Another New Face at CSP

By Kathy Berry

You may have noticed lately that there have been a lot of new faces around Concordia College. Many of these new faces have been appearing in the administration offices. In today’s issue of the Sword, there is another person to add to your list of new administrators to get to know. Reverend Robert DeWerff is Concordia’s new Vice President of College Relations. Over the years, this position has had many different titles. It has been known as Dean of Admissions, Dean of Administration, and under DeWerff, it is known as Assistant to the President. DeWerff believes that its title now is Vice President of College Relations.

A college has many different audiences that have an interest in it. Some of these include parents, students, prospective students, church groups, community groups, donors, church officials, alumni, and even the vendors that supply the college with goods and services. According to DeWerff, the purpose of the College Relations office is “to ensure that we serve all of the people that have an interest in us as well as we can.” As invited to come in, DeWerff, Carol Zemke, Dr. Harre, a student, or a professor will represent Concordia wherever they are invited to speak. This office also releases a lot of written material about Concordia.

Another major purpose of this office is to help the college run smoothly. According to DeWerff, it acts as a kind of parent office. Its “children” include the financial aid office, admissions, and of course, public relations. A “child” that has been recently adopted is Computer Services. This committee is working on new computers for the college. Another “child” is DeWerff as part of the President’s cabinet, must be able to give suggestions and constructive criticism to his colleagues.

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DeWerff also said that there will soon be another new face in the administration offices. The new position of Director of Conferences and Special Events is in the process of being formed. The person who fills this position will be responsible for coordinating the use of campus facilities by off campus groups. This person will make sure that there are no conflicts. At the present time, DeWerff says, “Because it is so formed out and is a lot of a lot of people’s jobs, it doesn’t always get done as well or as smoothly as people would like.” He really doesn’t consider this position new, he says that they are just pulling the responsibility together to one area.

The “Fab Fables” cast in action.

By Tami Eckstein

The Fabulous Fables tour is once again drawing near. The previous two years brought the Fables group to New York and to Texas. This year, the group of twelve will be traveling in the Washington, D.C. area. This group consists of six girls and six guys (including the director, Mike Charron). Brant and Sandy Raben, Cheryl Schoonbeck, Tammy Pipor, Mark Niehuer, Phil Peterson, Tom Eckstein, Lisa Siege, Tami Eckstein, Peggy Vanek, and Dan Asmus.

Amazing as it seems, the tour was scheduled just a few weeks after Mike Charron went out the performance information to the D.C. area. This will be the third Fabulous Fables tour from C.S.P. Because there are eight performances scheduled, there will be a lot of exciting and excites for the group. Even though the tour is only ten days, they’ve managed to reserve a day and a half for sight-seeing too. The tour will begin bright and early on February 28th, and return home to the campus on March 10th. Following the return from the tour, there will be three performances given at the college. These performances are scheduled for the 13-15th of March.

When considering the types of performances that will be done, there will be several past plays as well as some very energetic new additions. In fact, some very crazy and fun innovations have crept into a lot of the production already. When asked what he enjoyed most about directing, Mike replied, “The freedom that’s a creative process that keeps developing as we rehearse. Every fable that’s performed reveals the casts own personality.” Another opportunity which could arise for this “fabulous” group is the possibility of having their performance aired on T.V. My, what heights will Concordia reach next!

The practices for Fabulous Fables have been in operation since January 6th. Every day, Monday through Friday, is spent in the Attic theatre for two hour periods. In that seemingly short time, simple stories are brought to full-fledged life.

Well then, what is it that keeps the audiences so involved? The down-to-earth productions, as well as the close vicinity between the actors and the audience certainly has something to do with it. There are several opportunities where the audience is asked to join in with their voices or other actions. Tom Eckstein, a two year member of Fabulous Fables, vividly recalled what made him feel the audiences true appreciation. “You should’ve seen those kids... They came up and hugged us, asked us for our autographs, and told us what they thought — it made us feel so special. Kids seem to have that special ability of sensing the energy that is put into something.”

Well, one thing is for sure, anyone who misses the performances of Fabulous Fables ‘86 will definitely be missing out on a lot of creative fun and excitement, as well as a chance to let their imaginations run wild. Like one of the opening lines in Fables, remember: “You are the audience, but in Fabulous Fables... you can be anything you want!” Hope to see you there!

Snow Week Update

By Sharon R. Dixon

This year’s Snow Week, February 10-15, promises to be an exciting week, filled with lots of activities. Monday night at 7:30 that evening in the MBA a dance will follow in either the ARA or LMC.
THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE

The mission of Concordia College is to prepare students for intelligent living, for dedicated service to God and humankind, and for the enlightened care of God's creatures. We believe that this preparation is best achieved when students have the opportunity to develop a liberal arts foundation within a Christian community setting. The attainment of this purpose is fostered by relating human learning and experience to the Christian faith as this faith is confessed within our Lutheran heritage. The distinctiveness of Concordia is found in the programs which prepare students for various occupations in society — including vocational, as well as for vocations in home, congregation, and community. These programs are presented in a context which provides the student with the opportunity to grow in knowledge of self as a redeemed citizen of the kingdom of God and as a responsible citizen of the world.

THE CONCORDIA GRADUATE

The mission of Concordia College is to prepare students for intelligent living, for dedicated service to God and humankind, and for the enlightened care of God's creatures. The Concordia graduate has had planned learning experiences directed toward fulfilling this mission. The following characteristics described the graduate envisioned by this mission.

**BASIC SKILLS.** The graduate is able to communicate clearly and effectively in both language and measurement arts.

**ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE.** The graduate has knowledge of self, and knowledge of self in relation to other people, to cultures past and present, to scientific endeavors, and to resources both human, and physical. This knowledge is sufficient to make informed decisions. It has breadth and depth to provide objective, contrasting viewpoints and approaches to knowledge.

**AESTHETIC APPRECIATION.** The graduate has knowledge and critical appreciation of major forms of artistic expression and participates in creative experiences, both personal and cultural.

**INTELLECTUAL SKILLS.** The graduate has the requisite research, organizational, analytical, reflective, and evaluative intellectual skills to make self-directed decisions.

**VALUES.** The graduate has made progress in developing a Christian ethic for the standard of personal and organizational values. This value system is consistent with knowledge and intellectual skills in making discriminating moral choices. It includes a commitment to serve other people.

**PERSONAL SKILLS.** The graduate applies basic skills, knowledge, values, and intellectual abilities appropriately. These applications are made in cooperative relationships with and in leadership of other persons, in effective direction of self, and in adapting to societal and cultural change.

**LIFE GOALS.** The graduate has an appreciation of learning, the ability to formulate, implement, and modify career and personal goals, and a commitment to maintain a healthy lifestyle. (Tentatively approved by faculty, January 10, 1985).

If you have any questions or comments regarding these statements please address them to the proper authorities. The SWORD is willing to print any formal response to these statements.

Sincerely,
Karen A. Henschel, Editor

**State Scholarships and Grants**

Students who plan to attend a Minnesota college, public area vocational technical institute in the 1986-87 school year may apply for a State Scholarship or Grant.

Application forms are available from financial aid officers and from the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) which administers the program (400 Capital Square Building, 500 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101). Students can apply through May, 1987.

The Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators, in cooperation with the HECB has developed a campaign to inform students and families throughout Minnesota about financial aid programs available and how to apply for them.

Students attending a Minnesota post-secondary institution this year still can apply for a Scholarship or Grant for the 1986-87 school year (July 1, 1985, to June 30, 1986), until May 31, 1986 and still receive an award for the full year.

Approximately $53 million is available now in programs.

Minnesota residents who will be enrolled at least half time in one of more than 160 eligible schools in Minnesota may apply for the 1986-87 school year. Eligible institutions include all Minnesota state universities, community colleges, public area vocational technical institutes, schools of nursing and related health professions, private colleges, and proprietary institutions in Minnesota.

**HMS Gears Up for Mexico**

By Kathy Fritz

The Hispanic Mission Society (HMS) is currently planning another trip to El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico for spring break. They are leaving on February 25th and will be returning on March 9. HMS is taking 30 members along this year — the largest group that HMS has ever had.

To finance this trip, all of the members have been working hard on fundraisers such as Skip-A-Meal, church visitsations, Valentine messages, and the Labor Auction.

Members of HMS will help out in orphanages, repair churches, work in gardens, and do other work that needs to be done. They will also lead Bible Studies and share the word of God.

**Choir Tour**

By Marijo White

The Concordia band shows much Christian fellowship and unity as a group which is especially helpful on the road when touring. The band visits different groups of people, from a church congregation to a home for mentally handicapped children and reaches out to them with their music.

A day on the tour includes the band reaching their destination, generally a church, where they are greeted by the pastor or the elder of the church. The band then spends half an hour or so warming up. Next, the men put on their tuxedos and the women dress up in their concert gowns. Devotions are given to pray the glory of God and thank Him for the gifts he has given.

The band will visit Jaynesville, Wisconsin; Kewanee, Illinois; St. Louis and Perryville, Missouri; Hardy, Arkansas; Paducah, Tennessee; Decatur, Illinois; Milwaukee, Watertown, Horicon and Hudson, Wisconsin and their last stop before returning to CSP will be Eagan, Minnesota.

**Band on Tour**

By Marijo White

The Christus Chorus is busily preparing for their spring tour. They will be performing a variety of music compositions from different centuries, and also several works with instruments. Included are spirituals and several arrangements by the band's director, Dr. John Neufeld.

A normal day on their tour and preparing for a concert would include arrival at a destination, unloading the touring line-up (which is especially important because of the double choral arrangement) and warming up. Next, they usually dress for dinner, sing the Lord's Supper and will meet the congregation in fellowship.

Later in the evening, arrangements are made and the singers go to the host homes. The morning brings the choir back together for morning devotions, then they load up and travel on to the next stop.

Arrangements are being made to sing for chapel services at a number of synod schools including Concordia, Wisconsin; Concordia, Ann Arbor, Michigan and Valparaiso University in Indiana.

Some fun activities being planned this year are going snowshoeing in Michigan, maybe downhill skiing, the usual sight-seeing, an auto tour and visit to the Ford museum in Detroit, Michigan. Bus "fun" usually includes Trivial Pursuit tournaments since the Christus Chorus claims some of the best fun at CSP this year.

The choir will be traveling to Fall Creek, Madison, Sheboygan, Manitowac and Green Bay, Wisconsin; Saginaw, Lansing and the Detroit area in Michigan; La Porte, Indiana; Country Club Hills, and Chicago Heights, Illinois, and a final stop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Student Convention**

The winter quarter convention of the Minnesota Association of Private College Students (MAPCS) will be held February 15-17, 1986, at Concordia College in St. Paul. Students from all Minnesota liberal arts colleges may attend workshops in the morning, followed by an afternoon "general assembly" at which official delegates from member schools will discuss legislative goals.

St. Paul Mayor George Latimer will be the featured luncheon speaker. Latimer, a declared candidate for governor, will discuss his vision for Minnesota's future. A question and answer session will follow.

Concurrent workshops held between 10:30 a.m. and noon will be directed toward political skill-building as well as issues of on-campus student governance. Topics will include the Minnesota legislative process, improving the image of student government and developing alternative (non-alcoholic) campus programming.

Students interested in attending should check with the student government office to learn about travel plans, room arrangements and registration. Colleges which have chosen to send students to the MAPCS convention will be assigned a group of member delegates to the Minnesota Association of Private College Students which includes Bethel, Hamline and Minneapolis Art and Design.

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The Story of Valentine's Day

By Deb Krause

Once upon a time in a place called Rome there were many Christians. These Christians were constantly getting picked on and killed by the Romans. One of these places was Valentine's home. Valentine was a blind wood carver. All the children in town adored him. Not only for the beautiful wooden carvings he gave them but also for his stories of intrigue and adventure. One day Valentine was alone in his shop trying to complete a surprise gift he was making for all the children to share, when all of a sudden he heard sharp pounding on the door. It was the Roman guards; they had found out his home was one where the Christians gathered. They demanded that he name the children. He knew he was in trouble, whatever answer he should choose. He thought of the children to tell the truth and this was the even the theme in some of his stories. He said, yes he had been holding meetings, yes there were meetings over there and we could be able to. When he said this the children to tell the truth and this was the even the theme in some of his stories. He said, yes he had been holding meetings, yes there were meetings over there and we could be able to. Some of the children were too young to understand what was happening. Children asked where he was going and when he'd be back. He said he was just going away for a visit and he would be back in no time. Then they returned. Valentine was not heard from for a long time. Than one day the children came to find that Valentine was. The children found out that it was very far away, and they couldn't travel there. They also heard something that the news that the Kingdom was transferring Valentine to a jail in their town. The children planned exciting things to do upon the return of Valentine. One day after the children had nearly given up hope, he came. He looked different, as though the twinkle in his eyes had disappeared. When he laughed the children saw he hadn't lost his merry twinkle, though he had been kept in prison for long months he spent in prison. He hadn't received proper nutrition, health care, or enough sleep, but the thing that impressed the most was the youthful and cheerful companionship of the children. Now he was in a prison near a window where he could see the others prison on the other side of town. The children noticed that though his stories were still exciting that he had to pause quite often to rest. While he was with the other prisoner he caught pneumonia, but he didn't let the children know that he was going to die soon from this. The Roman ruler at first was told to let him put to death but decided instead to let him rot in prison. Then the ruler changed his mind. The day of Valentine's execution was a month or so away. The children still faithfully wrote Valentine notes and sent him gifts. On the morning of the 14th of February Valentine was worse than ever; he could hardly breathe and he wouldn't eat. The town doctor was called in and decided he could not save Valentine. Valentine told the children one last story on this day. His story was a Christian one. He told the story of Samuel and David. He remembered always to show love and remember to use your gifts the best possible way you can use them. His final wishes were that all the children to go to his workshop for a surprise. His surprise had actually been completed before he was called. He did have a chance to inform them of this. The children all quickly ran to see what kind of surprise awaited them. They found in his shop a huge wooden heart emblem. The inscription on the back read, "I love you all, remember my love with this gift and also let it be a reminder to always share the love Christ has put in your hearts." The children returned to thank Valentine for his wonderful gift, but it was too late. Valentine had died. The children were all very sad, but they remembered his words, "share the love Christ has put in your hearts." They decided that they would hold a celebration to remember him. Valentine told next year in memory of the love Valentine shared with them and the love the children had for him. This is how Valentine's Day began.

VALENTINE EQUATION

LOVE = FRI (or MAG if you like)

For the big grand finale a note on a paper towel (it's the latest in high fashion Valentine's day cards you know!!)

Valentine Gifts

By Deb Krause

A poll recently taken in the library. People were asked what the most unusual or different Valentine gift they ever received. We were surprised to find that varied from the "normal" things of roses, candy, cards, to the boring things of nothing. Do you believe in Valentine's Day?" This was the most often-mentioned of the three. The others we've all been waiting for—unique, insane, crazy, absolutely weirdest Valentine gifts. The children to make love to come over to give her a Valentine gift and when she came over she made him know in no unclear terms she was his Valentine's day gift. She stripped and had on only one thing, a red bow about her neck.

Another of your fellow Concordia students here one day have to have surgery as a Valentine gift. She got a new pair of underwear. Anyone knows underwear is a popular gift for this occasion. There are just so many pairs that women can wear. One pair was a bikini style, and it had hearts on it and it said, "King of Hearts." Another was a girl's which was hot pink and had black lace. A third pair consisted of teddy bears and hearts on guys underwear. From what I understand these pairs of underwear were null.

Another person said they got one sugar cookie. Quite interesting, but I can't help thinking they were sweet or was it because they were sweetened up?!

The next unusual item is a heart shaped chocolate button that says I love you on it. Valentine. It came taped to a card that said, "Happy Valentines." When I heard the heart on the string on a stick from the roommate type gadget.

Someone said, "I got a personal that was code, only I didn't understand the code so I couldn't read my messages."

An unusual type of candy called rice candy was once received by a person at CSP.

And for the grand big finale a note on a paper towel (it's the latest in high fashion Valentine's day cards you know!!)

Valentine Personalities

Zoe: Have a sweet Valentine's Day and a lovely year. I love you, Sir Fresh.

To the Teaser: You can't see it, you can't hear it, it's even taste it, so… feel it. It's our Love in Christ, the Teasers.

Dear Eddie-Ant: Happy Birthday to a great friend who happens to be one of my favorite roommates. Thanks for a listening ear, your high school pal.

To some of my dear friends: I'm thankful to the good Lord for you, for your patience and understanding with me. Keep going, we're all more six months, your Boing Boing.


Dearest Hyatt-B 10 Study Group, Very much socializing with you all on 1-31-86. One of the crowd. Dearest Miriam Ose, You are a sweetie. Thanks for being there for me when things got rough. Happy Happy Happy Day! Your "Secret Angel," Marjio.

Dear "Spindles," I can't wait for spring tour! Roomies we beli You're a groovin' friend and a very special person to me. Keep smiling. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Joey.

Dearest Sara, You're way over there in Hyatt, away from us in Wayleaga, but we haven't forgotten about you. Have a great day. Missing you at Chi Chi's. Love K,K,P,J,P,C.

Yes Karen, We will definitely have to meet a week from next Thursday to contemplate the meaning of life. I can eat oatmeal and you can eat chips. Love, Kath.

To Collusion Course: You are all wonderful and I'm proud to have named you. I thank each of you for friendship and love.

To the two Ms. Hannigans in my life — have a great day! Love ya, Pigdroppings.

To 007: Thanks for being there, especially during those late night chats. Since that woman Mark entrusted to your care.

Sal: The times when I need someone just to be quiet with are the times I'm most glad for your friendship. Thanks, Love, your only friend.

RWM: I love you, my sweet, wonderful TCR man! Meet me in Silicone Valley in a year and a half. Love me,

Montecito: We know that you use us but we still love you. Meet you in the Pit! Ah Ka Ka Ka Ka Ka your favorite Valentines!

Carol and Heidi W: You're the greatest cousins a guy could ever want. Love ya lots. Lester.
**SPORTS**

Behind The Scenes of I.M. Sports

By Jim Bender

There was such a variety of reasons that I suspected they were covering something up. From the very beginning with the school papers, if Dave joined intramural basketball, I immediately became suspicious. This person had an answer complete with alphabetized categories. "If I have always enjoyed playing basketball B) fun competition — I get rid of pent-up energy C) exercise D) its a good way to get to know people," explained Gary Fritz. Gary obviously had thought this through beforehand. "Phil Rogers went up with three different reasons. "I joined to have a good time, something to do on weekends, and for a study break."

A study break? I asked. "I was surprised he had just joined and both Sally Eggert and Wayne Ahrens offered shortage of time as an excuse — they evidently do not have enough time for a study break. Garth Smith, however, humbly admitted that "I'm not asking for any help." Kevin Strong joined to stay in shape and to work on footspeed for football. "The only limit to winning D) its a good way to get to know people."

"We joined to have our arms slashed by the men with big cars have volunteered to being a secret agent solving an monthly conflict." A study break? I asked. "I was surprised they were covering something up." An intramural basketball "inspires us with God-given strength, to survive the hustle and bustle of everyday life." As far as motivation goes, the intramural basketball team was "inspiring large amounts of Mt. Dew, and it will be single elimination. Join the already-large crowds and watch the champs show off their t-shirts."

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**Women's Basketball**

Another Great Season

By Keith Grimm

In the past, it always seemed as though the same occurrence happened near the end of the winter quarter: the Concordia Women's Basketball Team was qualifying for yet another another post season tournament. This year doesn't seem to be any different. Coach Jack Surridge and his fine-tuned Women's Basketball Team are having another great season. Since winning the Northland Classic Tournament just before Christmas, the Comets have continued to progress throughout the season. Now, at the end of the season is drawing near, the women's team has a chance to participate in both the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA) North District Tournament, and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 13 Tournament.

In order for the Comets to make the NLCAA Tournament, they have to win the District Tournament which is being held at Northland College on February 20-21. Seven teams are participating in this tournament, and the Concordia Women's Team will be rated either first or second this depended upon St. Scholastica on Feb. 5. If the Comets win the District Tournament they will travel to Nazareth, Michigan on March 6-8 for the major NLCAA Tournament.

The NAIA District 13 Tournament will be held from Feb. 28-March 1. Only four teams make this tournament, and these teams are chosen by a power rating. This rating is based on the team's record and the strength of their schedule. At this moment the Concordia Women's Team is in the top four. Something for us members of the Concordia community to be proud of is that our Women's Team is by far the smallest school that is in contention for being invited to this tournament.

At this time, the over-all women's team record is 11 wins and 7 losses. Many of these losses are the result of playing other schools that are much larger than Concordia. These include River Falls-Wisconsin, U of M-Morris, and Bemidji State U. In the Midwestern Women's Conference the Comets are playing exceptionally well. They have six wins and only one loss in the Conference. The only loss came to St. Scholastica and the Comets looked forward to their rematch on February 5. If you have not already heard, this team can score points! Right now they are rated 13th in the nation in offense; averaging approximately 80 points per game. The team has incredibly scored over 100 points in three games, which is unheard of today. This high scoring ability can be attributed to the team's balanced scoring attack with good depth coming off the bench. This year's freshman have also contributed a lot.

Finally, the team defense will determine how far this Comet Team can go. Due to the team's over-all lack of height, they have to make up for this with exceptional quickness and experience. Sandy Hammes has almost tied the school record of 11 steals in one game twice by stealing 10 in both games. Finally, if this team pulls together like they have in the past, you can expect some real positive results in the upcoming tournaments.

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**Scenes from C.I.T.**

An inter-collegiate pyramid attempt at halftime.

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**The WCCO All-Stars vs. CSP All-Stars**

**Sunday February 16**

**2:30 P.M.**

**BE THERE!**

The Preachers and the Bulldogs battle for the championship.