



## Annual Message to Faculty

# President to name planning team

In the president's annual spring message to the faculty on May 27, Dr. Robert E. Lahti addressed his remarks to the institution's self-analysis: where Harper is going, and what it is doing to arrive at that point of maturity where internal controls, financial stability, and self-healing processes are applied to the institution.

Areas for self-analysis pointed out by Dr. Lahti include Harper's efficiency in causing students to learn, curriculum expansion, and teacher-student ratio, emphasizing that the "final goal of any student's education should be the capacity to learn without the teacher, to continue his intellectual life on his own initiative and with his own resources."

Stating that the youthful Harper needs a critical mass of its own human resources who are interested in the long-range

picture and welfare of the institution, Dr. Lahti called for the creation of a cross-institutional planning team.

The team's responsibility will be to synthesize and analyze data and ideas necessary for making long-range plans and recommendations to the president, and ultimately to the board of trustees, for the development and growth of the college.

"This planning group of teaching and administrative faculty, students, and classified staff, and perhaps some outside resources, will be led by Dr. John Lucas, whose specialty is planning and development," Dr. Lahti announced. "I expect this committee should be served by the most objective, enthusiastic talent of the Harper College faculty," he said.

It is anticipated that the planning team will be operational in the fall of 1970.

## Flag issue deserves final word

Citizens of the Harper College District have been exposed to numerous press accounts of recent events at the college which have been variously labeled "flag controversy" and "riot." Public response to these reports have ranged from complimentary to condemnatory.

The college believes that the following sequential description of these events provides a straightforward account.

May 6 - Student Senate President requests that campus American Flag be flown half-mast as a memorial for students slain at Kent State University.

Board attorney advises vice president of student affairs that trustees have juris-

diction over raising and lowering of campus state and national flags.

Group of students lower campus flags unilaterally. Six students involved are informed that they are in violation of college regulations. They are asked to restore flags to top of poles. They refuse and are asked to surrender their identification cards, which they do.

All students in area of the flagpoles are informed that a formal request through the Student Senate would be considered by the administration in connection with disposition of campus flags.

May 7 - Student Senate receives petitions



containing 1,831 signatures. 1,600 signators request flags be lowered through May 14. Student Senate endorses petition and obtains Faculty Senate co-endorsement. Student, faculty and administrative representatives meet and agree to lowering flags until sundown on May 9.

Flags are lowered to half-mast.

May 8 - Memorial service held by students. Most speakers express dissatisfaction over compromise to have flags at half-mast through May 9 rather than May 14, as petitioned.

May 9 - Board of Trustees holds special meeting and passes resolution to fly campus American Flag at half-mast until dusk on May 14.

May 11 - Security officers discover that halyards on both campus flag poles have been slashed and removed over the weekend.

Flag halyards replaced and flags again flown by mid-afternoon.

May 15 - Four of six students who surrender identification on May 6 are disciplined. Charged with unlawful lowering of campus flags and failure to comply with lawful instructions of college officials, one of the students is placed on probation. The other three are given probationary warnings. Extenuating circumstances recognized by college officials included observations that students did not threaten or engage in violence, and at no time did they handle the flags in a disrespectful manner.

May 20 - A fifth student who surrendered identification on May 6 is given probationary warning.

May 26 - The sixth, and final, student involved in disciplinary violations of May 6 is given probationary warning.

Results of events, May 6 through 26:

Damage to campus - Approximately \$200 for purchase and installation of new flag halyards. Damage caused by person or persons unknown.

Arrests - None.

Physical injuries - None.

Interruption of college calendar - none.

Public opinion of college - divided.

## College follows sound philosophy in decision

A gratifying outcome of the "flag issue" at Harper was the interest shown in the college by citizens of the district. Telephone calls, visits to the campus, public statements at Board meetings, letters, and statements to the press by concerned citizens and groups have all indicated an increasing awareness of the college among members of the community.

College officials and Board members were generally pleased with the motivations of those who offered suggestions, criticisms, and compliments. While the specific recommendations of some may not have been reflected in the final decision of the "flag issue," the Board and administration did resolve a potential crisis without straying from Harper's philosophy which formed the basis for the college when it was established by voter referendum in 1965.

Harper College has a commitment to provide an outstanding program of higher education to the community it serves. To this end, it also has a commitment to the great tradition of higher education in a free society -- the open expression of all views relating to all

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issues, both great and small. It is evident that the expression of this freedom at Harper has been free from irresponsible protest, coercion, and silence.

The May 9 decision by the Board of Trustees reflected Harper's continuing commitment to free expression and the preservation of rational judgment in the conduct of the affairs of the college.

## Dental Hygiene program gets pat on the back

Harper's Dental Hygiene program got a pat on the back from area dentists. Members of the Northwest Dental Study Club praised the program in an official resolution sent to Harper president Dr. Robert E. Lahti. The study club functions as a continuing education group for the dental profession locally.

The resolution noted that Harper's first class of dental hygienists graduated this spring after every class member had passed the national board examinations.

The resolution commended the college for having "the foresight to see the need for a dental hygiene school," for hiring "competent personnel," and for the "proficiency" of its first graduates. Harper's hygienists gain experience in the college's fully-equipped, 16-chair clinic which has the capacity to serve up to 5,500 patients annually.

The study club resolution praised college trustees and the administration for helping fill the need for competent dental hygienists in the northwest suburban area.

The club resolution was signed by Dr. Robert C. Coberley of Arlington Heights, secretary of the dental study group.

Other officers of the study group include Dr. Frank Psota of Arlington Heights, president; Dr. Henry Chakoian of Mt. Prospect, treasurer; Dr. John Drazba of Palatine, vice president, and Dr. Ronald Smith of Arlington Heights, program chairman.

## Mt. Prospect, Arlington Heights lead in number of grads

Harper held its first commencement on the new campus, and the second in its history, on Friday afternoon, June 5. The graduating class numbered 270 students.

Degrees awarded to the class of 1970 included 116 associates in arts, 58 associates in science, and 64 associates in applied science. Certificates were awarded to 32 students. The class included 147 men and 123 women.

Keynote speaker for the ceremonies was Nicholas H. Holt, ordained Episcopal priest and associate director of the Chicago Center for Urban Projects, Inc. Its best known program, called "Urban Fellows," gives business executives, on leaves of absence from their companies, first-hand insight into social problems which their organizations can help to alleviate.

Mt. Prospect leads the class with 40 graduates, followed by Arlington Heights with 33, Des Plaines with 31, and Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates and Rolling Meadows with 17 each.

## Counseling Center accredited as "professionally competent"

The college announced on May 14 that its Counseling Center has been accredited by the American Board on Counseling Services, Inc. Dr. Guerin Fischer, Harper's dean of guidance, said that although many community colleges have sought accreditation, Harper is only the third two-year college to have its counseling services given the stamp of approval by the American Board.

"Its approval means that Harper's Counseling Center is 'professionally competent' to perform the three major functions expected of a counseling center -- namely, counseling relating to the educational process, advising on occupations and careers, and assisting individuals in dealing with personal concerns," Dr. Fischer said.

# Trustees do homework at AGB conference on management, tenure

All seven members of Harper's Board of Trustees participated in a June 25-26 midwest regional conference of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) of Universities and Colleges held at Arlington Park Towers.

AGB is the only major organization within American higher education concerned primarily with the problems and responsibilities of trusteeship. The Harper Board was admitted to AGB membership early in 1969, and at that time was one of two community college boards belonging to the association. Nationally, AGB membership represents more than 260 higher education governing boards.

Harper Board member Richard L. Johnson of Arlington Heights was a program participant during the June AGB conference. Johnson was recently named to the AGB executive committee. At the regional conference, he shared

the program with five other trustees from midwest colleges and universities in examining the topics of "Management and Collective Bargaining on the Campus" and "Tenure and Teacher Effectiveness."

## NBC's Sander Vanocur here for July 16 talk on government

Highlighting summer activities will be the July 16 appearance of Sander Vanocur at 8 p.m. in the College Center Lounge. Vanocur, well-known NBC-TV news analyst and familiar face on NBC-TV's news magazine, "First Tuesday," will speak on the topic, "Vanocur's Law -- All Governments Lie." Admission charge for the public is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

On July 24, the folk-rock group, "Bandanna," will present a concert in the College Center Lounge at 8 p.m. The six-member group will demonstrate a unique sound, combining folk, rock, contemporary blues and a bit of humor to satisfy everyone's taste. Admission charge for the public is \$2.00.

Harper students and staff will be admitted free upon presentation of their ID cards.

If there are any questions you would like to have answered concerning Harper College, please call 359-4200 and ask for the Community Relations office, extension 261. If you would prefer to write, please send us your name, address, telephone number, and your question, and we will send you a reply as soon as possible.

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