Campus Security: Who's Responsible For Student Safety?

By Bob Satterter

I imagine many of you have recently been approached with questions regarding who is responsible for Campus Security on Concordia's campus. If you have not been directly approached, chances are you've probably heard things or seen surveys being shuffled around. You may be asking, "Why all the fuss?"

Well, I probably don't have to remind you of what happened last June, has been commissioned by President Harre to check on security. He is now waiting for their replies. CSP security guards. He wants to define exactly what they are to do in different situations.

There are a number of components of the Concordia security system that are deemed unacceptable right now. The security guards submitted a proposal in May of '83 showing weaknesses in the system and offering suggestions to upgrade it. Many of these problems still exist today.

The guards placed a request for better lighting on campus also. Communication is also a problem that needs to be dealt with as guards can't make out-going calls on their portable phones and must go to the nearest phone to call police. Bostian said, "We're going with what we have right now, but it's not going to stay."

He realized that students in danger should contact security (987) if they have an opportunity. If the situation is extremely dangerous the student should contact the police directly (911).

Carol Swanson reacts calmly to the Library's "new" look.

Students React Favorably to New Library

By Michael Weber

Although there is still work to be done, the project of remodeling the Buenger Memorial Library is now well under way, and the preliminary results were first "made public" at the kick-off ceremonies on November 27. Reasons are varied, but the feeling is mutual among Concordia students - the library is much nicer now.

Student librarians Brian Hoppe and Sally Granholm agreed, "It's really nice to have the electronic checking so we don't have to check people's book bags anymore." Sally added, "It's also a lot cozier now. The only thing I don't like is that right now I don't know where everything is since things have been moved around."

Dan Ahlman, another desk worker, mentioned, "It's nice that the desk area has so much more room. I also think that the atmosphere is much nicer and brighter with the new wall color."

Other students also liked the changes, but added some additional insights. Marcia Gunn, who especially liked the new couches and lounge chairs, said, "The library is really a nice place to go now." Michele Bode feels, "It (the library) is much more organized and the atmosphere is more "homey." She likes the carpeting and the new location for the listening area best. Kirk Lee said, "The library is more conducive to studying now, and the new computer and computers make it more up to date."

He added that it's sometimes inconvenient having to exit through the front door and he said that sometime in the future he'd like to see an area of the library that can be more relaxed (where students can have snacks as they study...). Perhaps he summarized things best, though, by saying, "Having something new builds morale because students feel better about the school in general."

So the library, in the eyes of the students, vastly improved in general. Everyone anxiously awaits the completion and the official dedication which will be held in January.
Editorial

The holiday season is most definitely upon us. With Christmas and the new year comes a spirit of giving and showing those dear to us just how much we care. This season, more than any other, allows us to allow our philanthropic instincts to shine through. I won’t presume to give you another lesson on how commercialized Christmas has become. I would like to remind you that the spirit of the season lies not within the outward gifts, but within the people actions toward one another.

The spirit of Christmas is often a wondrous and beautiful thing. Let us not forget to carry that spirit in our lives throughout the year. Showing love toward our fellowman is not something we should reserve for a few weeks out of the year, but it is something we should express in our lives each day.

On behalf of myself and the entire SWORD staff, we’d like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed holiday season, and a prosperous and God-pleasing New Year. See you all in the year 1985.

Sincerely,
Karen A. Henschen, Ed.

Letter to the Editor

THE SNAKE THAT POisons EVERYBODY

It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, causes heartaches, nightmares, insomnia, spousal suspicion, generates grief, dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. Ever the same hisses. It’s called gossip.

Office gossip.

Shop gossip.

Party gossip.


A Concerned Concordian

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that quite a few students here at Concordia have the impression that our Ski Club plans to help you plan a week long trip, during Easter break, to a mountain ski resort in the West. Although the “big trip” is a part of our club’s planned activities, we do attempt to offer other area skiing activities, which both downhill and cross-country enthusiasts can enjoy Christian fellowship in God’s abundant creation.

This season, in particular, we have scheduled two evening downhill activities on Friday, January 18, to Trollhaugen, and on Friday, February 15 at Welch Village. If you are able to get a group of twenty or more participants for each event, they will be advertised as such and the cost will be reduced to $23.00 per person.

For the cross-country skier we, along with the Discovery Club, are working together to plan a number of cross-country events at some of the Twin Cities’ area trails. At this time, however, we do not have any dates scheduled for these events. As for our “big trip” we have again decided to go to Big Sky, Montana because of their reasonable rates and our trip’s expenses. The average cost for the downhill skier is $390.00 and for the cross-country skier $125.00. For more details contact Prof. Leroy Wilke or myself.

As president of the CSP Ski Club I encourage everyone with any interest in skiing (students, faculty, & staff) to join us for the ’84-85 skiing season.

Red Mohnlehnre

Putting Christ Back into Christmas

By Susan Ostermann

Many people at this time of the year become very upset at how little of Christ they see at Christmas. Every year more oranges and trappings help us to celebrate the simple birth of the Savior. The meaning of many of these ornaments can be found in Scripture, so the next time you see these ornaments you will be able to remember that they symbolize what Christmas really is — the birth of the Savior.

The Christmas wreath, made of evergreens, should cause us to think of eternal life that is ours in Jesus. From ancient times a wreath always symbolized a glorious victory. What could be a more glorious victory than Christ’s defeat of Satan, sin and death?

When we see a candy cane we can think of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Let its shape remind us of his shepherd’s crook and the words of Jesus, “I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” (John 10:14). As the white color of the body can cause us to think of the purity of Jesus, let the red stripes help us to remember the blood of his sacrifice, “...with His stripes we are healed” (Isa. 53:5).

The giving and receiving of gifts often obscures the real meaning of the greatest gift of all, that being the giving of God’s own Son. This year as we wrap each gift, say a little prayer for the person who will be receiving it so that they may lead to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Holly, with its prickly thorns and bright red berries can serve as a reminder of the crown of thorns our Savior wore, using the red berries to symbolize the blood our Savior shed to save us from sins.

Christmas lights are perhaps the most abundant of ornaments. When we see these, remember the words Jesus recorded in John 8:12, “I am the Light of the World; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.”

The Christmas star is perhaps the purest object in all our Christmas symbolism, coming directly from the Christmas story. “Where is He that is born King of the Jews?” For we have seen his star in the east and come to worship Him” (Matt. 2:2). Let a star remind you to save off the walls, and the outgoing people turn quiet and dreamy. (There’s the “love action” again). It’s a mysterious time of the year — one never knows what will happen next.

The Christmas season makes people realize how special friends and family are. We look at our best friends that we always take for granted and say to ourselves, “Hey! They’re pretty darn special!” and we look at our families, who always give so much for our benefit, and we wonder what we’d do without them.

The giving part of Christmas is rewarding in many respects. Giving gifts has a certain... satisfaction about it. Seeing those precious smiles on loved-ones’ faces is a gift in itself. Deep down, I feel everyone loves to give more than receive, (although receiving does have it’s plusses).

How can we forget, though, what Christmas is really for? Santa Claus certainly doesn’t compare to who I’m speaking of, and everyone knows who that is. Loving and giving all fit into the definition of Christmas perfectly, but our main celebration is in Christ. He was born for us on this day, and this is the real reason we have to be happy.

The Magic of Christmas

By Kimberlee Grage

Ah, that magical time of the year is upon us once more. That special time for giving and caring — and loving. As my roommate told me, "You can almost reach out and touch love at this time of year." I think love expands immensely during the Christmas season, and that’s one reason people are so happy these days. Christmas brings out many hidden emotions in people, some that never appear at any other time of the year. Those people that always seem so reserved become suddenly bounding off the walls, and the outgoing people turn quiet and dreamy.

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Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night!

The 1984-1985 ’SWORD’ Staff

This Christmas don’t become discouraged with all of the Christmas commercialism, but look for the good in humanity and remember that God put these symbols here to help remind us of His Son who comes to us this year and always.

Hennessey Display at CSP

By Nina Decorskey

Now on display in the Music Building is the work of Marjorie D. Hennessey. Hennessey’s work at present lies within the Abstract-Expressionist tradition. She bases many of her paintings on the themes of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Hennessey puts her feelings into their work, whether the immediate subject is a bowl of Iris or a personal event.

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Please give Professor Dale Trapp a new garage door. And more checks in the mail for O.H.S.C.O., they make Dr. Stohlman’s smile bigger. And Santa, may be a little more heat in Centennial dorm and a little less in Luther dorm. And finally, a home for the fruit flies that live in the white thing by the snackbar. May be they can stay in the Guest House if they talk to Dean Sohn early enough?

Thanks,
Charisse

P.S. Can I have a bald Cabbage Patch doll with an outy-belly button named Bernard? And perhaps a “Cabbage Patch" Outreach for Professors Wenger and Stueber?

Dear Santa,
I’m not proud, I’m going to come right out and ask you for what I want this Christmas.

I would like a man (this is going to sound tillurious!) with looks resembling to that holder’s eye, whose intelligent and filled with the Holy Spirit who would kill for a chance to spend the rest of his life with me.

If that is not possible this year, then I’d settle for a chance to go sliding on a crisp, clear, sunny afternoon down a steep, snowly hill on a sled with the man of my dreams. (See proposed name on attached sheet). After an exhilarating run down a terrifying back at uncontrollable speed, snow spraying in all directions, we finally coast to a halt. Panting and laughing with excited exhaustion, I realize we’ve landed in a convenient position, with me in his arms. We remain in that position for several minutes as we pause to catch our breath. It is in that moment, that I look at him questioning. He then expresses with his eyes that he has fallen madly in love with me.

Santa, won’t you please give this gaggy, hopeless romantic just one moment of glory!

Merry Christmas, and give my best to your Mrs.

Love,
Rosie Petunia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me happy times for my family. Also, a new dog.

Thanks alot,
Shebbie

P.S. Enjoy your cookies

Dear Santa,
A weekend in Duluth with her lamb chop!

Dear Santa,
A Porsche would be nice!

Barney Sparkes

Sword

Holiday Greetings

Dear Santa,

Christmas Wishes

By Barry Leder

I know it’s that time of the year again for a two day reducing plan, so exactly what you could get your favorite professor. Well, we’re not able to see all of them, but the Sword has gathered a few answers just to let you know what’s on the list of a few of the faculty members. Maybe this will help you get the ball rolling as to the perfect gift.

The R division professors were asked if because we know they are your favorites. Tweed clothing seems to be the thing with Dr. Stohlman. He listed a tweed suit and tweed bird. Professor Randy Sherren would like to see Concordia’s talented College Relations coordinator, Carol Zenke. She responded, “My personal wish list for a two day reducing, so I could fit into a wool suit I bought at an after-Christmas sale last year.”

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In all seriousness though, Professor Middendorf requested, “That students, faculty and staff may be helped through the coming holiday season,” estimated cost of God’s beloved Son. That’s what it’s really all about.

What Do You Want for Christmas?

By Garth Smith

Concordia College Students Answered...

Marcy Gumm responded, “Tuition money, a car, and lots of roses”

Suzan Kavanagh stated, “I want a Victorian style house, a limousine, chauffeur, and servants. I want Marci Gumm to be one of the servants.”

Doug Julius, “Peace and quiet for Christmas and two front teeth.”

Glen Lantow, “I want a plane ticket to the Bahamas!”

Becky Tegtmeier says that her roommate Lori Stanek wants, “I want someone to be there to help her.”

Lori Stanek says that her roommate Becky Tegtmeier wants, “A male that’s preferably tall, blonde, baby blue eyes, and with a dynamic personality.”

Mary Truelove would just simply want a new one. Any interested applicants are to call me and set up a time for an interview!

Dave Karolus, “School postponed, another week off due to the extreme snowfall of January 7th.”

Kim Watkins, “A Porsche would be nice!”

Ravenze Spice “Money!”

Michelle Zelina, “A pig farm!”

Rebecca Bishop, “A weekend in Duluth with her lamb chops!”

A man from the Walther Basement

A Traditional Christmas

By Jake

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 his wife Mary, who was engaged to be married. And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and 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 shepherds staying out in the fields, 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.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to 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 a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in clothes, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there appeared to them an angel of the 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 said 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 after they had seen Him, they spread the word about it; and it went throughout the whole countryside. And all who heard it wondered 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.”

Faculty/Staff

Christmas Wishes

By Barry Leder

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By Shellie Bentzler

Confidence in Concordia's winter sports is under way and full of expectations for the rest of the season. Each coach has ideas and plans to make their team and players into winners. We, as the supporters of the team members are ready and waiting to give our support to our players.

The men's basketball team, after a slow start is off and running. They took first at the Northland tournament, with Rick Beckler receiving the Most Valuable Player award for his defensive game.

Coach Schultheisz feels that even though the team played good defensively, they still have room for improvement in their offensive game, along with their offensive game.

Since the men showed other teams how well they can play, Coach Schultheisz feels they will be looked upon with more respect. He realizes that they can't get over confident, but they still can be proud of the fact that they went out and beat Viterbo, a number one team.

Rick Beckler, trophy winner, feels that the team is finally getting together when they play ball and acting as a team. He feels that they played well, and that they had to improve and keep up the efforts of winning.

The women's basketball team's main concern is to play ball as a whole, and become accustomed to playing as a team. He feels that they have chance to work hard, prove themselves, and win on a one to one basis. All three teams are developing their skills and working hard to win and to grow, not only individually, but as a whole. Our duty as CUSP fans is to get out their and support our teams.

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Holiday Season

Sincerely,
The 'Sword' Staff

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