Loma Meyer Installed as New Dean of Faculty

by Kirk Lee

Dr. Loma Meyer was recently installed as the Dean of Faculty at Concordia College. She succeeds Dr. Luther Mueller, who recently retired. Dr. Meyer, an associate professor of education, served as acting Dean of Faculty last year while Dr. Mueller was on sabbatical. She has worked closely with Dr. Mueller in her position as Director of Instruction.

The Dean of Faculty is selected in a unique way here, according to Dr. Meyer. At most colleges they are elected by the faculty, then appointed by the Board of Directors. At CSP, the faculty then elects the Dean of Faculty, who is elected to three year terms. Dr. Meyer, who joined the CSP faculty in 1967 as a guest instructor, stated she "appreciates the confidence placed in me by the faculty."

Dr. Meyer is well qualified for her new position, in addition to having been a full-time instructor she has also been in her words "a lifetime learner" - having done extensive graduate work and earned two doctorates.

As Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Meyer will lead in curriculum development and evaluation, faculty development, and instructional improvement. She will also work with personnel, prepare the academic budget, implement faculty policy, coordinate duties of Division Chairmen, the Librarian, and the Registrar, and work with outside agencies in areas like accreditation.

Dr. Meyer, who has had the distinction of being the only woman holding the office of Director of Instruction among all of the LC-MS colleges in the U.S., now also has the distinction of being the only woman serving as Dean of Faculty among those schools.

Dr. Meyer will continue to serve as Director of Instruction for the present, although some of that office's responsibilities will be transferred to other people. One of Dr. Meyer's most recent accomplishments as Director of Instruction was her instrumental role in getting a $75,000 faculty development grant from the Bush Foundation. The grant will be used for bringing in name speakers, upgrading the advising system, and evaluation of the interdisciplinary courses with some monies for the personal professional growth of the faculty.

As Dean of Faculty, Dr. Meyer stated she will continue to be "very much interested in quality instruction for students and in the professional growth of the faculty."

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaks in Twin Cities

by Cathy Jones

On November 10th, 1982, Mrs. Coretta Scott King addressed an audience of 3000 people at Northrup Auditorium on the University of Minnesota campus. The lecture was entitled "The Legacy of Martin Luther King: Ideals and Action." "I appreciate the Revolution." The event was part of a lecture series made possible by a grant from the late businessman, Curtis L. Carlson.

The opening address was given by C.P. McGrath, president of the University. Mrs. King received a warm welcome, including a standing ovation from the audience. She has travelled extensively across the country presenting lectures. One of Mrs. King's goals is to educate people about her late husband, Martin Luther King, Jr. At the present she is

The Christmas Story According to St. Luke

Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David. In order to register, along with Mary, was engaged to him and was with child. And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her first-born son and she wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terrified. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in clothes, and laying in a manger."

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men, with whom He is pleased!"

And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which they had been told about this child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

The "Sword" staff would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas - one that is filled with the same hope, joy and praise that the shepherds felt so long ago on that first Christmas Eve.
I'm writing to heartily thank those of you who respect those of us who do not. I need the help of my conscience to know why we need it available to us so desperately. The parents at Baby; Hand Child Care are always on a restricted time schedule with lots of demands. But all our children, plus our children, are being driven to Concordia Avenue, not expecting to see any one or park cars on the road. The problem is made even more severe when you add slippery, snowy conditions and your heart darkness. Your inconvenience in parking elsewhere could save a life or at least prevent a serious accident. I know, my close friend lost the use of both legs in a similar accident. I have met many Concordia College students who must make Concordia Avenue very, very carefully. Perhaps all of you can help us keep that parking space clear by telling your friends of its use if you ever plan on parking there - and thank you for helping save a life! Thank you Signed, A Concerned Parent

Dear Editor,

During supper on the night of November 15th, I discovered a one-inch wood screw contained in the stuffing served with that meal.

This isn't the first time foreign objects have been discovered in food served in the dining hall. Numerous students will tell you that they have had similar eating experiences. Obviously foreign objects in the food do occur and can be expected to occur now and then. But every such case is absolutely no reason for a person to find a one-inch screw contained in his supper.

As students, we pay very good money for our room and board at CSP. However, I'm beginning to feel that we are being seriously cheated if personnel take their responsibilities in fulfilling this obligation. Perhaps it is not the right direct fault of anyone, I'm sure it is an error, yet they are responsible for the food that is served to us.

ARA has made great improvements in our cafeteria and the quality of food has also improved from past years. It is my hope that an incident like this won't tarnish the reputation. But my question is: What is being done to insure something like this doesn't happen again?

Respectfully, Michael Walcheski

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter addressed to the Concordia College student body and faculty. In the student guide for the years 1982-83 there is a statement which reads, "Our students are encouraged to take part in a campus that includes Christian and secular fun." One activity held weekly to promote "Christian fellowship is Devotions.

On Monday, Dec. 1, Centennial 2nd participated in Devotions with Wollerger 2nd. In the opening prayer of the morning the school leader said, "By everything she said would be for the good of the people immediately after this, she contradicted her style of being something to the effect that the Bible is made up of nothing but the words of a Baptist; so therefore she hoped none of the good Lutherans would be offended. As an individual who was raised in a Baptist church, I found this remark to be totally offensive, and reminding me of the type of writings of that Baptist Bible proved to be offensive, then a Baptist in the flesh had to be reprimanded also. The reason I wrote this is not the first time an incident of this sort has occurred. This sort of thing has been happening to students here but with facility as well.

Lutheranism as the "ideal" religion was practiced through the leadership as well as the dormitories. In addition to this institution need to re- evaluate the basic principles of Christianity. It is time for them to wake up and realize that the church consists of people from a diversity of religious, racial and cultural backgrounds. Most important, they should recognize the essential reasons for our forefathers coming to this land, not primarily to escape persecution.

Respectfully, Cathy Jones

Several days ago I made a trip over to Target. As I shuffled down aisles crowded with busy Christmas shoppers, I made my way to the Christmas section.

The store possessed four or five rows of wrapping paper, cards, table napkins and ornaments. Usually the Christmas section for me is filled with joy and excitement. Looking at the beautiful Christmas section of a store usually puts my heart right into the spirit of Christmas and I am filled with a joy simply must be shared.

However, on this particular day anger replaced my joy and despair replaced my excitement. Furthermore, my heart was taken away from the spirit of Christmas. I was, however, filled with something that I wanted to share but then thought that I could not keep inside. My heart was filled with the message that I am sharing with you in this writing.

As I walked down those Christmas aisles, I was shocked at the reality of Christmas shoppers. The Christmas cards were covered with Santa Claus and reindeer. Other cards portrayed children, trees, winter scenes, and holly. The rest of the cards which were a minority, told of the baby Jesus.

The tree ornaments consisted of bulbsters, teddy bears, body canes, elves, big red bows, Santas and reindeer. The true Christmas story was present seen in only two or three ornaments—an angel and a dove.

When I looked at the wrapping paper my heart was strongly filled with anger. I couldn't believe my eyes. Being a visual person, these visual images, the manufacturers went as far as to put E.T. in the center of a Christmas wreath. There were also exploited Smurfs, Wonder Woman, and Batman.

On this point I asked the friend that I was with, "Where is Jesus?" Desperately, I searched high and low for some CHRISTmas wrapping paper. I found candy canes, elves and poineas and not Jesus. The closest I could come to that blessed evening was a red piece with words "Silent Night" written on a red and green background.

What ever happened to Jesus? I am reminded of a summer I spent in a work camp at work camp. I was a leader and my church field was a ministry to the Navajo Indians. The Navajo adults would take me to the mission church only, the children come. The Navajo people believe that Jesus is just like Santa Claus. It is okay to talk about Jesus in church and Bible study when you are a child, but when you reach adolescence, it is time to leave childish things. My experiences at the Bible School in Missions lead me to boycott Christmas materials which are polluted with Santas.

In my home in front of a friend of anger on my shopping day, I found another emotion which was great despair. As I stood in the aisle, I wondered what God saw in this. Perhaps God's heart is broken. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son into this world. His Son was the one thing that would reverse the sin. As I looked at God, my Father gave us the greatest gift, one that was filled with hope and peace. This gift would bring us back to God. We have sinned. We know that we could bring anything imaginable to draw us away from the Christmas story. Our thoughts are focused on Santa Claus and Smurfs. Perhaps God weeps as He longs for us to draw ourselves closer to Him through the person of Jesus Christ.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8.

Dear Christians, let us draw closer to our God as we refrain from the secularism and turn our hearts and minds to the baby Jesus.

Sincerely, J. Moebe, ed.
Sing With Joy, Glad Voices Lift

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Advent Choral Vespers Service

““The Infant Jesus”

Dietrich Buxtehude

9:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16
Graebner Memorial Chapel

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a Smash

at TRP

by Christine Meyer

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Since this production was staged at a theatre in the round, the staging itself was simple; there were not the elaborate sets normally associated with a musical. Costuming was not complex either. Each cast member wore fairly modern clothing and added different pieces such as hats and shawls when certain songs called for them.

The cast was excellent. Each had a strong singing voice and was able to add the proper amount of “acting” to their roles. They performed Reformation, Christmas and Spring concerts, besides singing at area churches on certain Sunday mornings.

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Jim Oliphant: “A script for my cast.”
Dr. Kolb: “Why do you wanna know?”
Tracy Beavers: “My basement flooded.”
Prof. Eggel: “Plaid suit coat, some donut holes, and a Dukes of Hazard T-shirt.”
Christine Tallman: “A blue and green sweater.”
ARA: “A few good recipes.”
Prof. Surridge: “A new pair of designer glasses.”
Administration: “A new roof and some organization.”
Kara Aspang: “A non-German Christmas.”
Prof. Burkart: “A sense of humor.”
Prof. Wengen: “The answer to 2x223 = 502624 plus size x 222222 plus 131313 22 and a partridge in a pear tree.”
Dave Garms: “A tie 4 to be used for roller skating.”
White House Staff: “More toilet paper.”
Jack Meehan: “A Kelly green sweater and an Oxford.”

Dean Soho: “A committee.”
Mike Pfingsten: “A replica of Luther status for my room.”
Lenny Wilke: “A DCE retreat survival kit.”
Paul Heinle: “Insulated things for the winter.”
Library Staff: “Quiet hours and a SWAT team for the kidnapped books.”
LWML: “A few good men.”
Mike and Tim Hewitt: “A new look.”
Debbie Chellew: “An A in Contemporary Issues.”
Prof. Treichel: “A portrait of Aristotle for my office and Plato’s greatest hits.”
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break during fall quarter’s finals, which was very successful. They will also be involved with an outreach ministry, holding chapel services at several of the area Lutheran high schools and also at Central High.

For more information regarding FCA, attend one of their meetings on Sunday nights at 9 p.m.

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Basketball and Wrestling Open Winter Sports Season

by Missy Jackson

Women's basketball**
The women's basketball team of 1982-83 has strong players and depth. There is a good attitude and daily improvement. The guards, Karen Meyer, Kerry Burdick, Deb Berns, Chris Abbey, and Beth Jacobs, are inexperienced in working together, but are very capable. Rhonda Hintz, Wanda Kittles, and Nancy Kellerman, top scorers and rebounders, are back from last year. Cheryl Sommel, who has international experiences from this summer, has returned from Texas Christian University. The games before Christmas will be the hardest. Coach Jack Surridge believes that if they can "actualize their potential, they will be one of the top three teams in state." (There are 16 teams). His goal is to be "strong coming down the stretch."

Men's basketball**
The 1982-83 men's basketball team is young, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores; there are only two returning starters. Experience, an important part of the game, is lacking and the hardest to teach. It can be gained only through working together. There is a problem in developing the team with multi-purpose athletes. This year's freshmen are the most talented for many years. Coach Hendrickson feels that if they can "live up to their potential, the future looks bright."

Wrestling**
Even though the 1982-83 wrestling squad got off to a late start, they are looking forward to a good season. The squad lacks depth and has been beset with Rob Jarvis, Jim Johnson, Brad Stoltenow, and Mark Palmer out with injuries. The high scorers are Steve Tischer, 4-0; Kent Lee, 4-0; Jimmy Brown, 5-1; and Dee Garrett, 3-2. Coach Doug Warring feels that the team will improve and expects "to finish in the top (first or second) in conference. Five or six people should qualify for nationals. Coach Warring says that it "will take hard work and dedication" but he's "cautiously optimistic."

Band Opens CSP Christmas Celebration

by Sheryl Flooker

The Concordia Christmas celebration began with a triumphant song to the Lord, featuring the Concordia College Band. On Sunday, December 5, 1982 the band gave their home Christmas Concert. Preceding this the band had a full week of concert activities. They began their festive weekend on Friday evening, December 3, with a concert at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Afton, Minnesota. Then traveling on to Anandale, on Saturday for an evening concert at Zion Lutheran Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in St. Cloud was also blessed with the gift of music, as the band played for their church service on Sunday morning.

To top things off the Band ended their weekend tour back at Concordia for their evening concert. The forty-three members of the Concordia College Band, directed by Richard Norris gave a delightful concert, beginning with an explosive selection by Alex North, called Spartacus. The band played such selections as Variations on a Shaker Melody, by Aaron Copland; Praise to the Lord by Vaclav Nellyb and a favorite of many, the Selection from Annie by Charles Strouse.

The band also added a touch of Christmas with such numbers as La Fete de Noel by Charles Richard Stfonney and a Christmas Sing-A-Long of Christmas Songs. The concert finale was a traditional Christmas song, Silent Night giving the Christmas Holidays the spirit of peace and joy for all to share.

Vienna Boys Choir Tours Twin Cities

by Karen Henschel

The audience becomes silent as twenty-four boys proceed to the stage. On December 4, the Minnesota Orchestra Hall was graced by the Vienna Boys Choir.

The choir performed several chorale works, a comic one-act opera entitled "Der Dorffarmer" (A Cure for Quacks), as well as several traditional Christmas carols. Some of the carols included: Stille Nacht, O du Fröhliche, Away in a Manager, Once in Royal David's City, and Silent Night. The grand-scale applause from the audience brought about three encores. The evening was highlighted by the boys' performance of "America the Beautiful" as a third encore.

Ever since their first American tour in 1932, audiences have greeted the boys with open arms. After seeing just one performance it is easy to understand why. The audience was truly moved by this special tribute from Austria to us.