Ries Pursues Master of Business Administration Degree

By Barry Leder

Pastor Thomas Ries will no longer be acting as Vice President for College Relations, for at least the next eighteen months. In pursuit of a lifelong plan he is returning to the University of Minnesota Business School in hopes of earning his Master of Business Administration degree.

Ries identified this move as a necessity, as, "I believe the Lord is confirming for me a future in higher education." Thomas Ries graduated from Concordia Seminary St. Louis in 1980, and he has since served Concordia College in an administrative ministry. There is some doubt as to what position at Concordia he will be returning to after the eighteen months have elapsed, as his request for temporary leave of absence stated his position could be replaced permanently or temporarily. Thomas Ries did emphasize that he definitely hopes to return to CSP in some capacity.

Another important point Pastor Ries would like to make is that he recognizes an incredible potential for business administrators in service to both church and God. Pastor Ries stated, "I also hope to learn how to more effectively interpret the church to the corporate world." This is one reason he has selected business administration over Parish administration and even education administration. He also identified that business administration is an excellent preparation for many church ministry positions. He encourages all Concordia students to consider this opportunity. For example, there are a growing number of synodical colleges already encouraging church professionals to study business administration, when compared with the number just a few years ago.

Pastor Ries has already begun his endeavor as he has been taking one course each quarter to earn some credit before beginning an intensive eighteen months of study. He also added the support of his wife, who works in Concordia's Admissions Department, and his two children are helpful and necessary.

Service Master: The New Look for CSP Maintenance

By Susan Ostermann

Faster than a speeding vacuum cleaner, stronger than a manpower, able to crush dust before it starts. It's Service Master.

The new maintenance department has taken on a new look. No longer is it internalized by Concordia administration, but an outside company has been contracted to maintain the college.

Once a month the administration meets with Service Master to evaluate the job done in the past and to set future goals and expectations. By working with the administration rather than just a set base with which to work from, the R.A.S also brings their work orders in to maintain the upkeep of the dorms.

Since Concordia's campus work force is mostly students, Service Master has come up with a way to train the students that uses modern techniques.

"Once a student is hired we go through a number of videos on cleaning procedures with them," said Jim Bostian head of Service Master at Concordia, "from there we go one-on-one with the student to train them for their particular job." But what if the student performance turns out to be less than adequate? "The student is given two chances," replied Bob Lundberg, "I go and check their area to see if there is a legitimate gripe. If there is, the student is warned once. If the behavior continues then they're gone."

Speaking of checking areas, did you know that Bostian, Lundberg, and sometimes Tom Ries comes through the dorms once a week to see how the upkeep of the buildings are being maintained.

We have all noticed this year the quality of the buildings has come up considerably from previous years. Service Master uses top notch equipment and top of the line chemicals.

Another reason why maintenance has improved is because of Jim Bostian. As an employee of Service Master his job is to make sure that the job is done right, but Bostian goes one step further and takes time out to listen to the complaints and comments of students.

We here at the SWORD would like to salute Bostian and his maintenance crew for a job well done this year!

Campus Security: Newest Developments

by Paul Lauer

When a Concordian returns from break, the first thing that is obvious is the change that has taken place. From the Library to individual classrooms, Concordia appears to be transforming to meet the increased needs that students, faculty, staff and the changing times have placed upon her. No exception to this trend is the system of internal security that Concordia offers.

We have already seen this year the use of systems such as "Corky" tried and tested. Although the use of this new key system did not meet the needs, it exemplifies the transition taking place in Concordia Security.

Perhaps the most meaningful change for students is the inclusion of an additional guard during the night time hours. Preparations for this have been in the process since the new year, but since returning from spring break the new staff has been in effect.

Equipped with radio/phone and the standard accessories, this second guard is used primarily to patrol those areas open to students to include the Student Union and, more specifically, dormitories.

These increased hours of security have prompted the expansion of the number of security guards from six to eleven with more possible if the need arises. To accommodate the women's dormitories, two female guards have thus far been hired.

Hours of operation include 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Throughout the night hours the two guards remain in contact through the use of radios which are also linked to a campus telephone line.

In addition to the second guard, campus security has been under development all year. Earlier this year seven flood lights were upgraded to add increased lighting to the previously darker areas of campus. Three more such lights have been ordered and are expected to be installed before the end of April.

The Concordia maintenance department continues to look for an alternative to the standard key system of locks. During the interim, however, there has been a great emphasis on re-keying those buildings which no longer assured limited access. Expected yet this year is the further upgrading of security through standardization of uniforms and procedures with hopes of adopting a written policy before the end of the year.

Current Concordia Security ranks include: Bob Bronson, Jeff Wehrs, Mark Musick, Paul Lauer, Glynn Walker, Gene Lilienthal, Jim Krauseer, Tamra Orzolek, Debbie Malt and Bob Hoffman.

Concordia Welcomes Ralph Kirschbaum

by Barry Leder

Concordia welcomes a new Vice President of Financial Management, Ralph Kirschbaum. Kirschbaum brings with him years of talent in accounting and computers. He is a graduate of University of Minnesota and has over twenty years experience in accounting. Kirschbaum was most recently employed by Temple of Aaron, which is located in St. Paul, as financial director. He also has worked for Honeywell and Univac Computers.

While new to the job Kirschbaum was able to already identify goals for his department. These included basic assurance of Concordia's solvency and improved service to students in budgeting money and obtaining financial aid. He described his role and his department as monitoring the budget, watching expenses, handling student loans, making payments and payroll, and arranging for the student bank.

Kirschbaum is married and has two green children; he also works as an administrative assistant at nearby Central High School. He identified his interests as camping, reading, scouting, and computers.

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Operations. We thought it was about opportunity to thank those people we for all the work they do. of them deserves a round of applause for that. I hope you take the part in the functioning of this institution. I also realized that they are a time, space, and money wouldn't for sure, except for a general opinion of school property but also lowers the student body. if you were the custodian and had is 'nt clean," said Bob Lundburg, "but had a full dorm meeting where the was getting carried away, partly because by this time I was standing on the president's desk going through my surfing motions. Those all sound like really good ideas Bob, but look at this." Dr. Harre said as he propped his foot on his desk, "My Nikes are really soggy!" About all I could rage because security hauled me out the door was to plead, "But I like soggy Nikes!" time in, he grasped your hands, the Concordia Administration may have completed their insensitive dismantling of Lake Concordia. But there is still hope for future springs when the lake comes back. You can help those faithful warriors (namely, me) who defend such heritage as Lake Concordia against the boeracatic expansionists.

Send your tax-deductible donation to: "Save Lake Concordia" or "I like soggy Nikes too!" — c/o Bob Sut- terer, Concordia College, St Paul MN.

Meanwhile, Back At Concordia

"It was something about yellow T-shirts Disturbing the Peace." "What do you mean the usual signs of ARA poisoning?"

"No Joey, Dorm Hours are only for Grown-ups.

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Millie Sjostrand: A Vital Part of Division E
by Lucinda Niecm

Millie Sjostrand (pronounced "show strand") is the secretary for the Fine Arts Division at Concordia. Millie, as she prefers to be called, is a delightful person. Her friendly disposition has helped make the five years here very pleasant for all those who work with her.

Millie's family includes a 5-year-old Irish setter named "Bran-dy" and "Pumkin" their cat. When Millie isn't working in the Music Building, her favorite pastimes include reading, cross country skiing and babysitting her grandchildren. The Sjostrands have property in northern Minnesota, and during the summer months Millie enjoys camping and swimming.

Millie has been involved in several occupations. Interestingly, Millie worked here at Concordia over 20 years ago, as the first switchboard operator. She chuckled as she remembered the system of plugging Alaska, Tahiti and perhaps Australia. Potunity, Millie would like to go to everywhere. Now if given the opportunity, she got to do some travelling.

In the travel business, and with that, she got to meet a lot of people. One day while sitting in the Music Building, her favorite pastimes— including reading, cross country skiing and babysitting her grandchildren— all of whom Millie speaks of with great pride.

Pets in Millie's family include a small white terrier named "Rex" and "Pumpkin" their cat. When Millie isn't working in the Music Building, her favorite pastimes— including reading, cross country skiing and babysitting her grandchildren— all of whom Millie speaks of with great pride.

Millie really is a vital part of Division "E" here at CSP. A student who spends a lot of time in the Music Building smiled fondly and remarked, "Millie is the hub of the Fine Arts Division. She is most helpful to both faculty and students in the area."

Millie said she enjoys the people she works with, both faculty and students. She said she enjoys young people, because, "It helps keep a person young."

Bernie Johnson, who has worked at Concordia since 1972, could be called the school gardener. He can be seen around campus planting flowers and cutting grass in the warm months, and during the winter he plows snow and does some painting.

Bernie watched most of Concordia being built, since he lived in this area, but since he's worked here he's seen the turnover of three Concordia presidents. When asked if he thought the students have changed at all, Bob said, "Yes, I think they've become more mature over the years."

Bernie has been married to his wife Eileen for 39 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

In his community, Bernie is involved in scouting activities. He's a scout troop leader and says it takes up a lot of his time. During his spare time he likes to fish, cross country ski, and ride his bike.

Bernie's past jobs include managing the service station on Hamline and 1-94. He was also in a book called "Minorities in America," which can be found in all school libraries.

When asked how he'd describe himself, Bob said, "I think I'm easy-going, I get along well with people, and I'm willing to help."

So when you have something that breaks down, be sure to call Bob immediately. He'll be there!
Comets Defend Upper Midwest Title

The Comets put forth a surprisingly good performance last season on the baseball diamond. CSP won the Upper Midwest title last year and finished second in the NLCAA national invitationals.

This year the Comets are in the position of defending that title. There is no speaking up on anyone anymore. The Comets' biggest obstacles this season may not come from their opponents, but rather from a lack of depth. Only 12 men are out for baseball at this moment and new coach Dave Aker possesses an urgent need for pitchers. The coach said he needs to field six pitchers.

All-American Bill Pitcher returns to lead the Comets on the mound, but after that experienced hurlers are hard to find. Tim Wathler, who did a good job on the mound last season, is suffering from back problems and may be forced to play elsewhere. Wade Stockman will try his hand at pitching for the Comets this spring to attempt to fill the void. Freshman Kurt Keitzer appears to show promise as well. Kevin Meyer and Mike Kohlmeyer will also attempt to pick up the slack in the pitching rotation, although neither has college experience on the mound.

The Comets lost experienced players at shortstop and catcher from last season. These positions are a concern for coach Aker who noted, "You look for strength (on a team) up the middle." Look for freshman Nate Laroby or junior Brad Sombke to catch for the Comets while Keitzer or Laroby. The Comets return their entire outfield from last year and should be able to hit the ball well. Offensive production does not seem to be a problem for this club. The Comets also possess good team quickness. "We've gonna score a lot of runs," said assistant coach Jim Nunn.

Aker agreed that the team will be no lack of excitement on the field this spring. "We're going to play a very aggressive style of baseball this year."

Nunn summed up the Comets' chances for this spring. "If everyone works hard and the pitchers take the time to learn, we can go back to nationals."

Baseball Coaches Get Reaquainted

There is a grand reunion taking place on Concordia's baseball team this spring. While Dave Aker takes the helm of the Comets for the first time this season, not all the faces he sees will be unfamiliar. Jim Nunn, a former Comet player, will be Aker's assistant. Nunn served as a player under Aker in his high school days at East Grand Forks, North Dakota. After graduation Nunn joined Aker on the coaching staff at East Grand Forks for three season.

Nunn commented on their relationship. "We know how each other thinks," Jim stated. He flashed a knowing smile at Aker which was returned. At that moment I could almost see how the wheels in each man's head turn in unison. If he gets a bright idea out at (the) third base (coaching box), he'll look over at me and I'll know exactly what he's planning.

Aker agreed and reflected on his past coaching experience with Nunn, "A guy would come into the dugout and Jim would tell him what he did wrong on the last play and when he got to the other end (of the bench) where I was, and I would tell him the same things."

Continuity is very important in a coaching staff. The players have to know that the staff is united in their efforts to guide the team. Good coach to coach relationships help breed good player-coach relations and overall team unity. Continuity brings stability to a club and helps the players know where they stand. The Comet baseball team has been blessed with this kind of continuity in the Aker-Nunn staff. This may help the Comets avoid the typical phenomena of a coachee first year being a rebuilding one.

CSP Looks for Strong Showing in Tennis

After a five year absence, Coach Hendrickson returns to guide the Comet tennis team this spring. Concordia finished third among four teams in the conference tournament last year, but they are well stocked to improve that finish this season.

Hendrickson is pleased with the amount of depth on the squad this spring. Jerome Leckband, last year's number one man, leads the returners. According to coach Hendrickson, the top three players on the team can all beat each other, so Jerome will contend with Jim Jobst and Marty Meyer for that top spot this year.

Hendrickson looks to Jobst, who did not play last year but is a former tennis MVP, for the leadership role on the club. According to Hendrickson, "Jim is a take-charge kind of guy who is also the oldest member of the team." Hendrickson is excited of Jobst who did not play last year but is a former tennis MVP, for the leadership role on the club. According to Hendrickson, "Jim is a take-charge kind of guy who is also the oldest member of the team."

Depth and dedication will be the keys for the Comets if they are to challenge DMLC for the title this year. Hendrickson expects strength in doubles this season. He also feels the last half of the squad will post a number of victories this year. Andy Klocher and Paul Hagen will be the mainstays of that second half. Both Andy and Paul have intimidating size on the court, and both hit the ball hard.

Comet tennis begins the first Saturday after Easter break. The conference tournament will be held during the first week of May. The Comets will also be travelling to Mesquite, Wisconsin to face Concordia Mequon and Concordia River Forest in May. The CSP racquetballers will also be competing for a chance to participate in the NLCAA national invitational.