MPIRG has possibilities at Concordia

by Vicki Boomer

Each quarter all of us paying tuition are charged a dollar for something marked MPIRG on our roll. It seems quite puzzling. “About one-third of us have our dollars refunded and the other two-thirds let our dollars go in support of MPIRG,” said Earl Bianco, business manager at C.S.P. “It's said that many supporters and non-supporters, don't even know what the initials M.I.P.R.G. stand for, much less what it is.”

M.P.R.G. - Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, is a student-organized consumer group which was created in 1971 to serve students and non-supporters, who might benefit from such an arrangement, but leaves the making of the arrangement entirely to them. For any further information call Ms. Johannesson. For any further information call Ms. Johannessen. For any further information call Ms. Johannessen. For any further information call Ms. Johannessen.

Adding possibilities at Concordia

by Darlene Westphal

College students are often lonely when living away from home. With Residential Register they can come to the city's with an extended family and a place to live, is possible through Residential Register to secure comfortable accommodations with privacy in pleasant surroundings just by sharing expenses.

One of the goals of the project is to help integrate age levels in introducing young to old.

Many of the older people are physically and mentally okay, but they are lonely and don’t like to stay alone. The home sharer could share expenses or carry out certain household tasks, such as mowing the lawn, setting the table or reading aloud (for those of limited eyesight etc.). Sometimes all that is wanted from a “home sharer” is to provide a sense of security and companionship,” said Muriel Dethel, a Home Service volunteer. “The elderly should not be shut into nursing homes,” she added. “This is a way to keep them out.”

Home Services Association of St. Paul United Way Agency, is less than a year old. The project is funded under the Older American Act through a grant from the Metropolitan Council in conjunction with the Governor's Citizens Council on Aging. The project received $86,000 from the federal government this year.

Depending on the success the St. Paul area will be used as a model for others. As far as is known, the project has never been done before.

It would set up a “matching” service between senior citizens who would like to live with home sharers in those persons, who might benefit from such an arrangement, but leaves the making of the arrangement entirely to them.

Basically the aim of the Residential Register is to make it possible for the elderly to remain in their homes as long as possible; the home they lived in and love in.

For many years social services have been receiving phone calls from the elderly person living in his or her own home, asking for someone to live in or share their home.

Many social service people did become concerned that this need was not being met and a year ago two meetings were held under the auspices of the Human Resources Planning Council to discuss the problem.

The concept of the Residential Register was thought out and later inserted as a part Home Services. The grant specifies that the Residential Register be maintained by volunteers under the supervision of a volunteer Coordinator, who is Grace Johannessen.

An official right to vote.

The amendment adds voting power as an elected Student Body Representative. The Constitution does not state whether the Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer should vote. In the past they have voted not to have this amendment give them an official right to vote.

The present Parliamentarian, Dan Krueger feels that the amendment, who represents MPIRG on this Board of Directors, should become involved in. MPIRG is an organization you should become involved in. Scott Nesse, Chairperson of the Student Board of Directors of MPIRG put it this way; “MPIRG is an organization for students who wish to have a voice in decisions that affect their lives. Only with input from you can we be effective.”

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Concordia students offer opinions

What is your opinion on the synodical problem:

Chris Hass — Junior
"I don’t know that much about it. I feel they could have done more for the students. You never know that much of what was going on or anything. They could have printed more. I wasn’t aware of anything that was going on. Maybe I just didn’t follow up on it, but I just wasn’t aware. They could have had more written up about it.”

Kathleen Dust — Junior
Teacher Ed.
“I think that most of the students still have a very apathetic attitude towards everything because nobody really knows what’s going on. I think the college has done a good job in presenting it. I also think they should have a daily or weekly writeup in common every day language so that every single student will understand what’s happening, because the last time I heard about synod is when Preuss came.

Coreen McCorkle — Sophomore — Teacher Ed.
“I think they did okay for it’s really a hard issue, it plays on people’s emotions, people get upset so easily by it. I think so far it’s been handled ok. I suppose it could be better.

Mark Olson — Junior
Teacher Ed.
“I got kind of tired of hearing about it. Like, whenever they have a Student Senate meeting they’re talking about how this is working out and this and that. You just hear it so much over and over again that it gets to where I just want to forget about it.”

Pam Gronewald — Senior
Teacher Ed.
“I wasn’t here for five weeks, so I really don’t know what went on. I think they put out an effort, but I think part of it lies with the students themselves. Because I think of them didn’t turn out, and they were pretty apathetical about it. So more of this lies with the students than with the faculty.”

Gary Forsberg —
“I think they’ve presented both sides pretty fairly. There has always been material around about both sides of the debate, the way I see it. I was surprised that material like the ELM paper was delivered to us in our mail boxes. I was surprised, but kind of glad that they were that open about it.”

Mary Frusti — Freshman
“I think they’ve been fair about it. When they held it in chapel that one time, I didn’t like that and I hope they keep it out of the chapel. But I think their evening talks have been good. I think there’s gonna have to be some sort of resolution because they’re not going over very good.”

Dorm Rules Need To Be Reevaluated

A poll was recently taken by the student policies committee concerning the dorm visitation hours. A few points of disagreement felt by the students deserve discussion.

Saturday, the dorm hours are from seven p.m. to one a.m. This would benefit students who wish to work on projects together. Also, when a student has a boyfriend/girlfriend they will want some visiting for a weekend. The extra hours would give one more time to spend with the individual in privacy of the room.

The dorm hours now state that the lounges are only open during dorm hours. Where can two people or a group of people go to study before or after hours besides the library or the union? What happens when they “Close” Pietarski and they’re not going over very good.”

I am the manager of the dorm that has always been material around about both sides of the problem. As it is right now and presented it not completely. I think they’ve dealt with the dorm problem as it is right now and not as it has been. I think a lot of the students really don’t know where the problem originated, and what had been going on to bring out what’s going on now. I mean there are problems in the church now but the students don’t know where it was before.”

Iver Possah

“My campus has really known what’s going on, I feel as Christians we can apply our principles of Christianity to the area of a closed door and through discussion, work out problems between roommates.

A reevaluation of the dorm hour policy reveals that change must take place. Rules are being broken in the form of liberty with dorm hours and a closed door. Whatever is decided in the evaluation the campus is making on dorm hours, let’s put everyone on equal footing. The rules that are decided upon should be enforced.

Changes made in The Sword

The Sword has changed its format and enlarged its staff this year. The purpose of this is to make The Sword a college newspaper, not a glorified high school paper.

Craig Hergert, the sports editor, and Pam Beyer, the assistant editor, have been added to the staff to increase the number of student writers. This year’s goal is for more indepth news stories. The paper hopes to cover issues that concern the student body.

The change in the paper size will give the paper more of a professional look. This size will also help to make the assembly of the paper easier.

Another addition to the staff is Cindy Fitzner as our librarian. She is in the process of setting up various files in the Sword office. The files will contain past issues, current information and pictures of past issues.

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Merry Christmas
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Musical talent flourishes on campus

by Jay Reinke

No one can say that Concordians have no initiative. If one stops to look at some of the groups that exist on campus, especially on the musical end of the activities spectrum, one soon sees that students do take action to pursue their varied and goals. Two groups, “Hergy and the Heartbeats” and “Just Jesus”, are good examples of individual involvement by students.

“Hergy and the Heartbeats” is Concordia’s own version of the “American Graffiti” / Renassance. The age of boy boxy, sad-faced, pony tails, drive in a ‘56 chevy every time the Heartbeats get on the road, they do. Craig “Hergy” Herget, Tony “Sluggo” Steinbronn, Paul “Frog” cater, and Dave “Mad Dog” Maki, do most of the vocals, with the accompaniment of Bruce “B.S.” Brittman, Jim “88 Fingers Andy” Anderson and键盘手urat Kalleinen. Besides this already outstanding line-up of musical prodigy, Miss Wendy Jensen, a student from Nigeria.

The peace of the world is born on Christmas. Christ is the peace of the world. This is the birth of Jesus, which was organized in September. Comprising the group are Jim Olsen, lead guitar and vocal; Luther Philya, keyboardist; finite Steinbronn, vocals and guitar; Roger Gerdin, graduate of Bemidji State, is the group technician and is responsible for the overall appearance of the group. Each member of “Just Jesus” came to Concordia with previous group experiences, but hit upon the idea of a Christian band here. Because of the group’s music, it spread the message of Christ while employing and enjoying the talents God has given them.

“Just Jesus” performs for Christians and non-Christians alike, with the thrust of their ministry aimed at encouraging those who already know of Christ to rededicate their lives to Him. According to members of the group, “the gospel of Jesus Christ is our mission.”

Besides playing and singing music, most of which is original, the group acts out parable-type dramas to emphasize and illustrate a Christian message. The skit material, contributed and modified by all the members, is aided by Roger’s B.A. in music and drama. Drama is, according to Kurt, “a very vital aspect of our ministry.”

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Dr. Heinicke visits India

by Steven Anderson

One of the most striking things was the absolute poverty of the country. Lepers with no fingers and stubs for feet as well as young children would stand in the streets begging for money.

Such were the comments made by Dr. Theodore Heinicke, Education Coordinator at Concordia, on his trip to India this past summer. The trip taken by Dr. Heinicke and 18 others was made possible through grant from the Fulbright-Hays Act and was co-sponsored by the State Department, United States Agency for International Development, and Education Welfare.

The group, chosen through their interests in Social Science Education and Curriculum development, left for New Delhi, India on June 14 and returned August 19. Their purpose was to attempt to understand the problems of India in the perspective of the Indian people, and how they are handling their problems.

The first four weeks were spent in New Delhi, the capital city of India, where they met with Indian officials and scholars. During this time, the academic segment of their trip, the group was given opportunities to talk with India’s government personnel. After a month of living in the capital city, the group was allowed to tour the country. Dr. Heinicke commented that during this time, the group was supporting his family on 25 dollars a month — and he was well dressed.

Another interesting discovery made by Dr. Heinicke was that there were separate castes in the Hindu religion, which did not crenate and modularize the Britons, who were customarily used in India. God been shown," she said. Though the group had not received any direct help, she was able to repay the debt to a large field and allow the carobid birds such as vultures to eat the bodies.

Of all the individuals that he met and visited with, Dr. Heinicke was impressed most by Mother Theresa. Mother Theresa is head of a group called “Sisters of Charity” in Calcutta. The sisters operate an orphanage and a home for the destitute and dying.

The Christian witness given by this woman is amazing says Dr. Heinicke. Most of the people in the home are taken right off the street and are on the verge of dying. The tremendous love of fellowship with friends and neighbors. More important it is for them to reflect on the birth of Christ, the peace of the world.

The Christmas tree is an unusual Christmas decoration for Sunday evening. The tree was placed among windows and entrances. The children in Nigeria believe in Father Christmas, a man like our Santa Claus. “In the big cities a man dresses up as Father Christmas and the children pay one kobo (70¢) to booth and receive a present as Father Christmas. The children in the villages separate into small groups by sexes. The groups put masks, dance around, and ask the women for donations. Sundays were planned why the children do this. They are proclaiming the joy that they feel because the Prince of Peace is born.

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Christmas in Nigeria

by Robin Tesch

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Basketball coaches have high hopes

by Donna Raedeke

“Our individual talent is great, but when you put us together as a team, we’re fantastic.” That’s what Rusty Burger and Kris David have to say about the 75-76 Concordia Comet Women’s basketball team — the Concordia Comet Women’s basketball team.

Eight returning veterans spark the comets roster this season and when you add to that the six new faces on the team, you have great potential.

Undermanned wrestling squad begins 75-76 action

The Comet wrestlers feature a new coach and an old problem as they start the ’75-76 season.

Roger Hennessy, the new coach, attends the University of North Dakota and was a mat coach at Central High and has consented to take the position this year. For a full-time coach can be found.

The old problem — Hal’s collection bedecked with a look at the squash first match, held Mon-
day, Dec. 8 against Pillsbury. The final was 33-17, CSP

The ‘75-’76 Concordia wrestling squad: (First row L to R) Joe Feia, John Reinholz. Not pictured: Randy Rose, Don Quick, Paul Feia, Tim Miille, and Craig Behrens. (Second row L to R) Roger Hennessey, the new coach. For example, The Atom

Student continues growing fondness for comic books

by Craig Nergert

Think for a minute about some of those old friends whom you left behind with your childhood. In that certain place are probably the likes of Superman, Spiderman, Capser, and Archie Andrews, and the gang. They’ve always been as near to a child as the nearest drugstore, ready to thrill anyone with twenty pages with adventures which can push away the restrictions of reality for a pleasant while. Although most comic fans stop making monthly visits to the drugstore for the latest crop of comic book in their high age, others hang on to what they feel is a rewarding hobby.

One such fellow is Concordia’s Hal Clifton, a Liberal Arts sophomore. A collection of comic books has reached a staggering total of 1375 by 1975 and month’s end, it will be about 1400.

It started when Hal was about ten years old and had the usual foot high stack of comics so familiar to all of us. But occa-
sional visits to the comic’s house changed that quickly. It was there that Clifton was ex-
opposed to a collection of 1500 comics and the notion that such a collection could be very valuable, given time. So Hal’s stack of comics kept getting larger while his waist simultaneously slimmed down.

Why such a love for comics? Hal commented that “I originally bought them for the story, but I think that when you’re older you can get an awful lot out of them, at least I do.”

One comic that has been a steady increasing price that comic books carry on their cover, a price which has jumped from ten cents to a dollar. The last one Hal managed to buy about 26 comics a month, which comes out to about $6.25.

Although Hal currently has no comics of great monetary value, he feels that his collection will prove to be worth even more than the reading enjoyment he’s gotten out of them. Many comics prove to be very valuable, moneymaking. “The value a comic depends on age, condition of the magazine, the issue, and the type of story it deals with,” he said.

In time, maybe Hal’s mother will thank Iron Man, Conan the Barbarian, the Fantastic Four, and all the others for the en-
joyment and rewards they’ve given to Hal.