Like snowflakes, we are each unique, but God made and loves us all.
Devotion

by Carl Trovall

Love. The word pervades our society, and yet so few people understand its true meaning. Even we Christians often do not understand this 'simple' four letter word. We are constantly bombarded by messages distorting the meaning of love, mostly through the secular music media. It's no wonder that when we listen to the world about us, rather than God's Word, love is hardly ever defined correctly and put in its proper place.

Love seems to be a word that is foremost on everyone's mind. The other day I had the opportunity to listen to KDWB in the car for a total of five continuous hours. All but one song dealt with love, sex, boyfriends, girlfriends, etc. These songs are all a reflection of how our society perceives the meaning of love.

It appears then that Christians are the ones who must not only educate the world as to what love means (both on the marital and friendship levels), but also demonstrate and live it. Without demonstration and action, love becomes a mere philosophical idea.

The primary example of this love is Jesus Christ. God did more than simply tell us in a book what love was. He actually brought Himself into the world and showed us what ultimate love was.

Have you ever thought of what Jesus could have said in the Garden of Gethsemane? "When the dreadful cup was before Christ, He did not say within Himself, 'Why should I go to plunge Myself into such torments for worthless, wretched worms that cannot be profitable to God or Me, and that deserve to be hated by Me?"

fuel. Courses which now just touch on some areas could be lengthened, thus getting more into details in a particular area. It would also make it easier to take classes at other colleges because the semester courses would be aligned with them. Also the Band and Christus Chorus groups could take longer visits to other areas of the country to spread the gospel.

Another option would be to keep our present three quarter system but start later in the year to eliminate finals before Thanksgiving and put them before Christmas. However, the disadvantage of this would be that it would start too late in the year, namely being in the month of October.

What is the final solution? We welcome comments from faculty, staff, and students. Please send them to The SWORD in care of editorials.
How do you rate as a Comet?

Everyone has been at Concordia long enough, by now, to get used to the various activities on and off campus. Below are a few questions to see how you’ve adopted, and how you rate as a CSP Comet.

1. Does the Dominos Pizza man know you by sight?
   (Yes - 3 points; no - 0)
2. Have you ever dressed up Martin Luther?
   (Yes - 5 points; no - 2 points)
3. Did you come to CSP for:
   a. a rapid weight gain (1 point)
   b. to find your mate (3 points)
   c. to study (1 point)
4. Have you ever stayed awake for an entire lecture?
   (Yes - 1 point; no - 2 points)
5. Did you ever tell your R.A. that the male/female voices she/he heard was from your T.V. set?
   (Yes - 3 points; no - 2 points)
6. Do you shop for your wardrobe at the CSP Bookstore?
   (Yes - 1 point; no - 2 points)
7. Did you acquire the plastic milk crates in your room illegally?
   (Yes - 4 points; no - 1 point)
8. Are you helping stamp out the concrete—not the grass?
   (Yes - 1 point; no - 2 points)
9. What excuse do you use for not doing your laundry?
   a. "The washer and driers are always full." (1 point)
   b. "I can wear that at least one more time." (2 points)
   c. "My clothes walked away before I could wash them." (2 points)
   d. "My roommate's already buried them." (3 points)
10. Do you own a Concordia shirt or jacket?
    (Yes - 3 points; no - 1 point)
11. To cut calories do you just eat desserts?
    (Yes - 3 points; no - 0)
12. Do you know all the words to the Concordia fight song?
    (Yes - 5 points; no - 1 point)
13. Do you get up early on Saturday's to watch cartoon's?
    (Yes - 0; no - 2 points)
14. Did at least one of your pens run out of ink during registration after the closed classes were posted?
    (Yes - 4 points; no - 0)
15. Is 60% of your paycheck spent before payday comes?
    (Yes - 3 points; no - 1 point)
16. What do you do on a typical weekend?
    a. sit in your room (2 points)
    b. sit in your room (2 points)
    c. sit in your room (2 points)
17. What do you do on a typical week night?
    a. go to Herge's (2 points)
    b. go to Herge's (2 points)
    c. go to Herge's (2 points)

If you scored from:

0 - 15 Now do you see what college life is all about? There’s more to “learning” than meets the eye. Maybe you should go “out” to someplace other than the library!

16 - 32 You’re starting to get into the swing of things, but you still have a ways to go. After a few more frustrating registrations and requisition forms you’ll be a full-fledged Comet.

33 - 51 Congratulations! You’re one of the few “true” Comets. You’ve got what it takes to really enjoy your college years. You’ve finally attained the goal of being a little crazy and a lot of fun. By the way, what’s your number?

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CIT comes to CSP

by LisaAnn Trembath

Concordia Invitational Tournament (CIT) will be hosted by CSP January 29-31. This, the 31st annual CIT, will combine men's and women's basketball games, cheerleading and drill team activities, and social events into a weekend of exciting happenings.

CIT weekend begins Friday with the registration and welcoming of the visiting teams and spectators. "We are in the process of organizing a 'hospitality committee,'" said Terri Frank, chairperson of the CIT planning staff. "They will find housing for visitors and use the student union as a central meeting place for registration." The men's and women's basketball teams from Concordia, Seward, and Concordia, River Forest, will attend CIT, as well as the men's team from St. Louis Seminary and the women's team from St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas.

The championship tournament will be a highlight in the 1981-'82 basketball season. Scheduling of the games will take place January 24, based on each team's current standings. "The number one ranked team will play number four, and number two will play number three," explained Coach Robert Barnes, tournament director. "There are a couple of reasons for this setup, one being that the best-ranked team will have the easiest way to the finals, and another being that the championship game will be more evenly matched. Although records don't show it all in a tournament situation," he added.

The first games are: women at 1:00 p.m. and men at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. CSP's women will play Friday at 7:00 and men at 9:00. Consolation games are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, 1:00 (women) and 3:00 (men). Finally, the men's championship game will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, and the men will play at 9:00 p.m. for their championship.

Following the championship game, President Hyatt will present trophies to the winning men's and women's teams. Coach Barnes explained, "There are two traveling CIT championship trophies, as well as two permanent trophies for the men's and women's championship teams." In addition, there are 30 individual trophies--15 for each team as a personal honor to each player. Five all-tournament trophies will be awarded, including a most valuable player trophy. An honorary all-tournament team will be selected, consisting of five men and five women.

Basketball is the main event, but not the only event at CIT. Cheerleaders and drill teams from various teams will be performing at their school's games. There will be get-togethers planned for the athletes, drill team members, and cheerleaders. Several social events have been planned for the weekend, to promote good relations and encourage people to get to know each other. "CIT provides a lot of opportunities to meet new people," said Terri Frank, "a lot of times it's a reunion as well, of people who used to go to school together, or who worked together at summer camp. Students find they have a lot in common with people from other synodical schools. Above all, there is a common bond of faith and Christian fellowship that makes CIT a special time for the schools."

The first big social event is a coffee house, scheduled for Friday at 10:00 on Tier I of the Student Union. Sue Fehner Davis, Sobra Ortlieb Horn, and Darla Baerenwald Wilson will be singing. Darla and Sobra are graduates of CSP and Sue is a senior in the DCE program here. The three have been performing together for approximately five years, since their freshman year on campus. Free popcorn will be provided for the audience, and soft drinks may be purchased at the coffee house.

A dance is planned for Saturday after the championship game, from 11:00-2:00 a.m. in the gym. "Pearl," a six-piece band from the Twin-City area, will provide the music. This dance is B.Y.O.B.—meaning, "Bring Your Own Booties!" Explained Terri, "It's the same type of thing we had at Homecoming, with a few minor changes. There will be a 'shoe check' in the entrance of the L.M.C., where you'll be able to leave your shoes and pick them up when you leave. This way we can protect the gym floor."

A worship service will be the closing event of the CIT weekend. It will be held Sunday morning in the chapel from 9:00-10:00.

Each year, CIT is hosted by a different one of the schools involved. As the tournament rotates to each place, there are many hours spent on planning and preparation. The end result is the same though—a gathering of Christian athletes and spectators who share their talents to the glory of God on the playing floor, and off. The tournament is filled with spirit and tradition, and most of all, Christian fellowship and love.
Fifteen members of the group are currently enrolled in a Conversational Spanish Class. Rev. Larry Miller, the instructor of the class, says, “I'm excited about the opportunity to help in some small way to prepare the students who are going down to Mexico to spread the gospel of Christ. I'm just glad to be a part of it!”

Enthusiastically, the group has set high goals for themselves. Through fund raisers and donations they hope to reach their goal of $10,000. Extra funds will go to a program that will send four CSP volunteer students to the Ysleta Mission during the summer months. This program is still in planning stages.

The students biggest fund raiser will be a games marathon, which will be held from 10 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 1982, until 10 a.m., Saturday. Organizer of the games marathon is Shawn Lasley.

“The planning and the fund raising are all important aspects of the trip,” comments Mike Uran, “But the most important part is the prayer support which we receive from students, faculty, family, and friends.”

The students contribute $60 of their own plus their time and diligent work. The trip is a give and take experience. According to Mike Uran, it is give, in that the students are able to give of themselves, their money, time, and talents; yet it is also a take because the students receive an opportunity to see a different culture, a chance to get to know each other better, and also an opportunity for spiritual growth.

February 1-6 will be Mexico Mission Week. Co-chairman for the activities of the week are Nancy Steffan and Carol Swanson. A few activities in the planning are a Best Legs Contest, a Sopopilla Sale, a Singing Valentine Sale, and a Pinata Party. Other committee chairmen of the group are Jody Krueger, historian; Linda Sund, food committee chairman; Joey Sund, transportation co-ordinator; and Greg Coop, chaplain.

The group hopes the Mexico Mission will become a lasting tradition for many years to come.

Concerned about stopping abortions?

Let the state capitol know, on January 22, by joining the pro-life march. Thousands of concerned citizens join together on the day that abortion was legalized to sing songs, listen to speakers, and show that they care about life.

Check the Daily Bulletin for information on the time.

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Wrestlers begin to build a strong start

by Richard D. Gitar

After six meets the Concordia College wrestling team has a two wins, four losses record. The team has been affected by injuries several times. “We have a strong, young and willing team,” said Coach Billy Viergutz. “We could have a better record if the team gets healthy.” Two of the injured are Brad Stoltenow and Co-captain Gus Kiss, who was in a car accident in mid-December.

Some of the stronger players are Dan Liljedahl with 6 match wins and Peter Beckman with a record of 4 and 2.

The scores of the first 6 games were as follows: 45 to 12 against Hamline, 36 to 21 against St. Olaf, a loss to Bethel 16 to 29, a big loss to Jamestown 3 to 42, 8 to 30 against Bethany, and 20 to 26 against Pillsbury. “Even though we lost to Bethel, we did better against them than we ever have,” said Coach Viergutz. The toughest teams on the schedule were Bethel and Jamestown, and yet to come are Anoka Ramsey and Gustavus Adolphus.

The team roster includes Gus Kiss, Dan Liljedahl, Kevin McKim, Pete Beckman, Jimmy Brown, Mike Pfingsten, Delbert Ihns, Ron Ketcher, Dave Wacker and Brad Stoltenow.

“The cheerleaders have been great,” said Coach Viergutz. “They really have given us a lot of support at the meets.”

The team has 8 more meets left. “I hope we can do better in the meets that are left,” said Billy Viergutz.

Meet Carl Schoenbeck

by Carol Sieling

Concordia College is only one of the Lutheran schools Carl Schoenbeck has been involved with. His early school days were spent in a parochial school in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Concordia, Milwaukee, is his high school alma mater, and River Forest is where he completed undergraduate work and also obtained his masters degree. He hopes to complete work soon on a Ph.D. in Educational Administration at the University of Minnesota.

Carl was first called to teach at Concordia in Rockford, Illinois. He spent ten years there teaching the eighth grade and social studies. Then in December of 1974 he moved to Roseville, Minnesota, to take the position of principal and seventh and eighth grade teacher at King of Kings Lutheran School. The 1981-82 school year finds him at Concordia with the title of Coordinator of Field Experiences.

Carl is really enjoying work in both the teacher education and DCE programs. On the teacher education side of the job he coordinates the placement of student teachers. He also is involved with the teacher internship program and teaching some teacher education classes.

On the DCE side, he supervises some DCE students and team-teaches some classes with LeRoy Wilke. Carl says it’s neat to have contact in both programs. He enjoys getting into different parishes and working with the people there.

Carl Schoenbeck is not the only Schoenbeck working at Concordia. His wife Barb is an instructor of Early Childhood Education. They have three children, Larisa age 14, Trista age 12, and Jason age 10. During the winter months the whole family enjoys cross country skiing. Carl also enjoys playing volleyball and tennis and whenever there is time he likes to work with Coach Hendrickson and Concordia’s men’s basketball team.
Women's B.B. off to strong start

by Diane Naegele

"Our team is young and rapidly improving," said Coach Jack Surridge in reference to the 1981-82 women's basketball team. So far the women have tallied up three wins and three losses.

This year's team is characterized by strong rebounding, primarily on the parts of Wanda Kittles and Rhonda (Rhondo) Hintz. Ms. Hintz is also leading the team in total points scored, averaging twenty-two points every game. She is followed by Julie (Oker) Okerstrom who has been averaging fifteen points per game. Both Hintz and Okerstrom have improved their average scores by ten points over last year.

Along with her other accomplishments, Ms. Hintz managed to break the school scoring record which was previously held by Janet Boynes. Hintz made seventeen out of twenty-one shots from the field and two free throws for a total of thirty-six points against St. Teresa.

Wanda Kittles goes for rebound, as Rhonda Hintz looks on.

Coach is projecting his winning inclinations towards a strong finish in the Metro Conference in hopes of sustaining a sure berth in the state tournament. Surridge's team is also looking forward to competing in the Luther Tournament at Decorah, Iowa, and the Concordia Invitational Tournament (CIT) which will be held at CSP this year. Concordia women have won the championship in ten out of the twelve CIT tournaments they have played in. Currently they are working towards their eighth consecutive CIT championship.

Surridge commented that this year's team "shows more togetherness emotionally than teams I've had in the past. There are no real personality conflicts. We seem to have a fairly close knit team, which is often hard to find. Also, this team has a great sense of humor."

Men's Basketball Hopeful for productive second half

by Diane Naegele

Recovering from the disappointment of a two win-six loss record for the first half of the basketball season, Coach Hendrickson and his men are now gearing up for a more productive second half. The first half of the season was marked by several untimely and un-wanted surprises. For instance, Coach Hendrickson had no way of knowing that freshman Brian Langenhurst would be in a car accident on the morning of their game against the University of Minnesota-Duluth. According to Hendrickson, these kind of instances are difficult to plan around.

Coach Henrickson commented on this year's team. "As a coach, I want experience. Only three out of our fifteen guys were on last year's varsity team. We simply lack experience in playing as a team, and it takes time for the freshmen to gain confidence in their skills, too. I see improvement in the team concept-the last half of the season should be much better."

Louis Carter is leading the team in scoring despite the amount of defensive pressure he is receiving from the opposition. Dan Erdman and Brian Langenhurst are also shooting well. Some height is added to the team by two seniors, Mark Schulz and Gregg Hein, who both measure in at 6'5".

In future weeks the men's basketball team will be playing more conference games in which they will be matched with schools of size and level of competition comparable to that of CSP. Seven home games remain in which to cheer our men on!

Men's Basketball Hopeful for productive second half

Continued from page 2, once said, "Yep, I'd give up me life for a friend, just don't ask me to clean up his room!" We can learn a lot from this sarcastic remark. How easy it is to be idealistic about love, but oh, how hard it is to be practical.

Love isn't easy. In fact, love is very painful. It cost Christ His life; it costs us our pride. We often neglect to show love to our neighbor, friend or roommate simply because we feel that too often they don't return our love. Ah, how true! C.S. Lewis put it well: "To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket--safe, dark, motionless, airless--it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable... The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers... of love is Hell." (From The Four Loves)

We will be used. We will feel unappreciated. But it is at these times that we must trust in the promise of Christ: "Come to me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Finally, we must trust Christ for His forgiveness when we fail to love. True, perfect love was only realized by Christ, and it is only through Him that our lack of love is struck from the record. Trust Christ, and show a little bit of love; not only to people whom it is easy to love, but also to those people whom you just can't seem to get along with.

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