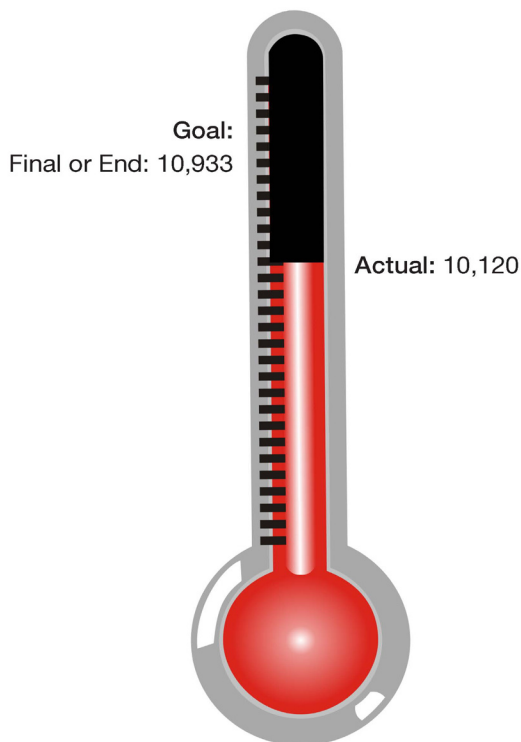


Enrollment Thermometer

As of Monday, September 27, 2010



As of Monday, September 27, 2010, Full Time Equivalent (or FTE) is 10,120, or 2.17% higher than last fall's enrollment at this time.

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From the President's Desk

Twin Bowl 2010

The rivalry was born some six decades ago. This year, it hits Harper College's football field.

Identical twin brothers Ken and Steve Ender – who took over as presidents of Harper College and Grand Rapids Community College, respectively, in 2009 – **will see their college football teams go head to head on October 23** as Ken Ender's Harper Hawks take on Steve Ender's GRCC Raiders in the epic, second-annual football battle dubbed the "Twin Bowl."

GRCC took the win in 2009; this year, **Harper President Ken Ender** predicts a Hawks victory. "Throughout our lives, my twin brother and I have enjoyed healthy competition, and there's no doubt we're still rivals – though mostly all in fun," he joked. "Now, we're competing for supreme football bragging rights. I think we all know that this is where it gets serious."

The game is at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 23 on Harper's field, 1200 W. Algonquin Road in Palatine.

The winning team will take possession of the traveling Twin Bowl trophy: identical football players atop a loving cup.

Game admission is free. *If you are a twin or have twins*, and want to attend the Twin Bowl, there will be special activities for you. Please register by October 12 by calling Fredia Martin, manager, Community Relations, at ext. 6701.

There will be a tailgate party beginning at 11 a.m. in the Oasis Fountain Circle Drive outside of Building A. Prior to the Twin Bowl, there will be Spirit Week on campus the week of October 18. Look for special discounts on Harper gear at the Bookstore.

Harper's football team was the NJCAA National Champion in 2008. Check the Harper Web site and portal for more information.

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

September issue available to download online at harpercollege.edu.

Living Our Mission

D.R.E.A.M.

During Orientation Week, the Harper Diversity Committee and the Diverse Relationships Engaged in Affirming Multiculturalism, or D.R.E.A.M. Affinity Group sponsored a meet and greet to share information about a new mentoring program for diverse second year faculty.

Initiated by the Diversity Shared Governance committee, the program was created to help foster greater retention of minority faculty and administrators, according to **Judi Zaplatynsky**, associate professor, Business and Social Science. Participation is on a volunteer basis. D.R.E.A.M. celebrates the College's multiculturalism, champions the advancement of diversity and encourages the participation of the entire Harper community in the College's diversity efforts. The goals of D.R.E.A.M. are to facilitate the recruitment, professional development and retention of a diverse workforce through programs that support workforce diversity and the College's core values of Integrity, Respect, Excellence and Collaboration.

"The response was overwhelming," said Judi. "Fifteen D.R.E.A.M. members volunteered to mentor four mentees." Faculty members have given the program positive reviews, too. "My mentor has been phenomenal. I have been enriched intellectually," said **Tonya Dixon**, instructor, Nursing, Health Careers. "My mentor has educated and supported me on many issues that have been difficult as a new member of academia," she said. "This has been, by far, the greatest opportunity for me."

The mentoring program has also been enriching for mentors. "I was very impressed with the program," said **Michélé Robinson**, dean, Business and Social Science. "It is well organized and I have received a great deal of support."

Members of the D.R.E.A.M. Meet and Greet Committee were: **Keiko Kimura**, dean, Academic Enrichment and Language Studies; **Veronica Mormino**, assistant professor, Business and Social Science; **Michélé Robinson**; **Sandra Vega-Picchetti**, adjunct faculty, Librarians and Counselors, Center for New Students and Orientation; **LaVonya Williams**,

assistant professor, Student Development; and **Judi Zaplatynsky**.

In October, Judi and LaVonya will present a report on the program to the Teaching and Learning Excellence Conference, using a workshop grant from the Illinois Community College Faculty Association.



*Left to right: **Young Hahn** from the International Students Office; **Michélé Robinson**, dean, business and Social Science; **Maria Moten**, dean, Enrollment Services; **Antonio Icapino**, instructor, Liberal Arts; and **Veronica Mormino**, assistant professor, Business and Social Science.*

You Just Had To Be There

Academy Award-winning Screenwriter Visits Honors Society

Mark Boal, the thirty something year old former investigative journalist who talked his way into a short embedded stint with the U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit in Iraq six years ago, was just off of a plane from Los Angeles.

He agreed to meet with Harper honors students and talk with them about anything they wanted to ask him. Boal, who won the Academy Award for his script for *The Hurt Locker*, a tense, taut film about the early days of the war in Iraq, was relaxed with students and responded to their questions about the creative process, and the technicalities of financing, producing and distributing a film.

"At one point, a student asked about the target demographic for the film, and Boal turned the questions back on the group," said **Alicia Tomasian**, assistant professor, Liberal Arts, co-advisor to the Honors Society. "What kind of movies do they like to see? Are they willing to spend their weekend nights dealing with such an intense topic? One Society member asked if Boal ever got to a point where he felt like he just wouldn't get it done, to which Boal responded that he definitely did."

"The students loved Mark Boal and were very engaged in the discussion," said **Andrew Wilson**, professor, Liberal Arts, and a co-advisor to the Honors Society. "Near the end of

the discussion, several students asked Boal questions about pirated copies of the film,” said Alicia. “Then the conversation turned to Boal’s concerns about how such activities hinder opportunities for independent films and music. On several occasions, the group tried to press Boal for details regarding his next project but he would only deny rumors that it would be about the Mexican drug trade.”



Link to some of the photos from Boal’s visit to the Honors Society at [Flickr](#).

In the Spotlight

Sculpture from Harper’s Art Collection Re-Furbished by the Sculptor

An outdoor sculpture being exhibited on the south side of Building D was refurbished recently by the sculptor Rogelio “Roy” Tijerina, a Mexican-American artist who formerly taught at the School of the Art Institute. The sculpture, which is *Untitled*, is a large bronze and wood piece that was tilting because water was collecting beneath it.

The piece, purchased by the Harper Educational Foundation in 2007, contains a cast model of one of Roy’s Simbrahs, a cross between Simmentals and Brahmans bulls.

The sculptor divides his time between Chicago and his 180-acre ranch in Bayview, Texas, which is about 10 miles west of South Padre Island. Roy uses the actual carcass of his animals in making his sculptures by painstakingly casting section by section from the cadaver of the animal. He uses his ranching background in his works by evoking the old ways of raising cattle, not the industrialization of agriculture in recent times.

“There’s no money in ranching,” said Roy, who has a herd of around 40 cattle that roam his ranch. He breeds his cattle as models for his sculpture, saying: “They lead a good life as an art project. One cast bull feeds a lot of hungry cattle.”

He is one unusual sculptor because he also owns a Chicago barbecue restaurant, called Sweet Tips Barbecue on Damen Avenue. “It’s truly Tex-Mex,” he said. Roy engineers his own Mesquite Charcoal barbecue pit and prepares his

own Tex-Mex dry rub. “I have a secret recipe that I alter for Northern tastes, which is sweeter.”

Roy will also repair the fish castings, which went missing from the sculpture, by bringing his portable foundry to campus sometime soon. He may be able to teach a master class in sculpture when he does that, too, according to **Jason Peot**, assistant professor, Liberal Arts.

The Harper Art Collection is expanded and maintained via the Foundation’s Art Fund, and consists of paintings, prints and other sculptures.

For more information about Roy’s sculpture, go to harpercollege.edu.



Winners’ Circle

Kurt Hemmer; Tom Knoff; Veronica Mormino; Steve Schwertfeger

Kurt Hemmer, professor, Liberal Arts, and **Tom Knoff**, coordinator, Media Productions, have won the 2010 Berkeley Video and Film Festival’s Grand Festival Arts Award for the film *Wow! Ted Joans Lives!* Joans appeared at Harper in 2002 as an offering of the Cultural Arts Committee. The beat poet died about a year after his reading at the College. Both Kurt and Tom will travel to California to accept their award. Congratulations to both!

Veronica Mormino, assistant professor, Business and Social Science, has been awarded the 2010 Illinois Council for Social Studies (ICSS) Distinguishing Teaching in Social Studies Award. This award recognizes distinguished classroom teachers at the K-5, middle, high school, and collegiate levels. Veronica will receive her award in October at the ICSS’s fall conference in Lisle, Illinois. Congratulations, Veronica!

Steve Schwertfeger, assistant, Print Shop, volunteered to accompany veterans of World War II to Washington, D.C. as part of the Honor Flight Network. The Honor Flight

is a non-profit organization that honors American veterans by transporting them to the nation's capitol to visit the memorials dedicated to them. The organization says their top priority is 'senior' veterans, which are usually World War II vets, along with those with a terminal illness.



From left to right: Gene Sessamen, who served during World War II as a first class seaman in the U.S. Naval Reserves in the area of the Philippines; Howard Little, who served as a pilot trainer in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Champaign, Illinois; Steve Schwertfeger, assistant, Print Shop, volunteered to accompany the two veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials and monuments, including Arlington National Cemetery.

Steve, paid for his own airline ticket and traveled with the Springfield chapter of the Honor Flight. He said 93 veterans from the Springfield, Illinois area went on the trip and about 25 of the group were using wheelchairs. The group left at 6 a.m. and returned to Springfield at 10 p.m. They visited the World War II Memorial and the tour bus also took them to the World War I Memorial, the White House, the Pentagon, the Iwo Jima Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.



"It was just amazing how emotional everyone got," he said. "I'd do it again in a heartbeat if I could." This was Steve's first trip; although he has volunteered with the Chicago chapter of the organization, he had not made the flight before. "It was worth it," he said. "I hope I can do it again next year.

For more information about the Honor Flight Network, go to honorflight.org.



Focus on Faculty

Pascuala Herrera on TV with Positive Message

It all started at a gas station when Pascuala Herrera, professor, Access and Disability Services, who uses a wheelchair, couldn't get an attendant to come out and help her pump gas into her car. After a long wait, Pascuala's daughter offered to pump the gas with some instruction from her. That's when the attendant came out of the gas station. "He was scolding me," she said. "He said that kids under 16 years of age couldn't pump gas. I said, 'then why didn't you help me?' I was pretty mad."

That's when Pascuala decided to call her Facebook friend, Karen Meyer, a features reporter for WLS-TV, Channel 7, who covers issues dealing with people with disabilities. "I sent her a private message saying I had researched the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding using gas stations and I told her my personal story. She became very interested and decided to use me for a story about access at gas stations. During the filming of that story, she and I talked about my personal life and she wanted to do a story about my family. She ended up coming over to my house for an interview," said Pascuala.

The interviews, presented by Karen Meyer about Pascuala and her family, aired on television and are being used by Pascuala in her classroom. "I showed it in one of my classes and have incorporated it into my lessons," she said. "I feel it's a positive message about disabilities and it's a new way to look at living with disabilities." The television piece also had an impact on Pascuala's family. "It's made my

girls feel empowered at school," she said. "I forwarded it to their school and it was shown to the students. Now my girls' friends see people with disabilities in a different light."

To watch the interviews, visit harpercollege.edu.

Au Revoir Retirees

Shirley Pruyn

Shirley Pruyn, administrative assistant, Student Activities Office, retires at the end of September with over 17 years of service. She began working at Harper in January 1993. "I enjoy the staff, advisors and students I've worked with through the years," said Shirley. "The job is busy and varied, making the time pass quickly."

Maintaining her "good working relationship with all the departments and students" she came into contact with has been Shirley's greatest accomplishment at Harper. She was responsible for enhancing the Student Activities Office's annual report, which grew from one page to over 50 pages.

Shirley's short-term retirement plans include travel. "Bob and I love national parks and being outdoors," says Shirley. "In early October, we have planned a New England cruise that sails from Baltimore to Halifax. After the cruise we plan to visit Washington D.C. for a few additional days."

"I have been very happy working in Student Activities," said Shirley. "I have always been proud to say I work at Harper College."

Ursula Youngwith

Ursula Youngwith, business information analyst, Information Technology, will also retire at the end of September with over 13 years of service. She began working at Harper in June 1997. She has worked in IT as a project manager or a programmer/analyst.

"I enjoyed participating in the selection and implementation of the library system," she said. "The implementation of the Room Scheduling system was also interesting and rewarding. Other than that, I enjoy streamlining business processes and helping users with their tasks."

Ursula's retirement plans include "travel and lots of reading."

Harper Tidbits

The Harbinger; College Dining Room; Hospitality Club

The student newspaper, *The Harbinger*, wants employees to consider running inexpensive ads in the paper for campus events, workshops and meetings.

Contact *The Harbinger* at extension 6460, or e-mail them at HarperHarbinger@gmail.com.

Don't forget that the Harper College Dining Room is open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Why not have your department, group or club meet you there?

Each week, three Harper College Dining Room customer names will be randomly drawn and one prize awarded in each category – free dessert, half off entrée and free entrée. The more you visit the dining room, the more chances to win! Make a reservation at least one day ahead and fill out two entries for that day.

Food and service is prepared and provided by the hospitality management students. **For reservations**, call extension 6426 or 6580 after 11 a.m.

The Hospitality Club, a student group, is looking for business. Do you need items baked, parties catered, food for meetings? Consider employing this student group which has a state certified kitchen. Contact their advisors for more information at pdoepke@harpercollege.edu or prios@harpercollege.edu or call extension 6246.

Photos

Hullabaloo

About 1,200 students attended the Fall 2010 Hullabaloo. Students gathered information about how they can get involved with student clubs and organizations as well as what services the College has available.



There were 35 representatives from various student clubs and organizations, such as Environmental Club, International Students' Club, Latinos Unidos, Campus Activities Board and others. "We wanted students to get to see what's offered at Harper beyond the classroom," said **(Mary) Veronica Eklund**, a second year Harper student from Wauconda and president of the Campus Activities Board, the organization that sponsored the event.



There were Harper staff members from 12 College services, such as Health and Psychological Services, Harper Police, Harper Library, Harper Tutoring Center, and others.



Students participated in free activities, such as Tarot card readings, handwriting analysis, airbrush tattoos, photos in the Big Red Chair, and drawings for free prizes. The Harper Pom and Dance squad participated and Intramurals provided volleyball. Harper Police used Baggio with one game's participants using beer goggles and the other without beer goggles.



InsideHarper Go Guide

Chase Some Storms with *Discovery Channel's* Reed Timmer

As tornadoes hit, most people seek safe shelter; extreme storm chaser, **Reed Timmer**, on the other hand, pursues the spiraling funnel cloud. He chases super-cells, tornadoes and hurricanes and lives for times when the weather is nasty and the rain is coming down sideways. "I really do love it," he said. "Especially if it's driving rain. Horizontal rain is the best."



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Timmer, who's kicking off his fourth season on the *Discovery Channel's Storm Chasers*, will take his audience on a ride into his adrenaline rush world at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 5 in the Performing Arts Center. His talk will examine his controversial obsession with Mother Nature's most dangerous side, although he denies he's a wild weather junkie.

Tickets for his Harper show are \$5 to \$9; call 847.925.6100 or visit harpercollege.edu for more information.

Go Guide

National Banned Book Week

Monday, September 27 through Thursday, September 30
Harper College Library
Building F, first floor

Jim Edstrom, professor, Resources for Learning, wrote an article for *Triblocal* regarding Banned Books Week. See Inside Harper online to read the piece.

Includes students reading their favorite passages from the Koran; two scenes from "Of Mice and Men" by the Harper College Theater Club and **Kevin Long**, instructor, Liberal Arts; a Reader's Theater of Banned Books/Censorship by **Margaret Bilos**, instructor, Liberal Arts and Speech students; A discussion of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's "Herland" by **Marianne Farinas de Leon**, instructor, Academic Enrichment and Language Studies; and a debate about Censorship by the Speech Team and Phi Theta Kappa with **Josh Sunderbruch**, associate professor, and **John Garcia**, assistant professor, both of Liberal Arts. See harpercollege.edu for more information.

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Art exhibit

Featuring local and national artists
October 4-November 4
Art Exhibition Space
Building C, Room C200

For this exhibition, guest curator **Margaret Buchen**, adjunct faculty, Liberal Arts, and curator, Harper Art Collection, has assembled an exciting group of artists who use printmaking techniques in non-traditional ways. (trans)MARK will include diverse work, by local and national artists, that expands the concept of the multiple or reproduced image.

Guitar Legends Concert

Featuring Peter Aglinskas and Rick Neeley

Saturday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.
Building A, Room A238

Harper Symphony Orchestra: Chicago Latino Music Festival

Sunday, October 10, 3 p.m.

Dr. John Corvino, columnist "The Gay Moralist"

Thursday, October 14, 2-3 p.m.
Building E, Room E108

Harper Guitar Solo Concert

Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Drama Lab (Building L, Room L109)

FUEL, documentary film and discussion

With filmmakers **Josh Tickell and Rebecca Harrell Tickell**
Wednesday, October 20
5:15 p.m. film
7 p.m. lecture and discussion
Building E, Room E106

Twin Bowl

Harper College vs. Grand Rapids Community College

Saturday, October 23
Tailgate party begins at 11 a.m. in the Oasis Circle Drive outside of Building A
Football game begins at 1 p.m.

Steven Warren Hill, author

Silver Scream: 40 Classic Horror Movies
(Volumes 1 and 2)
Thursday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.
Building A, Room A242

Benefits Corner

BlueExtras

Through the BlueExtras program, members are eligible to receive discounts on health care products and services that help support a healthy lifestyle, which are usually not covered under their health plan. **Effective July 1, 2010, some changes are taking place with Blue Extras program.**

Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating is being added to the program. Seattle Sutton's provides freshly prepared, calorie-controlled meals designed to help with weight loss and management of certain health conditions. The company offers a National Home Delivery program, or a convenient pick-up option in some areas. Members can receive \$5 off one week of meals (21 total meals); \$30 off five weeks of meals when all are paid for in advance; \$100 refund/rebate after purchasing 25 consecutive weeks of meals.

Curves will no longer be part of the BlueExtras program.

However, many Curves locations are part of the Fitness Program network. Members whose health benefit coverage includes Blue Care Connection and their covered dependents age 18 and older are eligible to join the Fitness Program for a one-time fee of \$29 plus \$29 per month. No long-term contract is required and members who participate have access to more than 1900 fitness centers across the country.

For more information about the BlueExtra program, log onto bcbsil.com.

Harper Trivia

August 20 Question

How many incoming freshman and first-generation college students graduated from the Retention Efforts for Academic Completion at Harper, also known as R.E.A.C.H. this past summer?

Answer:

126

September 27 Question:

How many goals does the College have?