The annual Harlequin awards banquet has been scheduled for May 15, with registration ending soon after Easter vacation, banquet chairman Rodney Blomquist has announced.

Being held at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre in Chanhassen, the evening includes an awards ceremony for members' achievements and contributions during the year, a dinner, and a major production put on by the Dinner Theatre, which this year is Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma."

Invited guests, including old and new members of Harlequins and season ticket holders, to register by April 5 at the drama office. Prices for the dinner and tickets are $8.95 for students under 22 years of age and $10.95 for adults. There is no charge for guests who wish to attend only the awards ceremony.

This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:12,13

S.A.L.S. Conference to be at C.S.P.

By Wendy Williams

The Synodical Association of Lutheran Students will be having their annual Spring Conference at CSP for the first time in seven years. Delegates representing every college in the synodical system will gather on our campus, April 20 and 21, for a weekend of workshops and business meetings. The Deans of Students of the various schools have been invited as special guests and many of them will also be attending the conference.

The theme for the Spring S.A.L.S. Conference is "Moving forward in Unity." The workshops scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 20, will reflect this theme as the delegates discuss the following topics: "Our Ministry Today; the College in the Community", "The Use of Media in our Ministry" and "Alive in Christ or Dead in Apathy/Student Involvement on Campus." The delegates will share ideas from their campuses and try to work out mutual problems in these workshops. The current difficulties in our Synod will also be discussed at a special evening session on Saturday. The delegates will be attempting to analyze the affect of the controversies on our campuses, as well as in our future ministry.

In the Sunday's Business Meeting, the S.A.L.S. delegates will be dealing with resolutions on a variety of subjects. The resolutions passed during this meeting will go to the Student Life Commission and, from there, to the Board of Higher Education.

For many years, CSP has failed to take an active role in S.A.L.S. However, the last two years has seen a revival of interest in this organization on the CSP campus. A delegation of 13 students was sent to the Fall Conference at Seward and many of these people have been involved in making plans for the Spring Conference here, in St. Paul.

Wendy Williams, a student at Concordia, St. Paul, is the chairwoman of the eight person committee planning the conference.

The word, EASTER, spoken or written conjures up an entire cluster of thoughts, such as Springtime, lilies, eggs, rabbits, newly hatched chicks, joyous music, the open grave, and above all—LIFE. In Gen. 3:19 God sentenced rebellious man to death. Since then the open grave is a symbol of death and corruption resulting from man's rebellion against his creator. But behold! The miracle of Easter brought about by God's mercy and grace through Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life. Now the open grave is a symbol of eternal life. The open grave is there—not to receive a corpse destined to corruption and eternal death, but evidence of the Risen Lord. As a glorious consequence every Christian can raise his voice with St. Paul in triumph: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 15:55,57)

A blessed Easter to you, dear reader.
Co-ed Council plans for Mother—Daughter Days

"You've got a Friend" in your roommate, your classmate, your fellow worker, your professor, your favorite guy or girl, your MOTHER. Especially your mother, says Coed Council as they voted "You've got a Friend" as the theme for Mother-Daughter Weekend, May 3-5.

As in the past, the weekend begins with the Placement Service in the Chapel for graduating Seniors. The joys and excitement of the first call are shared with friends, family, and Friend in a special Communion Service Friday evening.

Saturday morning and afternoon is the time for Friends, to go shopping, sightsee, relax, enjoy each other in downtown Minneapolis.

Spring Career Day at Concordia, April 26, will again be a day for prospective students to spend the day visiting the campus, sit in on classes, see the dorms, hear discussions about programs and financial aid, and spend the day in fellowship with Concordia students. High school juniors and seniors from all over the state and surrounding area are being encouraged to attend Career Day.

Fred Jabs, a CSP student in charge of preparations for the day, urges all Concordia students to use the upcoming Easter vacation to encourage local students in their high schools and churches to plan on spending the day seeing the campus.

Jabs also requests any CSP students interested in helping with preparations for Career Day to contact him.

On death and dying...

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Death? Dying? Subjects of silence, right? Not so. At least such is not the case for some who haunt the halls of C.S.P. as many interested students and faculty exemplified with their presence at two convocations on Death and Dying.

The session that served as an introduction to the topic was held on Thursday, March 7, during convocation hour. The group that gathered to hear the speaker was large enough to fill the chairs, floor, window sills, and doorway. The speaker was Dr. Brautner, a psychologist and professor at the University of Minnesota. He spoke on the issue in terms of the attitudes that many people hold toward death and dying in general.

The follow-up convocation to Dr. Brautner's took place on March 28, and was led by Dr. Richard YaDeau, Chief of Staff at Bethesda Lutheran Hospital in St. Paul. Dr. YaDeau is an oncologist, cancer specialist, and a surgeon, and his approach to the issue dealt with the facts and questions that face the terminally ill patient and the doctor.

The culminating speaker in the short series on death and dying has made previous visits to the campus as he has spoken on other topics. He is anthropologist Dr. Paul Rosenblatt, and he will center his discussions on the cross-cultural attitudes and effects of death and dying. No definite date has yet been set for Dr. Rosenblatt's appearance, and, his approach will be different due to the fact that rather than lecturing to a large group at one time, he will be holding sessions in classes throughout the day.

In softball...

GIRLS PREPARE FOR SEASON

The Concordia Women's Softball Team is diligently preparing for their first game on April 23. With warmer weather the girls will be outside, but until then they are working out in the gym every day with Mrs. Kathy Surridge as coach.

Out of the seventeen girls participating, seven are returning from last year. Three of these are seniors, Sharon Bach, Sandy Odegard, and Jacki Schulze.

There are eleven games scheduled with seven colleges, including the University of Minnesota. "The highlight will be playing in the state tournament", commented Jacki Schulze.
As a part-time student at Concordia, Carol Hedensten is studying towards her Director of Christian Education certificate. At the same time, she is also working at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf in St. Paul, as an assistant to Rev. Richard Reinap, who has been serving the deaf in Minnesota for over three years, as Assistant Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth.

Within a year after obtaining her bachelor of Arts degree in Art at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., (the world's only deaf college), God called her into the ministry to the deaf.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Working at Nursing Home...

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

By Sue Phillips-

Who knows more about life than someone who has lived it? Who can understand love better than someone who has been married for 60 years? Who has more time to sit and talk than someone confined to a wheelchair? Who appreciates company more than someone who hasn't had a visitor for the last two months?

I work at a Nursing Home and deal with the same people that I mentioned above. These little old people have a lot to offer if only our society would open their eyes to realize it. Whenever I tell people where I work the common response I get is "Oh can you stand those Crazy Old People?" I used to feel the same way about Nursing Homes, but now my attitude has changed.

One day when I walked into my favorite little lady's room she very seriously asked, "Do you have hopatgitsa?" I didn't know what she was talking about so I asked what a hopatgitsa was. She laughed and replied, "It's a disease of the heart that can be so fatal people end up married!"

Most of the people are full of witty sayings and can respond very intelligently to a conversation. They can really keep me thinking most of the day. Believe me, there is never a dull moment around the Home.

Most of the people are in the over-75 generation, but they love to play cards, go bowling (have you ever seen somebody bowl from a wheelchair?) play bingo, listen to people sing, have their own sing-along, attend Bible study, and they really love their parties and outings. Farrel's really gets and have their Christian fellowship, along with luncheon and games. The Ladies' guild and Young Women's Circle are actively involved in Lutheran Women's Missionary League, (LWML), and their purpose is to serve the Lord and help others. The youth organizations are also quite active in the congregation. They have many monthly activities, including social events, camping, recreational activities, and devotions.

Before the Sunday worship services, Sunday School, Bible classes, and confirmation classes are all held. In the Sunday School program, children, deaf and hearing, range in ages from three to 17 years old. They have been studying lessons on the events of Jesus' ministry, and have shown a great eagerness in learning about Jesus. In the opening, before the classes begin, the students join together in singing with the use of sign language, offerings, visual aids relating with their lessons, and prayer. The children also hold an annual Christmas program, a Sunday School picnic in June, vacation Bible School, and a summer camp.

In addition to these activities, sign language classes, for beginners and intermediate, are offered at Prince of Peace on Tuesday evenings.

... and a lot of action once a month when the old folks go there to celebrate all the birthdays. I could go into a lot of funny things that happen with these people, but most of them you already know from the old folk's jokes going around. All I want to say is that it really does take a lot of talent to win a wheelchair race!
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PARAPHRASE OF I CORINTHIANS 13

"If I can sing all verses of Bridge Over Troubled Water for memory or preach like Billy Graham, but say nothing loving, I am nothing but an electric guitar or a set of drums. If I have E.S.P. and am learned as Einstein, or can move mountains by the exertion of faith alone, but have no love in my heart, I am as empty as outerspace. If I put my whole wardrobe in the Goodwill Bin, or set myself afire like a Buddhist monk, but do them without love, I accomplish exactly zero."

"Love does not lose its cool. It is thoughtful of others' feelings. Love is not a green eyed monster, nor is it like the little girl in Charlie Brown with naturally curly hair. Love is not snobbish; it forms no cliques. It is not rude, unattractive nor crude. It does not insist on its own way like Lucy does in Peanuts. Love is not like parents before they've had their morning coffee. Love does not feel the same way I do when a teacher asks a question on the final that has never been discussed in class. Love does not spread untrue gossip, but instead is glad to have it squashed. Love puts up with the pranks of Concordia students. Love trusts in the strength and righteousness of God. It sees the doughnut but not the hole. Love puts up with small irritations constantly.

"Love is for keeps. As for Ouija boards and political speeches and PH.D.'s, they will croak. Our data is incomplete, and tea leaves sometimes lie. But when love reigns, war and hunger and strife will end. When I was a kid I talked baby talk, my thoughts were immature, my reasoning for the birds. But when I grew up, I began to mature. As long as we are trapped inside these human bodies, we can only partially understand the wonders of the universe, but on day God's knowledge will be ours, and we will know Him as completely as He knows us. So faith, hope and love will last forever, but I'll put my money on love."

Ed. note - During the past two weeks we have received many reactions to the letter on streaking in the last issue of THE SWORD. Due to the lack of space, and because they all said basically the same point, it was decided to run only one of the letters we received. We think everyone who let us know their reactions, and request that you continue to do so. We will always try to use as many contributions as is possible.
Dear Concordia:

CSP was once thought to be the only college in the U.S. where there was an absence of sin. But due to recent developments, this belief has been disproved. There is sin at Concordia, there are Human Beings found here. Not since the Garden of Eden has there been a society such as some hope to find at Concordia.

I do not condone streaking, but this display has proven one thing. Concordia is not unique. It too consists of people. Human Beings as found in our society, cannot successfully lead a good and perfect life, but our God has forgiven

Easter Message: "He LIVES!"

By Virgil Kelm

The other day I happened to hear the pleasantly cheerful son of what I thought to be a robin; and upon careful observation my suspicions were confirmed. The passing that I connected with the sight of the first robin seemed to unburden me from what remained of the winter blues. Surely I could trust this to be an indicator of spring, despite the fact that there were inches of fresh snow on the ground.

The Lenten season might also be compared to winter with its overtones of winter-type blash which deepen as we approach Good Friday. We are reminded of mankind wandering aimlessly in a snow storm of sin which is truly reason for despair. We can also envision a small crowd gathered on a lonely hill under an overcast sky on a Friday afternoon to watch three men die a most humiliating death; one of whom claimed to be God's Son.

Yet thank God the story doesn't end there, leaving the onlooker with a feeling of doubt and anxiety such as the script of J. C. Superstar does; a feeling that would express itself verbally in the question: "Is that all there is?" The Script as recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke informs us that this Jesus, who made claims of being God's Son and the only way to eternal life, was raised from the grave on the following Sunday morning; signifying a victory won over death and the grave.

To a world lost in sin and lying in a winter-like state of dormance, Easter morn should have signaled a newness of life. Mankind should have sensed a sort of springtime freshness because of the victory over the darkness of the world as well as salvation earned and finally available to everyone. But this was real and acceptable only to a small number of people who claimed to be his followers and friends; other people merely explained it away. Again, thanks be to God that our story doesn't end at this point.

Jesus gave the commission to His followers to "Spread this Good News to all nations", and he became invisible in order to accompany the proclaiming apostles to the end of the world, helping lost souls to see the significance of all that had happened and helping them to see the significance of all that, them to understand why his death and resurrection was necessary. Jesus also helps people to understand that this Good News points the way to eternal life for those who believe in His promises and place their trust in Him as the only way to unity and fellowship with our Heavenly Father.

The upcoming Easter break affords us an excellent opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus; connecting Christmas to Easter--to once again worship Him in the manger, to kneel at the foot of His cross on Calvary as well as to stand in awe outside of His vacant tomb. There is no question as to the blessing that will result from reading on of the Gospels from beginning to end and allowing our ever-present invisible Lord to lead us in a deeper understanding of the love which motivated him to die for us.
"POLICY COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW"

"Hooray, yippie, hurrah!"
"Yes, friends, the Student Policy Committee is alive and well — "Oh happy day!"

We first received word via inter-campus mail—an announcement for every person on campus— Convocation Hour, Thursday, fireplace, student union! "Hooray!—we'll march on the Student Union with our demands—we want...no, we demand... 24-hour visitation...with closed doors"—"Hooray!"—"Good one!"..."beer machines on every hall!"—"Yippie" and to feel secure and to be more involved with my chick...oops— I mean...the community, we demand telephones in every room"—"Hooray—yippie, hurrah!"

"And to feel secure and to be more involved with my chick...oops—I mean...the community, we demand telephones in every room"—"And last but not least"—"If Tim gets to keep mice in his room, I demand to have my pet elephant..."...

Well, not exactly, but the complaints and gripes department did surface Thursday, and we the students were given the chance to make a more direct imput into the machinery of student government and school administration than by our regular channels of dorm representatives (whoever they may be) and Student Senate. Voiced were concerns over security, beer policy, dorm hours, and other matters. Perhaps the break-in of Wollaeger dorm will stimulate tighter security.

With this in mind, it was learned that for each room to have a phone would cost only $1/4 a month. Also learned: the Student Policy Committee is recommending to the Faculty and Board of Control new open dorm hours which include 7-10 on weeknights and till 1:00 on Friday and Saturday. It was also learned that the committee had been studying the question of beer on campus all year—perhaps similar action will be forthcoming on beer.

Other questions raised were concerning having sales persons come to the dorms at the invitation of individuals for such parties as Tupperware, Avon, and so on.

Now listen—if there are changes you'd like to see, gripes you have, improvements to suggest, the Student Policy Committee wants to hear them. Put them in writing and take them to PO Box 580. Or better yet, talk to them in person. Let them know your position, push for it. They are happy to talk to you.

Faculty members of the committee are Profs. Offermann, Dannehl, Leininger, K. Surridge, Miss Horn, and Zachery. Students on the committee are Liz Fritz, Dee Kaechele, Mia Ringen, and Tim Costello.

Pax,

Randy Kreidt

Congressional Resolution
Proclaiming April 30, 1974 A National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer

Whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is Lord; and

Whereas, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own; and

Whereas, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us; and

Whereas, we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of "national security" that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety; and

Whereas, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively, with sacrifice and uncompromised commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

Whereas, it therefore behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, that the Congress hereby proclaims that April 30, 1974 be a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; and calls upon the people of our nation to humble ourselves as we see fit, before our Creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins.
C.S.P. Chapel—site of many struggles

by Sue Mussell

The life of the college student is filled with struggles—physical, moral, and spiritual. For Concordia College students, a site with a history of their struggles within its walls is the building located at the corner of Carroll and Syndicate avenues.

One of six original structures on Concordia's campus, the building was dedicated as the gymnasium in 1912. It remained the setting of athletic struggles for forty-one years. In 1953, however, increased enrollment caused athletics to be relocated in the new Lutheran Memorial Center. The absence of a church on campus led to the rebuilding and remodeling of the vacant old gym into the new chapel.

After a year of reconstruction, the Dr. Martin Graebner Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1955. Dr. Graebner, the second president of Concordia, had viewed many basketball struggles in this building. One athlete on the old gym floor has been Dr. Graebner's son, John. At the chapel dedication service, he preached from the pulpit which now stood beneath where the basketball hoop once towered.

Pastors, former Concordia athletes, who have returned to preach in the old gym recall anxious moments of stress and strain, victory, and defeat. They also realize that it remains the scene of many struggles. Daily, members of Concordia's population enter the chapel, taking their inner stress and strain to God. The victories and defeats once could be tallied on a scoreboard; now only victories through faith are tallied, with our Lord as the Conqueror.

At present, the journalism minister and SWORD and SCRIBE staffs are making plans for next year's publications. It has been suggested to combine the budgets and print a magazine to serve as both functions when collected they would serve as a yearbook.

Bethel College, St. Paul, prints a news magazine weekly. It is nicely laid out and is up on the news. We here at Concordia could probably print an issue once every two weeks.

Concordia, Ann Arbor, has an admirable system, printing one rather large volume per quarter with pictures, event coverage, poems, etc., which serve as an excellent keepsake. We would like to know your reactions and suggestions. Examples of Ann Arbor's PRIMATUM and Bethel's magazine will be at the Union desk for your comments.

Concordia Teams Working For Experience

Concordia's spring sports, tennis, track, and baseball, are just getting underway. These teams are vigorously preparing for the on-coming season by strenuous daily workouts in the LMC gym.

The coaches for this year's teams are John Hendrickson—tennis, James Rahn—track, and Robert Barnes—baseball. These coaches are working hard to develop the qualities of each of their players.

Each of these teams is young and inexperienced, needing time to develop their confidence, which is vital in any sport. The players are now more concerned with developing stamina to endure the pressures of a college sport.

The players are placing running, batting, volleying, jumping, throwing, and lifting weights so they may be physically ready for their sport.

The youthful teams should be offering thrilling and exciting entertainment for the spectators. The season schedules for these teams are posted in the student union by the information desk.

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Chorale visits Wisconsin on tour

The Concordia College Chorale has returned safely from its 1974 Spring Tour. We traveled throughout Wisconsin from February 22 until March 3.

Friday brought us to Medford. After a warm reception that evening we visited one of the local mink ranches of the community. Those vicious little creatures changed our ideas of the luxurious mink coat.

Saturday, we skipped down the road to Merrill where we had a chance to see the town, one whole street. That night we enjoyed a large crowd, and the beautiful organ we used with our Bruckner number. We also had a first in the history of the choir here. During the performance of a trio a piece of music somehow was dropped over the balcony upon an unsuspecting listener. It was reported that he held out his hand in anticipation for more.

Sunday saw us singing for two services at Zion Lutheran Church in Wausau. A dinner was followed by tours of the beautiful church and organ, after which we headed to Suring for an evening concert.

Monday we rolled into Green Bay, home of the Packers. After driving around the stadium a few times, we ended up at Redeemer Lutheran School where small folk group from the choir presented a program to the students. The afternoon was filled with bowling and shopping before the concert that night.

Tuesday, we took a side-trip to Denmark, home of Pat Henning-seen, to sing for the high school there. After a real life sleigh ride and a lunch at Pat's church, we were off to Sheboygan, where we sang an evening concert at the beautiful Trinity Lutheran Church.

Wednesday we made our way to Milwaukee, where we visited the Milwaukee Museum, the Pabst Brewery, the Milwaukee Zoo, and the conservatory during our free day there. While in Milwaukee we also sang at Emmaus Lutheran church and Concordia College.

Ending up our tour, we sang concerts at Menomonee Falls, Oshkosh, Berlin, and Wisconsin Rapids. While in Oshkosh, we also had the chance to share our faith through song with patients at two rest homes, besides having the chance to talk with them privately.

We made it back to Concordia Monday afternoon, with just enough time left to get some clothes washed before classes began again on Tuesday.

But as tired and ready to get back to our rooms and beds as we were, we all put our hearts into it when we took an extra minute out to sing our "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."