CROSS COUNTRY

by Michelle Fritz

Concordia College is again offering Cross Country as an inter-collegiate sport for both men and women. A men's team was fielded for the first time, and this is the first season ever that women have participated in Cross Country at Concordia.

Cross Country is a long distance endurance race that is run on grassy parks, surrounding streets and occasionally on a surfaced track. The races range from 3 to 5 miles. Five runners are needed to make a team, but runners may also compete on an individual basis. The team with the lowest total score places of the first five finishers on a team earns points. The team with the lowest total score wins.

Teammates run in nearby packs, surrounding streets and occasionally on a surfaced track. The meets range from 3 to 5 miles. Due to injuries and schedule problems, CUSP was unable to maintain a full team's season this year. Original team members were:

Men -
Darrin Marjhein
Paul Hamann
Scott Schmidt
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PERSONALS

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Children's Department

TO THE SCRIBE STAFF

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May You -
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And I with my teddy bear and Hayley in her cap had just settled down after a Christmas napcap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a cluster all the wussies awoke to see what was the matter.

And what to our wondering eyes should appear but the grand gifts Christmas which to us were very dear.

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**SNO MAGIC**

Sno Week is January 19-25th. Get your boots on and don't forget those mittens and get ready for a week filled with fun and frolic. Sno Week will include activities such as a snow-person building contest, Faba Dance, selection of Sno Court, and jance the Magician, a not so traditional rendition of "You Shook Me All Night Long" echoed in the troubled corners of his mind.

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**Don't You Hate It When . . .**

By Jim Scriven

you wait in line to get into the Financial Management Office for forty-five minutes, only to find out you're at the wrong office. Everyone is laughing so you join in, only to find they are laughing at you.

God forgets to turn on the heat in Minnesota, and you discover the professor you enjoyed the most last quarter gave you the worst grade.

you get all psyched up to play pool on the newly repaired pool tables, and you find they are all full. You are assigned a paper which sounds super difficult, and the prof says, "This is the 'easy' one . . ."

you are in the bathroom and a janitor of the opposite sex walks in. Everyone bundles up and heads for the car, but no one brought the keys. The suitcase was packed. The largest smile known to mankind rested on the face of Conrad Preston. Only one word was registering in his excited mind, "Home."

Conrad locked his door and went out to the car where his mother wasn't waiting patiently for her only, beloved son. He raced down the stairs, only just missing his roommate, Angus, who was sleeping in a corner. Conrad's smile, through a fantastic trick of his facial muscles, got even larger. He got in the car and sighed . . . "Home."

Twenty minutes later, Conrad's smile had vanished along with any form of rational thought. He couldn't believe that any grown woman could spew-out a steady stream of nonsense for twenty minutes and still be in control of a moving vehicle.

"Anyway, what was I saying. Oh yes now I remember. We were all over at Margaret's house for bridge. They had those wonderful little candies and . . . opps! There went one of those red lights again! I wish they would make their minds what color they wanted to be, (she giggled) opps! Oh well, what was I saying . . . " she drove on and on.

One week later, Conrad couldn't even remember what a smile was. He sat amidst boxes, bows, and unwrapped wrapping paper.

The ties his father had gotten him were sitting in a neat pile. The .38 pistol his mom had gotten him was in its holster. The lights blinked on, then off, and then smoked and spluttered themselves into non-existence. The stereo blared "Johnny Matthes" over the roar of the TV's football game, in front of which his father had fallen asleep. Meanwhile, in a forgotten corner, Conrad's sister waged a terrible war between the "Care Bears" and the "My Little Ponies.

One word was on Conrad's mind—"School.

The smile was back as Conrad unlocked his door. He was ready to go back to the quiet, studious life he'd left for the holiday.

The room looked perfect, clean, organized and very quiet. Angus sat in a chair and was reading a book. He looked up and smiled.

"Guess what I got for Christmas?" he said quietly.

"Drugs?" guessed Conrad.

"Better?"

"Better?" Angus reached down and picked a long, grotesquely shaped instrument. "I got a guitar!" he cried.

With that Conrad huddled into a corner and closed his eyes. A crude rendition of "You Shook Me All Night Long" echoed in the troubled corners of his mind.

Angus broke a lamp, tripped over his cord, and fell on his face, producing a steady stream of nonsense for twenty minutes and still be in control of a moving vehicle.

Thank you to everyone who helped get this edition out.
LETTERS TO THE EDITORS:

On ARA Food Fights...

I must say I can't understand the maturity level on this campus. The other night I went to eat and the door was slammed in my face. I checked my watch, and it was only 5:30. I thought to myself, it's too early to close, what's going on? I was told they were closing for 5-10 minutes. The whole serving area! People were upset! I went up to the alumni office and asked what time they would be allowed to open. I have to pay the consequences for some other people's immaturity! At the same time, I realize the ARA staff has some responsibility for clearing it up (unless the student is right). It's a tough problem. But enforcing order in ARA shouldn't be necessary, should it? We don't need Dining Hall monitors, do we? How old are we? How mature?

A Fed-up Student

It is really sad when the students are asked to voice an opinion on an issue and don't even take the time to respond. I am referring to the article in the last issue of the Sword regarding the finals proposal. I read the article and was there. I should have raised some serious questions and yet few people responded. It is my belief that we owe it to ourselves and to each other to get involved. Yes, we are students, but we should still regard our actions here with a certain amount of responsibility and professionalism. Students seem to think we live in some kind of dream world on campus where the real world does not exist. It's time to wake up and take a look, because the real world is here, and we have to deal with it like anybody else. Everything we do should be done in the most professional manner taking into consideration the people around us and their personal rights. It's time we start thinking and it's time we start caring.

Sincerely

Paul H. Perseke

A Shocking Good TIME

By Jim Scriben

The school clocks are really messed up. All of them don't tell the time the ARA has noticed. There is no way to ignore it. I find it quite annoying. When you leave the Quad for ten minutes early for a class in the Classroom building only to be late, it is very easy to become frustrated. This is a real problem, especially when you know why the clocks are wrong. No sooner are they reset than some are behind and some are ahead. I swear the music building lies in a different time zone than the rest of the campus. Ally is why the clocks are always wrong. I snuck around corners, hid in shadows, crouched behind chairs, waited. And waited. And waited. And waited.

I never took the height of the clock, he pulled a gold saw. When the little green man reached his head! and proceeded to pull himself under and instead ended up banging my head on the bottom of the pool table. The green man jerked at the sudden sound, lost his grip on his hair, and fell to the ground. As if I needed another shock, I discovered that green gear bounced. He hit the floor with a BOOMING!! and went up to the second landing above me on the pool table. I never saw him again, but I heard him do two things. He said "Tell anyone you want about me. They'll only put you in the nut house when they hear you." Then, as Archie Bunker would say, "Give me the raspberry."

I'll never forget that night. It sounds weird, but it happened. And it does explain why the clocks are wrong. Whether you believe me or not, though, do yourself a favor. Keep an eye on your clocks.

In my amazement, I made one mistake. I went up to the clock and roared. And instead ended up banging my head on the bottom of the pool table. The green man jerked at the sudden sound, lost his grip on his hair, and fell to the ground. As if I needed another shock, I discovered that green gear bounced. He hit the floor with a BOOMING!! and went up to the second landing above me on the pool table. I never saw him again, but I heard him do two things. He said "Tell anyone you want about me. They'll only put you in the nut house when they hear you." Then, as Archie Bunker would say, "Give me the raspberry."

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By Jan McCauley

There have been a few changes with the staff of the SWORD since the last issue. I will be the new Co-Editor along with Kathy Berry. Tony Lind's position will be as Layout Editor; that's really Tony's specialty. Ken Pederson will be the paper's Advertising Editor, his job will be to get adver-

tisements from surrounding businesses and organizations. Mattie White and Elliott Wessel will be our entertainment Editors. Mattie will be

looking for what's going on in the St. Paul, Mpls. area as far as entertainment goes. It could be a real help to all you Music and Inter to Theatre students. Elliott will be doing A Day to the Life of the AFC. This article should have raised some serious questions and yet few people responded. It is my belief that we owe it to ourselves and to each other to get involved. Yes, we are students, but we should still regard our actions here with a certain amount of responsibility and professionalism. Students seem to think we live in some kind of dream world on campus where the real world does not exist. It's time to wake up and take a look, because the real world is here, and we have to deal with it like anybody else. Everything we do should be done in the most professional manner taking into consideration the people around us and their personal rights. It's time we start thinking and it's time we start caring.

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Christ-mas

With his packages in his hands, He pushed through the shopping dim. He praised himself for bargains found and what a shrewd man he'd been. He'd saved himself every large on clothes and things and toys. He'd found the best price in town for all the Christmas joys.

He'd walked along the sidewalk with no time to stop and chat. When he saw a beggar sitting on the sidewalk, he paused. "Can you spare a dollar, sir?" said the beggar to the crown. The man seemed to hear him, they were too busy, or too proud. The man sat his packages down, his precious bargains of the year. Suddenly his heart was open and full of Christmas cheer. He gave the beggar a dollar and the beggar drew him near "My Children," he whispered sadly "Only think of Me once a year."
Welcome to the second quarter. It has been an incredible semester that once first quarter was completed that things would slow down in the Student Association. This must not be the case as there are many things to report about. Together these topics make an odd assortment but what would you say to a friend going through such struggles? Peer Ministry emphasizes being rooted in faith and relationships with problems like loneliness, shyness, undeveloped social skills, and low self esteem.

Peer Ministry is an education of both the heart and the mind. The program serves to educate the mind as it helps the youth to sharpen their social skills. Yet, it also educates the heart, teaching young people to recognize the needs of others based on their needs. In essence, Peer Ministry is designed to "step into the shoes of the other person." Peer Ministry attempts to help young people learn to live as an expression of the Good News of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Peer Ministry is being offered this quarter in two full-weekend sessions. The December session will be limited to 10 for a large turnout, and the sessions are filled to capacity for this program. Chris Delenatale, the Peer Ministry trainer, will be training facilitators again in the future given sufficient demand. It is our prayer that this program will enhance relationships in our campus community as well as in other places where we "express the love of Jesus" and "do the work of" (Peer) Ministry (Ephesians 4:12).

Peer Ministry is a program that was developed by the Board for Youth Services of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The concept was designed to assist parishes in the development of a more complete pastoral youth ministry. Dr. Barbara Varensheil, of Palo Alto, California, worked with the Board for Youth Services in the development of this program. Those certified to lead Peer Ministry attended 10 intensive training sessions in St. Louis and were charged with the task of training congregational leaders.

For further information regarding the Peer Ministry program, you may contact Chris Delenatale (645-4118) or the DCF office.

FARM CRISIS HOTLINE HELP

By Marjorie White

In 1983, a hotline was developed that provides information referral on mortgage foreclosure for farmers and home owners. The telephone service provides legal, financial, human resource information, and mental health referral to people who have problems and are concerned about their situations. Concerned farmers and home owners are encouraged to call the farm hotline to become informed about mortgage foreclosures and ask for advice, brochures, and manpower to inform people where to find help and answers.

For farmers, this hotline service also refers farmers to people who can help, churches to give support to those in the trouble, legal aid attorneys, county extension agents, which provides financial plans through computers, and can be set up at no cost, and farm advisors.

Everyone and anyone is encouraged to call the hotline for information and advice regarding a farm crisis or mortgage foreclosure. Inside the metro area call (612) 297-4111 and ask for Roger Collum in the Archbishop’s office, and toll free outside the metro area call 1-800-652-9747.

Early Return From Break Requires Some Planning

By Janice Wagar

After the mass exodus for Christmas break, all residence halls on campus will be closed. Doors will be deadbolt- locked at noon on Sunday, December 16th, and will open again at noon on Friday, January 2nd. Dorm students will not be permitted to return before that date except under special circumstances.

Exceptions may apply to members of athletic teams, performing groups, student senate or organization leaders, and certain work study students. Those who wish to return early must have a staff or faculty member obtain approval from the President’s Cabinet. The approval must be granted before the student’s return. Notification is then sent to Dean Tshach and to Security. If the dean determines that the person’s early return is in the best interests of the college, there will be no charge for a student who stays in his or her own room. If the early return is found to be for the student’s own convenience or preference, there will be a $70.00 charge per day. If prior approval was not given, the charge will be $10.00 per day.

Students who return cannot be guaranteed that any "normal support services or amenities" will be available. Food service and on-campus medical and recreation facilities will be closed. Early returning students are also expected to conduct themselves according to all rules and guidelines as published in the Student Guide. These policies remain in force during non-academic periods.

Harre Happenings

"The baby has to die," by President Harre

The editor of the World asked me to reflect on my past Christmas gifts and highlight one particular event or situation that was particularly meaningful to me because it demonstrates for me the richness and, yet at the same time, the simplicity of the Christian faith. The gospel message is simple enough for even a three-year-old child to express so that people who had been in Bethlehem stable had to grow up to understand the cross of Calvary for the sins of the world. Christmas in and of itself is a beautiful season. It is a time when we want to emphasize peace and good will toward our fellow human beings. But that message is only able to be communicated because the baby, Jesus Christ, grew to full manhood and died on the cross for the redemption of the world, to forgive the sins of people like ourselves, and to bring people back into relationship with one another and with God. The Calvary cross is finally brought into full view when we perceive it in the context of the risen and ascended Lord.

I pray that each of you who have a blessed Christmas celebration, enjoying the closeness of the relationships which you have with parents and friends, and especially pray that you will be drawn closer to your Lord who was born, lived, died, rose again and ascended on high so that you and I might truly be free and forgiven and be able to experience the peace which surpasses all understanding.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Cross Country

by Michelle Fritz

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Team practices are run in nearby parks, surrounding streets and occasionally on a surfaced track. The men usually run between 6 and 8 miles for practice while the women run from 3 to 5 miles.

Due to injuries and schedule problems CSP was unable to maintain a full team their season. Original team members were:

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*Scott Schmidt
*Janell Abshire
*Mary Tien
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*Phil Abshire
*Mary Abshire
*Janice Wager
*Michelle Fritz
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Cross Country members participated in several meets this season including those at Northwestern College in Roseville, St. Paul Bible College, Carlton College and DMC. The biggest meet of the season were the Conference meet at Bethel College and the NAIA District 13 meet at Benidorm State.

At the conference meet Darrin Margheim ran an excellent race with a time of 54:50 in the 8000 meters placing 8th overall in the conference. Michelle Fritz ran a personal best and set a new school record for women's cross country at CSP with a time of 23:41 placing 9th overall in the conference.

The team traveled to Benidorm for the NAIA District 13 meet on November 1st. Other teams participating were Winona State, Benidorm State, Mankato State and Southwest State. All runners had a tough race to run with temperatures in the teens, strong winds, below zero wind chill and a steep, hilly course. Although none of the times were outstanding, the CSP runners ran well on the challenging course.

Personal bests for the year:
Michelle Fritz - 23:41; 8000 m
Darrin Margheim - 54:10; 8000 m

Special thanks:
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