Building on Commitment - Bringing it on Strong

By Matthew Trapp

Concordia College is preparing for the future while going full steam in the present. About four years ago Concordia College determined that it was out growing several of its most important resources. Studies were done to find a way to build for the future and yet continue to serve the students and community in the present. The Building on a Commitment (BOC) plan was researched and was put into effect. The BOC campaign is now nearing the second phase of its fundraising campaign.

The areas that the Administration were most concerned about four years ago and are now at the forefront of Concordia's needs are a new Health and Fitness Center, an addition to the Fine Arts Building, an increase in the Student Scholarship Fund, an increase in Concordia's Endowment, an increase in funding for Concordia's Oswald Hoffman School of Christian Outreach, money set aside for Campus Beautification, and the Annual Fund Unrestricted.

The Annual Fund Unrestricted is annual donations that are made to the College to help support the budget. A rough break down of the budget shows that tuition pays for about 70%, the Synod pays for about 6%, and donations pay for about 24%. Because the College depends on the donations so heavily it was an important part of the plan to keep the annual donations at the levels they had been at before the BOC campaign began.

Great importance was also placed on keeping tuition costs from being increased to fund the new projects. The Administration felt it was vital to increase options to Concordia's students and continue to keep their tuition costs competitive with other private colleges.

The BOC campaign is divided into four main phases. The first, which started a year and a half ago, is the solicitation of major donors. The second, which begins on April 24th of this year, is a regional phase that involves visits to fourteen cities. The third is congregational involvement. The fourth is alumni and friends solicitation. The campaign is scheduled to conclude in the spring of 1994.

A great deal of emphasis has been placed on the Centennial Celebration in 1993 in the campaign "Building on Commitment." It is hoped that the buildings will be in place for the Centennial Celebration.

Luis Player: Taking Issue

Editor's Note: Beginning with this issue, The Sword welcomes staff writer, Luis Player, to his own special column aptly titled: Taking Issue.

I wish God had made people blind. Then a touch of the hand, a word of look, not by how they are. If God can perform miracles, why can't (God) make people blind? Why can't we have perceptions like radar antenna to judge with? Our eyes betray us...

-Eduardo Perez

It couldn't happen here. In the words of Chuck D., I've got so much trouble on my mind...

Recent racial incidents in the surrounding college community have shaken academic institutions from the tie-dye campus of Macalester to the ivy-covered walls of Hamline, to the majestic architecture of St. Thomas, to the banks of the Mississippi River at the University of Minnesota. But it couldn't happen here - not at Concordia, where the richness of diversity can be seen from here - not at Concordia, where the atmosphere of knowledge and spiritual understanding is at the center of the learning experience - or at least the underlying fabric of our quest for greater knowledge. We have not escaped unscathed.

It has happened here. A member of our community, our family, has been victimized within our backyard, and I am angry. As a member of this community, I am embarrassed and ashamed. As a member of a so-called minority group, I am offended. As a man with many women in my life for whom I have great respect and admiration, I am angry. As a God-loving individual, I feel sorrow, and yes, even compassion for the person who has committed an act such as this, because they obviously are, at best misguided, and at worst, sick. However, as a writer and budding social scientist, I am compelled to look closer at the issue and attempt to make sense out of it.

First, it is important that we are careful not to jump to conclusions about the perpetrator and their motives. Regardless of who or why, it's wrong, and it's cruel. Make no mistake, it could have been anyone. There was much consternation about how to deal with the incident: do we ignore it? do we address it and risk giving someone undeserved attention? My view is that we do not ignore it, nor do we need to sensationalize it. You need not look far for evidence that this is happening everywhere, sometimes subtle and sometimes overt. Just look at the tactics of our political candidates. Racial paranoia is played to everywhere. When you think about it, it seems silly. What does the color of one's skin have to do with anything? When you get a tan, you become darker - are you now less of a person? It's time to take a honest and often painful look at how we view and relate to one another.

When discussing racism and sexism in our society, many argue that they are products of ignorance and lack of education. I believe education is part of the problem, not necessarily the solution. For as long as I can remember, my parents told me education, along with a solid work ethic, was the key to success. And yet too often, we are miseducated more than we are undereducated.

I recall starting school and taking all these tests to measure my "intelligence". I did well enough to be classified as "gifted," and the cycle began. You see, busying was in...
MAFC AIDS Grants Announced

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota AIDS Funding Consortium (MAFC) today announced awards of three grants totaling $35,772. In its fifth and final Action Grants funding cycle, MAFC is a collaborative program of the Minneapolis Foundation and the Saint Paul Foundation.

During this year-long program, MAFC awarded a total of $185,624 in 14 Action Grants aimed at influencing AIDS-related policy. These grants are unusual in that they have been awarded to individuals or small, informal groups rather than to organizations.

“We wanted to encourage individuals who saw the need for change to figure out how they could make a difference and then take action,” explained Ron Vargas, chair of the Action Grants Advisory Committee.

In the last round, MAFC funded Kevin Cwayna, Neal Bielke and Derric Field to undertake projects relating HIV/AIDS to youth homelessness, vocational services, and improved coordination of care, respectively.

Youth homelessness and HIV addressed. Kevin Cwayna’s grant of $9,450 will allow him to take a partial leave of absence from his current position. Cwayna, a physician, will use the time to write a book on homeless youth and HIV in Minnesota. He also plans to advocate for specific changes in public policy that would improve conditions for homeless youth.

“Homelessness puts young people at very high risk for HIV infection,” explained Cwayna. “The time to change policies is now, and increasing public awareness is part of that change.”

Vocational rights, services targeted. Neal Bielke plans to use his grant to $13,272 to help increase the awareness of people living with HIV or AIDS that they are entitled to vocational rehabilitation services and that they now have vocational rights under the new Americans for Disabilities Act which took effect last month. He will contact HIV+ support groups; speak at meetings; create and distribute a brochure; and serve as an advocate for persons who are trying to use the system.

According to Bielke, “Vocational rehabilitation services should represent an important resource to help persons living with HIV keep their current jobs or find other satisfying employment.”

Care coordination encouraged. Derric Field will use a grant of $13,000 to introduce a new concept to Minnesota: the Care Coordination Team (CCT). Developed in Atlanta, the CCT concept provides a mechanism whereby the person living with HIV and AIDS identifies his or her needs and then decides how (and by whom) those should be met. An individualized Care Coordination Team is then created and is headed by a friend or relative (not the primary caregiver).

Field is excited about the potential of CCTs. “Some case managers are overworked and burnt out. They can’t really manage an individual’s care,” pointed out Field. “CCTs represent a low-cost, effective way to supplement case management services, avoid crises, and most important, to empower the person living with HIV or AIDS.” The grant will enable Field to introduce the concept to local agencies and AIDS service organizations. He will encourage them to adopt some version of the CCT concept for their clients.

Other MAFC activities continue as part of the two-year HIV/AIDS Policy Initiative. MAFC will play a limited role beyond mid-1992 (the end of the two-year period) to help disseminate some of the products, information, and ideas derived from various MAFC Policy Initiative activities.

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Kennedy Assasination Expert to Speak

David S. Lifton, assassination expert, renowned researcher, author of the book and video, "Best Evidence" and consultant to the movie "JFK," will present a lecture, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, at John F. Kennedy Senior High School, located at 9701 Nicollet Avenue South in Bloomington.

Lifton will share his evidence that a convert action took place to remove President Kennedy from office and replace him with Lyndon Johnson. As part of a nationwide lecture tour, Lifton will disclose his latest research, autopsy evidence, eyewitness testimony, postmortem photographs and home movies of the assassination, followed by an audience question and answer session.

This marks the first time Minnesotans will hear, see and ask questions firsthand from nationally recognized expert on the Kennedy assassination. On the heels of the renewed public interest, Lifton will share some of his latest findings in his continuing search for the truth.

Lifton has dedicated the past 28 years to uncovering medical evidence, which leads to the conclusion that Kennedy's body was stolen, his head surgically altered and two back wounds were added to conceal evidence he was shot from the front. "This was done to prevent an accurate forensic reconstruction of the murder and to support a single-assassination theory," concludes Lifton.

What Sherlock Holmes was to Scotland Yard, Lifton is to the Warren Commission - turning up important evidence overlooked in official investigations and putting the pieces of the puzzle together, making it look elementary.

Lifton spent more than 15 years uncovering corroborating evidence which supports his theory of what happened on November 22, 1963.

He has uncovered eyewitness testimony that Kennedy's body left Dallas wrapped in sheets and in a ceremonial bronze casket. At the time, Kennedy's body had a small head wound and an injured brain was present. According to other witnesses, the body arrived at Bethesda Hospital in a cheap shipping casket and enclosed in a zippered body bag. During the autopsy, the head wound was four times larger than previously measured and the cranium was empty.

Kennedy's brain was removed, by the conspirators, to extract bullet fragments that would have indicated the shots weren't fired from Oswald's rifle, says Lifton. Kennedy's skull was reconstructed to help substantiate the claim he was shot from behind. "Oswald, as he himself stated, was a patsy who never fired a shot," explained Lifton.

As a nation saw Jacqueline and Robert Kennedy escort a bronze casket off Air Force One, John Kennedy's body was slipped out a door on the planes right side to an awaiting Army helicopter and transported to Bethesda Hospital, suggests Lifton. Later, while Mrs. Kennedy believed she was accompanying her husband's body into Bethesda Hospital, she passed a technician carrying X-rays he had taken moments earlier of Kennedy's body already in the morgue, adds Lifton.

"This was a plot involving the Executive Branch of the Government and elements of the Dallas Police, CIA and Secret Service," contends Lifton. "Basically, it was decided, by a powerful yet small group within the government, that JFK had to go," states Lifton.

Tickets for the lecture, scheduled to last three hours, can be purchased for $12 at all Ticketmaster locations or by calling (612) 989-5151.

Lifton will also make book signing appearances at the Three B. Dalton bookseller locations. Lifton will be in Minneapolis at City Center, from 12:30 -130 p.m. and at Southdale, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1 and in St. Paul at Town Square, from 12 - 1 p.m., Thursday, April 2.

Regional Transit

When most people think of innovative technological advances, they think about the space program, not local transit services. But, times are changing. Minnesota is at the forefront of developing Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS) for highways and transit. IVHS allows computer-generated monitoring, billing and administrative functions which may lead to dramatic changes in how people use transit.

We are in partnership with the Mn/DOT, the MTC, the Metropolitan Council and the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies to explore ways to improve the transit system by applying IVHS technologies.

TRAVLINK is a project being undertaken by local and regional agencies and U.S. West to improve bus operations and transit information.

The first element of TRAVLINK is installing automatic vehicle location (AVL) systems on buses. AVL systems will allow MTC's central dispatching center to know via satellite exactly where every bus in the system is at all times.

By knowing the precise location of all the buses in the fleet, the MTC will be able to finetune schedules and keep buses to them. Security will also be greatly improved. One of the most exciting parts of TRAVLINK is that once the exact location of all buses is known communication links to transit hubs, major bus stops and eventually homes, will allow the exact arrival time of the next bus to be transmitted directly to riders.

The RTB has included funding for TRAVLINK in its 1992 legislative program. We are also seeking federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration.
Diverse Diner: A Traditional Feast

by Scott Hoelscher

If you may remember, I didn’t have much luck in my last two journeys. I was beginning to think that good ol’ Grand Avenue doesn’t have all that many good ol’ ethnic restaurants. But lo, I decided on the eve of March 18 to look to my Judeo-Christian palate as the guide to my next meal. I made a good decision that night.

For some reason, I decided to visit The Old City Cafe on 1571 Grand Avenue without guests, which turned out to be a mistake. I think many of us would have enjoyed the atmosphere of this cafe, which specializes in Israeli, Jewish, and vegetarian cuisine. Consisting of two small rooms, it was adorned with wooden shutters, plants, and numerous paintings of Jewish life. Simply put, it was very homey.

One of the first things I noticed was the Cafe’s employees were all young, possibly students from nearby Macalester. But I soon discovered that these youngsters were part of an establishment that is deeply rooted in its religious and cultural heritage. This is not to say that some of the other places I visited were not, but the Cafe made it known. Within its menu I found a thorough explanation of the nature and purpose of kosher foods. Kosher, derived from the word kashrut, literally means fit or proper. Citing Leviticus 11:44, the proprietors stated that kashrut is a key to holiness, and that Jews observe kashrut dietary guidelines so that they “can be partners in the world’s Creation... and serve God in all [they] do.” The owners also pointed out that since the body is an instrument of the soul, it must be fed in a proper manner. Let me tell ya, the menu made me feel sorry for eating cinnamon rolls for breakfast.

Nevertheless, when I was presented my food, my hunger was my only concern. I chose a meal which was most appealing simply because it sounded exciting - falafel pomegranate. Served piping hot, it consisted of five falafels, which are ground chick peas spiced and deep fried. Eww. Luckily, taste is not measured by one’s ear, and I found them to be very mild in both taste and texture. The best part was they looked like meatballs on the outside and were green on the inside, which made for a cheap thrill. In addition, the falafels were covered by an excellent tomato sauce containing large vegetable portions. To be honest, this was the best entree I’ve reviewed so far.

I was so pleased with my entre that I ordered banana cake for dessert, which rivaled even a grandmother’s best loaf of banana bread. I also tried some cherry cheese krish, which was soft cheese within a flaky dough, but it unfortunately had only one cherry inside. I wish I would have had guests because there were numerous entrees they could have tried which sounded either appealing or downright freaky, including Yemenite rice, clams, borscht, calzone, Chitzilian salad, and NV style pizza. Most were between $3.50-$5.00, and came in either large or small portions. Several styles of salads and subs were also offered, and other desserts, including sorbetto.

The Old City Cafe holds a lot of value for the diner. It maintains high standards in food quality, focuses on the spirituality of food, and promises uniqueness in taste. I’ve spent a lot of time on Grand Avenue searching for worthwhile eateries, and this one should be placed at the top of the eating agenda.

The People In Your Neighborhood

by Sarah Hansen

Jerry Woodhouse, a native of Chicago, is a junior at Concordia College.

Jerry attended Lindblom High School in Chicago and was involved in National Honor Society. He decided to attend Concordia after being contacted by Tom Cross. He said he knew the area because he had lived in St. Paul for a few years during grammar school and also because his father lives here. Concordia offered him a good curriculum and the chance to play football for the first time because he had never participated in it team-wise during high school.

Starting off with Accounting as his major his freshman year, Jerry decided to change it to Public Policy. He says he will probably use it for a management position in a small company. “I talked to a manager that said the job is very interesting but a challenge. I don’t like anything that doesn’t challenge me,” stated Jerry. After graduation Jerry said he would like to stay in St. Paul because he likes the atmosphere and it’s not so fast paced as Chicago. He also feels, “the scenery is better here.”

Jerry is involved in football as a defensive tackle, intramural basketball and volleyball. He says football is a lot of fun even though the first year was kind of rough because he didn’t play a lot. “This year was great because we got to play in the metrodome and shared the conference title,” Jerry noted.

Jerry is also involved with the United Mind of Joint Action which is a minority organization. He feels the purpose of this group is to get cultures...
Professor Profile: Kay Madson

She's been called a woman's woman, a label she's not too sure about. A consummate professional, she's also a confidant and friend to many of the colleagues and students she comes in contact with daily at Concordia.

Kay Madson is a professor of Sociology and chair of the Division of Social Sciences. She says she was probably a sociologist-in-training as a child growing up in the small East Central Minnesota towns of Marv and Ogilvie, having always been interested in the people aspect of any new experiences. She lives in South Minneapolis with her husband, Greg, who met while completing her undergraduate study at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. They have three children: Christine, a graduate of the U of M and corporate banker for Norwest Bank; Susan Elizabeth, a St. Olaf grad and computer analyst for West Publishing Co.; and Gregory, a junior at U of M Minnesota-Morris who's working towards law school, although Professor Madson believes he would make an excellent college professor (listen to your mother, Gregory).

While at Augsburg, she was involved in many activities, a sign of things to come. While there, she was in choir, played the clarinet in the concert band, and was in the sociology honors club, to name a few. She also worked part-time as a mental health aide for Fairview Hospital's psychiatric unit, which she described as an intense experience - working with psychotic patients and assisting in electric shock therapy. After living in Chicago for a year and working for Cook County Public assistance, where her caseload consisted of families living in dirt-floor shacks and boxcars, she returned to Minneapolis to begin her graduate work at the University of Minnesota. She was awarded a fellowship which allowed her to concentrate solely on her studies, a luxury she can appreciate even more now that she's teaching (among other things) while completing a Ph.D. "It can be a heavy burden - life gets complicated, but it's richer this way," she says.

Professor Madson is a person who truly enjoys what she does for a living, saying "I get to read about and study something I love and get paid for doing it. I can't ask for much more." As much as she enjoys her discipline, she also likes the daily interaction with students, because she learns from them as well as teaching them. "I really enjoy teaching at Concordia. It's small enough so that a professor has more autonomy than at a larger school - we can develop courses as we think they should be taught." It's not utopian, however - she expresses frustration over students who appear unprepared for exams because they do not read assigned materials. "It's a problem at every school, but I think it's a greater problem here." Other professors would probably agree.

She also has high hopes and loads of enthusiasm for an expanded sociology program at Concordia, including opportunities for study in Mexico. Over Spring Break along with Professor Wilbur Thomas and Bruce Corrie, a trip to Monterey and San Luis Potoci to research the possibilities. "It's okay to be small and less known, but we (Concordia) should be good at what we do - educate" she says. "I need to be a good sociologist, and teach good sociology. If I can't do that, I should get out of the business." As hectic as her schedule gets, Professor Madson always seems to find time for people - she's very "people-centered." "I'm proud of the fact that I respect others and really try to connect with people." In her spare time, what little there is, she likes taking weekend trips with her husband and visiting historical museums, and looks forward to visits from her children. "They're all..."

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Most recent of the three movies to be reviewed here is My Cousin Vinny, starring Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei. The movie is based on a fantastic scenario involving two Italian college transfers driving from New York to California. They are mistakingly arrested and booked for the murder of an Alabama store clerk, necessitating them to telephone back home for legal help. The solution—"my cousin, Vinny." Vinny is portrayed fantastically by Joe Pesci, with his comedic sidekick, Morise Toeml as his fiancé, Lisa. The movie is a comedic volcano, overflowing with one-liners and jazzy. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute I spent viewing it. This is a must see for you wacky comedy lovers.

For those of you movie goers on a tight budget, My Girl, starring Anna Chumskley, has moved to the area. $50 budget theatres. This movie is a poignant story of a girl learning to cope with the tragedy of death and helping others to recognize the beauty of life. Though at times the plot seems a bit disjointed and clunky, there are many significant scenes which make this a worthy choice. The screenwriting was incredible. I don't think I have heard or witnessed some of the metaphorical techniques applied in this movie in many other movies for quite a long time. This movie would work well for a family outing as well.

For those moviegoers on an even tighter budget, I have to say that the next movie would be better unseen. Just use your money elsewhere. Medicine Man, starring Sean Connery, was a sleeper. I truly felt sorry that this movie was not geared to fit the talent available to the director. The script was lacking in focus, filled with stupid one-liners and off-the-wall comments. Mr. Connery's opposite, not even worth remembering, has no clue about acting. Where did they find her anyway? Save your time and money on this one.

Well, this concludes this month's collection of movie shorts. If you don't get to see the movies, at least you will be able to comment intelligently about them to those interested. And we all know how important that is. May you have a terrific month spending quality hours in the beautiful outdoors. And when the time comes, let's go to the movies!

The time of year is upon us again where Hollywood is bombarded with the biggest and brightest stars. Many stars come dressed to the hilt for the event of the year—The Academy Awards. Of course, the votes are tallied by officials, but we thought that it would be fun to see what film Concordia would pick for Best Picture. In case you're not familiar with this years candidates, they are Silence of the Lambs, Beauty and the Beast, The Prince of Tides, The Fisher King, and JFK.

Upon polling a few of Concordia's students, it seems that the shoe-in for the award this year is "Beauty and the Beast". An animated film has never come home with a Best Picture award and many feel that the academy is ready to give this film the honor. "Beauty and the Beast" has been regarded as possibly the best animated film in American history and is destined to win the award this year.

After "Beauty and the Beast", our polling shows that "The Fisher King" is the next choice for Best Picture. Robin Williams does an incredible job with this show which is why he gets my vote for Best Actor. Many Concordians felt that this show was quite deserving of the Best Picture award, but that "Beauty" was destined to receive it.

"Silence of the Lambs" came out early last year and has lost most of the momentum to take it to the top. This film shook the nation with its psychological horror and an award winning performance by Jodi Foster. As in "Fisher King", this film may not receive the Best Picture award, but its cast will walk home with some metal.

"The Prince of Tides" was directed by Barbara Streisand and stars Nick Nolte and herself. The general opinion around Concordia is that this film will not receive the Best Picture award. However, both stars of this film are up for individual awards and have a pretty good shot at receiving them. The last film is "JFK" with everyone's favorite guy, Kevin Costner. This film dealt with a very controversial government topic—the shooting of JFK. This film ruffled a plethora of Oscars he received last year for "Dances With Wolves".

These predictions mentioned are just that—predictions. They express the views of this section and the opinions of the sample of Concordians polled. The only sure way to find out who will win is to watch the star-studded awards on Monday night. And the winner is.......?
February 29, 1992 - Day 1
The 1992 Concordia St. Paul baseball team headed for sunny Florida for a week of intense baseball training on the warm shores of Cocoa Beach. The team landed in Florida safely and prepared for a week of baseball and fun.

March 1, 1992 - Day 2
The day started with an early practice which woke everyone up quickly. The Cocoa Beach Expo baseball facility provided excellent practicing and playing conditions for the squad. The players and coaches were quite optimistic about the Comet's chances of winning. Senior captain Tom Ryan stated, "We can win all the games here as long as we stick to our game and make the routine plays. We also can't screw up." Another practice ended the baseball day and the players were able to enjoy one of the delicious meals offered by the Cocoa Beach lunchroom. The squad rested for the double header the next day and remembered the words of Assistant Coach John Sherman "All right guys, take it easy".

March 2, 1992 - Day 3
The Comets catch an early breakfast and readied themselves for the Bemidji State Beavers, the first victim of the racing Comet. Senior captain Randy Goltz threw a complete game win, 2-0, over the Beavers and started the Comets on the road of wins. The next team of Comet prey was the Milwaukee School of Engineering and Greg Fruefeldt received the call on the mound. The Comets and Fruefeldt beat the engineering men in 5 innings by the score of 13-1. Senior Joe Rossow lead the game off in the space shuttle. "The team were no games scheduled for this day so the team kept relaxed the sunned on the beach of Florida. Many players had the chance to do a little shopping at the world famous Ron Jon's Surf Shop. Just a few Comet dollars were left here, but they were spent for a good reason. A little baseball had the team ready for another double header on the next day.

March 4, 1992 - Day 4
The Comets started off the day with another win behind the arm of Freshman Tracy Bushinger by defeating St. Joseph's of Indiana 8-1. The Comets took any early lead with Sophomore Dustin Trombley added to the scoring with key hits throughout the game. The Comets suffered a tough blow when Junior catcher Bill Kloster was injured on a play at home. Kloster caught a screaming rocket from Junior centerfielder Neil Perryman, tagged out the runner, and received a shot to the knee. Kloster didn't see any more action on the trip.

The afternoon called for another movie and relaxation in preparation for a 10:00 p.m. game versus Catholic University that night. The Comets held tough with the Catholic team but came up short at the end losing 4-1. This was the first loss for the 1992 squad. The Comets retired back to the Ramada Hotel and again prepared themselves for yet another double header the next day.

March 5, 1992 - Day 6
The Comets drew the Milwaukee School of Engineering again but this time the outcome was different. Senior Joe Pearson hurled through a complete game win in 5 innings by the score of 13-1. This was the first loss for the 1992 squad. The Comets retired back to the Ramada Hotel and again prepared themselves for yet another double header the next day.

by Tom Cross with Joel Halvorson

The Concordia St. Paul women's softball has decided to go independent this season after 8 straight conference championships, and is headed into what may be their most difficult schedule to date. Five tournaments, including a possible National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA) tournament bid, will highlight Concordia's demanding schedule. The Comets will participate in the following tournaments throughout the season: Central Iowa, the University of Northern Iowa, Bakersfield, California, the University of California at San Diego, and the Comet/Champions Tournament.

"We have always played a very competitive schedule, but this one will demand a great team effort throughout the year," said tenth year head coach Tom Cross. The Comets will be led on and off the field by six seniors, including Chris Peterson-3rd base (Concordia Academy), Kelly Whalen-outfield (Burnsville), Jill Osiecki-pitcher (Henry Sibley), Becky Bahn-1st, outfield (Rushford), Jodi McDonough-outfield (Tartan), and NAIA First Team All-American Carrie Rinald - Catcher (Concordia Academy). The Comets return an outstanding group of underclasswomen, including Lyn Tonne - infield (Hopkins), Leanne Bargsten - Pitcher (Park), Dawn Wegscheider - outfield (Roseville), Jodi Braun - outfield (Concordia Academy), Carrie Kaemper - catcher (Badger, WI), and transfer Stacey Baldwin - shortstop (Lakeville).

"We were proud of last year's performance, with a 2-8 overall record and a NAIA district playoff bid for the eighth straight year. Most importantly, we had six players on the Dean's List, and had an accumulative grade point average of 3.5 last spring quarter. This puts athletics and academics in proper perspective for college," said Cross.

The Comets are excited about this year's incoming freshmen class, with Heather Miller - pitcher (Rocori), Jo Halbert - infield (Harding), and Jennifer Rosenthal - infield (St. Agnes). Tom Rubbelke, tenth year assistant coach, believes that the Comets must play better defense and stop getting into so many high scoring battles.

The Concordia St. Paul softball team is on the brink of another exciting season, and with tradition, enthusiasm, and talent on their side, the Comets hope for another great finish.

Intramurals

Intramural volleyball is starting up now that basketball is finished. Jodi Sjelting, co-ordinator with Barb Bergstrom, was surprised at the amount of interest this year. Seven teams will be participating in the A division and ten teams in the B division. Traditionally the A division consists of more well-rounded and skilled players. These games are refereed much closer than B division games which are more recreational. "Having two different divisions gives all types of players the opportunity to have a good time and get involved in some extra-curricular activity," Sjelting stated.

by Scott Roeder

When you hear the name "Team USA" immediately the great 1992 Olympic basketball team comes to mind. However, there is another "Team USA" that deserves much the same recognition (only on a smaller scale). That's right, the 1992 intramural basketball champions is "Team USA". Led by captain Dan Haase, "Team USA" swept the final, double elimination tournament without a loss. "We played very well as a team and I believe that was the reason why we were so successful," said Haase. Other teams in the final four consisted of the "Bombay Bangers", "Rod and Staff", and the "Uncalled Fours".

Rodney Pesch, co-ordinator for intramural basketball said, "I think the season went very smoothly and I enjoyed my participation in it." Next years coordinators have not yet been picked.

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EDITORIAL

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

After reading Mr. Burlingame’s letter to the editor in the last issue of The Sword, my colleagues and I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Burlingame is a man who has some very serious problems and should seek help immediately. In the first place, Mr. Burlingame needs to get a handle on his life. While one might be able to understand his disappointment at not receiving information on the DCE program and a registration form as soon as he would have liked, one is simultaneously forced to wonder how hard Mr. Burlingame tried to do so. It is not something that requires one to re-invent the wheel. It does, however, take functions of their new phones, students have received none of this. Current student benefits include free voice-mail for two months, and more incoming phone lines. I can’t even tell if the call is from on or off campus anymore. In fact, until a representative from Student Senate complained, it was planned that students who wanted voice-mail would pay for it monthly starting next fall. Now at least that plan is being discussed. Also, in the discussion stage is the plan to give students the options to either rent or buy one of these special phones from the college next fall. In all fairness to the college, nothing has been decided about either the voice-mail of the phones yet.

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The Children’s Home Society

You can make a difference in a child’s life. Children’s Home Society of Minnesota has volunteer opportunities for those who want to work towards the prevention of child abuse.

Children’s Home Society in conjunction with Health Start, a child and school health agency, are working on an important program for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Committed and caring volunteers are needed to provide child care for infants and young children whose mothers are attending a parent
Five years ago, I decided to quit my secretarial job and attend Concordia teacher. I felt that God had called and I began to see the world through the eyes of a Christian. Although I didn't actively participate in the Christian community, I was aware of its presence, its influence, and its impact on my life. It has always been there -- lurking, just beneath the surface, like Frankenstein's monster. I experienced what I feel are even more dramatic occasions, surfacing to grab, indoctrination; openness to the new and different, as opposed blind resistance and ignorance. Pre-Seminary students would involve themselves more in some positive propaganda to improve the image of our club AEX, which is a Greek acronym for "Brothers in Christ." The question I put to my friend was, "Well, John, I can talk to you because you are a liberal." My first response was shock, my second was to respond that there must be some mistake as I held the authority of Scripture in all matters pertaining to faith and salvation.

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I don't know what God has planned for my future; but as I venture out into the "real" world in a few weeks, I will never forget my time and my wonderful "discoveries" while at Concordia.

At this time I would like to publicly express my thanks to Dr. Tom Trapp, Dr. Bob Kolb, Dr. Steven Stohlmann, and Professors Walt Sohn, Kay Madsen, Joan Hagman, and Marilyn Reinick for their constant care and support during my time at Concordia. I would also like to thank all the other Christian brothers and sisters for their kindness as well. Thank the Lord for all of you.

Sincerely,
Bennie Reimer

Director of Intercultural Relations
Spring Training
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early trouble from the Catholic team and were handed another defeat by the score of 17-1. The team knew they would have to rebound the next day and forget about the night before.

March 6, 1992 - Day 7
The Comets did indeed rebound the next day by defeating our syndical rival Concordia River Forest in 6 innings by the score of 11-1. Frueotel picked up his second victory of the trip along with solid performances from key hitters. Sophomore Joel Halvorson, Rossow, Ryan, and Freshman Chris Wenger led the way for the Comets. All four collected important hits as the Comets exploded in the 6th inning for 8 runs. Again rest was needed for some tired arms and legs and so that the Comets would be ready for another worthy opponent in Madonna College, and not the pop singing star. After several rain delays, the game started with Golnitz on the mound again bidding for his second win. Because of some key Comet errors, Madonna was able to get ahead of them and Concordia could not catch them. After several tries at attacking their lead, the Comets fell short losing 6-0. The Comets ended the spring training trip which made him look solid for the upcoming conference season.

March 7, 1992 - Day 8
The last day of the trip saw some well earned fun and sun as the team was able to attend a Houston Astros baseball game. An enjoybale day was spent in Orlando touring the enormous malls and scenic areas before the Comet squad had to head back to cold and frosty Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- The ninth annual Health Fair 11, co-sponsored by KARE 11 and Health One Corporation, will be held March 28 through April 12. The event will provide free health screenings including height and weight, blood pressure, vision and a health check station. Optional cholesterol and glucose screenings will be available for charge of $11.00, with immediate results available. In addition to the core screenings, each of the 81 Health Fair sites offers various other screenings and educational displays tailored to the local community.

With the emphasis today on healthy lifestyles for all ages, KARE 11 believes it is most important to provide an opportunity for people to seek free screenings and consultations in convenient locations. Health Fair 11 (Minnesota Health Fairs, Inc.) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving community health care needs through low cost health fairs. The organization works in coalition with media, financial and grass-roots based organizations in an effort to implement health education materials and screenings throughout Greater Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. Health One is the largest provider of health care in the upper Midwest.

To locate the nearest Health Fair 11 site, call The Connection at 922-9000.

Big Woods/ Big Plains

The Big Woods/Big Plains Native American lecture series will take place at Stillwater Senior High School April 9,10 and 11, 1992.

In its sixth year, the seminar draws speakers from all over the country as well as local presenters. The program has a different theme each year, and aspects of Native American culture, art and history will be examined, as well as Native American spiritual ceremonies and reservation life. This year’s theme is “Appreciating Cultural Diversity: Respecting the Original Inhabitants.”

Dr. Herman Viola is one of the featured speakers for this year’s program. Viola is the director of the Seeds of Change Quincentury programs for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. His schedule is one that has taken all over the world to speak on the Quincentury display and the events connected with it. Stillwater is fortunate to have him present at this seminar.

Dr. Viola is the original inspiration for Big Woods directors Brian Crone and Dennis Harvey. When the directors took a Native American studies workshop from Viola in the summer of 1985, they were inspired to begin a program of their own. For the first two years, Viola did present at Big Woods/Big Plains, and now he will make a third appearance this year, focusing on the making of the Seeds of Change Quincentury program. This presentation is scheduled for Friday night. He will speak again Saturday on Native American ledger art and history.

Fun and fitness with an oriental flavor will be enjoyed by all who enter the Gung Ho Stir Fry/Bally’s U.S. Swim and Fitness Wok and Run Saturday, April 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Bloomington Bally’s U.S. Swim and Fitness located between Hwy. 100 and France Ave. on W. 80th St.

A Kids Run starts promptly at 8:30 a.m., followed by a four mile event for adult runners and walkers at 9 a.m. Five refreshments and door prizes will be provided by Gung Ho Stir Fry, Bally’s U.S. Swim and Fitness, Coca Cola, Marathon Sports, Old Home’s Pride Nonfat Yogurt and Great Harvest Bread Company.

Proceeds will benefit job training, placement and related services for people with disabilities and disadvantages operated by Goodwill Industries, Inc./Easter Seal Society of Minnesota. Programs that meet the needs of the community and the individuals the organization serves include skill training, employment services, disability awareness, KARS (Kids are Riding Safely) and other related services.

The entry fee is $8 if registered by March 28 and $10 on race day. Pre-register by ordering entry forms from U.S. Swim and Fitness at 893-1319.

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Many of us are familiar with the infamous episode of the Brady Bunch's trip to Hawaii. Little Bobby Brady picked up an ancient tiki doll in the sand and bad things began to happen. A tarantula crawled into Marcia's bed and Greg almost got killed surfing. Although we had no problems with spiders, we did hear of a shark related surfing accident that kept us away from the ten foot waves. On the flip side, the Brady Bunch never dreamed of having the adventures and spiritual highs the King's Players had on their tour of the Island of Oahu.

Our adventure began on Saturday morning from a chilly Minneapolis airport. The flight west was a bit long, but morale was kept upbeat by great movies such as "Deceived" and "And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird". We landed in sunny Honolulu to 80 degree weather and an abundance of fragrant leis given to us with a warm "Aloha" by Todd and Terri (Taylor) Bents--our hosts for the week. After claiming all of our luggage, we set out for our "home base" for the week--the library of Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Honolulu. From there, we were within an hour's drive of all our performance sites.

Our first impression of Lutheran worship in Hawaii was a very meaningful one. Our purpose on this tour, as in our mission as King's players and disciples of God, was to reach that one person in our audience. Ironically, as we ministered to the congregation that first Sunday morning, we were just as touched by the message they were giving us! We truly worshiped as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Good Shepherd was the first church that we visited and proved to be very receptive and hospitable to the weary travelers from Minnesota. The rest of the churches on our tour proved to be no different. The welcomed us with open arms, warm food, and soft beds. We traveled to Ewa Beach for answers--they can teach you a lot!

Our daily schedule on tour went something like this: Wake-up at 6AM, perform at two or three times in the morning, then see the sights of Hawaii, eat dinner, and crash by 10PM. Our motto was work hard and play hard, and by the exhaustion seen on all our faces at the end of the day, our motto was fulfilled!

One would think that when in Hawaii, we would spend all of our free time on the beach. However, a majority of our free time was spent hiking and enjoying the majestic splendor of the island paradise.

During our stay in Hawaii, we made sure that we visited the Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor. Everyone reacts to an experience like this differently, some with tears, others with silence. We were shown to the Arizona Memorial by a crusty retired Navy man who seemed to know all of the figures and numbers of the invasion at Pearl Harbor. All the names of soldiers who gave their lives that Sunday morning were imprinted on the wall of the memorial. It was an incredible sobering and enlightening experience. What struck the group that most on our tour was the extreme sense of a world can and should be like. A world free of prejudice and racial barriers. Look toward the children and this case is no exception. Watching these children play gave us a picture of what our world can and should be like. A world devoid of prejudice and racial barriers. Look toward the children for answers--they can teach you a lot!

The Loft's Publication Reading for April features local writers Cary Waterman and Kate Green, Friday, April 10, 8p.m., at the Loft 66 Malcolm Avenue S.E., Minneapolis. Admission is $5, $4 for Loft members. For more information call 379-8999.

Cary Waterman's new book of poems, When I Looked Back You Were Gone, Poet Norman Dubie writes, "Love and its attendant visionary things win out over fear and pain in this book. As a poet I can only envy the achievement of this work, but as a reader I can experience it while reporting the wonder of it to you." Cary Waterman is also the author of The Salamander Migration and The First Thaw.

Kate Green will read from her new novel Shooting Star, which will be published by HarperCollins in May 1992. Shooting Star's story involves a young film star, her possessive director, an inexperienced FBI agent, and a still unsolved murder. Of her writing, Natalie Goldberg says, "Her characters have depth; they dive into the reader and live with you after you close the book." Kate Green is also the author of Night Angel and Shattered Moon. The latter was nominated for an Edgar Allen Poe Award by the Mystery Writers of America.
While many people prepare to observe the 500th anniversary of Columbus' landfall in the Americas, Native Americans, Hispanic-Latinos, and African-Americans in the Twin Cities are preparing to celebrate the resiliency of indigenous cultures during the last 500 years. This summer, the science Museum of Minnesota will present a summer program, 1492-1992: First Encounters - Native Views, from May 30 through September 7.

First Encounters: Spanish Exploration in the Caribbean and United States, 1492-1570 interprets the first contact between native peoples of the Americas and early Europeans including Columbus, Coronado, and De Soto. A two-thirds scale replica of the Nina is the centerpiece. The exhibit's themes include: Spain at the time of the landfall; the voyages of explorers; Spain's first settlements here; early Spanish influence on the continent; Native Americans at the time of the contact; and St. Augustine, the first successful Spanish settlement. The exhibit features dioramas of de Soto and Native Americans from the southeastern United States, a case of Spanish armor and weaponry from the exploration period, and representative Native American artifacts from major collections throughout the country.

First Encounters was produced by the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, Florida. Funds were provided by that museum, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Florida Arts Council Division of Cultural Affairs - Florida Department of State.

First Encounters is an exhibit that has provoked controversy across the United States. To provide a forum for other viewpoints on the Quincentennial and the Columbus legend, the Science Museum of Minnesota initiated the 1492-1992 Education Project.

A planning team of artists and organizers from the Native American, Chicano-Latino, and African-American communities was formed in April 1991. The team's goals include demonstrating the resiliency and durability of indigenous cultures of the western hemisphere; challenging visitors to examine their attitudes and perspectives on indigenous peoples; and introducing visitors to divergent world views.

The result of the planning team is From the Heart of Turtle Island: Native Views 1992 - a combination of art work, programming, and exhibitry - which will be located in the museum's west building, with additional programming throughout the museum.

First Encounters - Native Views will run through September 7, 1992. Exhibit hall hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Admission is $4 for adults and $3 for children 12 and younger and seniors. The Science Museum is located in downtown St. Paul off Wabasha and Exchange streets. For more information, call (612) 221-9488.

Experience Makes A Difference!

Are you getting the most out of your college years?

Most students do not realize how many exciting and wonderful educational opportunities they have during their college years. One option is to be an intern in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia or New York City. You can apply what you have learned in the classroom, try out your skills, work in the real world and decide if your major is really right for you.

"My internship was the best experience during my undergraduate years. It really made a huge difference for me," states [student name] (University of Maryland). Students are generally very enthusiastic about an internship that is in a large city away from home or campus. Students feel challenged in ways that they cannot experience in a classroom. Students report that the internship made them more self sufficient, independent and more confident.

One internship program, The Philadelphia Center states, "The PURPOSE of the Philadelphia Center is to provide a structured educational program for students in the context of an urban setting through experiential and academic learning." The difference between just working and an internship is that an internship is a structured educational experience. If a student wants to define goals and reflect on what he or she is doing, then and academic internship is the answer.

Dr. Mary Ryan, Executive Director for the Institute for Experiential Learning (IEL) states, "There are a number of intern programs that are not really academically based and are not worthy of academic credit. I would caution students and faculty to beware of programs that cannot articulate student outcomes, or do not assist the student in integrating the theory with the internship." IEL is an academically based internship program in Washington, D.C.. IEL provides highly individualized attention to each student and an Experiential Education Seminar that guides the student throughout the semester or term.

E. Sam Sovilla, Director of Professional Practice at the University of Cincinnati, states that, "Internships are very beneficial from a learning perspective... The typical program will involve faculty-student interaction in the establishment of internship requirements, faculty assessment of achievement, and work-site visits by the student's intern coordinator."

The National Society for Internships and Experiential Education (NSIEE) publishes the National Directory of Internships which provides listings of potential sites for internships.

Create a resume that includes professional and meaningful experience. Consider doing an internship during your university years!

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

IEL - 1325 G St., NW, Lower Level, Washington, D.C. 20005-3104. Phone: 1-800-IEL-0770.

NSIEE - 3509 Havworth Drive, Suite 207, Raleigh, NC 27609


adults now, so we're able to cultivate relationships on another level," she says with a proud smile. She's also an avid biker, a boasts that she "knows all the trails in Fort Snelling Park."

She hopes to finish her dissertation on predictors of gender role attitudes (no surprise to those of us who have been in her class) this summer, I presume so she'll have more time to converse with nosy reporters. She offers these words of wisdom: "Life should be lived in community, we should emphasize connections with other people."
Sister Kenny Institute Art Show Opens

MINNEAPOLIS, March 5, 1992 — The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the 29th annual Sister Kenny Institute International Art Show by Disabled Artists on Friday, April 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The art show features hundreds of works of art from artists with disabilities from all over the United States and several foreign countries. Most of the artworks are for sale, with a majority priced between $50 and $200.

To enter the Art Show, an artist must have a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits one or more major life activities (such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, breathing, learning or working).

The art mediums displayed will include watercolor, oils and acrylics, drawing, photography and three-dimensional. All entries are judged; over $3,000 in prizes will be awarded by judges from the local art community.

The Abbott Northwestern Sister Kenny Auxiliary (ANSK) and the Sister Kenny Institute sponsor the annual Art Show to provide a forum for the creative talents of people with disabilities and to give artists an outlet to sell their works.

PTC Presents:
“The Mojo and the Sayso”

News Release
St. Paul, Mn - Penumbra Theatre, Minnesota’s only black professional theatre company, is proud to present The Mojo and the Sayso by Aishah Rahman. The Mojo and the Sayso is directed by Obie Award winner Laurie Carlos and produced by Lou Bellamy. The production will run from March 18 - April 12, 1992 at the Hallie Q. Brown / Martin Luther King Center, 270 N. Kent St, St. Paul. Performances will be held at 8:00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday.

This production has been made possible in part by The Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation, Inc. with funds from

Land of Cotton!
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his right hand. A suspicious mark resembling a set of teeth is still there... The church was under remodeling, and we had to play in a low ceiling basement, not good for a band. But this crowd was our best ever with dancing and smiling—constant smiling with BIG teeth.

On Tues. March 3rd, we had our day off in Atlanta, GA. Everyone went sightseeing and shopping. That night we all did what band members do every year. Some of us went for a horse-drawn carriage ride in the downtown area. Our diver was a bit crazy, but we all made it back alright. More sight-seeing the next day, and on to Marietta, GA where the hottest balcony known to man existed. Swinging contests in the playground were enjoyed by many, but I have to say that Leah did indeed beat Marcus.

The most exciting thing that happened on the way home was that Jody announced that his hair was in the awkward stage. So that explains it. We stopped in Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. While in WI, Dan Kuball split his pants and many people had to sing for their mail.

Major developments during band trip:
Kim Detsch and Roger Koopman got engaged on the day we left the airport and didn't tell anyone until we got back to the Twin Cities!
Peter Klemper officially became alumnii. Marian presented him with the official button and contribution envelope.

Child Abuse
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education and support group. These children are considered to be at “high risk” for abuse and/or neglect and will benefit from the special programming.

Calling it a “major breakthrough,” he says, “the combination of our unprecedented growth in ticket sales and season subscribers.”
Concordia Speaks

What did you do over Spring Break?! 

Mee Lor-I went to Madison and spent time with my friend visiting from California. We had a lot of fun and went to the Milwaukee Museum.

Xiuyu Wang-I cooked Chinese food for my wife and I. I watched a bit of television and slept. I also went to the U of M and took some classes with my wife.

Marcella Collins-I worked and practiced dancing for an R & B Band. I did some modeling and taught modeling. I had one photo session and prepared for a panel discussion and fashion show.

Randy Golnitz-I went to Florida for baseball where we earned a 4-4 record. We had a good time and went to the beach. We also went to a professional baseball game between the Astros and the Yankees.

Bob Galster-I spent time at home at my brother’s farm in Wisconsin.

Dawn Allen-I worked, partied, and slept.

Mike Charron-We performed for the Glory of God and hiked up volcanoes.

Toni Squires- I took care of my eight week old baby.

In this election year I thought it would be appropriate to take a look at our government to see how its doing. With our own primary coming up on April 7, you might like to refresh yourselves as to what the issues really are right now in the race.

10. Congress members bounce checks.
9. Top probing press questions to all candidates concerning the campaign, “How do you think you’re doing?”
8. Congress members bounce checks.
7. Obviously, it doesn’t matter if you’re qualified for the job, you know, foreign policy, political background as long as you have remained faithful to your wife- wait, that’s not important; have good money sense- no that’s not important either. I’ve got it! As long as you don’t wear plaid suits with striped pants and paisley ties at the same time, you can run and win.

Top Ten Important Aspects of Government

by Leah La Dassor

6. Congress members bounce checks. 
5. OK Sikorski, blame this whole check writing mess on the wife. That will help you keep the female vote for re-election.
4. Congress members bounce checks.
3. Love that turtleneck Jerry Brown- or is it Charlie Brown?
2. Congress members bounce checks.
1. With these odds even a Board of Regents Delegate could win. (Wait a minute, how do they dress?)

Transit Continued from page 3 Administration.

Another IVHS technology being planned is the application of the Metro Mobility smart card project. To effectively administer the 1.6 million annual trips on the Metro Mobility system, the RTB is examining the use of automated fare cards and card reader systems to allow electronic billing for Metro Mobility service.

Use of a smart card system may allow Metro Mobility riders to pay for rides without cash. By using automatic teller machines, a monetary value would be added to the smart card with fares electronically deducted from the card when they are used. Metro Mobility providers could automatically submit billings for each trip provided. Improvements to contractor performance monitoring, particularly on-time performance, would also be possible with the smart card system.

The RTB received a Federal Transit Administration grant to design the smart card system. We are also examining possible smart card applications for regular route service.

The RTB is committed to improving both service and administration for the regional transit system by applying the latest technology. Innovative services like TRAVLINK and smart cards may make you think twice about how technology is affecting the transit system the next time you ride a bus.
Constitutional Changes

by Kathryn Galchutt

The Student Senate plans to revise the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Association. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws have been a subject of discussion in many Senate meetings this year. Once changes are endorsed by Full Senate, the changes will be voted on by the Student Association (the student body). Two-thirds of the voting students must support the changes, and at least forty percent of the students must vote. Look for a vote to take place in April.

There are two major goals that Senate hopes to accomplish in its revision of the Constitution. One is simply to reorganize the Constitution so that it is easier to understand. The other major goal is to build in more accountability to Student Senate.

Here are the changes that Full Senate will be considering to bring about more accountability:

- Add a clear expectations describing the duties of a student representative.
- Significantly decrease the number of student representatives. This will create more competition and will hopefully result in better representatives; it will also be easier to keep a smaller group of people accountable. (The disadvantage is that there may not be as much diversity - it will be up to special interests groups to work to elect representatives.)
- Give the Director of Clubs and Organizations the power to freeze and unfreeze budgets of those clubs that are inactive or not spending according to their budget projection. This will reward the clubs that are active and accountable by possibly enabling them to qualify for additional club monies.
- Give Full Senate (rather than the whole student body) the power to impeach an officer or representative by a two-thirds majority vote. This will make the process of impeachment much more feasible. This change is in the Bylaws and so it can be changed without the approval of the Student Association.

For information regarding possible change to the Student Association Constitution, contact a student representative or an Executive Board member.

Commentaries

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century human condition, because God's love is still the answer to human sin. Therefore, how can I best relate that message but with a background on the liberal arts? The message of Christ is a message of freedom: freedom from guilt, sin, and freedom to hope and love.

Why does the church need a liberal arts college? 1 Cor. 12, 13 speaks about the church as the body of Christ. The old adage, "It takes all kinds" comes to mind in force. We need to know the world so that we may be effective tools to win the world for Christ. God will use what we are, therefore I plan on being the most effective tool for God that I can be.

Now, to all those who complain about the education you are getting here at CSP; you have three options:

1. You may take your tuition and go someplace else and eat the non-transferable credits which will not...
2. You may continue in your dissatisfaction, or...
3. You may take responsibility for your own education, go to a library, and read about the information on your own.

Stop expecting Professors to learn for you, it's your life. Start living it. Your education is what you make it.

So, I will continue to avoid labels, though I am sure that many will be attached to me now. I do what I do because of what Christ has done. I gladly debate any issue on its own merits, but my passion lies in those issues which involve the human condition, and the fear that God's love has conquered.

The Russian

Is Coming!

Press Release

Dr. Vladimir Sakharov, defector from the former USSR, will lecture on two subjects on April 2, 1992. From 3:30-5:00 p.m. he will lecture on "KGB - Past, Present, and Future," and from 7:30-9:00 p.m. he will lecture on "Soviet Disunion." Both lectures will be held in the Buettow Music Auditorium located on the campus of Concordia College, St. Paul on Hamline Avenue between Marshall and Concordia Avenues. The lectures are open to the public and admission is free. The convocations are being sponsored by the Student Senate organization of Concordia, St. Paul.

Sakharov was once described by the CIA's Chief of Soviet Russian Division as "the most knowledgeable defector on record." Sakharov came to the U.S. during Leond Brezhnev's leadership of the Soviet Union.

Now an American citizen, Sakharov published his autobiography, High Treason, in 1980. Received with widespread acclaim, the book went through five printings. His scholarly writings and numerous articles have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and intelligence publications. Sakharov has served as a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University, Professor at the University of Arizona, and Scholar-In-Residence at various other universities. He has delivered special seminars for the FBI, Defense Intelligence Agency, the USAF and American Summit teams.

Vlady- Taking it easy.
School with rich white kids - a mind wouldn't be challenged at my full force where I lived, and I, along the same standards. I find it ironic that we compete in the Olympics, we're all Americans, but we aren't held to the same standards. I loved the attention of being seen as "special." We weren't classified "gifted." We weren't appreciated for its meaning. The attitude has been "bring your minority face and be like us." This is quite well. Still, I always felt the burden of having to be superior so I would be a "credit to my race." The mentality continues well into adulthood - white kids believe there are few intelligent minority kids, and the minority kids begin believing it themselves. The point is that from an early age, even if we're exposed to one another, we are sent mixed messages about each other: don't be yourself, be like us and then maybe, just maybe, you'll be tolerated. We're all expected to live together as Americans, but we aren't held to the same standards. I find it ironic that when it's time to fight a war or compete in the Olympics, we're all Americans serving our country, but in daily life and interaction, we're Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, or Native Americans. Even with that, in our so-called liberal arts institutions, we talk grandly about diversity without having a true appreciation for its meaning. The attitude has been "bring your minority face and be like us." This is not diversity. It is racism, pure and simple. Instead of looking at our differences honestly, we like to ignore them as if they didn't exist. Robert McAffee Brown once wrote "Genuine reconciliation between the races will mean open acknowledgement of differences, recognition of antagonism, even a seeking out of those issues which divide rather than unite, since any reconciliation will be spurious, that has not overcome genuine divisions rather thanphony ones."

It saddens me to know that even today, we are still fighting the same battles over race relations. With all the other problems we have, the AIDS epidemic, the homeless, the environment, the same HUMAN problems are still stuck in a time warp over something as inherently insignificant as skin color. When a caring, decent person, no matter who they are, can be hurt by reference to something they have no say in (race, sex) we are in trouble. Make no mistake, the fact that you know you are not a Nigger, Spic, Kike, Bitch, Slope, or Redneck makes these words no less painful.

God has given us a great gift in variety. Let’s start appreciating each other before we end up blind.

Big Woods/Big Plains

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Information Friday night on his great grandfather, Chief Medicine Crow. On Saturday, Locke will present Native American honor songs.

Kevin Locke, also a former basketball player, will return to perform his world-renowned Lakota Hoop Dance and traditional flute music. Locke, a Lakota Native American from Mobridge, South Dakota, is a lecturer and consultant on American Indian values, belief system, social structures and education. His belief in the unity of humankind is reflected in his hoop dance. The National Endowment for the Arts recognized Locke's pre-eminence as a player of traditional flute music and performer of the hoop dance. He was one of just 13 Americans awarded a National Heritage Fellowship. Locke is scheduled to perform Friday night.

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Continued from page 4 to combine. He joined this group as a freshman in hopes of meeting new people. The friendships Jerry has achieved through this organization and at Concordia have helped Jerry stay on top of things. He feels that Concordia is like one big family. During his freshman year he had a tough time adjusting to school but he states that, "my friends made me work hard."