Minnehaha Falls, taken by Chris McGonagle

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Concordia community of a serious problem: missing library materials.

I recently researched this subject for my Public Speaking Class, and found the information to be shocking. According to a study just completed this January by Margaret Horn of the library staff, 555 items have been identified as missing from our library in the past three years. Since only items which are reported missing to the library staff are recorded, the actual number probably is much greater. Dr. Offermann, head librarian, estimates that missing items total approximately 500 per year with a replacement cost of 7500 dollars per year.

Particularly hard hit is the curriculum section of the library, since many materials in this area are of practical use for teachers. For example, since 1970, nineteen books on "Creating Bulletin Boards for Classrooms" have disappeared from the regular library collection, plus every book on the topic from the curriculum collection.

What can be done about this problem?

Many solutions have been suggested over the years, including the installation of an electronic checking system similar to that used by many other colleges. Some maintain that since Concordia is a Christian college such a system shouldn't be necessary. Ideally this should be true, but the fact remains that in reality we have a serious problem.

I think that an electronic checking system should be included in the library expansion plans which are being formulated. In the meantime, perhaps all of us can work to alleviate the problem by 1) becoming aware of the problem, 2) not being a part of the problem (i.e. checking out library materials), and 3) encouraging others to check out their materials as well. If we are successful, an electronic system will not be necessary, and the money budgeted for it can be spent on something else for the library.

I encourage anyone who is concerned about this problem to contact me. By exercising our Christian responsibility, we can work together to solve this problem and once again make our library's materials available for all to use.

Mark Schulz

CSP coaches' given award

by Diane Naegle

Congratulations are in order to Dr. Jack and Mrs. Kathy Surridge who were recently presented with a special plaque commemorating their 125th career victory as basketball coaches at Concordia St. Paul. The 1981-1982 women's basketball team presented the award on behalf of all of the women basketball players whom the Surridges have coached.

Dr. and Mrs. Surridge have compiled an impressive list of credits in their ten years of coaching at CSP. Their credits include:

- Ten consecutive winning seasons.
- Six consecutive CIT championships (8 total)
- Career record to date of 136 wins, 63 losses.
- Listing among the top three in the state for career coaching victories.
- Running up the most career victories of any Division III coach in the state.
- Currently holding the state record for the best career winning percentage at 68.2%.

CSP can boast of more than just a record-breaking women's basketball team. We also have a pair of record-breaking coaches for that team.

To this paper's understanding, members were to have paid for their admission to the distance so they could play for the games in which CSP played. Now, to some people, this is crazy. Most high schools don't even charge their band members to play at sporting events, so what's the difference? It seems to this writer that they were providing a service and therefore should be paid for their services.

It also seems that the band has met their financial obligations for 1980-81 and even had a surplus. But, it seems that the extra money went into a general fund and the records will show that the band did not meet their obligations.

It seems to this writer that an explanation is in order. But I feel that this should not be to aggravate this situation, but rather clarify the position of the school.

Signed,
A Concerned Music Student

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Lutherans are For Life

by Sandy Bata

"Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise Thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Thy works and that my soul knoweth right well." Psalm 139:13,14.

An organization on our campus, Lutheran For Life, realizes the value of life as mentioned in Psalm 139. The CSP Lutherans For Life Chapter is the only college chapter in the United States. Officers of the organization are: Rick Bothwell, president; Karl Schewe, vice-president; Marsha Esala, secretary; and Mary Witt, historian. Professor Linse is faculty advisor.

Lutherans For Life is a pro-life group. Not only abortion, but also suicide, mercy-killing, and infanticide are concerns of the group.

Members of the group educate themselves first, then they proceed to educate others on the pro-life verses pro-choice issues. As well as being informed about the legal aspects, the group strives to gain knowledge in the medical, psychological, and emotions areas.

The symbol of LFL is the white rose which stands for the purity of the life of innocent victims.

Whenever a student, faculty member, or staff member has a baby, a white rose is given to the mother of the child.

This year the group had the opportunity to grow Concordia-Seward to help the students there organize an LFL chapter on their campus.

The day of the snow storm, January 22, the chapter led the morning chapel service and proceeded to the rally at the Capitol Building. In previous years thousands have participated in the rally; however, due to snow this year's rally had approximately 100 participants. The CSP Lutherans For Life chapter was the only organization to march around the capitol.

Approximately $350 was raised through campus contributions to help support Birth Right which is an emergency counseling organization. Birth Right trains people to counsel through a series of classes on the Carl Rogers Counseling method. Birth Right also refers expecting mothers to organizations which will give free help such as food and clothing.

A pro-life verses pro-choice caucus will be held on February 23. According to President Rick Bothwell, the caucus is an excellent opportunity for students of CSP to get involved. LFL's annual banquet will be held again this year during Spring Quarter. Quest speaker will be Bernie Scroggins, president of Birth Right. This event is also open to the students and faculty.

The chapter of LFL at Concordia plans on distributing a survey to faculty members asking them to state their stand on the pro-life/pro-choice issues. The survey will also give the faculty an opportunity to share ideas for the group and to make suggestions where improvements in the group can be made.

According to Rick Bothwell, the support of the students and faculty if important to the organization because the support gives them encouragement.

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Election to be held

by Lisa Ann Trembath

Student Senate officers for the 1982-83 school year will be elected Wednesday-Friday this week.

Originally, the primary election was scheduled for Feb. 17-19 and the final election for the following week, but traditional proceedings have been altered this year. "The executive board voted to hold only one election," explained President Mike Uran. "We have at the most four people running for an office and only two candidates for president, so the primaries are unnecessary. I hope more people will turn out to vote if we hold only one election but promote it well."

The 1982 Student Senate candidates are:

President
Joel Brandvold, Junior
Jeff Walther, Sophomore

Vice-president
Sheryl Flohrs, Junior
Myrna Hall, Junior
Jack Meehan, Sophomore

Treasurer
Jennifer Moje, Junior
David Wacker, Sophomore
Jonathan Wessel, Sophomore

Secretary
Barbara Hentz, Junior
Lisa Ann Trembath, Sophomore
Carolyn Tritten, Sophomore
Susan Uran, Freshman

When asked about qualities that are important for a student senate president or executive officer to have, Mike stressed initiative, drive, and perseverance. "It's easy to fall into the trap of 'doing the routine.' But the senate thrives on new ideas and starting new things, and you have to have the will to get things done. One of the most important questions a president must honestly answer is, 'Is this the best we can do for the student?'"

Presidential candidate Joel Brandvold, senate representative from Wollaeger 3rd, has acquired his leadership skills mainly through his involvement with Future Farmers of America. Joel was the president of the North Dakota FFA in 1979 and 1980. Joel's duties included various speaking engagements, organizing and overseeing leadership training camps and seminars, and coordinating state and regional FFA activities. As a member of Student Senate this year, Joel has worked extensively with

the development of the Culture Club, a new organization directed toward the needs of our foreign students. Joel is interested in the Student Senate because he feels it is, and can be even more so, a very important instrument in meeting student needs. "I feel that senate has a great potential to work with the administration to solve some of our problems on campus," said Joel. Two particular areas in which Joel is eager to begin are the shortage of student parking, and improvements in the library.

Jeff Walther decided to run for president of Student Senate because, "When God provides opportunities to serve Him like this, I feel I should take advantage of them," he explained. Jeff is a resident of Walther 2nd South, and has the responsibility of being Walther Dorm President this year. His experience as a Student Senate Rep. last year has helped him focus on some of his future goals for the senate. The main task with which Jeff is anxious to begin is to set up a clear communication between Student Senate, the student body, and the administration. "This would mean having a strongly organized senate," he said, "that would be able to respond to the needs and goals of the student body."

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CIT: 3 Comets named to All Tournament Team

by Diane L. Naegele

Competition and fellowship characterized the weekend of January 29-31 as CIT was once again held at CSP. Tournament championships were secured for the fourth consecutive year by the men's team of River Forest, and for the sixth consecutive year by the women's team of CSP. Dan Erdman, Wanda Kittles, and Rhonda Hintz were selected as members of the All-Tournament teams. Rhonda Hintz was also chosen as the tournament's Most Valuable Player for the women's teams.

A means of fellowship for the students of the different synodical schools was provided by a dance which started late, (after the championship games), but packed the gym in just the same. Fellowship was culminated Sunday.

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Intramurals are successful
by LisaAnn Trembath

This week marks the end of the basketball season for all those involved in CSP intramural sports. The championship game for both the women's teams and men's level II teams will be played Thursday, February 18, at 9:30 p.m. in the gym. Championship of the level I men's teams will be decided February 22, Monday, at 9:30 p.m.

Five women's teams and 13 men's teams make up this year's intramurals roster. The men are divided into two levels according to playing ability. Level I teams are considered tougher and more competitive. Which level they were placed in was decided at the beginning of the season by the teams themselves.

"Any Concordia student or faculty member is welcome to play on an intramural team, with the exception of our school teams' players," explained senior Deb David, captain of "the BB's." Deb is also one of the coordinators of intramural basketball, along with junior Russ Schwichtenberg (co-captain of "the Celebrates"), and Coach Deanna Hollrah. Their responsibilities include scheduling games, finding referees for each game, and generally making sure things run smoothly.

The B-ball season began shortly after Thanksgiving break, when anyone interested in forming a team could grab a roster. It was the responsibility of each team captain to handpick their team members (usually 8-10 players) and give the team a name. Junior Mike Uran, a member of "the Agitators," remarked, "I think the season starts off with frustration leftover from studying!" For Mike, "It's been a growing season for the team, and I think we're doing pretty well. It's been rewarding. "I've had a great time this year," added Mike. "I'd say the season is not over yet. Their hopes are to finish somewhere in the middle of the conference."

Intramurals grow
by Carol Sieling

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Growing season for Men's Basketball team
by Carol Sieling

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morning as the students met together one last time to share the Lord's Supper as the Body of Christ. Dr. Jack Surridge preached at the service which was held in the chapel.

"A second goal they are continuing to work on this year is to do well at CIT. The drill team feels that they did accomplish this goal. A second goal they are continuing to work on this year is to give the team a new and better image."

This year's drill team consists of the following members: Captain Jodi Krueger, Kris Halliday, Shelly Haganes, Carrie Voeltz, Rochelle Simmering, June Sommerfeldt, Lori Schroeder, Laurie Luehmann, Leanne Niemi, Val Pugh, Wendy Krueger, Nicole Brandt and Jill Borchardt.

What's happening
by Carol Sieling

The Concordia College band was on the road again the weekend of February 12-14 sharing the Gospel through music with congregations in Faribault, Alpha, Good Thunder and Fairmont, Minnesota. The weekend was a preview of the upcoming tour in the south over Spring break.

"Good food and good entertainment were the ingredients combined to make Fellowship Council's "Back to Shakey's" night a big success. In true "Shakey's" spirit, workers wore red and white and Shakey's hats while serving pizza. A variety of entertainers added to the enjoyment of the evening."