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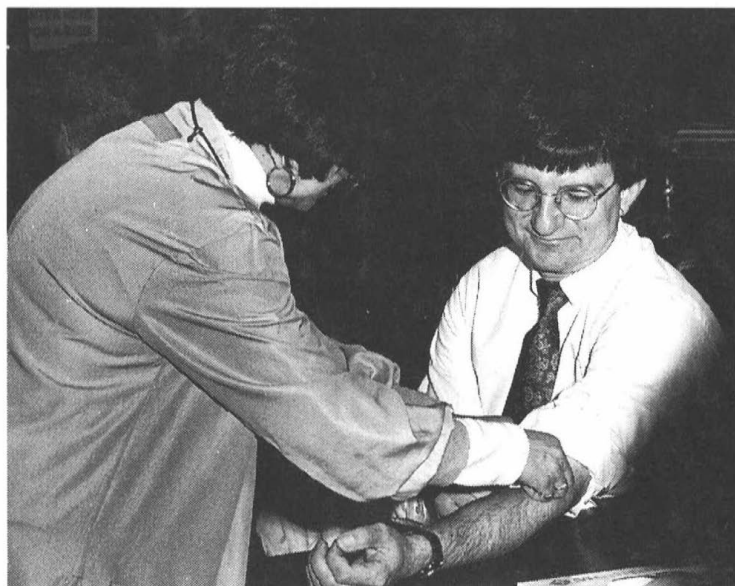
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## College celebrates wellness



Members of the Harper College women's softball team took a moment to have their blood pressure checked during the College's annual Health Fair held April 19. More than 70 exhibitors provided information and testing on wellness topics.



Employees were also encouraged to take advantage of offerings. Lectures and demonstrations included topics from child rearing and time management to reducing fat in the diet and exercising safely. Here associate professor of business management Michael Vijuk stopped by for a blood screening provided by Northwest Community Hospital.

## President's Message

*Provide comprehensive access to information and instruction through the use of state-of-the-art global computer networks and other technologies.*

When the Preferred Future Statement was written in 1991, keeping abreast of technological advances was determined as a key priority. Technology Specialists, Inc., was hired to develop a plan that would propel us into the future. Since their recommendations were made, however, we have discovered that we need to take these recommendations even further. As a result, an ad hoc committee (composed of members from the Academic Technology and Administrative Computing committees) was formed. This committee's intent is to merge the vision of both groups into a viable master plan for the College as a whole. Using the TSI recommendations as the basis of a new plan, the committee developed and refined (through faculty and administrative feedback) 54 additional objectives.

The Board of Trustees has agreed to fund \$1.925 million to initiate the ten projects of highest priority and has agreed to fund an additional \$49,000 to implement a voice mail system across campus. The following items are included in this plan:

- Develop a complete campus backbone
- Install building wiring
- Develop acquisition, upgrade and migration policy and process
- Establish and implement a shared resources policy
- Implement e-mail
- Provide Internet access

- Establish upgrade and replacement process for network resources
- Implement student information systems
- Implement financial systems
- Implement human resources and payroll systems

To fund this project, the Board of Trustees has authorized an increase in student tuition of \$4—with \$1 per credit hour directed toward technology. This \$1 will add \$275,000 to an amount of \$1.65 million from the fund balance and \$911,000 that had already been budgeted for technology projects.

Terry Ellis, outgoing Student Senate president, authorized a student survey of the plan to test student reaction to the increase. After surveying 460 students, she found that while 50 percent support the improvements, 34 percent wanted the tuition increase to be held at \$1.

It's clear that we must secure additional funding to enhance the technology on campus and keep pace with our changing world. As I indicated in last month's column, we will continue to work closely with area high school



districts to study ways to keep costs down through cooperative purchasing and coordinated staff training.

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*Paul Thompson*

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## Focus on Food Service

When a cadre of bowlers, promoters, Professional Bowling Association officials, ABC crews and Brunswick officials arrived on campus for the Brunswick-sponsored Pro Bowlers' Tour Championship Finals last month, Harper's Food Service staff was ready to serve. The crew, in fact, was charged with the event's VIP hospitality suite—planning the menu; ordering, preparing and arranging a lavish food display; dishing up 537 meals; and cleaning up during the afternoon's festivities.

Harper facilities manager Ron Greenberg was delighted with the service they delivered. "Food Service did an outstanding job," he said, adding, "The Brunswick event coordinator was thrilled. It was perfect! In fact, he even gave George (Sipp, Harper's Food Service supervisor) a hug!"

"These guys are great!" says Sipp, referring to his staff of 20. "They work hard." He's quick to add that this hard work carries over into their day-to-day work, where they run Harper's cafeteria and provide daily catering services to students, faculty, staff and the community.

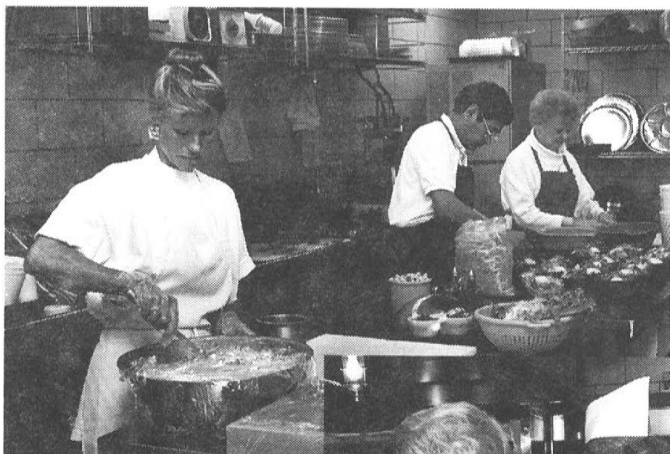
Each school day the staff serves between 1,000-1,200 diners. But before they do this, they've developed weekly menus, checked prices, ordered food and supplies, cooked, prepared the serving areas—and then they clean up and ready for the next day.

In addition to this responsibility, the staff also handles more than 110 catered events each month. These range from simple coffee setups to luncheons, dinners, buffets, receptions

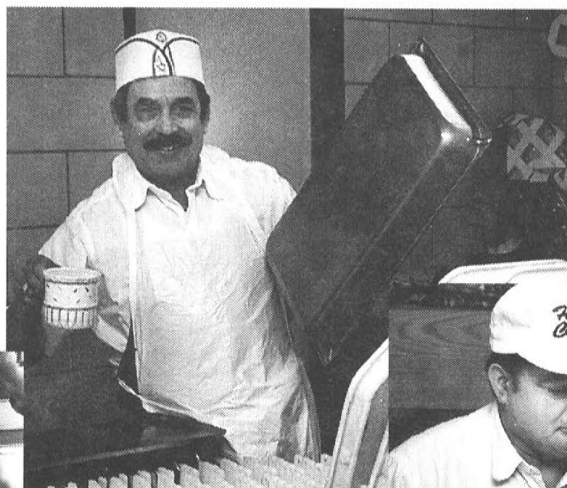
and, of course, more elaborate functions such as the bowling championship. This month, for example, the staff will be on hand for graduation and end-of-the-year events including convocation, pinning ceremonies, awards banquets and commencement.

The staff readily accepts the challenges of these catering services. They often have to hustle to be certain that food is served in the desired location promptly and at the right temperature.

"In food service you don't say 'can't do,'" Sipp stresses. "It's our job to guide and inform our customers to let them know how we can best serve them. That's our business."



**A sampling of Harper's Food Service staff includes salad makers Sandee Kunz, Robert Tria and Lottie Mazur (above, from left) and (at right) cook Shirley Byrne and Joyce Stewart.**



**Jesus Viscaino (above) and Mike Grisius (right) work behind the scenes to ready the kitchen and food service areas for the next wave of diners.**



## Insider's View of Caroline Klees

Caroline Klees's energy and zest for living and learning are evident from the moment you enter her office. Sitting amidst a whirlwind of paperwork and activity, she carefully plans and coordinates the continuing education courses offered through the Life Sciences and Human Services division.

"Lifelong learning is the most important thing I've hit upon!" she says. She puts this dedication to work daily, setting up medical, dental, child care, criminal justice, floral, biology, animal care, cosmetology and allied health care courses.

She adds that to stay abreast of trends in medical care, she also works as a nurse every other weekend, treating patients at Northwest Community Hospital Treatment Center in Schaumburg. "I need to keep my finger on the clinical pulse," she says. "Things change so fast in the medical field."

Klees began her training by earning an associate degree. After graduating, she toured Europe and—on a lark—interviewed for a job as an alcohol and drug addictions nurse in Germany. She was hired. "They knew that my education in America had prepared me well and figured that I'd learn the language!" she says. "I stayed for two years and now speak German fluently." When she returned to the States, she completed a bachelor's program in nursing, met her husband and moved to the Chicago area, where she's lived since 1981.

Her zest carries over to other aspects of her life, as well. The mother of three young children, she coordinates their activities, juggling soccer and baseball practices and games. In fact, to better understand the trials and tribulations of an athlete, Klees joined an adult coed soccer league. "I'll tell you," she says, "that taught me to keep my mouth shut! That cured me...I'll never yell at my kids' play again!"

Despite her busy lifestyle, Klees does plan to return someday to the mountains of North Carolina where she was born and where seven generations of her family have called home. As part of a military family, she moved 28 times in her first 27 years, and she enjoys the serenity that the Smoky Mountains offer.

**Born:** Andrews, NC, grew up in Texas (mostly!)

**Family:** Husband, Kevin; daughters Johanna, 11, and Meryl, 6; son Andrew, 8

**Education:** A.D.N.-American River College, Sacramento, CA; B.S.N.-Duke University; M.S. in Adult and Continuing Education-National Louis University

**Best advice my parents gave me:** Don't sweat the small stuff and make sure your five-year plan is in order.

**If time and money were not a problem:** First, I would travel with friends and sit in coffee shops. My life would be a social outing all the time! After that, I would look for something more fulfilling—which, for me, means reaching out.



**Caroline Klees**

**I would like to learn:** sign language and to market my CE programs more effectively.

**One thing I've learned in life:** To prioritize and keep what's important right where it should be.

**I don't care for:** Intolerance and people who are judgmental.

**Favorite food:** Eli's chocolate chip cheesecake and Big Red, a soda pop from Texas

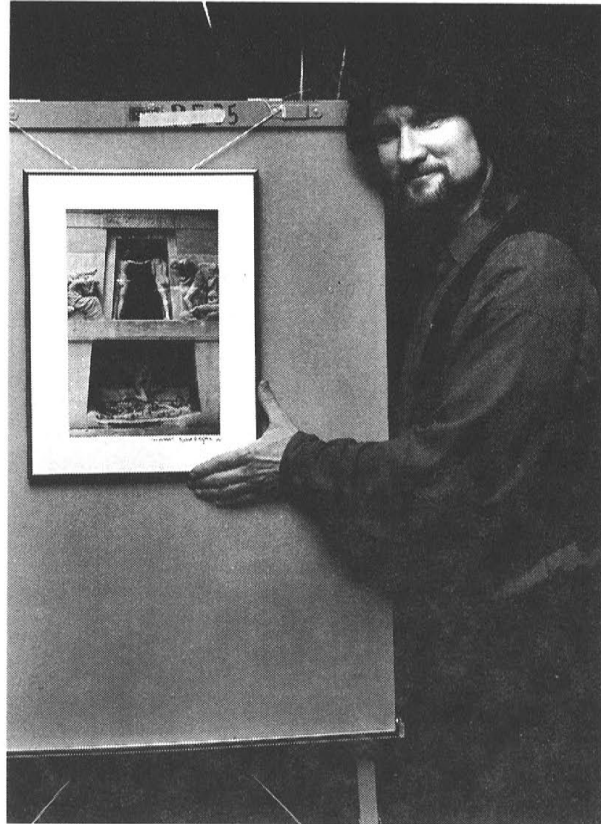
**Favorite movie:** *MASH* (I loved it and saw it 12 times. Although I'd consider it a bit degrading to nurses now, I loved it back then. In fact, it influenced me to become a nurse.)

**Favorite book:** *The Watchers* by Dean Koontz

## Inside Harper



Student Activities events specialist Terry Karow, right, introduced cartoonist Scott Adams to media representatives during a press conference preceding his evening lecture last month. Adams, the originator of *Dilbert*, entertained a crowd of 1,200 as he traced his career path and showed samples of his comic strip that had attracted special attention.



Michael Nejman, STU ACT, presents his photograph that has been purchased by members of the faculty and staff and donated to the Educational Foundation's permanent art collection. Entitled "Into the Abyss," the photo is part of Nejman's *To Die For!* collection that celebrates cemeteries.



Harper's theatre department and Student Activities presented Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* on campus March 17-25. Directed by Todd Ballantyne, the play featured Natalee Hryniewicz as Corie Bratter and Michael Komen as her husband, Paul.

## Departmental Developments

Congratulations are in order for members of the Harper faculty who have had their teaching methods distributed by the Consortium to Disseminate Teaching Innovations. They include **Nancy L. Davis**, LIB ARTS, "Alternative Endings"; **Julie Fleenor**, LIB ARTS, "The Interactive Computer Network or Class Discussion Without the Class"; **Renate von Keudell**, LIB ARTS, "Performing Skits: Role Playing in a Foreign Language"; and **Molly Waite**, BUS/SS, "A Middle East Simulation." The papers were originally submitted for a Great Teachers' Seminar and were chosen from more than 2000 entries.

**Amy Hauenstein**, coordinator of Admissions Outreach, presented a session entitled "Student Ambassadors: An Important Component in Any Community College Recruitment Plan" during the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference in Indianapolis last month. Director of Admissions **Bruce Bohrer**, a member of the organization's Community College Issues Committee, coordinated sessions relating to that topic during the meeting.

**Joan Kindle**, dean of Student Development, and **Tom Thompson**, director of the Center for Students with Disabilities, presented "Proving Our Worth: The Economic Challenge" during the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators National Conference in San Diego in March.

**Tim Sares**, coordinator of Assessment Services, received his Ph.D. in educational psychometrics from the University of Illinois-Chicago, and CE coordinators **Susan Carlson** and **Jim Blasky** each earned a Master of Science degree in adult continuing education from Northern Illinois University. Carlson was also elected to Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society.

**Patrick Beach**, FD SERV, Pam Block, of the Northwest Career Cooperative, and Paul Martin of the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association, presented a workshop on the cooperative efforts in the Food Service Internship Alliance program (formerly the on-campus high school introduction to food services class). The conference, *Building Stronger Education to Career Pathways*, was sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education.

We send our best wishes to **Lisa Brady**, WHP, on her marriage to Paul Gray. We congratulate **Sheryl Otto**, STU DEV, and her husband, John, on the birth of their daughter, Brittany Ann, and **Fran Dionisio**, LRC, on the birth of her granddaughter, Taryn Noelle. We also send our best wishes to Betsy and **Phil Troyer**, STU DEV, who are successfully recuperating from injuries suffered in an automobile accident last month.

We send our condolences to **Vera Davis**, LS/HS, on the death of her mother, to **Anita Crawley**, STU DEV, on the death of her father, and to **Kim Gibson-Harman**, CSD, on the death of her stepfather.

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We welcome new members of the Harper faculty and staff and congratulate those who have accepted new positions. They include **Cathy Lindstrom**, secretary, and **Jolyn DePriest**, program specialist, WM PRG; **Jennifer Seymour**, technical support technician, IS/US; **Linda Brown** and **Jerry Seitzinger**, registration clerks, ADM OFF; **Alexander Edejer**, food service worker, and **JoAnn Donovan**, operations/catering assistant, FD SRV; **Kerry Tokarz**, recreation room lead attendant, STU ACT; **Susanne K. Bajt** and **John Kiener**, instructors, CIS; **Helmut Publ**, assistant professor, BUS/SS; **Barb Bednarz**, help desk specialist, IS/US; **Marty McCafferty**, LAN specialist, IS/TS; **Diane Young-Spieth**, coordinator, CORP SERV; and **Cheryl Warmann**, financial aid associate, SFA. Reclassifications have been granted to **Shirley Byrne**, lead cook, **Joyce Stewart**, assistant cook, and **Robert Tria**, food service worker III. In addition, we congratulate **Manoucher Azad**, AE/LS, who will serve as area tutor coordinator for both math and science.