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## *They walk on water*

Despite the rainy weather, administrators Dave McShane, Bob Getz, Judy Thorson and Vern Manke were among the many participants who turned out to support the second annual IEA/NEA Golf Outing. The event was held at the Streamwood Oaks Golf Course, and all profits went to the Harper 512 IEA/NEA Association Scholarship, a fund for dependents of union members. Mike Knutson, co-president of the union noted, "The turnout was great but the water hazards were waist high! And the golf scores...*more than you ever thought...possible!*"

## President's Message

**For the past few months, this column has presented the views of various members of Harper's Executive Council. Continuing with that theme, this month's message is from Felice Avila, Director of Development and External Affairs.**



How far that little candle throws his beams!  
So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

*Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice*

There is not a single answer as to why philanthropy exists or why charitable institutions are created. We do have an idea that it is all about caring, sharing and giving – altruism in its purest form. One way I can explain why people give to Harper is through stories I hear from generous people.

"I see a student walk into my class," said a faculty member who started a scholarship fund, "and I know that he can't afford the textbook for the course, much less the tuition he has to pay. But he cares enough about learning to be there. I want to help him and others like him. The lack of money shouldn't be a barrier to education."

Or the entrepreneur, who upon donating some valuable works of art commented, "I was blessed with having owned a successful business which enabled me to build an art collection. I love art and want to share it. Everyone needs beauty in their lives."

Or the Harper retiree, a former clerk, who faithfully sends a check every year out of what must be a carefully watched retirement income. Her simple statement when I protested her generosity, "I just want to help."

Or the quid pro quo rationale of an executive: "Harper educates our employees. Our company should help Harper do what it does best because it's good for our business."

Donors are motivated not primarily by tax benefits, nor duty, nor honor, nor ego. Their largess comes basically from a simple human desire to help and to share what they have. They come from all walks of life and all socio-economic levels. They give one dollar, \$10,000, a stereo set,



a personal collection, business inventory, appreciated stock, used clothing, time. They are...all of us.

In the complex social fabric of which we are an inextricable part, the giver can most effectively reach those who are in need through agencies that operate as charitable institutions, serving as a bridge between the giver and the needy. In that role, charities and foundations also serve the greater good by improving the human condition, whether it is directly or indirectly helping the sick, the dispossessed, the victimized or the disadvantaged.

The Harper College Educational Foundation thrives because it assists the College's mission in the best possible way. The Foundation not only helps deserving students pursue their education free of financial constraints, it also supports those students with the spirit and dedication to improve the educational enterprise. The Foundation is committed to faculty and staff who have the right idea and the wherewithal to see it through.

By accepting gifts of cash, securities and property, the Foundation accomplishes donors' intentions in the form of scholarships to students, grants to faculty, support for capital improvements and by creating a campus environment that enhances the cultural life of the community.

By supporting this enterprise we are all a part of, we help each other.

## Insider's View of Steve Lollino

### ♪ What a long strange trip it's been ♪

for Steve Lollino, media production technician and self-professed Deadhead.

When Lollino was eight years old, he took apart his first tape recorder just to see if he could put it back together. He continued tinkering with transistor radios, telephones and any other device that electric current passed through. Lollino says, "In high school I was one of those AV type geeks." A teacher, impressed with Lollino's curiosity and talent, invited him to work with their cable provider to help develop the school's programming for the local access station.

### ♪ Truckin' like the do-dah man... ♪

After graduating from high school Lollino moved to Carbondale to study theatre at Southern Illinois University. "I stayed there until I was politely asked to leave."

### Your typical city involving the typical daydream...

Lollino's interest in theatre led him to Long Beach, California. When he wasn't working as a security guard, Lollino used his free time to check out the area's acting scene. "It took me a while to realize that I would have to be available for performances on days, nights and weekends. It was hard to support myself and make the commitment necessary to succeed in theatre.

### Truckin', I'm going home, back where I belong...

Back in Illinois, Lollino responded to an advertisement for grounds maintenance and was hired by Elm Lawn Cemetery. After 18 months of digging graves in Elmhurst, he knew it was time to move on. "It was one of my favorite jobs, and I miss it very much, especially on a beautiful day."

### Sometimes the lights are all shining on me. Other times I can barely see... ♪ ♪

Lollino came to work at Harper in 1990. His position involves video-taping and editing educational material for the faculty and promotional material for the College. His department documents all major events including Convocation, Graduation and the fashion shows. "We record anything that can be produced or reproduced on video," explains Lollino. He enjoys the challenges presented by working with the rapidly changing technology of the radio and TV industry. "The production techniques are the same. The difference today is the toys you get to play with. The equipment is better and it's smaller."

### Truckin' like a buffalo, been thinking got to mellow slow... ♪ ♪

Although he feels his job at Harper involves a degree of creativity, Lollino craves much more. One outlet for creative expression is playing bass for Ronny and the Rockits. A rock 'n' roll/blues/soul band, the Rockits are booked throughout the summer at neighborhood festivals. "If I wasn't playing in the band I might be going bonkers."

### Takes time to pick a place to go...

And as for his appreciation of the Grateful Dead, Lollino explains it this way, "I do believe they're the greatest cover band that ever walked the earth."

### ♪ So just keep truckin' on and on... ♪ ♪

**Born:** Blue Island, IL

**Family:** mother—Romola, father—Giovanni, brother—Vince, cat—Jack Straw

**Education:** still pluggin'

**Interests:** blues music

**Best advice my parents gave me:** experience everything

**If time and money were not a problem I would:** travel, buy cars, clothes, all the usual stuff.

**I don't care for:** getting up in the morning

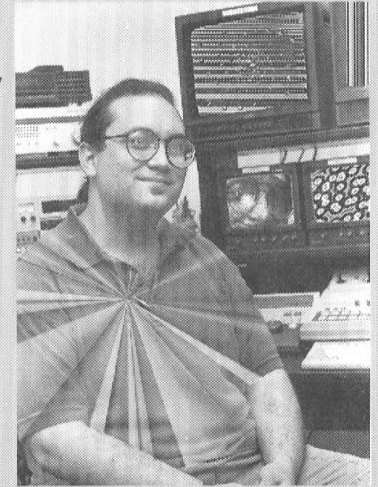
**I would like to learn:** all there is to know

**One thing I've learned in life:** We are not here for a long time, we are here for a good time.

**Favorite food:** baked goods, cakes, cookies, they are my downfall in life

**Favorite movie:** *The Blues Brothers*

**Book I'm currently reading:** *The Wisdom of the Bones — In Search of Human Origins*, by Alan Walker





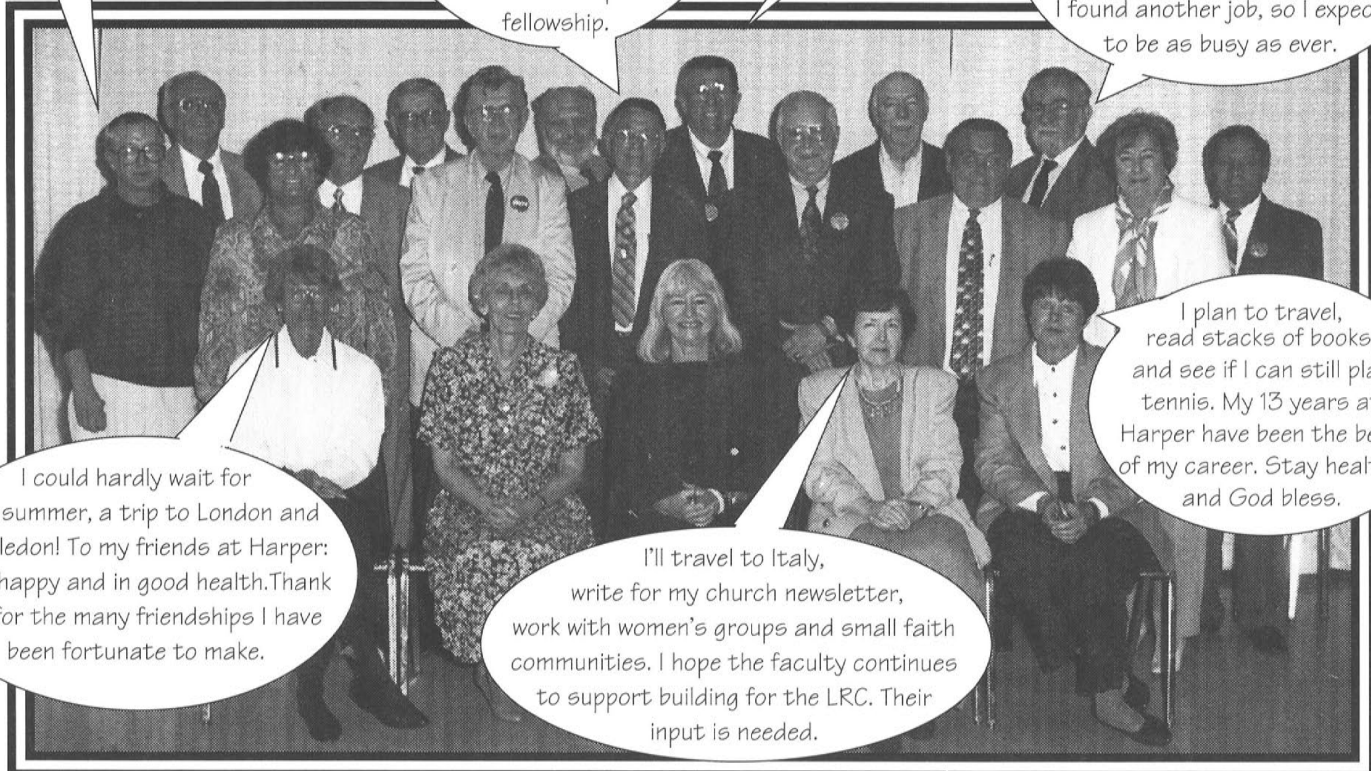
# Spring Retirement Party

I'll take care of my six month old granddaughter, Anastasia. Look for me at a park near the swing sets! If you see a grandpa, a baby girl and a dog, that could be me!

My wife and I will visit Cyprus. I'll be active with Rotary, church and Schaumburg Township Public Library. My friends at Harper, be open to all the new ideas generated by the many employees, and incorporate the new people into the Harper fellowship.

I am planning several hunting and fishing trips with my wife to Alaska and Canada. I hope to continue to practice a personal philosophy: Live today as if you were to die tomorrow, and plan for tomorrow as if you were to live forever.

The next adventure begins with a very long list of honey-do's and continued volunteer work. My wife said I could retire if I found another job, so I expect to be as busy as ever.



I could hardly wait for this summer, a trip to London and Wimbledon! To my friends at Harper: stay happy and in good health. Thank you for the many friendships I have been fortunate to make.

I'll travel to Italy, write for my church newsletter, work with women's groups and small faith communities. I hope the faculty continues to support building for the LRC. Their input is needed.

I plan to travel, read stacks of books, and see if I can still play tennis. My 13 years at Harper have been the best of my career. Stay healthy and God bless.

**Pictured are: (back row) Jim Seeck, BUS/SS, Lou Bouchenot, FD SER, Don Sedik, BUS/SS, Bill Hack, TM/PS, Michael Ostrowski, BUS/SS, Martin Ryan, LIB ARTS, Roger Mussel, TM/PS, Roy Mottla, LIB ARTS, (middle row) Cal Meltesen, PLG RES, Rose Trunk, BUS/SS, Gilbert Tierney, LIB ARTS, Jack Lucas, PLG RES, Ed Liska, STU DEV, Vern Manke, ADM SER, Jan Trede, IS/TS (front row) Martha Lynn Bolt, WHP, Lillian Thiel, TM/PS, Gertrude Lempp-Kerbis, TM/PS, Fran Dionisio, LIB SER, and Sherilyn Sorem, WHP. Retirees not pictured are: Daniel Cohen, BUS/SS, V. Jean Longhurst, BUS/SS, Ray Moehrlin, TM/PS, Nick Nicoulakos, PHY PLT, and Gretchen Vancura, LS/HS.**

Nick Nicoulakos recently sent this update. He has moved to his farm in Skamnaki, Greece, which is on the south coast of Sparta. Organically grown olives and fruit are his specialty.

He plans to relax by touring Europe in his new Mercedes-Benz sedan and asked *The Insider* to relay this message to his friends at Harper: If you want to visit me just write to Nicolas

Nicoulakos, Skamnaki-Gythion, Lakonia, Greece. Thank you for many years of good memories and good will at Harper College.

## Focus on the Northeast Center

Who says the best education only takes place within ivy-covered walls? The plain brick structure near the corner of Wolf and Palatine Roads is rapidly emerging as a key center of learning in the Chicago suburbs. This building has housed Harper College's main extension site, the Northeast Center (NEC), since August of 1982. In July of 1994, Harper purchased the building from School District 21 and improvements to the building have occurred ever since. Handicapped entry doors, upgraded HVAC systems and other improvements have been installed.

"I appreciate the many efforts of the Physical Plant. This year the big deal is the elevator," explains Russ Kingsley, Extension Services Specialist. "In addition to providing handicap access to the second floor, it will also help with the day-to-day operations by making it easier to move materials from one floor to another."

Students of all ages visit the NEC daily. The Child Care Center operates five days a week, and enrollment has been 100 percent since it opened in 1982. Senior Wellness lectures are held every Tuesday. This program which emphasizes a broad range of health issues typically draws 40 people each week. Students of both the Child Care Center and Senior Wellness programs often make use of the building's gymnasium.

The Travel Academy lab is unique to this campus. Connected to United Airlines by a mainframe computer, students practice making reservations for actual flights into electronic files overseen by United Airlines offices.

There are seven other computer labs, all state-of-the-art, enabling both Macintosh and PC instruction to take place at this location.

Maureen Reichmuth is the Center's technical expert, maintaining the audiovisual and computer equipment. Because employees from the main campus aren't always able to make the trip to the NEC, Bill Neumann often walks her through system upgrades and hardware repairs via phone. When Reichmuth's children were young she tinkered with the broken toaster or washing machine at home out of necessity. "This job is perfect for me. When I discover the bug in the software and take care of it, it's the biggest high in the world!"

Also housed at this site is Northwest 2001, a consortium of task forces that work together to enhance the living conditions of everyone in the northwest suburbs. Harper's donation to this organization includes office space at the NEC and staff support from Betsy Levinson. Levinson splits her time between Northwest 2001 and the NEC. She is the primary contact person for visitors and phone inquiries. Levinson enjoys all the variety that occurs working for two different organizations from one desk.

As secretary of this busy department, Ellen Nowickas interacts with the other six extension sites. Nowickas must coordinate classes, times, room availability and instructor preferences into an organized course schedule each semester. "We're looking forward to being connected through e-mail to the rest of the campus; hopefully it will be ready by the fall semester."

Gary Nowickas is Program Assistant. Because most of the classes take place in the evening, his Harper workday begins at 4:00 pm. "Because of our smaller size we have the opportunity to have a more intimate relationship with students and faculty."

Kingsley continues, "To me Harper is like a big extended family. By helping to make education more accessible, we are all part of something very important."

Kingsley invites everyone from the main campus to visit the NEC at least once. "We would love to see more of our co-workers out here, to show them what we've got. And the parking is great!"

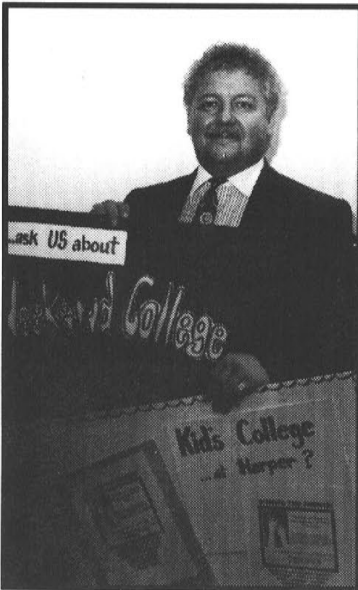


**Only 11.5 miles away are (back row) Ellen Nowickas, Russ Kingsley, (front row) Betsy Levinson and Maureen Reichmuth.**

# Departmental Developments

Welcome to the following new Harper employees: **Yvonne Ayers**, LRC, **Dan Ciechanowski**, Mail Center, **Thomas DePalma**, BUS/SS, **Thomas Goetz**, LRC, **Harriet Hamilton**, WHP, **Pascuala Herrera**, CSD, **Colleen Hull**, CSD, **Joseph Jacobs**, LS/HS, **Silvia Loyola**, AED, **Frank Marino**, PUB SAF, **Robert Melzer**, PHY PLT, **Timothy Philbin**, LRC, **Marcie Sacks-Botto**, CSD, **Susan Spidel**, OFC/RES, **John Strategos**, LRC, **Elayne MacArdy Thompson**, BUS/SS.

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Steven Thomas Patterson**. Steven worked in Public Safety and was a student at Lewis University. He will be missed.



**Jim Finke**, manager of the Office of Community and Program Services, passed away on Saturday, June 8. During his five years at Harper Jim expanded many programs including Weekend College and Volunteer Management. He also developed innovative programs such as PEAK and the Senior Lecture Series. Jim's many contributions to Continuing Education, his dedication to excellence and willingness to try new things are qualities that will long be remembered.

If you are interested in making a donation to the James E. Finke Memorial Scholarship fund, please contact the Development Office at extension 6490.

## Retirees Corner

**Ambrose Easterly** and his wife **Ruby Robinson Easterly**, who reside in Dowelltown, Tennessee, were presented the AARP award for Outstanding Service to the Community. The Easterlys volunteer their time to many groups including Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts and the American Legion.

## The Harper **insider**

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