AE/LS department attendees included (above, seated from left) Barb Singer, Jane Harris, Janet Smith, Virginia Kitani, (standing) Christine Vlahakis, Judy Longmore, and Julie Hennig. Pictured below are Jeanne Kline, WOM PRG (left) and Eloyse Amato, STU AFF.



Perhaps Gerri Goncher, ASST/VPAA (left) and Juli Peterson, ACA AFF have been spending *too* much time together. They surprised each other, and everyone else, when they showed up in matching ensembles.



President's Message



Teams are nothing new at Harper College. Under a variety of names including task force, committee, work group, council, etc., the members of the Harper community often come together to work toward a common goal. Beginning this month, seven task groups begin meeting to develop the Self-Study Report which will be Harper's formal request for continued accreditation to be submitted to the North Central Association's Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. This structure is a result of the months of effort put forth by the North Central Self-Study Steering Committee.

Also beginning formally this month are the meetings of 21 teams who will work on the Technology Plan of the College. The formation of the teams is a result of the year-long planning efforts of the Academic Technology Committee, the Administrative Computing Committee, Information Services and the Harper Board of

Trustees. And the important work of established committees and task forces continues. These teams include administrators, faculty and staff members from across the College who are committing their time, service, and expertise to improve the programs and services at this college. Because this work supports the mission and preferred future of Harper it is important for each division, department and individual to look at the workload and allocation of responsibilities. Clear priorities and goals are crucial and necessary to the maintenance, improvement and accomplishment of the Harper College mission. The only way to get the work done is to value the process and practice real teamwork.

While working together is not new at Harper, the amount of time spent in work groups outside of the standard organization unit is expanding. The good news is that the College community continues to build on the collegial environment that has been established. The focus of this interdependent system is a shared vision of the organization with an emphasis on developing individual roles which contribute to the organization.

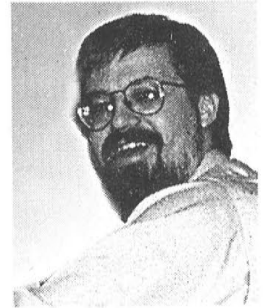
I'm very excited about the work of the North Central Taskforces and the Technology Teams. Our organization remains vital through the daily contributions you make and I thank you.

Paul J. Thompson

Rutz Award

Editors' note: Earlier this fall, Glenn Reich received this special award for his caring contributions to students at Harper. Sadly, Glenn died on October 10, just as this announcement was going to press. He will be missed.

The Academic Enrichment and Language Studies Division presents the 1995 Fall Semester Fred C. Rutz



Award to Glenn Reich, Director of the User Services area of Information Systems. The award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to promote the academic success of disadvantaged students. Glenn fosters a humanistic, collaborative approach to instructional technology development in the Division. He is able to bridge the communication gap that sometimes exists between the technological and humanistic worlds. His style, marked by a willingness to listen and honor the needs of disadvantaged students, and the faculty and staff who serve them, has enabled many students to access technology on their way to academic success.



Photo by Stefan Adam

A group of well-wishers gather to celebrate with Augie Meicher. Augie has been a lab assistant in the Fashion and Interior Design Department for 10 years.

Insider's View of Maria S. Moten

Though her experiences have been diverse, the unifying quality in Maria Moten's life is her commitment to her family, her education and her appreciation of cultures world-wide.

"My parents urged us to get a good education," says Moten, "and to explore other countries and cultures." With this in mind, Moten applied to the student exchange program in Bogota, Colombia. "I was accepted and spent my senior year in the United States. My brothers and sisters also participated in similar programs. We now make our homes in France, the United States and South America," Moten says.

Moten met her husband, then an employee at the American Embassy, in Bogota. After their marriage, they returned to the United States to enroll at Southern Illinois University to complete their college studies.

"I have a degree in journalism, but a student aide job in the financial aid office at SIU gave me career direction," Moten says. After graduation from SIU, she was offered a position as a financial aid counselor at the University of Illinois/Chicago. That experience was a stepping stone to her appointment at Harper as Director of Student Financial Assistance.

Moten would like to continue her career in the field of Student Affairs and to complete her education with a doctorate in higher education administration.

Born: Bogota, Columbia

Family: Husband, Leonard; son, Alexander, 10; daughter, Tatiana, two months, and an extended family which includes two sisters, four brothers and my parents

Education: Bachelors' degree in journalism from Southern Illinois University/Carbondale; working toward a master's degree in public administration at the University of Illinois/Chicago.

Interests: Travel, studying other cultures and languages

Best advice my parents ever gave me: Study hard and do the best you can to get a good education.

If time and money were not a problem: After traveling around the world, I would return to South America to volunteer in a humanitarian effort educating needy children.

I would like to learn: To speak fluent French and Japanese.

I don't care for: I don't particularly care for people who act dishonestly to obtain some advantage or gain. Also, I don't care for reptiles or insects.

One thing I've learned in life: Never give up, no matter how difficult things may be. Where there's a will, there's a way.

Favorite food: Absolute favorite is seafood, but I enjoy all ethnic foods.

Favorite movie: *Forrest Gump*, *Crimson Tide*

Books I'm currently reading: Although I find myself constantly reading baby books, I did enjoy *The Bridges of Madison County*, by Robert J. Waller.



After the hectic days of registration, some women got together for pizza in the Women's Center. They hung photos from their weddings, their baby pictures and their teenage years on a board to see if they could guess who was who. The results were hilarious. They traded stories about everything from their childhood to their honeymoons. The people who participated were Jeanne Kline, Dawn Spannraft (pictured), Susan Carlson, Joanne Parke, Beth Quarnstrom, Teri Bachara, Sahar Mikhail and Phyllis Risoya.



Departmental Developments

Amy Hauenstein, ADM OTR, presented a session on community colleges at the summer institute of the Illinois Association of College Admissions Counselors (IACAC). She also is co-chair of the program committee for the IACAC annual conference to be held in May. **Beth Krueger** and the rest of the CSD staff hosted a four-day Internet Training session in June. The goal of the training was to develop guidelines for working with people who are visually impaired. At the annual conference of the Highlands Institute for American Religious Thought, Dean **Harley Chapman**, LIB ARTS, presented a paper on whether John Dewey has a concept of a soul, and **Jerome Stone**, LIB ARTS, presented a paper on Listening to Indigenous People. **Barbara Will Bakel**, TM/PS, presented a paper at the 210th American Chemical Society National Meeting. **David McShane**, IS, served on the editorial board for the premier issue of the Michigan Community College Journal, published earlier this year. **Kimberly Ostrowski**, adjunct faculty member and daughter of **Michael Ostrowski**, has received certification from the National Association of School Psychologists. **Carol Emiko Chamblin**, adjunct nursing faculty, has successfully passed a certification exam and earned the title International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

Mercedes McGowen and **Phil Demarois**, both of TM/PS, recently published two developmental mathematics textbooks which are being used for the MTH-060 beginning and MTH 080 intermediate algebra courses. **Julie I. Wulff**, TM/PS has co-authored a highschool science text, *Science Interactions*. **Angelo J. Polvere's** (TM/PS) new book, *So You Want to be an Engineer? an Introduction to Engineering* is currently being used by the EGR100 classes.

Congratulations to two sets of new parents! **Maria Moten**, FIN AID and her husband Leonard, welcomed daughter Tatiana, born on July 15. Sue and **Tom Choice**, ASST/VPAA also have a baby girl, Rachel, born on September 17. Congratulations to **Lorel Kelson**, PUB on the birth of her first grandchild, Lindsey Hannah Kermgard.

It's not your imagination. There are a lot of new faces on campus this semester. They belong to: **Kurt Newmann**, writing center specialist, LAC; **Elizabeth Stady**, tutoring specialist, and **Peggy Krueger**, supervisor of support services, CSD; **Annie Dillon**, clerk typist and **Connie Podgorski**, secretary I, BUS/SS; **Christi Honeycutt**, information receptionist, STU DEV; and **Diane Race**, accounts payable clerk, and **Sandra Rea**, cashier, BUS OFF. The following people have been added to the custodial staff: **Sara Falcon**, **Linda Lotarski**, **Arno Newmann**, **Darrell Phillips** and **Michael Serio**. **Gerry Gnaster** has been promoted to maintenance helper and **Wayne Sopher** has been promoted to custodian. Congratulations and welcome to all of you!

We send our condolences to **Phyllis Zabrocki**, HLTH SER on the death of her granddaughter. We also send our condolences to the family of **Stephan Dudek**, Accounting Services Director. Donations for the educational fund of Justin and Amy Dudek are appreciated. Address correspondence to Patti Dudek, c/o Frances Hendrickson, A214.

Michael Lackman, TM/PS is one of the first fire service education and training specialists appointed to a college-level curriculum development team established by FIREPRO Institute Ltd. **Joanne Leski**, associate professor, Nursing, submitted the winning design for the new LRC logo. **Karla Hill**, PLG/RES and her husband Warren received top honors at the Buick Club competition in July. Their winning entries were a 1970 Buick Electra convertible and a 1983 Buick Riviera convertible. Nice going! **Gertrude Lempp Kerbis**, TM/PS has been honored by the Chicago, Historical Society with the inclusion of her Sukkot Festival shelter into their permanent collection. In addition, the Art Institute of Chicago has taped more than 9 hours of interviews with Gert, to include in its permanent collection, *A Living History*.

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