



HARPER IS "CANDIDATE" FOR NORTH CENTRAL ACCREDITATION; MERITS FAVORABLE RECOGNITION FROM IJCB FOR 1968-69

Harper College president, Dr. Robert E. Lahti, met with the College faculty in April to give them the good news that Harper had been granted official candidacy status by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. A North Central evaluation report upon which the candidacy status was based concluded "William Rainey Harper College has made rapid strides in a very short time, indicating a vigorous and competent leadership. Its district (512) certainly has the resources and, seemingly, the inclination to provide a high type, post-high school, educational service. While there are numerous problems growing out of the initiation of a new institution, there is also evidence to support the Board's (Harper trustees) expectancy of the potentiality of a significant institution."

The next step toward full accreditation for Harper will be a comprehensive "self-study" by the College, after which North Central will again make an evaluation. A favorable report would result in the granting of full accreditation which should occur not later than spring, 1971.

Further recognition of Harper's progress will be acknowledged by the Illinois Junior College Board (IJCB) at its July 11 meeting. A Recognition Report received from the IJCB executive secretary, Gerald W. Smith, is to be submitted to the Board along with recommendations for continuance of recognition for Harper and other State junior colleges. The Recognition Report received from Mr. Smith is quoted below:

"William Rainey Harper College at Palatine is completing its second year of operation. The college is to be commended for the substantial progress it has made with somewhat limited and inhibiting facilities. It is expected that the college will be housed in permanent facilities by the fall of 1969. This college is a candidate for membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

"The number of courses in the Occupational areas at this college is 30.9 percent of all courses offered. Considering the limited facilities of the college for operation of programs, this represents substantial effort on the part of the college. Non-business occupationally related courses are relatively low in number and this part of the program needs further implementation. Attention should be given to the fact that the percentage of the budget used for instruction at the college is comparatively low among the junior colleges in the state. A full-time director of Adult Education has been employed and development in that area can be anticipated. This represents a further commitment to the comprehensive concept of a public junior college.

"The 1968 sophomore enrollment was 69 percent of the 1967 freshman enrollment. The college is to be commended for this excellent retention rate. The college is also to be commended for its development of an excellent General Education core of courses required for the associate degree. The operation of this institution to date reflects the careful planning done by the board and administrative staff early in the history of the college."

ORGANIZATIONAL UPGRADING INCLUDES APPOINTMENT OF THREE VICE PRESIDENTS

An upgrading of administrative positions at Harper College, involving the appointment of three vice presidents, was presented to the Board of Trustees at their June 12 meeting. Harper's president, Dr. Robert E. Lahti, states that the reorganization follows Board policy which calls for the creation of vice presidencies in the academic, student personnel and business office areas when the College passes the 3,000 full-time student enrollment mark. Fall registration on the new campus for day and evening students will exceed that figure and, Dr. Lahti points out, will place Harper among the top 15 per cent of American colleges and universities in terms of student population.

The three vice presidencies and those appointed to the new posts are: Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Clarence H. Schauer; Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. James Harvey, and Vice President of Business Affairs, William J. Mann. Dr. Schauer, who has served as principal academic officer for several new community colleges, took office July 1. He replaces Dr. G. Kenneth Andeen, Harper's dean of instruction who has assumed the presidency of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. Before coming to Harper, Dr. Schauer served for several years as academic vice president of Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. He has a doctorate in community college administration from the University of Texas. Dr. Harvey has been elevated to a vice presidency after serving as dean of students since 1966. Mr. Mann served as dean of business affairs for two years prior to being named a vice president.

The reorganization also involved creation of five deanships, including four under the Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Dean of Guidance under the Vice President of Student Affairs. Deanships in the instructional area have been conferred upon John R. Birkholz, Transfer programs, Harold C. Cunningham, Career programs, Dr. Omar L. Olson, Continuing Education, and Dr. George H. Voegel, Learning Resources. Dr. Guerin Fischer is Dean of Guidance.

Both Dr. Fischer and Dr. Olson are new members of Harper's administration. Dr. Fischer received his Ed.D. degree in Counseling Psychology from Colorado State College in 1966. For the past several years he served as a staff psychologist at the International School, Bangkok, Thailand and also as a part time research staff member for the American Association of Junior Colleges in Washington, D.C. Dr. Olson, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1968, spent three of his 10 years of teaching with the Education department faculty of Gonzaga University in Spokane and has also served as a consultant to the Idaho State Board of Higher Education.

Completing the reorganization in the Academic Affairs area, Harper has broadened the division chairman structure which has served the College faculty so well in the past. Divisions and their chairmen under the academic deans are: Business, Charles Falk; Communications, Robert Powell; Engineering and Technology, Robert C. Smith; Humanities, Dr. George Makas; Life and Health Sciences, John Thompson; Mathematics and Physical Sciences, Larew Collister, and Social Sciences, Sherwin L. King.

New positions created as a result of the reorganization, but not yet filled, include those of director of instructional services, and director of non-academic personnel. It is expected that all positions will be filled well in advance of the 1969 fall semester. Teaching faculty staffing was completed early in June.

SUMMER REGISTRATION IS FIRST IN CHICAGO AREA TO USE "ON-LINE" COMPUTER

Harper's 1969 summer enrollment of more than 1,600 students, over 60 per cent greater than last summer, was entirely computerized from start to finish. Four 2260 on-line video terminals were keyed into the College computer for the task. Each student registering for classes presented a course schedule to a terminal operator who entered the student's social security number in the computer. The video terminal presented an instant playback of courses previously taken by the student, recorded new courses to be taken, notified the student if classes were closed or in conflict and indicated the tuition and fees to be paid. At the close of registration, a computer "profile" of all students who had registered revealed, among other things, that more than 50 per cent of the summer students were over age 25. This data bolsters Harper's belief in the community college objective to offer appropriate general education for all citizens.

SOCIAL SECURITY & VETERAN'S BENEFITS FOR HARPER STUDENTS

Harper's office of Placement and Student Aids reports several cash benefit government programs that are available to community college students who qualify. The Social Security Administration will pay benefits to full-time, unmarried students aged 18 to 22 when one parent begins receiving social security or retirement benefits or when a parent dies after having worked under social security long enough to be insured. The Veterans Administration will pay educational assistance for citizens who have served 181 days of continuous active duty since Jan. 31, 1955, for wives and children (18 to 26) of veterans who are completely disabled or who die as a result of their service. For complete details on these and other financial aid programs, telephone the office of Placement and Student Aids at 437-7000.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Official results of the April 12, 1969 Board of Trustees election were canvassed at the April 17 adjourned meeting of the Harper Board. Richard L. Johnson of Arlington Heights received 11,463 votes, Lawrence R. Moats of Mt. Prospect polled 8,429 votes and John L. Kuranz of Barrington received 6,783 votes. Write-in votes for "other" candidates totaled 75. Total votes cast were 26,750. Johnson and Moats were sworn in for three-year terms of office to expire in spring, 1972. At the same meeting, Board officers for 1969-70 were elected by the trustees with the following results: Chairman, Richard L. Johnson, Vice-Chairman, Milton C. Hansen of Palatine, and Secretary, James J. Hamill of Palatine. Other trustees serving on the Harper Board are Mrs. Fred S. Nicklas of Palatine, John A. Haas of Prospect Heights and Dr. L.E. Hutchings of Mt. Prospect.

FIRST COMMENCEMENT HELD JUNE 6

Approximately 800 people--including 100 members of Harper's first graduating class, their parents and relatives--marked another milestone in the College's rapid growth at the first annual commencement held June 6 in St. Viator's High School Auditorium, Arlington Heights. The achievement of the College marked by this event drew editorial praise from columnist Mary Schlott of Paddock Publications who wrote on June 16 "... (Dr.) Lahti had good words for the college board at the graduation ceremony and they were well deserved. He said he had never worked with a board with as strong a commitment to excellence. The Northwest community should realize, he said, that this is what the board is demanding of Harper's administration, and in doing so trustees are serving the voters well. It was an accurate statement..."

Keynote speaker at the commencement, Dr. James B. Holderman--vice chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle who takes office July 1 as executive director of the Illinois State Board of Higher Education--had some good words for Harper and the State's entire junior college system.

Dr. Holderman told the graduates, their families and the Harper faculty members present at the commencement that "The community college is the greatest American educational invention of the 20th Century. ... Students should not reject our society, but should work constructively for the correction of those ills present in our current structure." Dr. Holderman emphasized that the community college should be a full-fledged partner in the task that education faces today.

DENTAL & NURSING RECOGNITION

In addition to the commencement ceremonies honoring the achievement of Harper's Class of 1969, the College's Nursing program and the Dental Hygiene program held special ceremonies which are traditional for recognition of students in these career areas. Miss Joanne L. Heinly, Harper's Nursing coordinator, presided at the June 8 pinning ceremony for 33 young women who had received their Associate in Arts Nursing degrees at the

College commencement. Dr. James Harvey, Harper dean of students, spoke on "Nursing Education in the Community College" at the ceremony which was held in the Little Theatre of Elk Grove High School. On May 18 at Forest View High School, Dr. Frank A. Vandever, director of Harper's Dental Hygiene program, presented 26 first-year students for the first annual capping ceremonies. The capping is the initial stepping stone toward completion of a five-semester program leading to an Associate in Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Guest speaker at the event was Dr. Charles S. Shanner, D.D.S., president of the Chicago Dental Society and Chairman of the Harper College Dental Advisory committee.

STUDENT AWARDS BANQUET

Harper's second annual student awards banquet on May 16 at the Carousel in Arlington Heights honored 1968-69 student leaders in the areas of student government, athletics and publications.

Athletic awards for most valuable player went to Barry E. Johnson of Des Plaines (Cross Country), Peter J. Hahn of Arlington Heights (Golf), Thomas M. Wahlund of Wilmette (Wrestling), Michael J. Druding of Arlington Heights (Basketball), Michael P. Elwart of Arlington Heights (Track), and William A. Von Boeckmann of Arlington Heights (Tennis). Von Boeckmann also was named "athlete of the year," a special award voted annually by the staff of the College student newspaper, *The Harbinger*.

Cheerleading and Pom Pon squad members who received special awards included Donna Berg of Rolling Meadows who was 1968-69 Cheerleader Captain and Roxanne Hansen of Arlington Heights, Pom Pon squad Captain.

Publications awards went to Terry Babb of Lake Zurich, *Harbinger* editor, Judith Ressler of Palatine, *Halcyon* (yearbook) editor, and William Bohnhoff of Mt. Prospect, *Harbinger* photo editor.

Specially recognized for their contributions to student government were the following 1968-69 Student Senate officers and committee chairmen: Sean Ryan of Des Plaines, president, Laurie West of Mt. Prospect, vice president, Cindy Ewertz of Elk Grove, treasurer, Mary Rogers of Lake Zurich, recording secretary, Edward Dopke of Schaumburg, elections chairman, Michael Milbratz of Rolling Meadows, social chairman, and Ronald Raup of Palatine, public relations chairman. Five Harper students named to *Who's Who in American Junior Colleges* were awarded their certificates of membership in the elite group. (Names were printed in the Newsletter of April 8, 1969, vol. 4, no. 1.)

NEW CAREER PROGRAMS OFFERED

Practical Nursing, Food Service's, and Fashion Design are now among more than 20 career fields in which Harper offers varied programs of instruction and practical training.

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The Practical Nursing program is being offered in response to the ever-increasing need for licensed patient-care personnel among the hospitals, nursing homes and special care centers in the northwest suburban community. Training in this field for men as well as women high school graduates between 17 and 55 years of age will begin on Harper's new campus in the fall. Those who complete the two-semester and one summer session program are eligible to take the State Board Examination and become Licensed Practical Nurses.

Harper's four-semester Fashion Design program leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree is designed to prepare students for careers in fashion design or flat pattern making. The flexible curriculum, however, can provide the educational background for entry into the allied fields of fashion retailing, fashion buying, promotions, fashion illustrating and journalism.

Ultra-modern food service facilities which will serve 2,500 students, staff members and faculty daily on Harper's new campus will also function academically as a training ground for two-year associate degree programs in food service management and one-year certificate programs in baking and cooking.

Information on these and other Harper career programs may be obtained from the College Admissions office (telephone: 437-7000).

HARPER WELL REPRESENTED

Representatives of Harper were in the front line of activities at the 4th annual Illinois Junior College Conference. Official delegates to the three-day working sessions held during May at Peoria by the Illinois Assn. of Community and Junior Colleges were Harper's president, Dr. Robert E. Lahti; William J. Mann, dean of business; Martin Ryan, president of the Faculty Senate; Joe Bob Tillotson, instructor of Music, and student delegates Laurie West of Mt. Prospect and Cindy Ewertz of Elk Grove. Delegates from the board of trustees were Mrs. Fred S. Nicklas of Palatine, and Lawrence R. Moats of Mt. Prospect.

Conference discussion and seminar leaders at the IACJC sessions included the following Harper administrators: Dr. James Harvey, dean of students; Dr. George P. Makas, Humanities and Fine Arts division chairman; John Birkholz, assistant dean of transfer programs and chairman of the Business division; Fred A. Vaisvil, director of placement and student aids, and Paul J. Pitt, director of security.

CO-AUTHORS BOOK ON COMPUTER USE

Roy Sedrel, Harper's director of Data Processing has co-authored, with James Hill of Dallas (Texas) County Junior College District, the first in a series of publications about junior college computer use. Publisher is the National Advisory Committee for Computers in the Junior College, an American Assn. of Junior Colleges committee.