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**COMMUNITY GUIDANCE IS HEARTENING:** In a variety of ways, Harper is going to the community for direction and ideas - and free advice. The response has been heartening.

In October, members of the college staff met with counselors from district high schools to determine how Harper student personnel programs can best meet the needs of today's high school graduates.

Then early in December, staff members met with area high school superintendents, their staffs, and high school principals to discuss progress to date and get their suggestions. Of particular interest was Harper's "open door" admissions policy. Under this policy, all high school graduates are eligible for admission. Non graduates, 18 years or older, may be admitted if they demonstrate the capacity and maturity to benefit from college programs and courses.

Another meeting in December brought together high school principals, counselors and Harper staff members. This conference helped clarify, especially for counselors, Harper College admissions and placement procedures. Similar meetings with specialists in various academic areas from local high schools are helping in the development of the freshman level curriculum.

Representatives from local industry, specialists in the field of data processing, have been brought together by Roy Sedrel, Harper's Director of Data Processing, to form an advisory committee to plan data processing programs at the college.

Another group of community people, individuals with special skills in the health field, has been formed by Miss Joanne Heinly, Harper's Coordinator of Nursing Programs, to serve as an advisory committee for nursing programs.

Finally, in planning the new campus and its buildings, the college has received valuable free technical assistance and consultant services from a number of local industries in the communications field.

It's expected that many other advisory committees will be formed which utilize the experience and know how of residents of the district in planning and developing quality college programs.

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**SEEN THE CAMPUS-TO-BE?** To help you more easily spot Harper College's 200-acre site, a sign has been erected on the property at the northeast corner of Roselle and Algonquin Roads. To get there, drive out Palatine Road to Roselle, then south about 2 1/2 miles to Algonquin.

Part of the property is now occupied by Tri-Color Farms. Legal steps neces-

sary to acquire the last small parcels have been completed. Harper College is fortunate to have been able to obtain land in such a good location. The wisdom of the Board's decision to acquire this size parcel will be even more apparent in the next few years as the college becomes an educational and cultural center of one of the largest, youngest, and wealthiest population concentrations in the nation.

**HARPER REPRESENTED IN NEW ASSOCIATION:** Mrs. Jesselyn Nicklas, a member of the Harper College Board, and Dr. James Harvey, Dean of Students, have been appointed to important posts in the recently established Illinois Junior College Administrators Association.

The new Association has been formed to help advance the junior college concept in Illinois. There are presently approximately 50 junior colleges in Illinois, including several still in the planning stage.

Mrs. Nicklas, who was a member of the committee which helped form the new organization, is a member of the Association's Board.

The first organizational meeting of the Association's Board Member Division will be held here at Harper sometime in January, according to Mrs. Nicklas. Dr. Harvey is a member of the Administrative Personnel Division Board. The four divisions of the association relate to Board members, administrators, faculty, and students.

**COLLEGE RECEIVES FIRST SCHOLARSHIP:** Employees of U.S. Gypsum Research Center, Des Plaines, have contributed money to create the first scholarship fund for Harper College students needing financial aid.

Named the "U.S. Gypsum Research Center Employees Scholarship," the grant will be made each fall to students who show need and who have graduated in the upper half of their high school class. The initial grant is expected to cover annual tuition and fees for one or two students enrolling next fall. Although they will vary in amount somewhat from year to year, each scholarship is expected to be worth about \$300. Heading the fund drive at the research center are John Crumbaugh, Henry Bolinski, Donald Lovse and Kenneth Larson.

According to Dr. Harvey, "The U.S. Gypsum Research Scholarship marks the beginning of what we hope will be a broad program of student financial aid. We are looking to area industry and business to play a major role in this program by establishing scholarships for deserving students."

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**STAFF MEMBERS AUTHOR ARTICLES:**

In the latest Junior College Journal, Dr. Lahti, Harper College President, reports on the activities of the American Association of Junior College's Commission on Administration. This commission is assisting boards of trustees and administrators in planning new colleges, in taking new approaches to instruction and in developing administrative hiring and training programs.

As Dr. Lahti points out in the article, the need for assistance is tremendous. For example, the expansion of new community colleges - nearly one per week - has created an acute shortage of qualified college presidents and administrators.

Roy Sedrel, Director of Data Processing, is author of a recent article in the Education Data Processing Handbook. The article describes how modern data processing can analyze to what degree a college's facilities are actually being utilized. The University of North Carolina has already expressed interest in using Mr. Sedrel's unique data processing program.

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**BARRINGTON SEEKS ADMISSION:** Residents of Barrington High School District 224 have petitioned the State Junior College Board to be annexed to the Harper College District. This move followed the rejection, in late November, of a petition filed to form a Lake County Junior College District serving Barrington, Highland Park and Lake Forest.