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The Graduation Game

Package from home—gain 12 new friends & 2 points.
Initiation to Hergé's—lose 4 academic points.
Two weeks of food service—weekend trip home.
Spring Banquet's held on romantic cruise ship—you get seasick, lose 3 points.
Organ tryouts—you make it 4 points.
Financial Aid doesn't come through—drop out for one quarter, lose 3 prestige points.
Summer vacation, the old hometown just isn't like it used to be, lose 3 points.
You're chosen as Fall Dream Team—lose 3 points.
You correct 54 papers during final exams, this is teaching—gain 3 academic.
After 17 put-downs, you finally say yes to a date—gain 8 points.
Goodbye 03?–

Summer we—
Travel—gain $$. Error in your column, loses 1 point.
You're picked for the business, lost interest.
You think upper.

Reader's Views

by Prof. Robert Holtz

Once again Concordia has shown that she is somewhat aware of and deeply concerned about contemporary issues, the people of other nations, and the relationship of Christianity to these issues and people. The convocation of February 16, 1978 provided an opportunity to witness the demonstration of this awareness and these concerns as Dr. Lansine Kaba of the University of Minnesota spoke in our music auditorium.

Fortunately Prof. Rorie delayed the beginning of the convocation by five to ten minutes to allow the crowd which had queued up at the doors time to get seated. Had it not been for his quick thinking there could have been much confusion and distraction when Dr. Kaba began his talk.

The interest of the student body in such convocations was clearly demonstrated by the fact that twelve out of the seventeen students in attendance stayed for the entire presentation, even though this may have caused them to be a bit late for their 11:20 classes. Such a turn-out by the student body, plus the faculty members who gave up an hour of their precious time, caused Dr. Gebauer to remark that there were only about 460 empty seats in the entire music auditorium. Of course, he saw this as a positive sign because he's convinced that if convocation crowds get any longer the administration will be forced to agree with his plan for a new Fine Arts Building with an auditorium which can seat 3,000.

Obviously, this latest show of thirst for knowledge by the student body is going to force the Student Senate to allocate more money for convocation programs next year. Counting the honorarium for the speaker at this program, plus advertising costs, and the "people" hours spent preparing for this convocation, the average cost per student in attendance (we shouldn't count faculty members, because they usually get into school events at no charge) was only $12.21 each. With a little extra effort to get more students to attend such events we could easily lower that figure to $11.11 per student in attendance. Of course, if you count the entire student body; and one can argue that each student does benefit even if only vicariously--then the cost is a mere $.50 per student.

Midterms, papers, weddings, papers, graduation, papers, Spring Banquet, papers, canoeing, papers, and summer vacation all beckon us on to the future. "The future is yours" proclaims the wise sage of truth. Remember, the youth of today are the church of the future. . .

Concordia attempts to prepare us for the future, and indeed, she does the task well. Each quarter of each year seems to bring growing assignments from the profs. Each quarter of each year seems to bring increased longing for the future... if only graduation would arrive...

Amidst all the research, the tears, the joys, the drinking, the curses, the frustration, the prayers of a quarter we do not turn often enough to the source of any peace we are to find. And as a result, the frustrations continue--even seem to worsen--and we cannot share the joy and love that is in us. The "hi, how are you?" becomes a quickening noose, for what if someone really took our question seriously, and stopped to tell us?

Concordia is preparing us for a glorious future where we will be called professionals, where we will be leaders, where some of us will wear white collars and where all of us will wear crosses. Hopefully, when we are there, when we have arrived, when the future is now, we won't have forgotten how to care.

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As I write this article, I think back to a year ago at about this time. I was just starting to make plans for my campaign for the office of President of the Student Senate. The election proved to be very interesting as well as a good learning experience.

And now, a year later, I look back at some of the goals and ideas which I had for my campaign. Some of them can be viewed as successes and others are yet to be labeled.

So far, this year has proved very exciting as well as interesting. The opportunities to learn, to grow, to meet and work with other people and even the simple every day job of communicating has been challenging as well as rewarding.

I do not write this article as a commendation or a criticism of myself but as a small taste or insight into the position of an elected officer of the Student Senate. At the present time, the elections for the 1978-1979 officers of the Student Senate are under way. I would like to share with you a couple of facts which you might not know about the positions.

One is that the four positions are paid positions. Even though the non-tangible rewards are by far more important and valuable, there is a monetary reward.

Another little known fact is that except for the office of the President, the only thing required of a person who wants to run for an office is that he or she has completed at least one college academic year. Although experience is desirable, it is not necessary.

I hope with these things in mind, you will consider running for an office yourself or support those who you think will do a good job.

If you have any questions at all concerning the Student Senate elections, or any other aspect of student life here at CSP, please feel free to ask.

Thank you,
Mark H. Ebert, Student Senate President

Junior Scott Snow was recently heard to exclaim, "If I could tell anyone to 'Go fly a kite' it would be Ben Franklin because he would get a real charge out of it!"
The April convention of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) will be asked to extend a call to Lutheran union to the other Lutheran churchbodies in North America.

A document, entitled "A Call to Lutheran Union," which spells out both the invitation and the process to bring it about, was adopted by the AELC's Board of Directors when it met in St. Louis March 3-4. The document will be recommended for adoption by delegates to the April 14-15 convention in Milwaukee.

The document, if adopted, will invite other Lutheran churchbodies to make "a formal commitment to organic church union in a form in which Lutheran life and mission may be consolidated at all levels."

"We are convinced that for the sake of God's mission through the Lutheran family, the time has come for that Lutheran organic church union toward which Lutheran co-operation has been but one important step and which that co-operation has had as a continuing objective," the preliminary document says.

"This call begins with a call for commitment to Lutheran organic church union for the sake of God's mission. It then proceeds with an invitation to committed churchbodies to establish an implementation process that enables Lutherans at every level--congregational, judicatory, and national--to work together in determining how we should live and work together in carrying out the Lord's mission."

"We are convinced that organizational and polity differences are most apt to be resolved in the context of a commitment to organic church union for the sake of the church's mission," the document says.

The AELC Board plans to share the document with other members of its own constituency through a series of regional meetings prior to the April delegate assembly.

AELC President William Kohn, commenting following the adoption of "A Call to Lutheran Union," said, "Many members of the AELC have made substantial sacrifices because they are committed to union of the Lutheran family. 'A Call to Lutheran Union' indicates how serious we are. It is a beginning--an action of faith to make a reality of our hope."

Concordia-St. Paul

Ten women and ten men graduated from Concordia College-St. Paul during the Winter Commencement held February 22, 1978. The Rev. George Raap of Beloit, Wisconsin gave the commencement address. The graduates, with their hometown and major are as follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kevin Froelich
Ortonville, Minnesota
Liberal Arts-History/English/Biblical Languages

Susan Ellingson Garabrandt
Liberty, Missouri
Public Teacher-Physical Education K-12

Barbara Gehant
Hopkins, Minnesota
Church Teacher-English

Robert Gehrke, Magna cum Laude
Eagan, Minnesota
Liberal Arts-History/Classical Languages

Laurie Schlief Hayes
Buffalo, Minnesota
Church Teacher-Early Childhood Education

Paul Heinicke
Roseville, Minnesota
Liberal Arts-Social Science

Craig Herget, Cum Laude
Slayton, Minnesota
Liberal Arts-Literature

Cathy Lindholm
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Liberal Arts-Literature

Mark Logid, Cum Laude
Fridley, Minnesota
Liberal Arts-History/Classical Languages
Every family has those people in it that are appointed or appoint themselves to protect the others from harm caused by outsiders. The family here at Concordia is no different. Concordia has a "security force" of five guards who are also part of the Concordia family. The guards are Tom Wood, Travis Downs, Andrew Toopes, Alan Marxhausen, and Duane Longmire.

It is the function of the security force to provide security, of course, and this is best done by cooperation between all of the students and the security force. During most hours of the evening and night it is possible to find a Security guard by calling 645-0101 and asking for radio WO358. That will put you in direct contact with the guard that is on duty.

The question that sometimes comes up is: "When do I call the security guard?" The best time to call on the security force is when you see suspicious activity. In other words, if you see a group of people hanging around your dorm that you know don't belong to the Concordia family, call Security. The most frequent calls that the security force receives concern maintenance. These calls are forwarded to those in charge as quickly as is reasonable.

Spring is here and warm weather problems, such as peeping Toms and petty theivery, may occur. If this should happen call security. The best way to avoid these incidents taking place is to prevent them by using a little forethought. When in your rooms, if you don't want observers, pull the shades and close the drapes. When you plan on being out for any length of time make sure your windows are closed and locked and make sure your door is locked. That way you have some control over who comes in. If any trouble should arise you should call security. The security force on their part will try to prevent any trouble from occurring.
DCE's Make History

by Kathy Remund

During the weekend of April 21-23, some of CSP's D.C.E. students will be making history as they participate in the first Tri-school D.C.E. Retreat. This is the first attempt ever made at gathering students from the various LC-MS schools together for the purpose of sharing and growing in the D.C.E. ministry. It is expected that 70 students from the Concordias in Seward, River Forest and St. Paul will take part.

LeRoy Wilke, Coordinator of the D.C.E. Program at CSP, calls the forthcoming retreat "a unique first and a model of solidarity to the church and D.C.E. profession."

The Tri-school Retreat will provide opportunities for airing concerns about the D.C.E. profession, learning about the programs at the different schools, and personal sharing of faith. It is hoped that the program will result in both personal and professional growth for students.

Eldor Kaisor from Synod's Board of Youth Ministry will serve as program facilitator for the weekend. The three directors of the D.C.E. programs at Seward, River Forest and St. Paul will also have leadership responsibilities. They are Bill Karpenko, Bob Hanneman and LeRoy Wilke. Students, also, will plan and lead much of the program.

The retreat will be held at Camp 1-O-Dis-E-Ca near Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Consumer Credit for Young Adults

In more and more cases, consumer credit institutions ranging from banks to department stores are utilizing point scoring. There are purists who insist that point scoring will never replace sensitive, human judgment. Others, like Ted Lewis, vice president of Fair, Isaac & Co., Inc., of San Rafael, Calif., says point scoring is consistent and efficient, it eliminates human error and it saves millions of dollars for consumer credit enterprises. Fair, Isaac is considered the premiere developer of point scoring systems in America. Among their 200 well-known clients are Montgomery Ward, American Express, National Car Rental, Diners, Carte Blanche, Visa, Master Charge, the Chase Manhattan Bank and Citicorp, New York. The IRS has also been a client. (Says Lewis, "They like to know who's cheating.") A first-year savings of $400 million and a staff reduction of 20 to 30 percent is attributed, in part, to the Fair, Isaac point scoring system developed for the IRS. Lewis says point scoring can save a company from 20 to 45 percent of all its losses on bad debts. That savings is significant, Lewis says, when a major chain store can lose up to $50 million or more annually.

But Lewis admits, conventional point scoring usually is not favorable to young adults: "The 18-year-old age of adulthood came into being only recently. That age factor wasn't part of the point scoring systems when they were first developed," he says.

Although every point scoring system is specially tailored for each client based on that firm's credit history, there are some general criteria that usually figure into a point scoring appraisal. Routinely, high (or good) ratings are given to people who have a home phone, own rather than rent, live at the same address for several years, have checking and savings accounts, and who hold professional and supervisory jobs. While age may not always be a factor (indeed it may be obliterated by interpretations of the new Equal Credit Opportunity Act), it may still be found on a number of the older point scoring systems.

Lewis says a number of clients have asked if his firm has developed point scoring systems that treat young adults more fairly. Montgomery Ward already has a point scoring system, along with about two dozen other systems tailored to specific geographic and economic areas. "Lenders are interested in developing special scoring systems for any group left out of the credit picture," Lewis says. "After all, lenders make money by lending ... not by keeping cash in the bank." Lewis says that although separate scoring systems for men and women might permit women to fare better, anti-discrimination requirements cited by the Equal Credit Opportunity Act may not permit that. "That would be ironic, wouldn't it?" Lewis thought out loud: "In the case of young people, however, I'll bet the government will permit point scoring to be developed to benefit them." Lewis says his firm has not been commissioned to develop a point scoring system for young consumers yet, but he expects to begin collecting data soon.
Returnables vs. Throwaways

During the month of January, concerned citizens throughout the state demonstrated their support for mandatory deposit legislation by mailing 3,500 cans to Governor Perpich at the state capitol. The legislation they support would require a $.10 refundable deposit on all beverage containers: cans and bottles. Citizens Against Throwaways (CAT), a coalition of 13 citizen and environmental groups, promoted the mail-in.

The bill is much like the ones in Vermont, Oregon, South Dakota, Michigan and Maine. The Oregon bill, for example, has reduced beverage container litter 79 percent and all litter 35 percent. The amount of energy that would be saved by a deposit bill in Minnesota would be enough to heat 11,000 homes for one year. CAT members believe that mandatory deposits would reduce litter, save energy and natural resources, and help reduce solid waste.

Minnesota is paying more for throwaways as consumers in the grocery store, and as taxpayers, and paying for pick-up and disposal costs. The President of Coca-Cola USA, testified, "Coke sold in food stores in non-returnable packages is priced 30 to 40 percent higher than Coca-Cola sold in returnable bottles." The use of non-returnable containers is promoted especially by national brands of beer and soft drinks. It is cheaper for brand name companies to ship one-way containers into a state, and leave them for the people of the state to dispose of, than to ship returnable containers which impose higher shipping costs. In 1976, litter pick-up in Minnesota cost taxpayers over $1 million.

The Minnesota deposit bill has passed all of the necessary committees in the Senate and the House. "The time for returnables is now," says Frank Mabley, President of CAT, "Deposit 'money-back' bottles are returned for reuse. 'No deposit-no return' containers are littered. You know who pick them up! You know who pays the cost!"

Opponents of the mandatory deposit claim that the legislation will cause job losses. One-way containers, however, enable large companies to consolidate their plants, which result in a loss of jobs. A returnable system needs many people to function, people to sort bottles, to wash bottles and to fill bottles. It means more truck drivers and more warehouse workers. Mandatory deposit legislation means more jobs.

More information may be obtained by writing: CITIZENS AGAINST THROWAWAYS, 1045 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

AELC Objectives: Union and Diversity

Lutheran union and respect for congregational diversity are the two most desired characteristics sought by members of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC), according to a report by consultants Mabley, Luciani and Associates.

The report urged a six-month process of setting priority goals in those two areas, utilizing data and ideas provided primarily by member congregations.

According to the Mabley research, 82 percent of the respondents to a questionnaire expressed strong interest in Lutheran union, while 44 of the 51 randomly selected pastors placed Lutheran union as their highest-priority purpose.

Some 75 percent gave high priority to local initiative and diversity, as well as the desire for decision-making to be shared between AELC congregations and their headquarters' agencies.

The Mabley report grew out of six-months of research among the five Synods and individual members of the AELC. Personal interviews, regional consultations, and the return of more than 600 mailed questionnaires provided the data for the report and recommendations made to the AELC Board at its March 3-4 meeting in St. Louis.

According to Louis Mabley, the churchbody needs to articulate clearly-defined purposes, with goals to support such purposes, particularly in the areas of organizational structure, reason for existence, Lutheran union, and the churchbody's decision-making process.

He also recommended the six-month priority-goal-setting to the five AELC synods, as well as the churchbody's related agencies, Partners in Mission and Christ Seminary--Seminex.

Other high priority needs uncovered by the Mabley research included the desire for a better communications network, including an AELC newspaper.

Following his report, Mabley told the Board, "The AELC is unique among religious institutions in America today. The AELC must capitalize on its differences by assuming that the fact of differences is essential to creativity and growth. The best way to build unity is to embrace diversity."

The Board resolved to establish a task force consisting of Executive Secretary Elwyn Ewald and the five synod presidents to initiate a goal-setting process.

Institute Workshop

Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2. A workshop in Theater and Ritual will be conducted by Martha Boesing and Phyllis Wagner of the feminist theater collective At the Foot of the Mountain. The workshop is offered from 9 to 5 each day at Illusion Theater, 323 2nd Ave. North, Minneapolis. The cost of $23 includes admission on April 1 to the ritual drama The Story of a Mother now being performed at the Pillsbury-Waite Cultural Arts Center. To register, call 822-2241.

This workshop is sponsored by Maidenrock Women's Learning Institute with the assistance of a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.
Both CSP Men's and CSP Women's 1977-78 Basketball teams took their divisions in the Concordia Invitational Tournament.  

Great Commission Honored

Tell My People I Love Them reminds us of the Great Commission given to us by our Lord. Today He gives us many opportunities to share His love with others. Such an opportunity is the VII Annual (CC)² Evangelism Conference to be held on the Concordia College campus on April 14-16, 1978. This conference will involve high school students from the Minnesota North and South Districts along with students from Concordia College.

The conference starts off Friday evening with registration from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Memorial Center. Other activities of the evening include: singing, ice-breakers, keynote address by Guest Evangelist, Dr. Erwin Kolb, who is the executive secretary of Synod’s Board for Evangelism, small group discussions and devotions.

The major thrust of the weekend is the witness survey on Saturday afternoon. In order to prepare for this, Saturday morning activities include: “How to Witness” seminars, small group discussions, role-playing, and prayer. In the evening, witness survey participants will be given an opportunity to share their experiences. This will be followed by entertainment and devotions.

The climax of the weekend will be a Holy Communion victory celebration Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel, with a weekend wrap-up to follow. The theme for this weekend is Tell My People I Love Them. All interested youth counselors, pastors, parents, and adults are also invited to attend any of the scheduled activities for the weekend.


Gert M.: Thanks for all the special, beyond-the-call-of-duty things you do. The SWORD loves you!

B. Gehrke: San Francisco’s still standing? I thought you quaked the earth away! J.B.

Billy S.: After a month in the sun, are the profs still smiling? --B’s Mom

Profs: After a month in the sun, please remember grace and forgiveness. --B’s Mom

J. Mornes: I’m still waiting! --Lovely

CSP Profs: Don’t you remember that Spring is the time for birds, flowers, and young love? not reading, papers, and library resources! --A World Religions dropout

WANTED: Quick diet plan, or bikini alternative. --Freshmen M.R.S. student

WANTED: Members for Mattress Church beginning with the Rev. Pillow. --Satan

Ken O.: We get it, we get it! --L & J

M. Trench: What happened, did you stick your finger in a socket? --electrician

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B.B. Season Outlook Hopeful

by Scott Snow

Players, coaches, spirit, and talent are all integral parts of the 1978 Concordia College Baseball team as they look forward to a rigorous schedule for the coming season.

The Comets belong to the Mississippi River Collegiate Conference (MRCC) which, according to Coach Roth, is, "a very balanced conference. A conference that will be won by the team which gets the right hits and pitches well when it really counts."

Being a member school in the MRCC, the Comets face such formidable opponents as DMLC, Northwestern, Hamline, Bethel, St. Thomas, Pillsbury, and the University of Minnesota, among others.

According to Roth, who is beginning his first year as coach for the baseball team, they will play a season of 30 games. This number of games is nearly twice the number which the team played last year. Of these 30, the Comets will be playing 20 games on their home diamond. The first scheduled game will be April 4 against Hamline.

Comet Rod Nygren said of the team, "We've got a goal—something to shoot for, team spirit and unity. Now what we really need is support from the fans."

The team this year is composed of "24 players who have a good baseball experience and know-how. They have the skills and are hard working guys," said Roth.

This year's team includes (returning players are indicated with a ®): Dennis Hilken, Kurt Niebuhr®, Rod Nygren®, Pete Griffin®, Don Hunter®, Greg Esala®, Hal Clifton, Dick Krupp®, Mark Young®, Al Marxhausen, Mark Gingras, Steve Esala®, Lonn Maly, Barry Uecker®, Doug Johnson, Steve Sabatke, Aaron Jenkins, Dan Young®, Bruce Blocker®, John Smothers®, Steve Hirsch, Mark Marxhausen, Bob Kubiszewski, and Randy Strohmng®.

Junior Kurt Niebuhr commented, "We have some of the best first year players out since I've been here, so we should be strong both now and in the future."

Concerning fan support, Roth said, "We hope that lots of people will come out to watch because we will have exciting baseball and I'm confident that we'll give them (the fans) winning baseball, too."

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Women's Softball Season Begins

By Vicki Beemann

The Concordia Women's softball team began practice for their 1978 season on March 8. Seven players are returning this year. They are last year's Most Valuable Player Cindy Baumann, who played the position of catcher, Sherri Beemann, Marlene Bisping, Diane Naegele, Rebecca Reimann, Mardi Schwichtenberg, and Ruth Wagner. New players include Anne Behling, Joyce Dreyer, Barb Friedrichsen, Vera Guebert, Peggy Jackson, and Laurjie Lundgren.

Practices have been in the gym. The players are working on the positions they would like to play. No positions have yet been assigned. It is hard to make any predictions as to the ability of the team this early in the season.

The women have their first scrimmage April 7 against the University of Minnesota. The team has six home dates and eight away dates this season. The first home game will be played against the U of M Duluth on Saturday, April 15. The Concordia Comets hope to see all Concordians come out to support their team.
Spring Tour brings love & romance—gain 3 points.

Spring Quarter brings tears & sorrow. Lose 4 points.

You receive good evaluations from St. Tchig. I—gain 5 points.

You're chosen next year's SWORD editor—lose 6 points.

Your DCE internship family consists of 12 kids, 4 dogs, & 1 cat. Lose 4 points.

You move off campus—that last (food service wasn't that bad).

427 miles can't stop true love, brings homecoming, a ring.

Your IP team is asked to work overseas! Gain 4 points; postpone graduation indefinitely.

Two weeks prior to graduation: Registrar notifies you you're short 2 credits. Hello summerschool—lose 8 points.

4 classes filled except Old T., New T., & Prin. of Christianity—lose 3 points.

Fall quarter: 7 language credits (do you really want that collar?)

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