

## Student Activities: Get What You Paid For

With the spring semester almost over, most students are looking forward to taking a leave of absence from Harper for the summer. However, the people involved in Student Activities work hard all year to provide Harper students with great concerts, movies, cultural events and at more reasonable prices, with Student Activity cards, and this summer is no exception! In fact, with studies out of the way for most, it is a perfect time to take advantage of the opportunities and activities available to Harper students and their families!

Student Activities has received the Illiana Award for programming two years in a row. In 1991, they won for their Chinese Youth Folk and Sports Program, and the following year they were honored for their display of the Names Project AIDS Quilt, the largest in the state that year. They have also booked famous national acts before they'd been discovered, such as rock groups Gin Blossoms and Toad the Wet Sprocket, comedians Jerry Seinfeld and Steve Martin, and great minds Kurt Vonnegut and Mortimer Adler. Mike Nejman, Student Activities coordinator, takes a lot of pride in his ability to book a variety of events and programs that will interest different students, and it shows!

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Listed below is the summer/fall 1994 line-up:

### SUMMER

#### FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The following programs will be held in the Building J Theatre. Admission is \$2 for children, \$4 for adults.

- Silly Songs Sing-along will be presented by Dave Rudolf at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 15.
- Barking Dinosaurs will be presented by the Field Museum on Tuesday, June 2, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m..
- The Swordsmen, from the Bristol Renaissance Fair, will be fighting on Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m.
- The Spencers' magic extravaganza will be presented at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20.

#### CULTURAL EXCURSIONS

The following day-long excursions can be booked in advance by calling the box office.

- Arlington Race Track
- Chicago, which includes a boat ride, admission to the Lincoln Park zoo, dinner at Ann Sather's, and a show at Second City.
- Milwaukee for Bastille Day, July 16.
- Cubs game, July 22.

### FALL

#### CONCERTS

- There will be a "Coffeehouse

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# Opportunity knocks

The League of Women Voters of Palatine Area (which includes Inverness and Rolling Meadows, and has welcomed members from Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg since their League disbanded) sponsored a pilot program this past year with Harper College. It granted a waiver for membership dues to four students, who "apprenticed" to the Board of Directors to learn the way the League functions and become more involved in good government. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan group which works by consensus at the local, regional, and national levels to provide government oversight, promote voter registration, and disseminate information through candidates' forums so voters can make informed choices. In spite of its name, it welcomes men into membership also, and one of its most recent programs, Adopt-a-Highway, was initiated by member Warren Kostka.

The LWV-PA has decided to renew this experiment in the coming year but concentrate on a single person who will be mentored by the entire board. The person selected should be willing to make a commitment to attend the monthly board meet-

ings, which will be held the second Tuesday of the month, and the general meetings which will usually be on the third Tuesday. Special skills, like word processing/computer literacy, would be a plus, but an appetite for learning is probably the best qualification. Anyone interested in being

newsletter with additional timely information and invitations to participate in activities throughout the year. Recent programs have provided information about park districts, libraries, schools, and police services. You never know when the friendships you form at these get-togethers may result in helping to get your pet project approved by local officials.

Even passive members who simply receive the directory and *The Voter* may feel the dues are a good investment. Our own Honors Society member Gayle Corcoran (who is also president of Phi Theta Kappa, the Astronomy Club and the Criminal Justice Club) is the current membership chairman—contact her for details on how you can join.

And who says opportunity only knocks once? Included with this issue of the *Challenger* is a membership form for the newly formed Harper chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. This is the only organization open to people in every capacity connected with our school, including administrators; full-time and adjunct faculty; professional, technical, clerical, and custodial staff; students and alumni. This

## *League of Women Voters of Palatine* **Adopt-a-highway program**

*West Illinois Avenue*

**Who:** Hopefully you

**What:** Litter pick-up

**Where:** 148 W. Illinois Ave.

Palatine Public Works Facility

**When:**

Saturday, July 9, at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.

*Mark your calendar now!*

**Note:** Bring eye protection and gloves

considered for this position should contact me for further information about the application and interviewing process which will be conducted this summer.

Even if you are not ready to make a commitment to the position on the Board, please consider the benefits of membership—for \$40 a year you will receive the directory with much useful information about local, regional, state and federal government officials, a monthly



organization is still a fledgling, having been formed only in January. It offers a wide opportunity for development of leadership and decision-making skills.

We are currently developing a mentoring program for members to pair people with specific interests. We will be publishing a directory each semester and a monthly newsletter with articles as well as news of activities planned. A file has been established in the LRC on conferences and timely topics of importance to those interested in women's concerns, such as equal educational opportunities, child-care, health care reform, reproductive rights, feeding and shel-

tering the homeless, and environmental preservation and pollution control.

The Harper College chapter has just been accepted to host the state meeting of AAWCC in the fall 1995, and we will have many opportunities for volunteers to learn the ins and outs of arranging a large meeting at a local hotel. Whatever you learn from being involved in this project will almost certainly come in handy for the rest of your professional life, no matter what your major.

Many people think they're too busy to make a commitment to one more thing, and perhaps they're right. Honors people tend

to be high achievers and sometimes try to take on more than they can handle. But if you find you are spending your recreational time renting old videos that you've already seen once or watching reruns until you fall asleep, consider replacing some of that nonstimulating activity with involvement in one of these organizations, especially if you will be returning in the fall. It will not only look good on future application forms for scholarships, admissions to selective universities, and/or jobs, but also it will make you feel good about yourself.

—Dr. Betty Hull

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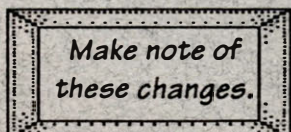
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# Astronomy program

*Legend has it that there was once a lovely maiden named Andromeda. She was the daughter of Cassiopeia, the Queen of the Skies. Cassiopeia bragged to everyone that her daughter was more beautiful than anyone else, even the daughter of Atlas, the God of the Earth. Upon hearing of Cassiopeia's boasts, Atlas became very angry. He chained Andromeda to a huge rock in the sea. Cetus, the whale, was about to attack the girl, when suddenly Perseus swooped out of the sky upon the winged horse, Pegasus. He rescued Andromeda, and together they flew away to safety. Today these ancient beings are visible as constellations in our night sky. We remember them as we pass these stories down from generation to generation.*

Astronomy is alive and well at Harper. Perhaps you have noticed the odd-looking domed building across the lake on the north side of the campus. This is the Harper Observatory. It is a great asset to the college, although many students and community members are unaware of the many activities it offers.

The observatory was dedicated on Aug. 24, 1990. It was built as a result of the hard work and cooperation of many individuals and groups. The catalyst for the project was Paul Sipiera, professor of geology and astronomy at Harper. Of course, none of it would have been possible without the Joseph and Virginia DuPont family, who donated their antique telescope to Harper. In addition, the Harper

Foundation worked to raise the funds to construct the building by running a "Buy a Brick" campaign. Finally, the Student Senate voted to purchase the dome as the graduation gift from the class of 1988.

The telescope was built in 1882, but according to Sipiera, "it is just as useful today as it was then." It has a 12-inch diameter mirror mounted in an 8-foot long black tube. It provides an excellent view of the planets in our solar system and our moon. It can also pick up several deep sky objects, such as nearby globular clusters and binaries. This summer, public viewings at the observatory will focus on the planet Jupiter.

The observatory has created new areas of learning at the college. These programs are a

joint effort of the Astronomy Department, the Continuing Education Department, and the Planetary Studies Foundation, a non-profit organization, which is directed by Sipiera.

The Continuing Education Department offers public viewing at the observatory many Friday nights throughout the year. Summer dates are June 10, July 8, July 29 and Aug. 19. If it is raining or cloudy there will be a rain date the following Friday night. If you want to sure there will be viewing, call the observatory at 397-3000 ext. 2990 and let it ring at least 10 times. The cost is \$1 per person, and the time is 8 to 10 p.m. It is run as an open house, so feel free to come and go as you please.

Christine Garcia is an Honors student who volunteers at the obser-

vatory. She finds the mythology behind astronomy to be the most interesting aspect and tries to share her knowledge with visitors. When speaking about her hobby, Garcia was enthusiastic. She said, "A lot of astronomers pooh-pooh the moon, but I think it's one of the most intriguing objects out there. Not only can we pick out the most obvious details of the moon through our telescope, but we can also see some of the more delicate features, such as its wrinkled ridges and rilles." She noted that very few colleges are fortunate enough to have a facility like Harper's.

Continuing Education and the Office of Community and Program Services also offer several science and astronomy classes for children. Courses carry names like "Constellations and the Sky Above" and "Science Trek." The cost is minimal, and you can call Harper ext. 6652 if you are interested.

Summer courses for adults are offered through the Continuing



# shines at Harper

Education department as well.

The Planetary Studies Foundation works closely with Harper in offering many of the courses already mentioned. In addition, on most Friday evenings and Saturday mornings they set up their Star Lab inflatable planetarium in Building A, by the fireplace. Inside, they conduct 30- or 50-minute programs on the constellations and the mythology behind them.

Leslie Williamson is a student at Harper majoring in secondary education. She also works part-time for PSF, conducting the Star Lab sessions. Williamson enthusiastically encourages other students to become involved in the program as an opportunity to acquire skills speaking in front of a group. She says that the experience has helped enhance her own knowledge, and "it's a lot of fun."

Star Lab is rented out to schools, libraries, park districts and other organizations who are interested in sharing a hands-on astronomy ex-

perience with children.

PSF also offers educational programs for groups at their facility at 1520 W. Algonquin Rd. in Palatine. School classes, scouting troops and other groups can reserve time at the learning center. The staff presents programs on topics such as underwater archaeology, space shuttle living and geology. Science Fiction author Frederik Pohl presented a guest lecture on how he became a writer. Call 359-7913 to make reservations or for more information.

The future goal of the PSF is the construction of a 44,000-square-foot planetarium and learning center on the Harper campus. The three-level structure will have lecture rooms and house the Center of Meteorite and Planetary Studies. There it will display its internationally recognized collection of meteorites. PSF feels strongly that a planetarium is needed in the suburbs as the population grows and travel to the Adler Planetarium in Chicago becomes less feasible for

school groups and individuals.

Currently, Harper offers Astronomy 101 as well as an Honors Astronomy course. Both are taught by Sipiera. They differ in that Honors students are required to complete a semester-long research project which culminates in an oral presentation of the paper in front of the class. This semester the class went on a field trip to the Adler Planetarium and participated in Astronomy Day at Harper. They also listened to guest speaker John Grunsfeld, an astrophysicist with NASA.

Sipiera insists upon high standards for his students and expects them to do their best. Those who take this class will be challenged to learn not only about mythology, but about neutron stars, black holes and the origin of the universe. There are usually only 10 students in a class, one-on-one learning time is possible.

There are almost as many opportunities to learn about astronomy at Harper as there are stars in the sky. Whether you

develop a love for it and make it a lifelong hobby, or just want to learn the constellations so you can impress and entertain your friends when you go camping, the choice is yours.

—by Lisa McBride



## *Canis Major*

*The great Overdog,  
That heavenly beast  
With a star in one  
eye,  
Gives a leap in the  
east.  
He dances upright  
All the way to the  
west  
And never once drops  
On his forefeet to  
rest.  
I'm a poor underdog,  
But tonight I will  
bark  
With the great  
Overdog  
That romps through  
the dark.*

—Robert Frost





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Series" at noon by the fireplace in the student center, featuring the following acts:

-Nudes, a cello and guitar band on Sept. 13.

-Scared Little Weird Guys are an Australian come group, in the tradition of Monty Python, performing Oct. 5.

-Whiskey Tango on Nov. 10.

• Marcus Roberts, named in the *Chicago Tribune* as the "top jazz pianist" in January, will be performing on Oct. 14. Call the box office for times and/or further information at 925-6100.

### FILMS

• Harper will be showing three foreign films (\$2 for children, \$3 for adults), which can be seen in rm. J143 at the following times:

-*Schindler's List*, a film about World War II in Nazi Germany, showing Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.. Also, there will be two matinee showings at 2 p.m. in private rooms, closed to the public, for student groups. Admission is free, provided an instructor requests tickets in writing for the group. Call the box office for more details.

-*Blue*, a french film about the reconstruction of a woman's life after her husband and daughter die in a car crash, showing Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m..

-*Snapper*, an Irish comedy, showing Nov. 17 at 7 p.m..

• The following films will be shown in rm. J143 at 7 p.m. (above admission prices apply):

-*We're Back*, an animated dinosaur movie, showing June 23.

-*Beethoven's Second*, the sequel to the children's hit comedy, showing June 29.

-*Six Degrees of Separation*, which earned Stockard Channing a Best Supporting Actress nomination, showing July 7.

-*Three Musketeers*, showing July 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

• There will be a Poetry Slam, an olympic-type competition in three levels, where readers will be judged on their poetry. Led by Marc Smith, who regularly hosts Slams at the Green Mill restaurant downtown, the event will be held at Harper on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in J building. Call Student Activities office if you want to enter!

• Reptile World will be held in the Building J Theatre at 7

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## What's up with Honors Society members?

• Upper Midwest Honors Council Officers for the 1994-95 school year have been elected. Congratulations to Debbie Maday, the new representative for Harper. She replaces Gayle Corcoran in the position.

• Congratulations to the following Honors Society members who were recognized at the Academic Convocation on May 3: Joseph Anderson, Christine Arce, Barbara Bednarz, Theresa Beeksmma, Kathleen Berbaum, Gary Berenger, Jennifer Bondelli, Bozena Boris, Lori Braun, Merilee Burke, Victoria Chiapetta, Alisa Chinlund, Maria Cliffe, Renee Cohen, Gayle Corcoran, Timothy Davis, Susan Dayton, Terri Ellis, Katie Elmer, Brian Foerster, Emiko Fujiwara, Jean Funk, Beverly Goodman, Joseph Hazelton, Kay Herzog, Tracy Hoffman, Julianne Jackson, Bryan Johnson, Bonnie Jones, Micharl Kalck, Puni Kalra, Jeffrey Kirsch, Jessica Knight, Anna Kuzniar, Martha Lansu, April LaPointe, Amanda Larsen, Linda Lee, Victoria Litwin, Carla Llamas, Deborah Maday, Wendy Martinez, Lisa McBride, Jennifer Myzia, Joyce Nordhaus, Caroline Nykiel, Erin O'Brien, Andrea Oher, David Peeler, Linda Pellini, Karen Raley, Dennis Rawlins, Paula Reinke, Jennifer Richardson, Heidi Ripley, Marnina Rivkin, Andrea Ryant, Melissa Schmidt, Jody Shipka, Urszula Sowa, David Sussman, Charlene Swanson, Shaila Tripathi, Julie Trost, Larry Vais, Patricia Vais, Jeff Van Valkenburg, Janet Wade, Joann Warren, Arthur Weston and Laura Wilcox.

• For a list of Honors Graduates see page 8.

### Nordhaus Earns Educational Foundation Award for Excellence

Member Joyce Nordhaus earned the Harper College Educational Foundation's Award for Excellence.

The award was presented at graduation ceremonies by Robin M. Hoffer, member of the foundation's board of directors.

Nordhaus was honored for her exemplary record at Harper, which was preceded by an academic career marked by undiagnosed dyslexia.

Since having her dyslexia diagnosed after returning to college at Harper, Nordhaus has excelled in coursework.

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# Absolutely no experience necessary to be involved in campus activities

Ian Ferguson spends half of his time Monday through Friday on the Harper College campus. Crazy? No, he's just very involved in student activities.

Perhaps you recognize his name. Ferguson writes a weekly sports column for *The Harbinger* based on, he says, "whatever catches my fancy." And while his opinions haven't always been popular ones (he's not a big Bulls fan and is very outspoken about this), his column has always been entertaining.

An Honors Society member, Ferguson started writing for the paper in fall 1992. His first assignments consisted of articles on Harper football games. He moved up from staff writer to columnist in spring 1993.

Also last spring, Ferguson took Honors speech with Dr. John Muchmore. He says of his experience, "I like the fact that with Honors classes there's less people in the class so the teacher spends more time with each student."

Having no journalism experience before Harper did not hurt Ferguson's aspirations. At Harper he has taken Fundamentals of Journalism (JNM 130) and is presently finishing Mass Communication (JNM 234). "I recommend the class [JNM 234] to anyone, even if you're not a journalism major," says Ferguson. "It's a great elective."

Of his experience on the paper Ferguson says, "It's the first step on my career ... I figure Andy Rooney's gonna die eventually, somebody needs to take his job. So I gotta start somewhere."

Student activities, such as *The Harbinger*, have made

school more interesting for many students at Harper including Ferguson. He works in the bookstore at Harper, and had an "ill-fated attempt" to join the basketball team; he needed to get a job so that activity was dropped. He says, "I find that the more activities you get involved in, if you have the time, the more interesting coming to school is."

Ferguson feels that other Honors Society members should get more involved in campus activities. "The people involved in Honors Society shouldn't just stick to that, they should offer themselves to more activities on campus because, by virtue of being on Honors Society, they're fairly outgoing and intelligent. They can't do anything but help other activities on campus."

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**"I figure Andy Rooney's gonna die eventually, somebody needs to take his job."**

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—by Michelle Knapp

## P r e s i d e n t ' s C o r n e r

I would like to take this time to congratulate this year's Honors graduates and to wish every returning student luck next year.

Looking back over the past two years at Harper, I can say that joining the Honors Society was one of my best decisions. As its president I gained invaluable leadership skills and experience that I will carry with me the rest of my life.

I would personally like to thank those members who have attended meetings, and I would

especially like to thank our officers and our advisor, Dr. Hull, for their contributions.

I would hope that any interested members who are returning next fall would attend the first meeting of the semester and run for office. If a position does not interest you, then I encourage you to attend the weekly discussions.

Again, I wish everyone luck and I encourage alumni to keep in touch. Have a great summer!

—Art Weston



# Make a World of Difference at the

While industry is growing and our lives are getting easier because of new technologies and machinery, our environment is being destroyed. These changes in atmosphere and biosphere are very serious; but it's even worse—we are putting our own lives in danger.

On Sunday, April 17, Phi Theta Kappa held the second annual Environmental Exposition to promote community awareness of environmental dangers. The organizers invited several speakers including Karen Lustig, biology instructor; Dr. Wayne Schennum, Natural Resource Manager; Randy Schielzelt, assistant professor of biology; and keynote speaker, Roger Triemsa, meteorologist from WGN Radio in Chicago, whose topic was "What are we doing to this poor planet Earth."

Triemsa mainly talked about global warming

and how the ozone layer gets destroyed. By sharing his experiences from trips to Alaska and Antarctica, Triemsa illustrated his belief that global warming truly is happening. What is more, it is happening more quickly than anyone expected.

There were many exhibitions at the Expo manned by Earth Watch Chicago, Citizens for Conservation, Sierra Club, Illinois Marijuana Initiative and Harper College's Biology and Astronomy Clubs.

The program was well organized and the attendance was very good; about 500-600 people came throughout the day. David Peeler, treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa said, "It went really well. We were very pleased with our turnout. It was better than last year and hopefully it will continue to grow."

—by Anna Kuzniar



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p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. Admission is \$2 for children, \$4 for adults.

Student Activities cards, which are issued every semester at the time of registration, can also be used for discounted theatre tickets (Cineplex Odeon, Loews) and Great America tickets and passes!

They can also be used for free admission to sports events at Harper, health service, legal ad-

vice and short term loans!

If you've just been stashing them away in the back of your wallet, take them out, brush the dust off and enjoy!

Not only will you become more active and aware of what, besides classes, Harper has to offer, but you will be taking advantage of what you already pay for every semester!

—by Angela Williamson

## Honors Program Graduates

### SPRING 1994 PETITIONERS

Gayle L. Corcoran  
Anna A. Kuzniar  
Martha Lansu  
Joyce K. Nordhaus  
Arthur E. Weston

### SUMMER 1994 PETITIONER

Bonnie M. Jones