ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE

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By Marijo White

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WRESTLING

By Scott Schmidt

A tough season. They not only had to

manage and support to the others.

But before you complain, understand

that these programs also help pay for

the other 43% that we don't pay for.

Our tuition fees account for 57% of

the school's income.

Even with the tuition increase, Con-

cordia remains one of the best values of

any Minnesota private college. It also

remains comparable to State schools

and sits in the middle in comparison to

the other Synodical schools.

What this all really means is two

things. One, if you didn't attend on of

the financial aid meetings and don't

know what these changes mean to you,

then get down to the FAO as soon as you

can. Keep a thought in mind. Watch your billing and make sure you know

where your money is going. Don't get caught up in this change and don't know

what's going on. Have the FAO and Of-

fice of Financial Management (OFM) explain any discrepancies on your bill to

your satisfaction.

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NOW AND FOREVER

By James Scriven

Though the pressures of our lives
Become so tough we cannot bear
To wake another morning,
Our God is always there.

He takes away our burdens
Because He says, "I care."
He loves us and protects us
And only asks our love we share.

He’s by our sides at all times,
So if you will only dare
To praise His name and pray to him
All your troubles away He will tear.

Our Lord really does love us
And protects our every hair.
So go to Him, and praise the Lord,
For love like that is very rare.

I’ll praise the Lord forever.
Come, pray to Him with me.
All laud and glory be to Him
Now and eternally.

Unaware of danger
Nothing is the matter
Everything is smooth
"Expecting no danger"
Proudly we think
Except when it happens.
Cause of death unknown
Turn by fire
Escape is fatal
Death is real.

Dead to death are we
Eternal we will be
As others mourn in sorrow
To where we go we know!
Heaven is waiting.

Janet Schoeler - Grade 8
In memory of the Challenger Seven
LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Are We “Armchair Individuals”? 

In my Psychology class, I came across a term that made me think about a few things. This term was armchair shrinksology. An armchair shrinksologist will collect data haphazardly, draw conclusions that are not based on solid evidence, and make broad generalizations about human behavior.

While thinking about this term, I wondered if it could be applied in another context. I would not know what to call it. Maybe “armchair society” or “armchair individuals.” Nonetheless, it is an issue we can all think about. How many decisions, actions, complaints, opinions do we put forth that are haphazardly put together, not based on solid evidence, and/or are broadly generalized? My guess is probably more than we would like to think. For example, many of us complain about the food in ARA, yet how many students actually make suggestions to the food service? At least one (and a half) times a week in the daily bulletin, why don’t you give us a try?

Thank you for allowing me to say my say, and I hope that the SWORD continues to develop as an important vehicle for campus information, communication, and opinion.

Sincerely
Robert DeWerff

Vice President
for College Relations

Editor’s note:
The article that Rev. DeWerff is referring to is “Financial Management: They Must Be Kidning” which appeared in the December issue of SWORD. I recognize the limitations of time and resources with which you work and appreciate your interest in providing a valued service to the campus community.

I do have one concern to share regarding an anonymous article which appeared in the last issue of SWORD. The article harshly criticized the Office of Financial Management (OFM) for problems in student billings. The competence of the OFM staff was questioned and a strong sense of frustration with the letter raised two issues for me:

1) The publication of anonymous attacks is not the height of journalistic quality.
2) If such a critical item is printed, an opportunity for a rebuttal or clarification should have been provided to OFM.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or complaints, I suggest that you contact Dan or one of the food committee representatives.

How many of us complain about tests, professors, our parking tickets, insurance rates, and toilets that do not flush correctly to our friends and acquaintances without bringing the issue to the proper channel. If we do not do this, our questions and complaints will remain unanswered and our problems may even become worse.

Our suggestion, is to use the newspaper and Student Senate to direct you to the proper channels. More than likely, you are not the only one with a certain problem. I would like to see a more active interest in higher journalistic quality in this year’s issues of SWORD. I recognize the limitations of time and resources with which you work and appreciate your interest in providing a valued service to the campus community.

If you are interested in writing an article, remember that you have to join the newspaper staff. We are still looking for a Sports editor and any other help in any area would be appreciated.

Let us not be labeled as “armchair individuals”. This newspaper is the best way we can think of to communicate on this campus. Your suggestions and help would be greatly appreciated.

Kathy Berry and Jan McCauley

Snow-Days

By Marijo White and Jan McCauley

Snow—was celebrated in a differ-
ent way this year—without any
Snowdays. It was celebrated with
several activities during the week of
January 24-28. Fabjance, the magi-
cr, awed the community by his opti-
colour illusions, WLOD dazzled
us with their sound and lights show
the day after the snowfall Janu-
ary 24. Also, taking place during this
week was the election and crowning
of the Snow court.

Sophomore
Paul Crolius
Ted Stroming*
Scott Ulbricht

Junior
Men
Dale Diehle
Gary Fritz
Dean Grant*
Lester Wolfgram

Women
Jennifer Collins
Joanie Johnson*
Kathy Fritz

Mexico or Bust

By Jim Bender and Jan McCauley

The Hispanic Mission Society (HMS) has been working hard all year to get to
Mexico and Texas during spring break. They have held several fundraisers
throughout the year. Some of these fundraisers include selling Happenings
Books, the candy cane which were mailed to friends before Christmas, and the
evening lunch auction. The HMS raised the highest bid at $50. HMS thanks everyone who participated in these events.

Freshmen
Men
Dean Darnavis
Colleen Asker*
Stephen Krezn
Kurt Klein
Scott Schmidt

Women
Kathie Fritz

Senior
Men
Kreigh Dobbs
Scott Maline

Women
Rachel Fry
Carla Garma

Brendan Frigge*
Theresa Juno*

*Snowqueen or Snowking

It is indeed unfortunate when we are not allowed to fellowship with our friends. On January 31st, 1996, I was turned away from the check-in line at the airport. I did not want to eat anything that was offered at ARA, all that I wished to do was sit with my friends and visit. I saw no harm in doing this during my lunch hour since my busy schedule does not allow me the time to do so at my leisure.

I was told by the worker at the door that if I wished to sit and talk to my friends without having to buy anything, I would have to “see Dan.” I went back to the kitchen and to the office and talked to Dan. He told me that I could not do this because many people had done so and then would take food from them. This was the reason he gave me for not being permitted in the dining area.

Personally, I feel discriminated against. I cannot think of any new ideas and will field any questions relating to Concordia’s business program.

If you do not find this funny or do not exactly know what UniBis is, let me tell
you. UniBis stands for United Business Students and is designed to enrich the college experience of interested students. It currently meets approximately once a month to share information, listen to speakers, or just to socialize. Everyone is welcome and can find the time time of a meeting in the daily bulletin. Why don’t you give us a try?

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occasions answered that I do it to pad my resume, to boost my ego or for personal thrills. While all of these are true, to put a point a more accurate list would read something like this: it benefits campus and student life, it improves essential leadership skills, and I get personal enjoyment.

Beginning with benefiting the campus and students, the Student Association works mostly through the efforts of directors. Positions are varied from campus activities to administrative committees. Judging from recent years of the Student Association, different committees and boards with well-operating individuals have been added to Senate as time went on to become the present structure. Directly related to previous, dances, off-campus events, Homecoming, Snow Week, spring banquet, the Sword, the Scribe, committees with students and faculty, and a variety of other activities. I am sure it is easy to see how all of these studies link. Currently, we are meeting with directors to discuss what types of changes are needed to insure that the student populace and resources will be available to do the best job possible. While this is probably a more personal reason, the leadership skills I am learning will be transferable to my future professional life. 

In conclusion the organization and leadership exist beyond the walls of Concordia in all kinds of organizations and are assumed at the tremendous number of the student population. You possibly are wondering where all of this is leading and I probably should have the answer longer. In a little over a month, the newly elected leaders will be planning for the 1987-88 school year and will begin by seeking out people to fill a variety of positions. Please consider coming to the elections. This is my final reason for being involved in Student Senate; it really is fun.*

Room Searches
By Jill Emery
It is perhaps old news now, but during Christmas break, the rooms of each dormitory on the Concordia campus were subjected to a "health and safety check" such as is mentioned in the student handbook. The college was required by the City of St. Paul to conduct room inspections made to protect college property, suspected violations of campus rules, health and safety, and student concerns. She indicated that Dr. Peter was concerned where fewer and fewer students were recognizing this information and many useful insights into critical student concerns have been shared through this process.

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I consider my involvement with the President's Forum as a positive thing but I confess I do not expect to see the excitement for those students who have tried this kind of thing and believe that nothing will change as a result of their participation. I am open to your suggestions as to how the President's Forum can be strengthened and improved. For those students new to the college experience, the forums may provide a precursor here at CSP, but it is my hope that those who have already experienced them will continue to come.

We have spent in the first year will pay off in the development of programs that will either add to the college's mission or fulfill the needs of students. Many colleges and universities have a credit-bearing course (either required or voluntary) which involves students in orientation and survival skills critical for students new to the college experience. The course, which I helped to design, is aimed at giving students the tools they need to continue their education in the safest possible manner. MAPCS is not designed only to be a forum for the exchange of information about campus affairs. MAPCS is designed to provide a state-wide strategy regarding financial aid. Through the work of our group of directors, executive directors, and on-campus volunteers, MAPCS keeps member students and students and their parents informed about each other's activities, collects data about higher education and Minnesota colleges, and represents private college students with state government.

MAPCS's principle concern is to maintain and increase financial aid opportunities. In recent years MAPCS has led the way in organizing student test groups, lobbying, letter-drives and rallies to defend the right of private college students to equal consideration for the millions of dollars in state and federally funded grants and loans available locally. The result has been lower tuition for all.

There are a variety of other issues MAPCS addresses. These include protecting college property, suspected violations of residence hall life which are obvious to college property, suspected violations of campus rules, health and safety, and student concerns. She indicated that Dr. Peter was concerned where fewer and fewer students were recognizing this information and many useful insights into critical student concerns have been shared through this process. I have noted a somewhat curious phenomenon during my tenure as President where fewer and fewer students attend these forums. There are all manner of possible explanations ranging from a totally satisfied and problem-free student body to a group of students who might believe that nothing will change as a result of their presence at a forum. While neither of these extremes provide a full explanation for the decline in student participation, I am curious about student reactions to the forums and the larger issue of responsiveness on the part of the college to student-related areas which need attention.

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MET CENTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
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**THEATRE:**
- Feb. 13-15, 20-22, 27-28 "Tarantara, Tarantara" presented by the Bethel Dept. of Theatre Arts. This musical features songs and acts by Gilbert and Sullivan. Ticket prices and information can be reserved by calling 348-7608 after 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- On Feb. 20, 1987 at 8:30 p.m., Actors Theatre will open Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov. The production, the fifth in Actors Theatre 1986-87 season will run through March 15.

Women's Basketball

By Allison Sidner

The Meaning of Success

Success. What is it? And what does it mean to succeed? Everyone wants to be successful, but there are a lot of misconceptions about what success really means. Being successful does not mean that one will always win. It does not mean that one has walked over everyone and everything to make it to the top. The women's basketball team has learned what it means to be successful, with an overall record of 10 wins and 7 losses, and a Comagination Award at the Concordia Invitational Tournament (CIT). More important than this, however, is that they have learned to play as a team, not just as individuals.

Ranging from freshmen to seniors, the team has a variety of talents in all areas of the game. There is a strong sense of unity and enthusiasm among the team members, each giving encouragement and support to the others. Coach Jack Surridge and Assistant Coach Kerri Burdick work the team hard, and encourage them to give their very best. They are demanding coaches, but they accept weaknesses as well as acknowledge strengths.

The team will be training hard for the next couple weeks, preparing mentally and physically for the district and national tournaments. Whether they win or lose, if they give their all out on the court, they will always succeed.

Tuition Costs

What's Going On?

By Phil Rogers

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The FAO has determined that most students may not see a significant increase in their quarterly bills next year. The major reason for the increase in tuition is the rise in the college's operating costs. Due to this rise, the subsidy the college gets from the Synod has a smaller impact even though the amount remains basically the same. Another reason is that the Concordia School of Adult Learning (CSAL) program and other programs like it are expanding.

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