

Possible classroom infusion elements in *Harper College: The First 50 Years*

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In published text:

1. Race and gender issues (chapter 2).
2. Student activism, Viet Nam War and Kent State (chapter 2), William Westmoreland protestor, illustration (chapter 4), Social Justice League (chapter 7). Also, student power, or lack thereof, in institutional decision-making: administrative reorganization, faculty evaluations, Student Senate prez resigns in protest (all in chapter 3).
3. Community college, multiple missions and controversies—e.g. vocational vs. transfer, cc's as “second-rate” institutions, etc. Throughout, but esp. preface, Lahti on Harper vs. Triton, Setlik column, Seward comment on “steering” students toward vocational, board visit to California system (all in chapter 2), McGrath influence (chapter 4), guided pathways (chapter 7).
4. Steps toward unionization (chapter 2)
5. Harper as cultural center (chapter 4 and Appendices A and B)
6. Development of the physical plant—adequate to student needs? (throughout, but esp. parking issues starting in chapter 2, architect's vision of a “village air” (chapter 2), building M (chapters 3 and 4), Avanté (chapter 6), building D renovation (chapter 7)
7. The strike, the Breuder presidency and students as “clients” or “customers” (chapter 6). Lahti could also be discussed here—e.g., his emphasis on Management by Objectives (chapter 3).
8. Should Harper seek to offer baccalaureate degrees? (chapter 6)
9. Artwork on campus (Insert 4.1 and chapters 4 and 6)
10. Should Harper have a football team? (chapters 2, 5, and 7)

Material deleted from original manuscript (available upon request)

1. Ratcliff description of multiple sources of the community college idea, and the conflicts that sometimes result. This is a fuller development of material now condensed into an early footnote. Also, more material on community colleges as “contradictory” institutions. (Original preface.)
2. Student complaints over student apathy could be joined to #2 above (see, for example this deleted excerpt describing a *Harbinger* column 9-24-92):

Always lingering behind such issues lay the specter of student “apathy” in regard to student government, for which, typically, a small group of motivated students won office through election numbers that rarely exceeded double digits. As a student editor declared, “Apathy Wins! Again!!” Noting a fall electoral turnout of eighty-six students

out of more than twenty thousand possible voters, the student wickedly commented, "We were going to write an editorial about it, but decided not to bother."

3. Administration has college "agent" planted in classroom to catch suspected drug dealer—without notifying instructor that a "fake" student was in his classroom, 1971. (Frank Smith can tell you all about it.)

4. Harley Chapman on condescension from grad-school classmates for teaching at community college, 1970s (in conjunction with #3 above)

5. Opposition to formation of a Gay and Lesbian Club in the age of AIDS, 1992.

6. "Fear and Loathing" article in *Harbinger* (10-30-00) attacking Breuder (could be done in conjunction with #7 above). Could be linked to another passage re Breuder:

One member of the presidential search committee recalled, "I remember visiting [Dr. Breuder's] college in Pennsylvania. And he was showing us around the campus, and a building or something was named after him, and he was marching us around and the only thing I could think of was, 'This must be the way Napoleon acted.'"

7. Trustee Leon Shure on lack of diversity hiring in 2001—"entrenched institutional discrimination" (chapter 5). Also, board censures Shure.

8. Breuder's new "pleasure dome" in building A, complaints about his personal conduct, 2002

9. Students Patrick Andrews and Sean Kelly on the 2002 strike.

10. Board debate over Harper granting 4-year degrees. Sample passage: "Finally, Murphy warned against alienating peer institutions, state legislators, and partner universities. In a strangely effective mixed metaphor, he asserted, 'We are burning bridges so we can tilt at windmills,'" 2004

11. Hijab controversy, 2005. (Rich J. can tell you all about it.)

12. Sculpture debacle: Breuder buys "A Walk in the Mist" for Avanté fountain, 2005

13. Publication of *Harbinger* suspended over content controversy, 2006; Dann Gire fired.

14. Harper 7th in nation in RateMyProfessor rankings (Charles Brown and Helen Burroughs top the charts), 2010

15. 9/11 remembrance featuring Sam Giordano and former student Mahan Khan ("A Reflection from a Muslim-American"), 2011

16. Student reporter on Jesse Jackson's speech in March 1969:

About 750 Hawk students as well as visitors listened as the tall hippie-clad Negro organizer railed about what he called racism, widespread starvation, military and civil injustice. Not once did he directly mention Negro economic or political progress in his appearance in the Elk Grove campus fieldhouse. . . . Frequent bursts of applause marked the organizer's talk. One of the noisiest and longest reactions came to Jackson's appeal for beauty and fertility. His implication: An animal-like procreative process "blessed by God" but far from the realities of responsibility. (The Harbinger, March 17, 1969)