Concordia Speaks

Do you support the military action taken in the Persian Gulf?

Rob Harbin, "I think that we should let the sanctions have time to work. I think we attacked too soon. Nevertheless, I totally support of all the forces involved. Saddam Hussein must be stopped."

Tom Nelson, "Romans Chapter 13 verse 1 states, “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Therefore, since President Bush is a fellow Christian I support him in his actions.

Claudia Wanger, “Something had to be done, but I don’t think war was the right choice because war never really accomplishes anything. I have faith in our troops and Cheney that it will be resolved and peace will come.”

Steve Jadcich, “I support the troop and the military action that President Bush has taken—100%.”

With the recent events in the Arabian Gulf, the staff of The Sword felt it was appropriate to hear the student’s view on the present situation. For more details on the Arabian Gulf, read Professor Epps’ article.

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Student Senate Update

by Jeri Bates

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Senate is also looking forward to Snow Week, Jan. 27 - Feb. 3. Many activities are scheduled. Watch for posters, flyers, and bulletin announcements for the most current information.

Also...Senate needs graduating seniors to help on the election committee for next year’s Executive Board. Any students interested, please contact Karin Nelson or the Senate office, ext. 269.

The Board of Director’s position, Campus Activities Director, is also open, and an interim Director is needed. Contact Johnny Goetz or the Senate office.

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-Todd Thomas

Minnesota

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Dear Todd:

Our policy is that a name may be withheld as long as the author has not revealed his/her identity. Furthermore, we feel you answered the question in the following quote: “I personally would like to see what kind of grade SAM would get in a P.E. class if he/she would use his/her real name (or names) after his/her remarks.” If the author revealed his/her identity, we can possibly affect the professor’s judgement of the student. We appreciate your opinion, and we encourage further responses and reactions to The Sword.

Sarah Bruch and Veronica Waldow

Editors

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Dear Sword Editors:

I am very concerned. As a full-time student who lives on campus, I have come quite worried about the atmosphere found throughout our campus.

This concern, on my part, was provoked when reading the “much-talked-about” December 24, 1990 Christian News article that commented on the December 14, 1990 issue of The Sword (our very own newspaper.) I immediately had plenty of questions, but no answers:

- Why weren’t the contributors of our campus’ information listed, (who mailed them The Sword?) Where was the author’s name? Why does our college subscribe to this newspaper? Why are only a select few people on this campus angry, and the rest have no idea what you’re talking about? How would the non-student group react?

Eventually, after various emotions had subsided, I came to the conclusion that these answers were not so necessary. Rather, other questions were really hurting the college. A well-remembered Bible lesson from Sunday school came to mind — Matthew 18:15-20.

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you…” (NIV)

For some reason I think this plan of action would also work well when your brother offends you, bothers you, or just plain gets on your nerves — talk to your brother first (not your hair-stylist, the guy next door, or even Christian News.) Only after this doesn’t work do you change plans. Fortunately God has already outlined this for us in Matthew 18:16-20.

I plead with you, as fellow creatures of God, to love each other and not gossip. This is a great, continuing struggle (with myself very much included) for Satan is such a powerful force. Because he is so strong, this is it so much easier to criticize and find wrong, than it is to express all the good that God has blessed us with. However, I’ve found that through God and His Word, anything is possible.

Thank you, God, for a wonderful day and thank you bunches for Concordia.

-Lori Peterson

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It has been brought to the attention of many of the readers of The Sword that the students are concerned with some problems at Concordia. I have read many of the articles that you have produced and I am pleased at the progress you have made in recent issues. My concern is directed toward all of the questions that have not been answered. I have read the columns that have written to this date I have yet to see a response from anyone in the Faculty or Staff. His/her challenge to any member of Faculty or Administration to sit through the described class has yet to be addressed. It is with sadness that I continued on page 6

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS:

Is the News Always Negative?

by Sarah Bruch and Veronica Waldow

Well, let’s start with the good news first. The Sword is being read. For this we are grateful. But then there is the rest of the news; some of our readers have commented to others on what they perceive as a negative tone of some articles in The Sword.

The staff of The Sword recognizes that much of the news, perhaps most of the news in the world, is perceived as negative. Often the nature of human interest seems to lie in the direction of experiences that impact negatively on people. So also at Concordia, those matters that are of most interest to our community are often related to matters over which a difference of opinion exists. It is the opinion of the The Sword staff that the student newspaper of a college that is sick of controversy and interested in critical thinking has an additional educative responsibility to be actively engaged in controversial campus-related issues. Freedom of the press is a very dear concept in American journalism, in large part due to the investigative and editorial policies of the nation’s past papers.

Perhaps this concern is just a "paper tiger" since there has been only one person who has shared this concern with a member of The Sword staff. Nevertheless, should you feel that this criticism is applicable we eagerly invite your written response to this editorial, or better yet, submit your "positive" article to The Sword for publication.

We also invite the readers attention to the The Sword’s response to Christian News. Our response speaks for itself. The world indeed speaks for itself. The world indeed needs to instruct an editor with an opinion and create controversy behind this fake persona, without fear of retribution, and then accuse the rest of the student body of being apathetic toward the issues that they present. I personally would like to see what kind of grade SAM would get in a P.E. class if he/she would use his/her real name (or names) after his/her remarks. And by the way Sword Editors, whatever happened to the policy that editorials/letters to the editor no longer need to include the author’s real name and none other names but I’m sick of SAM sitting high and mighty behind his/her alias while she/he makes his/her statements. It is so easy for this person (or persons) to voice an opinion and create controversy behind this fake persona, without fear of retribution, and then accuse the rest of the student body of being apathetic toward the issues that they present. I personally would like to see what kind of grade SAM would get in a P.E. class if he/she would use his/her real name (or names) after his/her remarks. And by the way Sword Editors, whatever happened to the policy that editorials/letters to the editor no longer need to include the author’s real name and none other names that is as good as being anonymous? I don’t buy the reasoning behind allowing SAM to have an alias, and don’t try to say SAM’s last name is Martin!

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January 21, 1991

Mr. Otten

Christian News

P.O. Box 168

New Haven, MO 63068

Dear Mr. Otten:

It was with surprise, disbelief, and hurt that we were shown the December 24 issue of Christian News displaying a photocopy of the copyrighted issue of the December 14 Sword. Such an act violates ethical and legal concerns.

The staff of The Sword has, therefore, pursued the matter of concern in the following ways:

1. We presented the matter to the full Student Senate. Our request was addressed. It is with sadness that I report that the students are concerned with some problems at Concordia. I have read many of the articles that you have produced and I am pleased at the progress you have made in recent issues. My concern is directed toward all of the questions that have not been answered. I have read the columns that have written to this date I have yet to see a response from anyone in the Faculty or Staff. His/her challenge to any member of Faculty or Administration to sit through the described class has yet to be addressed. It is with sadness that I

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3. The college’s counsel referred us to a copyright attorney who verified the violation of a valid copyright as well as the attendant Christian News article that totally misrepresented the articles contained in The Sword. It is this recasting of the context of The Sword in apparently malicious misrepresentation of the content that could invite the most serious legal repercussion.

Upon counsel’s advice, therefore, The Sword is requesting a published letter of apology for this action and wishes to share with you its intent to seek full redress under the law should such conduct happen again.

Because we know you share with us the strongest desire for ethical conduct within the field of journalism, we are confident that you will agree with our request.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Bruch

Veronica Waldow

Executive Editor

Editor
news and views

Faculty Footnotes

The Persian Gulf: Prelude to World War III?

by Professor Epps

If World War III should come, many international relations specialists think it will probably erupt in the Persian Gulf. That region for some time, and in particular since the early 1980's, bears an eerie resemblance to Europe before the outbreak of the First World War. At both times, monarchies were overthrown by strongmen; these revolutions were so bloody that the region was invaded by ruthless neighbors; terrorism and political assassinations were on the rise; and leaders who despised each other led their countries to war.

The equation is wrong, of course. History never repeats itself exactly; it teaches by analogy, not by identity. But the parallels between the Persian Gulf today and pre-1914 Europe are frighteningly close. To use a more modern metaphor, the Persian Gulf is like a Geopolitical Mount St. Helens, rumbling in the distance and already belching smoke. Can an eruption be prevented? If not, can the disaster be contained?

In my view, there are four components to the crisis in the Persian Gulf. First, the region was destabilized by the fall of the Shah of Iran and the coming to power of the religious fanatics. Second, the Soviet Union, for the first time in its history, sent its own troops to the region in the form of the mujahadeen, neighboring Afghanistan. Third, two zealots - Saddam Hussein of Iraq and the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran - waged war against one another, endangering what political stability existed in the region, as well as the world's oil supply. Finally, terrorist attacks on embassies, diplomats, and civilians have reached epidemic proportions.

The human element is the last though most crucial link in the fateful chain that will lead us into war. In the Persian Gulf region, most of the "fundamental causes" of war are already present: military alliances, a desire for territorial and economic resources, as well as power rivalries and terrorism. But there is one "fundamental cause" of war that precipitate war unless personalities and misconceptions come into play. It took men like Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Khomeini of Iran to ignite the explosivity of 1980. Each of these men believed himself to be the defender of the old faith and his adversary to be Satan. Each believed the enemy's intent to be entirely malevolent, yet his capacity for fighting weak. Little wonder that war quickly bogged down in a bloody stalemate, a kind of milencronium of 1914. But imagine for a moment what might have happened if Khomeini's delusions about the United States and Saddam Hussein's current delusions had infected that nation as well. After all, Khomeini had blamed America, "the Great Satan," for the Iraqi invasion of his country! It is not impossible to conceive of an American president, then enraged and distracted by Iranian "criminals and kidnappers," driven to push the button.

And, would the Soviet leaders look on passively if war raged on their borders, regardless of what many of this writer will later regret: the "new world order"? The status of the Persian Gulf demands that the United States become actively involved in the region. I reject calls for "peace at any price" so commonly espoused in western publics, and in particular, the United States. Furthermore, I reject outright the criticism that our allies are not doing their part in support of U.S. military actions currently underway. It is the United States who is the main beneficiary of the status quo which existed before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, and hence, should be the most anxious to defend it by means of collective security. The nations being identified "as not doing enough to assist us" are either too weak to do much of consequence or their ulterior motives are suspect. Hence, the reality of collective security, as it applied to the Korean War, also applies here. Furthermore, this criticism of our allies fails to recognize the contradictions between an ideal collective security whereby all nations join in to repel a aggressor and a political reality of contemporary world politics where interests and power considerations determine which nation or group of nations is in a position to risk a major conflict over control of the Arabian Peninsula.

The Association of American Colleges also lists characteristics of men you should be leery towards.

1. Men who ignore your personal space boundaries.
2. Men who do not listen to you, ignore what you say, or pretend not to hear you.
4. Men who make you feel guilty or accuse you of being "uptight" if you resist their sexual advances.
5. Men who act excessively jealous or possessive.

The best measures against rape is to prevent it from happening. However, if you are raped there are five important steps you should take.

1. Go to a friend. This is no time for you to be alone and you will need the emotional support.
2. Get medical attention. It is important not to shower or clean yourself first. As soon as possible go to a hospital or health clinic to be examined. There could be possible internal injuries or vaginal disease that you can be treated for. If you decide to press charges, physical specimens collected soon after the rape will be valuable evidence.
3. Report the rape to the police or university or college officials, even if you are unsure of filing charges. Reporting a crime does not commit you to filing charges and you can decide later to take action.
4. Get help and support, such as counseling, or at least call a rape or crisis hot line.
5. Don't blame yourself!

Campus Date Rape - Facts You Should Know

by Sheila A. Moorhead

In a recent survey of over 6,000 students from 32 colleges across the country, one out of every six female students has reported being a victim of rape or attempted rape. One out of every fifteen male students in the survey reported committing rape or attempted rape. Your body and no one has the right to use it. 

Rape is generally defined as forced sexual intercourse that is committed against the will of the victim. The type of force used may involve physical violence, coercion, or the threat of harm to the victim. The most prevalent form of rape on college campuses is acquaintance rape, also called date rape. Rapists estimate that as many as 90 percent of all rapes are never reported and in those that are reported, about 60 percent of the victims know their assailant. The basis of whether the assailant is a stranger or acquaintance, it is still rape and the same criminal laws and penalties apply.

Date rape occurs on virtually all campuses, small or large, public or private, this does not exclude Concordia College. The more you know about it, however, the more likely it is that you can avoid being put in a situation where it could occur. The Association of American Colleges lists several things you can do to avoid situations that might lead to date rape.

1. Set your sexual limits. It is your body, and no one has the right to force you to do anything you do not want to do.
2. Decide early if you want or don't want to have sex. The sooner you do, the sooner you can communicate firmly and clearly your sexual intentions, the easier it will be for your partner to hear and accept your decision.
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It happened. The United States attacked Iraq. The war was nothing of a surprise. Anyone who is alive has known that it was coming, yet I believe that many of us thought there was still a peaceful way to settle the Middle East conflict.

I find it extremely ironic that we, who believe ourselves to be the most intelligent live form on earth, must resort to violence to settle our conflicts. Animals, who are not able to reason, use force and violence. Human beings, on the other hand, have the ability to reason, to think, and to understand, yet we still use violence, like those who we consider to be are mental inferiors.

When we went to the Middle East, we were supposed to protect Saudi Arabia. Instead we took the offensive and attacked Iraq. And for what reason - oil, or because Iraq invaded Kuwait, or even both? To fight a war for money is wrong. Greed should not be the reason for thousands of women and men to die. To fight because Iraq started it by invading Kuwait is not a good reason either. Two wrongs do not make a right. Two wrongs equal two wronged people, or in this case, two wronged countries. To wage war against Iraq because they were responsible for the torture, the raping, the pillaging, and the killing of innocent Kuwaitis accomplishes nothing. Killing Iraqi soldiers is not going to erase the horror that many people lived through. It is only going to add to that problem.

This war with Iraq is only going to end with pain and sorrow. Maybe Kuwait will be returned to its proper government - maybe not. One thing is definite though - families all over the world will have lost a loved one, and those who will have survived this war will never be the same. They'll always remember the friend they lost at a certain battle, the sounds of gunfire and of people dying.

-Jeri Bates

Dear Sword Editors:

I have just read the Christian News article that dealt with the Sword's Special Christmas Edition. Yes, I agree that more of an emphasis could have been placed on Christ within the Christmas season. However, there are a few points that the article stated that upset me deeply.

It seems that the true intent of the Christian News article was to discuss the so-called liberalism of Dr. Daniel Bruch and other LCMC members, such as the President and the Board of Regents. If this was the case, it seems so much better to state the issue honestly and concisely, instead of pulling in the state the issue honestly and one other point that upset me was the "name-dropping" of Scripture passages. Scripture is valuable to us all, as it guides us through our lives, tells us the importance of Christ, and is the basis of our faith and belief. It can even be used as a weapon to combat evil. However, it grieves me to see it used as a way to destroy other peoples' lives, as though if there is enough Scripture then whatever else is said is alright. It seems to me that Christian News is helping to alienate the Church of the next generation, when it should be striving to nurture a future relationship.

Integrity is a part of journalism, and it seems that Christian News is not a part of journalism due to its lack of sincerity toward issues, and it's back-stabbing style of writing. Remember, Christian News, here at Concordia College, St. Paul is YOUR future, and we are not ALL pleased.

-Jori Bates

Dear Sword Editors:

I am writing to you to inform CSP of the S.O.S signs which people might have seen. Whether or not you believe that our troops should be fighting in the Middle East is NOT the issue. The issue is support, full support of our troops.

We do not want these troops to be treated like the Vietnam Veterans were treated. Our troops need to know they are supported while they are in the Middle East as well as when they come home.

-Wearing yellow is a simple thing to do, but not pointless. Show support for our soldiers - WEAR YELLOW. Thank you.

-S.O.S.

Campus Organization

Dear Sword Editors:

War, conflict, or turmoil may be a few words used to describe the confrontation of the protesters and the counter-protesters of Operation Desert Storm. It is very ironic that with the troops in the Persian (Arabian) Gulf engaged in hostilities, the bloodstream is almost as severe here in the United States.

Not being a fond admirer of war, I thought I would disagree with President Bush's decision in taking the offensive toward the Iraqis. After watching many hours of television and hearing the protester's call for peace, I really approve of the President's decision and I will back him all the way.

To be honest, the President did not have many options left to him. If Saddam Hussein was allowed to take over Kuwait without a second thought, would he stop there? Hussein would become an overnight trillionaire by taking over the oil production and platforms in Kuwait. What would he do with all that money? It is my belief that he would use his wealth to become a "nuclear tycoon." Imagine the insane Hussein with nuclear defense systems and weapons!

Basically, by allowing Hussein to stay in the gulf, a monster, a tyrant, and a threat to world peace would be born. No one on this planet can afford that, except Hussein himself.

-Dan Waldow

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Dear Sword Editors:

List what you remember about Concordia College. What if someone asked you that question one year after you graduated from CSP? This is what I feel my response would be:

1. A college split down the middle - religion and non-religion programs;
2. The twenty-five friends I gained and shared an important two and one half years with;
3. Being labeled as different and a radical;
4. Learning that it is okay to be different and radical;
5. Learning the difference between religion and non-religion programs;
6. Not being able to park within six blocks of campus;
7. Enjoying the walk to campus;
8. Being frustrated by conservative views;
9. Learning how to deal with conservative views and how they will affect my business career;
10. Taking way too many P.E. and religion classes;
11. Learning to be patient;
12. Hating group work;
13. Not abusing drugs for my entire stay at CSP;
14. Driving a total of 15,600 miles through snow and potholes to make it to a morning class;
15. Seeing what happens to Prof's who don't fit the CSP image;
16. Finally qualifying for financial aid;
17. Learning not to judge people as quickly as I used to;
18. Never seriously dating a CSP student;
19. The caring staff members;
20. The staff members who could care less;

Of the items on this list, I don't think many of them will be remembered five or ten years down the road. Until I graduate in the fall, I will probably wonder if I made the right choice to attend CSP. Hopefully, I did.

-Memories (Name Withheld)

Commuter
The Commuter's Corner

by Rick White

OK, let me see a show of hands. Which would interest you more: a pep rally or a brown bag seminar by a mortgage banker on how to purchase a home? A sock hop in the gym or an inexpensive drop-in day care facility? A late-night movie session in the Student Union or a lecture entitled “Tough Love for Today's Teenagers”?

My point is not to belittle the former, but to demonstrate the need for the latter. Those of you with children and mortgages will probably fit into the category known today among campus administrators as OWL's (Older Wiser Learners).

There are a variety of services that would be welcomed by CSP's older students. Many adult students have family responsibilities that are particularly appreciated by those students with families. Many adult students have family responsibilities that are a major element of their lives, and there is a need to actively promote family involvement in the college experience. Events such as family picnics, class periods specifically designated to encourage family attendance, and spouse recognition banquets are all means that can be used to help students publicly recognize the support they receive from their family.

There are many other services that are particularly appreciated by those students with families. Seminars on creative methods of child care, referral services for everything from housing to health care and financial counseling, are all good examples of programs and services that are of specific interest to the adult learner.

In order to encourage the implementation and continued emphasis towards providing the adult learners at CSP with these kinds of programs, there are two key ingredients that are currently lacking. The first is a dedicated space geared for the commuting, adult and international learners on this campus. This area is not intended to be exclusive, but rather an integrated magnet spot on campus where students will be drawn. The area will contain facilities for storing, heating, and enjoying left-overs from home, a place to relax and talk with friends, and administrative and counseling office and resource area.

The second missing ingredient is a staff member solely dedicated to providing the kinds of services and programs so important to the retention of the first-year returning adult learner. Besides being capable of implementing and maintaining the kinds of programs previously mentioned, this staff person will also perform such functions as the coordination of volunteer peer counselors, act to refer adult students to the various campus resource people when non-academic questions arise, and organize an emergency contact point for parents to pass on to child care providers.

One of the chief goals of the CSP Commuter's Association, in cooperation with the Student Senate, is to see Tier III of the Union remodeled into a space where all of this could be realized.

Di-vi-sions at Concordia

by SAM

"United we stand, divided we fall." I don't know who said this, but whenever it was should be Concordia's next president (regardless of gender).

Why do I say this? Upon entering Concordia I thought, in my naive state, that CSP would have a closer sense of community. After all, that was what the image projected by the admission's department. Even though this school is sometimes portrayed as a unified family, I think that if you take a good look around you will find that this is not the case.

There are several divisions at Concordia; some of these include:
- traditional vs. CSAL students
- churchwork vs. non-churchwork
- residential vs. commuter students
- business vs. education students
- DCE vs. pre-sem students
- liberal arts vs. biblical instruction
- fine arts bldg. vs. wellness center
- Masters in Education vs. quality

All students at Concordia are labeled (churchworker, commuter, etc.) by themselves, faculty, and administration. Even our bookstore adds to these labels by offering an education sweatshirt, thus enhancing critical thinking skills. But more often, the divisions at Concordia are used to tear each other down, rather than build one another up.

Another main reason for the division is money. Because we are a tuition driven school and have limited funds, all the different facets of our school are fighting for a piece of the money-pie. Everyone thinks that their program is only getting a silver.

Divisions are not always bad, they foster controversy which in turn enhances critical thinking skills. But more often, the divisions at Concordia are used to tear each other down, rather than build one another up.

President Kolb was the focus of a Presidential Convocation held on Tier III of the Union on Thursday, January 17. The event was, unfortunately, poorly attended by the student body, although the events unfolding in the Middle East at the time certainly had an affect on the participation.

The major focus of the questioning concerned the tuition increase due to take effect next year. Vice President DeWerf was on hand to explain the process of setting the tuition rates, as well as the capital improvement budgeting process. It was interesting to note that while the temptation was great to raise the tuition enough to fund some of the capital improvement projects that are sorely needed, the actual tuition raise was held to roughly the actual cost of living increase for the college.

Some of the other topics covered included the possibility of including student participation in the Retention Committee and an inquiry into the minimum permissible qualifications for a guest lecturer.

President Kolb encouraged the student body to take advantage of opportunities to ask him questions and offer suggestions. It is our prayer that the events in the Middle East will not compete for our attention when the next Presidential Convocation takes place.
Here's What's Happening in the Twin Cities...

by Leah La Dossal

Tired of staying on campus weekend after weekend? Not really in the mood for a movie? Try something cultural. Here's what's going on in the Twin Cities through Feb. 10.

* Theatre
  - "Greater Tuna"
  - "Camelot"
  - "What's So Funny?" - Rtc. Theatre
  - "Censorship of Fools"
  - Brave New Workshop
  - "The Lovely Libowitz Sisters"
  - Plymouth Playhouse
  - Garrison Keillor Radio Show
    - World Theatre

* Music
  - Slayer and Testament
    - Feb. 1,2,3 Met Center
  - Living Color
    - Feb 5,6 Orpheum
  - The Replacements
    - Feb 3 Orpheum
  - Plymouth Playhouse
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* Other
  - Ice Capades - Met Center
  - World's Toughest Rodeo - Feb. 1,2,3 Met Center

Above events without dates are now running. For show times and ticket information, call Ticketmaster at 899-5151.

Entertainment

Movies You Must See

by Leah Bruch

Dances With Wolves

You have probably already heard all the rave reviews about Dances With Wolves. However, in my opinion, you can't say enough about this movie. In his debut as a producer and director, Kevin Costner is able to make history come to life, something that very few people can do.

Costner has been praised for his efforts to portray Native Americans as they really were—kind, gentle people, and not as many old westerns have portrayed them. For his efforts, Costner is made an honorary tribal chief in the Lakotas.

In his role as a Native American, he is able to make a strong social statement without being pretentious or shoving it down the viewer's throat.

The majestic scenery and the amazing shots will captivate you, and the three hours will rarely seem like an hour. Costner is at his best as Lt. John Dunbar, and the supporting cast is excellent, too.

Costner has the audience sitting on the edge of their seats in suspense, laughing and crying.

Costner gambled heavily with his career when he did this film, and in my opinion the gamble paid off.

Green Card

Another must see movie is Green Card by director Peter Weir (Dead Poets Society). It stars actress/model Andie MacDowell, and France's leading actor Gerard Depardieu. Give up? Green Card lived up to its expectations. It has been nominated for three Golden Globe Awards, best actor and actress and best picture.

There are no embarrassing love scenes in Green Card, which makes it ideal for a first date. What Green Card does have is pure romance. MacDowell and Depardieu are able to convey so much passion in a single look. Their performances are both enchanting and hilarious.

MacDowell plays a horticulturist or environmentalist who marries Depardieu's character. She can rent an apartment which has a beautiful indoor garden. Depardieu plays an unknown French composer who is everything that MacDowell's character is not. She a health nut, while he's overweight. She's very neat while he's sloppy.

Green Card is a story of opposites attracting. What it is not is old and clichéd. Peter Weir has created characters that are simply wonderful, and a story that is hilarious. If you were only able to see two movies this month, Dances With Wolves and Green Card should be them.

Beat Those Blues

by Leah La Dossal

As we near the end of winter quarter tensions begin to rise. We've all been working hard, learning lots, and pleasing our professors. OK, now for reality. We've really been looking at the same roommate, the same four walls, and the same dining hall for 15 weeks now and we're sick of it! What can we do? Well, to help your beat the dorm room blues, a list has been devised that suggests ways to successfully beat the blues. This list is the result of much deliberation and research. Get the beat now, and sing it like the blues...

1. Rearrange your room
2. Go out to eat, the movies, or anywhere with your buddies
3. Order pizza
4. Go shopping
5. Go for a walk
6. Buy yourself something new for the room
7. Call home
8. Talk to your friends or RA if something is bothering you - don't keep it to yourself
9. Give yourself some free time every day
10. Get involved in something new

With all these innovated and fresh ideas, your life should no longer be blue but full of fun and excitement. (Yeah, right!)

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write since I believe that this college is concerned about the attitudes of students. With all due respect I add that many other issues such as parking, mission statement, and the infamous Retention Report still need to be addressed by someone in the CSP hierarchy.

The injustice of the system seems to be that we must be kept in darkness, when in reality the mission calls for light. Honesty, I believe, is a Christian attribute, yet in the same instance nothing is dishonest if it is never approached.

I call for some brave soul to reach out and take the risk to inform students of the policies the school stands on. I have no problem knowing what this school is dedicated to, as long as the facts are presented up front. The idea of ignoring issues that you are faced with leads me to believe you either have something to hide or are not concerned with what the student thinks.

I, for one, have a question I would like to pose to whomever would be willing to respond. What are we doing about the results of the Retention Report? I think this is a valid request since student monies were spent on this project, and I would like some answers. Secondly, I would like a clear definition of what CSP means when it says Liberal Arts! I know Webster's definition, be specific and show your true intention for my valuable degree. Will it be lacking in the essentials needed to constructively cope with the world outside CSP? Lastly, I am concerned about the Registrar and policy toward acceptance of credits from other institutions. I am appalled at the fact that VOTEC credits and Theology credits are not accepted. What is the logic used in accepting less than what other schools in the local area do? Does this make the degree more valuable?

These are but a few of my concerns, and concerns expressed by many others. I plead with those who hold power in this institution to open the lines of communication to all, so we can best decide what direction to pursue as a united body, instead of a unknowing mass.

I propose that the hierarchy designate individuals with the task of answering and updating questions of the campus community. This step would bring the students and faculty/staff closer together. Deception is a tool used by those who are afraid of openness, and masses tend to become disturbed when they are ignored by the leaders. I would insist that someone stand up and take charge of a situation that desperately needs the attention of students, faculty, and staff.

-R.A.G. (Name Withheld)

Commuter

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

IS HAVING ITS FIRST ANNUAL
WRITE-A-THON, WE'RE WRITING
LETTERS TO PLACES ALL OVER THE
WORLD IN THE HOPES OF FREEING
PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE.
PLEASE SUPPORT THIS GROUP BY
PLEDGING WHEN ASKED.
Micro Chip Clip
by Dan Waldow
Did you know...
...that by February 1 (tentatively) the college is hiring a full-time staff person to coordinate the Academic Computer Lab in the Library? This person will be around 40 hours a week to support the lab, upgrade and organize the current equipment, and help answer all your questions.

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HEALTH CORNER
By Dr. Ruth Obersaat

Human Sexual Activity: Mind Over Matter?

An aphrodisiac: (ah-fro-DIZ-e-ak) (named after Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love and beauty) a substance that supposedly arouses sexual desire or increases a person’s capacity for sexual activities.

A question regarding whether or not there is any truth to the notion that marijuana arouses sexual pleasure and increases a person’s capacity for sexual activities came across my desk recently. In answering this question, let me first share that almost from the beginning of time, men and women have searched for magic potions and other agents able to revive flagging erotic interest or produce Olympic-Ramses sexual performance. That many have reported finding such sexual stimulants bears testimony, once again, to the incredible and powerful role the mind plays in human sexual activity. A variety of foods, alcohol, and an assortment of chemical substances have been held to possess aphrodisiac qualities over the years.

Almost any food that resembles the male external genitalia has at one time or another been viewed as an aphrodisiac, including bananas, celery, potatoes, and even cucumbers. Particularly in Asian countries, there is a widespread belief that the ground-up horns of animals such as the rhinoceros and reindeer are powerful sexual stimulants. You’ve heard the term horny to describe a sexual state. Now you know it’s origin. One wonders to what extent the oyster industry profits from the pervasive myth of the special properties of this particular shellfish.

Far from being a stimulant, alcohol has a depressing effect on higher brain centers, thus reducing cortical inhibitions such as fear and guilt; that often block sexual expression. Alcohol may also stimulate sexual activity by providing a convenient rationalization for behavior that might normally conflict with one’s values (“I just couldn’t help myself...”). There are even more serious potential consequences of alcohol use in conjunction with sexual activity. Recent research has demonstrated a strong association between the use of alcoholic beverages and an inclination to participate in sexual practices placing one at risk for contracting a life-threatening disease such as AIDS.

Marijuana has also been widely extolled for its sexual enhancement properties. Marijuana acts on the body similarly to alcohol to reduce inhibitions. In addition, marijuana may increase empathy for others, distort time perception (“Whoa! It lasted forever!...”), and increase suggestability — all of which may act independently or in combination to produce a sense of heightened sexual expression. However, this effect appears to be of a subjective, psychological nature because THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, possesses no chemical attributes that qualify it as a true sexual stimulant. The mind-altering capability of marijuana has also been implicated in high-risk sexual behavior. It cannot be stated with absolute confidence that this relationship involving the use of mind-altering substances together with sexual practices is cause and effect (in other words, the drug use leads to high-risk sex), although the likelihood of this relationship seems quite strong.

Other drugs such as cocaine, amyl nitrate (poppers), L-dopa, barbiturates, yohimbine, and psychedelics each have reported properties of sexual enhancement; however, none go without potential consequences and life-threatening risk to the user.

Why then, do so many people around the world swear by the effects of a little powdered rhino horn, that special meal of oysters and banana salad, or the marijuana cigarette before an evening’s activity in view of the evidence against many of the commonly held beliefs about aphrodisiacs? The answer lies in faith and suggestion — the very ingredients frequently present when aphrodisiacs claims surface. If a man or a woman believes something will improve his or her sexual expression, this faith is often translated into the subjective enhancement of the sexual expression. From this perspective, then, the list of potential substances supposedly able to enhance human sexual behavior is literally mind-over-matter. Not all alleged aphrodisiacs owe their effects strictly to suggestion. The depressant drugs do have potential to reduce inhibitions. However, their effects are variable and may be greatly influenced by both the situation and the attitudes and values of the person using the drug.


Dr. Ruth welcomes questions from the campus community.

Snow Week Activities

Sunday, Jan. 27
Harvest Productions presents...
The Allies- rhythm and blues

Monday, Jan. 28
Tig-off meal - 5pm
WBB vs. St. Mary’s (H) - 7:30pm
“We Can Make You Laugh Show” - 9:30pm

Tuesday, Jan. 29
“World’s Fastest Hypnotist” - 9pm

Wednesday, Jan. 30
MBB vs. Mt. Senario (H) - 7:30pm
Snow Sculpturing - 3:30pm
(judging at) 5:30
All campus devo’s - 6:30pm
Coronation - 9:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 31
Hot tubs arrive - noon???
WBB vs. Northwestern (H) - 7pm
Talent Show and 4th Annual Beach Bash - 9pm

Friday, Feb. 1
MBB vs. St. Scholastica (H) - 7:30pm
Comedy Sports - 10pm

Saturday, Feb. 2
Film Fest - 1pm
WBB vs. Hamline (A) - 3pm
Snow Week Dance - 8-12pm

Sunday, Feb. 3
Snow Week Communion - 10am

“I failed the English test, had an argument with my girl, my folks grounded me for a week, and you tell me to have a nice day.”

“Why?”
When does a date become a crime?
Against her will is against the law.

For 21 and Over

by Troy Cohrs

If you are looking for chicken wings, just about every bar and restaurant in the Twin Cities have them. However, if you are looking for really great chicken wings, you will have to search a little harder. Now, I'm not talking about Cattis’s wings; I think we’ve all had enough of those burnt to a crisp, golden-black wings. Although you may not be able to find a deal on wings like the one on Wednesday nights at Chi Chi’s, you can find better wings.

On the corner of N. 1st Avenue and Washington Street, is a little saloon called Runyon’s. The first thing that struck me was it’s shape. It is tucked between buildings, making it very narrow. On one wall is a row of tables and bar stools, and on the other is the long bar and kitchen. The ceilings are lofty, and actors to a pig in tennis shoes. The last thing unique about this saloon was the fact that I happened to see Ahmad Rashad while I was there. He was also finishing a plate of these wings, so they must be good! If you have your tuition bill of those burnt to a crisp, golden-black wings. Although you may not be able to find a deal on wings like the one on Wednesday nights at Chi Chi’s, you can find better wings.

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Blues music fills the bar as casually dressed waiters and waitresses take your order. The kitchen in Runyon’s is open from 11:00 a.m. to midnight. They serve burgers, sandwiches, pasta plates, and soups of the day. However, their specialty is the wings, which come in these categories: hot, really hot, and nuclear. Hot can be compared to the hottest wings at Cattis’s, and nuclear is mainly for veteran wing eaters. Each plate comes with blue cheese dip, celery (to cool down your mouth), three napkins, and a handi wipe. There are twelve wings to a plate at a cost of $5.95, a little expensive for wings, but remember you’re paying for the best. Drinks are pretty expensive with the average beer running about $2.50. It might be a good idea to drink water anyway. Like I said, these wings are hot. Don’t worry about parking, it’s free in the Benson lot after 6:00 p.m.

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