by Jason Walker

On the ninth of November a forum was held to discuss the parking conditions at CSP. At the meeting commuter students voiced their concerns, only one residential student attended the meeting. Commuter students at the meeting complained of the lack of adequate parking around CSP and the security of the parking lots available to students. Many of those concerns have been remedied or will be this quarter.

Among the concerns was the absence of a section of sidewalk along Marshall Avenue that has been installed, and also of security telephones in lots C and D, which Jim Schumann said should arrive this quarter. These telephones will allow people parking in lots C or D to call for a security escort.

The major complaint voiced at the meeting, however, was the lack of student parking. Commuters complained of having to park and walk from as far away as Central High or even down Selby Avenue. Although these are legitimate stories, Jim Schumann, Director of Campus Security, also reported that parking lot D (the student lot), which surveyed during peak hours, was on the norm one third or more empty. This is also partially true of lot C on the south side of the G-spot.

One suggestion made at the forum that might help the above stated problem would be to make the CSP side of Syndicate, Carroll and Griggs No-parking zones from 2 to 5 a.m. The idea behind this is that it would force residential students to park in lot D and allow commuter students more “easy-access” parking. According to Duane Jangiello, Traffic Technician and Parking Administrator for the city of St. Paul, this could be done rather simply by formal petition since the college owns all the property adjacent, to make the Dunnig side a No-parking zone from 2 to 5 a.m. would be rather difficult. When rumor of this spread at least one residential student was heard saying, “No, I live here. This is my home now. It is as if the street was my driveway. You can’t make me not park in my driveway.” Another reaction to the proposal was favorable.

Another suggestion made to help the commuter students was to issue approximately 25% more permits than spaces available for the faculty/staff parking areas, lots A and B (when it is opened). Although commuters and Jim Schumann were in favor of this, faculty/staff responses were, in general, not favorable and expressed the problem of finding parking space already, without the added problem of commuters.

It appears as though CSP is facing two parking problems, one actual and one expressed. The actual problem is that, if CSP is to continue growing, it will have to provide for more parking in the future and there are no immediate areas available. The expressed problem is that CSP needs to provide more parking now, but this is inconsistent with the fact that lots C and D are not overflowing.

One commuter complained of the inconvenience of parking in lot D and the distance back to campus, and this seems to be why it is not being used. However, the suggestion was made after the forum of running a shuttle-bus between the Student Union and lot D, but this could only be done if there was demand. Jim Schumann expressed his willingness to try such a thing if that demand appeared.

In sum, CSP and parking problems (real or expressed) seemed to be wed, especially since the number of commuter students is growing and already is reported to be slightly more than 60% of the student body — their concerns must be addressed. Further, the possibilities are limited and many seem to offend some members of the college.

Kathryn Hanges Leaves Concordia

by Steve Galchutt

November 30 marked a change in directors of the Southeast Asian Student Program at Concordia. Kathryn Hanges, the former director of the program, left CSP to take a position at Hamline University. Barbara Beers, who is already acquainted with this program, will assume the helm effective immediately.

For some students who are not familiar with SEASA, here are what can be considered four main purposes of the Southeast Asian Student Program: one is to help students with their proficiency of the English language. This is accomplished mainly through specific classes. The role of these classes in the program has lessened since the program began. Another important aspect of the program is that people involved, such as faculty, would be advocates on the side of Southeast Asian Students when needed. An advocate like this might be helpful when a student felt that he or she needed to talk to a professor about a concern. Another purpose is to provide a social union for the students. This is done by conducting monthly meetings of all students in the program. Educating the College as a whole to the special activities of the Southeast Asian community is also a main concern.

Besides these many purposes of the program, there are certain challenges that Southeast Asian Students, and in turn the program, must face. One of these are inter-generational tensions. “These tensions are always changing”, explained Kathryn Hanges. It is not that they change in a pattern over the years, but rather that each situation is different depending on the traditions and ideas of parents, and the ideas and pressures of students. More input from the students and especially from leaders in the Southeast Asian community is one thing that Barbara Beers wishes to add to the list of concerns of the program. It is not that this input was not intended in the past, just that in the thick of things this is what was not left out.

The program itself will not go through a drastic change because of this change in directors. Kathryn Hanges was director of the Southeast Asian Student Program for over ten years, since the fall of 1983. Now Kathryn has taken a position on the faculty of the graduate program at Hamline University. She will be working primarily in licensing students in teaching English as a second language, and also working with Interactive video teaching and grant writing. For the past five years Barbara Beers has been working closely in the Southeast Asian Student Program and was an obvious choice for the position of director.
A Christmas Poem From Matilda

'Twas a bit before Christmas and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring except me Matilda mouse.
The staff were tucked all snug in their beds,
While visions of raises danced in their heads.
The faculty on the other hand
Were worried about the insurance plan.
And students on campus and students off.
Heard rumors of having to pay to use Ganglehoff.
When what to our wondering eyes should appear?
A Christmas concert just like every year.
The orchestra sounds, the hand bells ring,
The director directs, and the people sing,
"Twas peace on earth the angels sang,
To every Smith, Jones, Miller, and Vang.
So on this joyous holiday
Let's try to put our complaints away,
Although we have many, certainly not few,
We must learn to take a new point of view.
I'll return with more gripes when vacation is done,
But for now peace, And God bless everyone.
Sincerely,
Matilda Mouse

1993-1994 Capital Expenditures

The 1993-1994 Student Senate has approved a $9,984.00 capital expenditure account. The actual amount for this account is now $9,224.00 as a result of an unforeseen reduction in the capital expenditure account. The 91-92 Investments in the "COMPLETED FORMS" folder. Or, if you wish, you can add $500 to repair Elect.

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All forms must be in by Friday January 7 so that the initial selection procedure can begin at the first Senate Council meeting on Sunday January 9.

Senate Council will consider all suggestions, narrow them down to the most popular, and then determine how the money will be invested in those areas. We encourage you to come to the Senate Council meetings to give some background information on your suggestion, offer support for it and to respond to any questions that may arise.

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If you have any questions about this process, please contact your Senate Representative, Marcus Haug, Student Senate Treasurer, or Dan Bate, VP of Student Senate Relations.

A human model was borrowed from the Anatomy Lab during Halloween. The person who borrowed it is asked to return it as soon as possible. Anyone may contact security at x777 with any information as to its location.

All new students and transfer students with cars on campus are reminded to stop by the security office (located across from tier 0 in the classroom tunnel) to register their vehicle and receive a permit. The remaining twenty-seven percent of the calls were instances where a member of the college community called us regarding a variety of questions or concerns. The St. Paul Police dispatcher called us once during the week concerning a 911 call that is currently unfounded.

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Chili and Forgiveness

by Russ Van Wagner

Ah Christmas. That wonderful time of year when people are just a little kinder to one another. Gee, you just have to wax poetic when you think of it.

Well, I say “bah humbug,” and I mean it too. I hate Christmas. I think that it brings out the worst in me. Here I am, a person, somewhat past 25, and I still get all giddy at this time of year. I become nicer to people, more tolerant of people, slower to judge, quicker to forgive. Tolerance is something that I have always had trouble with. In my head I have this hyper-judgmental laser, that I turn on people at even the slightest misstep. And when I take aim and fire, I am not taking shots at what they did, I’m taking shots at the person. I saw someone on the bus today reading a romance novel, and I immediately decided that they were ignorant and should be removed from the gene pool. Pretty harsh sentence for possession of a Harlequian. (Reading the National Enquirer gets you limited breeding rights.)

But with a lot of things, ability does not mean that you have the talent. I have developed a talent for it too. I struggle to keep it in my mouth, if I have to struggle to keep it in, I should have left it in. So I try to just a little more than I can stand, if I have to struggle to keep it in my mouth, it’s ready. But you are the judge of where you are with that. If you have gone too far, sprinkled in a little sugar. This will tone down anything you have over spiced. Be careful, you want to tone down the chili, not sweeten it. But as long as you are careful, you are okay. You don’t need to beat yourself up over it.

There is no greater attribute that people have been given than the ability to forgive. But with a lot of things, ability does not mean that you have the talent. I am a latent opera singer, I don’t have the talent. I also have the ability to be tolerant, and with a lot of work, I began to bathe them in a soft warm light. It’s not that I want to be tolerant, and with a lot of work, I am walking around with “Here comes Santa Claus Coming down Santa Claus Lane” and “Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock” going through my head 24 hours a day, that laser seems to be somewhat degraded, like the Hubble, my aim is laser. What a concept. By doing things that I can do, with any order over $12.00

Forgiveness though, is an acquired talent, and the only way to acquire it is to push the envelope of the envelope. So I started trying the things that I had to do, but still I have the ability to forgive, it all came into perspective for me. I know that if things got too hot, there was a way to tone it down.

“Flinders St,” he said “even Satan will be forgiven.” Hearing this, it occurred to me that I really didn’t have that much to forgive, it all came into perspective for me. I know that if things got too hot, there was a way to tone it down.

With practice, it became easier, I found that there was less for me to be tolerant of. I began enjoying people for their differences, the more different, the greater the payoff. My whole universe expanded with each encounter. It’s a wacky, topsy-turvy world out there, with 5.5 billion people bumping into one another all the time. And each of us has been given an ability to perceive the universe in spiritual terms, and this ability has developed into 5.5 billion different talents. Pavarotti can, without a doubt, sing in key, and on the right note, and have the words right, but I have to wonder, does he enjoy his ability as much as I enjoy mine?

Merry Christmas, may you find peace and good will for all people.

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New Year Celebration

by Laurie A. Cope

Almost every country celebrates New Year's as a holiday. Celebrations are both festive and serious. Many people make New Year's resolutions to break bad habits or to start good ones. Some think about how they have lived during the past year and look forward to the next 12 months.

A time long ago, ancient peoples began the new year at harvest time. They would perform rituals to do away with the past and purify themselves for the new year. For instance, people would put out fires they were using on New Year's Eve and begin new fires on New Year's day.

The Roman ruler Julius Caesar named January 1 to be New Year's Day in 46 B.C. The Romans dedicated this day to Janus, who the month of January was named after, had two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward. The god of gates, doors, and beginnings, Janus, who the month of January was named after, had two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward.

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The Romans gave each other gifts of branches from sacred trees. In later years the Romans gave each other gifts of coins with a picture Janus on it, or gold covered nuts. The Romans also brought gifts to the Children in Belgium write their parents New Year's messages on decorated paper. The children then read their messages to their parents on New Year's Day. The Chinese New Year begins between January 21 and February 19. Their celebration lasts four days. On the last night the people dress up in dragon costumes and dance around the streets.

In New England, Early American colonists celebrated the new year by firing guns into the air and shouting. They also visited taverns and houses to ask for drinks. Other colonists attended church services.

Many people held open house, welcoming all visitors and feeding them generously.

More modern customs of New Year's include visiting relatives, giving gifts, attending religious services, and making noise with guns, horns, bells, and other devices.

In the United States, many people go to New Year's Eve parties. Thousands of people gather in Times Square in New York City, as well as State Street in Chicago. At midnight bells ring, sirens roar, firecrackers explode, and everyone shouts "Happy New Year!" People also drink a toast to the new year and sing "Auld Lang Synce."

On New Year's Day, people in the United States visit relatives, attend religious services, or watch football games and parades on television.

If you are celebrating New Year's Eve here in the Twin Cities remember Sober Cab for a safe ride home, call 672-7000. If You're Interested...

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The Nativity Christmas Pageant. Cast of 100 with live animals. Held at the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. Raises money for United Way. Tickets are $12 Adults, $10 for students. 989-5151.

December 18
Jim Latimer, author of Fox Under First Base and The Irish Piper will be at the Hungry Mind Bookstore. Free. 699-0587.

December 19
"Fiesta de Familia" 1-4 p.m. Celebrate the holidays with the traditions, music, crafts, stories and foods of Hispanic, Latino and Chicano cultures. Admission is $2 (kids under 12 are free). At the Landmark Center, St. Paul. 292-7222.

December 22-24
Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet performs the Nutcracker at the Ordway. Tickets $12 to $36. 224-4222.

Fantasy Land in the Syway level of Town Square in Downtown St. Paul. Lights. Indoor path complete with lights, snow, glitter, music, Santa, and gigantic toys. Admission $1.

Poinsettia Display at the Como Park Conservatory. Admission $5. 883-8512.

Minneapolis Zoo is transformed into Santa's WorkShop 4:30-9:00.

"Holiday Traditions in the Period Rooms" at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Also "Minnesota Celebrates Matisse." Call 870-8949.


Let everyone wake up with a Keg of Beer under their tree. Paul D.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I would like (besides a black jeep with purple trim): Tom Langemo's snowboard, Chad Gieseke's wardrobe, Matt Rechtzigel's sleeping habits, Lisa Janssen's car parts, Luke Dahl's Christmas lights, Lori Peterson's alarm-clock-in-the-middle-of-the-floor, Tracey Winn's dancing tortillas, and as much lefse as possible. Please don't think I have a habit of coveting other people's things, and if you're not the type to steal from others, just get me the Jeep and lefse.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Always,

David P. Langemo

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is the power to decide who lives and who dies!

Nathan Noble

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31. Old English (abbr.)
32. Attila
33. Enemy
34. Disease (suffix)
35. Resident of bottle
37. NE state (abbr.)
38. Lair
39. Charity
40. Number
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44. Couch
47. Dramatic presentation
51. Frozen water
52. Agree
53. Thailand
54. Relative
55. Woman
56. Other

DOWN
1. Cake
2. Boy
3. Degrade
4. Advanced
5. Foes
6. Put to sleep
7. Fee
8. Sand forth
9. Spot
10. Away from (prefix)
11. Part (suffix)
17. Regarding
18. Figure was good
19. Father's boy
24. Southern state (abbr.)
25. Great lake
26. College administrator
28. Bottom of foot
29. Color
30. Sun
32. Past
33. Bog
36. SW state (abbr.)
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38. Contrive
40. To the point
41. 3rd musical note
43. Natural self
44. Female
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46. Bird's home
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49. Guided
50. Christian festival (suffix)
51. Frozen water
52. Agree
53. Thailand
54. Relative
55. Woman
56. Other

Perspectives
By Roger Koopman

A computer generated image of the United States showing the average cloud population density over a period of two years.

Answers to this issues
Crossword will be published in our January 14 Issue

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Let The Games Begin

by Jason Wolter

The Concordia College men's basketball team is off to a great start. As of December 10th, the team is 5-3. However, the team has compiled these five wins against bigger, more established schools. So far, the Comets have beaten Macalester, Carleton, Augsburg, Concordia-Portland, and St. Olaf. The three losses have come against St. Thomas, St. Mary's of Winona, and Pacific University.

Here's a recap of the season thus far:

* The Comets opened the regular season against St. Thomas. The Comets trailed for most of the game by double digits. Then, in the closing minutes, the Comets went on a tear. They came from nine points down (with two minutes to play) to take a one-point lead in the final seconds. But, St. Mary's was able to escape the Comets with a last-second triple.

* The Comets then traveled to Macalester, and came home with an 80-78 upset over the Scots. Kyle Timmer and Pat Walsh each scored 15 and Matt Nilsen grabbed 9 rebounds.

* Next up for the Comets was Carleton. Concordia again snatched an upset victory, 66-64. Jay Dobbins took a turn leading the Comets in scoring with 17 points. Nilsen, Waith, and Dobbins each collected 4 rebounds.

* St. Mary's was able to escape the Gangelhoff Center with a one-point win over the Comets, 77-76. However, the Comets trailed for most of the game by double digits. Then, in the closing minutes, the Comets went on a tear. They came from nine points down (with two minutes to play) to take a one-point lead in the final seconds.

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* The last victory for the Comets came on December 9th against St. Olaf. CSP dominated this game and came away with their biggest "blow-out" of the season, 72-65!

The Comets have many exciting matchups on tap, so look for the recap of all the games in the next issue of the Sword. The next home game is January 21st against Northland. ...SEE YOU THERE! ❄️

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With the addition of the Gangelhoff Center, a track program has begun at Concordia. Already 24 members strong, the athletes have been attending preseason conditioning sessions (since early November) in hopes of being ready for the start of the January indoor season. So far, the conditioning has included light running, weight lifting, and a series of form exercises called plyometrics.

Although it is too early to pick out any future stars, we do have in (our coaching staff) two past stars. Head coach Brian Schmit, who ran for the U of M, captured the Big 10 championship in the 1000 meter run in the '86 indoor season; thus setting a school record that is still unbroken. In addition to his running success, he is also an accomplished coach, with 5 years of NCAA Division I coaching experience. Under his guidance, University of South Florida runner John Dennis captured the NCAA title in the 5,000 meter run, bringing notoriety to USF and helping propel them to a 5th place National ranking in track.

Assistant coach Brett Bohanon also came from the U of M, where he led the team with his amazing 7 foot high jumps. After this he entered into a new type of career...mastering 10 events to compete in the decathlon! He eventually rose to become one of the best in Minnesota. As assistant, his area of expertise will be the coaching the field events and Concordia's decathletes and heptathletes. Both coaches hope to develop a dominant track program.

The official start for the season is January 3rd, and all people interested in track are encouraged to come out. As coach Schmit stated, "Our goal is to provide an environment so any track athlete can aspire to achieve anything that he or she wants to work for." ❄️
Play Ball

by Ryan Smith

It's December, and the 1993-94 basketball season is in full swing. NBA action is again in its fan-tastic mode. Division I NCAA ball is as unpredictable as ever, the Comets are well into their season, and Sam is still the man of Minnesota prep hoops.

The NBA season has been highlighted by the early success of the Houston Rockets and Seattle Supersonics. Hakeem Olajuwon has guided the Rockets to an NBA-record winning streak to begin their season. Hakeem is probably the early favorite to win the league MVP award, especially coming off a stellar 92-93 campaign. Shaq is probably a close second right now in the MVP race—keep in mind it's only December!

The Sonic's Shawn Kemp is as exciting a player as any other in the League, and his in the pro ranks.

B.J. Armstrong, however, is off to a fine that he is average, at best, without Mike. Dino Radja. Radja is playing his start—proving he is a legitimate lead guard

Michael. Scottie Pippen has shown us all to dethrone the Bulls as NBA Champions.

Speaking of the Bulls...they really miss the man of Minnesota prep hoops. In an interview with Coach Tills, she "But we must improve; that's the key," stressed that the team has no real excuses, so we will win," says Coach Tills. Despite the team's 0-6 start, the goal still stands—to win the conference. "But we must improve; that's the key," Coach Tills added.

The rookie-of-the-year race is also quite interesting. Before the season, everybody was talking about Chris Webber, Jamal Mashburn, Penny Hardaway, and Isaiah Mashburn, Penny Hardaway, and Isaiah. Perhaps the most successful rookie this season has been the Celtic's European phenomenon, Dino Radja. Radja is playing his sixth-man role in great fashion.

The NCAA season has already seen three teams at the top. Carolina was the preseason number one. U Mass knocked them out. Kentucky held the spot briefly until they were thrashed by the Indiana Hoosiers—leaving Arkansas in the top spot. I can't mention the Hoosiers without mentioning the Hoosiers without

Women's Basketball

January
8 UW-LaCrosse, 2:00 - HOME

Men's Basketball

January
2 WI Lutheran College, 7:00
3 Edgewood College, 3:30
8 Alumni, 7:30 - HOME

Track Dates to be announced.

Tough Start

by Joel Amdahl

The Lady basketball Comets have struggled in their first six games of the season. The team is 0-6, but have played a very tough schedule up to this point. The team was handed a defeat at Gangelhoff Center in the season opener by much larger Dakota State, and from that point on, the schedule remained equally as competitive. The Lady Comets collected losses against Regis University and the University of Denver on their trip to Colorado, and were then greeted at home by two more losses to the U of M-Morris and Winona State at Gangelhoff Center. The Comets next took another loss at Macalester, but showed that when they compete against schools a little closer to CSP's size, they will definitely be in the running.

In an interview with Coach Tills, she stressed that the team has no real excuses, and that they're simply not playing well enough to win. "The mistakes we make are correctable, but we will win," says Coach Tills. Despite the team's 0-6 start, their goal still stands—to win the conference.

"But we must improve; that's the key," Coach Tills added.

The Lady Comets are very young, with seven newcomers (freshmen) and one transfer to add to only four returning from last year. The talent is there...it's just going to take a while to gel them together. Coach Tills admits that she is just now starting to get the players into the right positions (setting roles). She is really impressed with the effort the team gives during practices every day. "They're a great bunch of girls, and all unique in their own way," says Coach Tills. That combination certainly sounds like a group destined for success, and hopefully that success is just around the corner for the Lady Comets! The next home game is on January 21st against Northland at 6:00—before the men's game...go to both!

Finally, congratulations to Angie Jaycox, who toppled the 1,000-point plateau on December 6th against Macalester! Way to go, Angie! :D

Angie Jaycox shows her plateau moves.

Congratulations Angie!
On Earth Peace...

by Tom Langemo

My family has been involved in Christus Chorus for a number of years now, excluding this year. I have always been impressed by the work done by the choruses and their director, Dr. David Menzies. I have always enjoyed listening to or participating in the Christmas concerts. Since I am writing this article at a strange time (too late for a preview and too early for a review), I would simply like to take this time for reflection on the message of this year's concert.

The theme for the concert is "On Earth Peace." Six different aspects of peace will be shared, each divided into three sections: 1) Problem, 2) God's Action, 3) Reconciliation.

The first section is entitled "Peace from God," stating clearly what powerful peace and reconciliation we receive from Him who died for us. Then it goes to the second part, "Peace Within," explaining the peace of heart we need as Christians. The third section is "Peace Without," dealing with those aspects of peace that will be shared, each divided into three sections: 1) Problem, 2) God's Action, 3) Reconciliation.

What I found most interesting were the next two segments, dealing with those countries of the world. The ending of the concert is a peaceful, reflective section called, "Peace at the End..." Christus and Jubilate together sing beautiful songs such as "Dona Nobis Pacem" and the ever-popular "E'en So Lord Jesus." This gives the concert a pleasant, joyful conclusion.

Many emotions will be stirred in this one, some that people need to experience more often. I do not mean that in a negative way; it is just important to give a broader perspective to why we're here, what God's purpose is for us, and to learn to appreciate the joy we have in experiencing the peace God gives us in our lives—it's all His.

The members of the Christus Chorus perform a fine arts concert.

The Critics Rave

by Wendy & Marc Wedo

As some of you may (or may not) have known, the Student Showcase theatre production for this year was December third and fourth. Unfortunately, the publicity for this event was not only weak, but also late (with posters going up four hours before curtain). Needless to say, attendance was sparse. In fact, one of the directors couldn't even make it to see his own handwriting (he missed both performances). Rather disappointing beginning to what was a mediocre evening...

"Death & The Maiden," directed by Shawn Zieglar and taken from the play by Ariel Dorfman, was a positive start to the Showcase. Although there were a few director's choices that we questioned, this scene was an effective display of issues that are global (and very real in many countries of the world). Both Kellner and Roberto, the "innocent" victim of Paulina's accusations, performed well. The scene was handled well by the director's notes in the program were simple not necessary. One could easily distinguish the history of the scene and the seriousness of the subject without reading a page of background information.

Anna Eisenbraun added some comedy relief with her monologue, "French Fries." Her talents as a character actress were shown through this delightful speech about everyone's favorite, McDonald's. However, it did not reach the expectations of our community. Unfortunately, it did not.
Toasts

by Brian Reinhardt

Ah yes, the holiday season is upon us once again—the smell of pine in your living room, people walking around whistling jingles, and couples holding mittens. With Christmas coming, and the slightly more controversial New Year's celebration following, I have been keeping my eyes open for the always-present, most of the time pointless, New Year's predictions. I reach her before publication, she left me for the always-present, most of the time market cornered. Though I was unable to allow, I have been keeping my eyes open controversial New Year's celebration following Christmas coming, and the slightly more own 1994 musical predictions. I wasn't a message giving me permission to do my rock thing and went more mainstream. Rock, Petra. It appears that after the band went two times platinum. 1994 does have some bring some bad news. Rock legend and Minnesota native, Bob Dylan, passes on this year due to nasal congestion, and the world weeps his death. Don't feel too badly; despite his location and body decomposition he was able to record two of the the best albums he has ever done. Rolling Stone said in an article regarding the late Robert Dylan, "being dead gave him an entirely new song-writing perspective; it is totally refreshing." Another publication noted, "he, (Dylan) is giving us a hell of a lot more than Presley and Morrison are."

Pearl Jam is still as popular as ever, and it seems that they are trying a little bit too hard in 1994. Sony, the band's label, introduced to the U.S. a line of lunchtime meals featuring "the boys," hoping to make them more than Presley and Morrison are. They figured they could appeal to a larger record-buying audience if they changed their name to Beavis's Butt and did mostly "Kiss" covers. Their first release, "Fire Can Make Your House Go Boom (see insert)," went two times platinum.

I'll keep looking. Well, who would have guessed—it's those monsters of Christian Rock, Petra. It appears that after the band read their review in the last issue of the article regarding the late Robert Dylan, "he, (Dylan) is giving us a hell of a lot more than Presley and Morrison are."

I could tell you so much more about the music world in 1994... such as Garth Brooks and his pro-wrestling rookie of the year award, Sting and his nomination for president of South Africa, and Rod Stewart, who after a wrestling match at Caesar's Palace with Michael Bolton won the "Cheesball 94" Award. So much information here to tell, but then again, I don't want to ruin all the excitement that 1994 will bring us. After all, it's not every day that we get a New Year.
La Voz: Lessons From Home
by Luis Player

For many of us, the holidays season represents a time of giving. It’s a time for family and friends; a time for enjoying the company of those closest to us, and for remembering all the things for which we may be thankful.

For me, the holidays bring reflections of the past and thoughts of the future. It means going home. Since I now live some 2,000 miles and 50 degrees Fahrenheit away, often the odyssey is more spiritual than physical. I was lucky this year, though. I got to go home.

La Voz: “Lessons From Home”

By Luis Player

Home is the Southeast section of San Diego, California. Affectionately known as “the ‘Hood”, Southeast is where I grew up, and where I learned many lessons about life and where I fit into the world picture. The lessons were so simple then, so easy to understand. One of the most important lessons was knowing who your enemies were, and there were plenty.

There were rival schools that we competed against in sports, like Hoover High. There were the homeboys from rival neighborhood, or “sets”, who would always step up and say “what set you from?” or “de donde eres?”. There were all the evils, vices and temptations that could ruin you for life. And there were the rich white folks across town, seemingly our “natural enemies”.

Today, it is much harder to identify the enemy. As I drove through the ‘Hood, I thought about all the people and things I had considered the enemy. The young men from the other ‘hoods, or their enemy? How could they be? They look like me! They too may have an auntie Carmen or uncle Harold. They too may have idolized Emiliano Zapata or Malcolm X. I thought further, what about the white people across town? They could be one of my advisors at Concordia. They could be my boss or my co-worker. They could be my college roommate, my teammate, or classmate. They could even be my wife or my in-laws. Where they the enemy?

No, it was no longer as simple now as it had been before. Yet, when I look at the world, I see so many people fighting battles and they don’t know who the enemy is. I see so-called racial and ethnic groups fighting each other, I see religious groups fighting each other, political parties fighting each other, countries, and so on. All of them seem to have a pretty good idea who their enemy is, at least they think so. In fact, it all seems pretty simple. The lines seem to be clearly drawn.

But it’s not quite that simple.

I often wonder why don’t we put a lot of effort into identifying who our enemies really are? We often accept those as friends who would just as soon stab us in the back as call us “brother” or “sister”. You see, the enemy that’s easy to identify is usually the one you least have to worry about. You know what they’re up to. There’s no tricks and there are few surprises.

It’s the enemy that you don’t know, the one that you think is your friend; that’s the one you have to be worried about. It’s the Christian who preaches the gospel but doesn’t live it. It’s the person who presents themselves as a leader but never does anything to represent your interests or address your concerns. It’s the friend that you confide in that betrays you. It’s the country that calls you a citizen but lets you go hungry and leaves you homeless. It’s the scholar that’s supposed to open your mind but does everything in their power to close it.

What’s even more difficult is to recognize when we are our own worst enemy. When we see ourselves as victims of an oppressive society, yet do little to change the situation for ourselves, aren’t we our own worst enemy? When we fail to see ourselves as the descendants of kings and queens and of great civilizations, and fail to accept the responsibility that entails, aren’t we our own worst enemy? If we fail to hold ourselves accountable for the ills of the very society in which we live, aren’t we our own worst enemy? On our own campus, if we ignore the issues of curriculum and policy when they are part of our educational and social development, aren’t we the enemy?

It is hard to look in the mirror.

While growing up, I remember hearing the horror stories of yesteryear, my great-grandfather being repatriated to Mexico after helping the European settlers construct the international border, my grandfather being killed while serving a country that treated him as a second-class citizen, and my father being subjected to segregation in the south. But you know what? At least they knew their enemy. And now I see that the enemy I face is much more dangerous. The enemy is me.

Since I didn’t get my letter to Santa in on time, I wanted to send this message to the Merry One.

Dear Santa:

I’m no longer a Christian, but I’ve been writing you for quite some time, and I would like to extend these wishes for those who are because they are still my family and friends.

1. The Lady Comets the persistence, determination, and the belief in each other, they will need to have a winning season. They have the talent and the coaching, so I know they’ll turn it around, but every little bit helps.

2. The Concordia men’s basketball team continued to work hard on them at first, but I have to give them credit. They play hard and they play together.


4. A new book on world history for all those scholars who still maintain that there was no civilization before the Europeans.

5. For all the so-called Negroes and Hispanics, a lesson on what those terms really mean, in hopes that they will stop looking for the dream and start working with reality.

6. For my parents, an uncomplicated child, for a change!

7. For my editors, a writer who doesn’t get sick at the wrong time and occasionally has something positive to say.

8. For the Admission Office, a new counselor who doesn’t look at everything as “just another example of…”.

9. For my classmates, the continued ability to restrain themselves from running me out of here before I graduate.

10. Lastly, for all my camerads (brothers), and camaradas (sisters)- be true to the game and keep on doing the right thing.

Letter From The Editor

Dear Santa,

You may remember me as the scrawny kid with a need for attention and a love of musicals; the teenager who worshipped Tom Cruise and prayed for clear skin and straight teeth; the young woman who began college with a dream of success and ideals of everlasting love and educational improvement. Well, a lot has changed in the past four years, yet much remains the same. I still need attention (I call it a love of the stage); I know all the words to the “Annie” soundtrack; I still battle with dry skin and the occasional pimple; my teeth continue to move, and I still cling to my ideals. It is because of these ideals that I write to you today.

I began my college career here at CSP in September of 1990 and in the months to follow, I felt as if I had made a terrible mistake. My first English course was taught by a German professor and I protested against taking three religion courses. I didn’t attend chapel or Sunday worship on September of 1990 and in the months to follow, I felt as if I had made a terrible mistake. My first English course was taught by a German professor and I protested against taking three religion courses. I didn’t attend chapel or Sunday worship on

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Some people seem to think that the number of church work people in this town is diminishing greatly. I understand that there are only two people in the Director of Parish Music program and only a hand full of people in the Director of Christian Outreach.

Considering that the two people in the music thingies are seniors, will this program be cut when they graduate? What about that outreach thing? Does a program start being a liability instead of an asset? I'm not saying that they are liabilities but if they are would it save the town money to cut back or cut the programs? I guess it all has to do with retention. The big "R" word. It doesn't seem that anybody is dealing with this. To me it seems that we could cut all of the programs that don't seem to be making enough money to carry themselves of just seem like a waste of money (sorry Sam U.L. Proctor), but in the end we may find that all that is left is one of the largest and oldest schools of adult learning. What would a Concordia diploma be worth then? But, I digress.

My question is that all of this is correct, shouldn't we concentrate our efforts on retention? You know- keeping the people here that start here. I know we only lost 114 students last quarter but when you're as small as we are that really hurts, doesn't it?

I'll be glad to head up this retention thing.

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**Letters To The Editors**

**Dear C.S.F.**

This letter is in response to some statements made by Andrew C. Zahn in the November 12, 1993 issue of the Sword. First of all I am very proud of my heritage, and took part in the committee, here on campus, which took time to recognize our culture. Pow Wow is a way of gathering to socialize with one another. The pow wow was a means to enlighten and express to others what we are about as people. When Native Americans dress up for Pow wow’s it's because we did not wear suits and lovely European dresses. Our costumes are more unEuropean than unAmerican, after all we were here first. Also I like to say no Native Tribes consider themselves pagans. Ever since The Great Spirit created us here in North America, we have always had respect and reverence to Him in all we do. If we celebrate through pow wows we open with a prayer to Him. If we went hunting, we praised the creator. We are not pagans. In all of our existence, we never slaughtered any animals to extinction. The real pagans must surely know the meaning of Halloween because it is a European concept, born in Europe and more so practiced than any place else. A good dose of Native American culture would make you mind how to how we have been taught to treat people, This

**In the Struggle**

Eleanor Block

Dear Sword Editor,

I am writing in response to Andrew Zahn's letter from the November 12th issue which cites that Halloween and the Native American culture as the work of the devil. I would particularly like to address the slanderous comments made concerning the Pow Wow, as I was on the planning committee for this event, and would like to set some things straight.

To begin with, I found many holes in Mr. Zahn's argument against the Pow Wow hosted by Concordia. First, his letter asserted that many aspects of the Native American culture are rooted in religious ceremonies. This part is true. However, then Mr. Zahn goes further to call these practices pagan, and consequently the work of the devil. He even went so far as to draw a parallel between Native American religious ceremonies and satanic worship. These accusations make some uncalled for assumptions and correlations that are basically untrue.

According to Webster's Dictionary, "pagan" means 'having no religion.' This word should therefore not be used in connection with Native Americans, as they are very spiritual people. In fact, Jerry Deadly, the master of ceremonies for our Pow Wow, told me that he has never met a Native American who was not religious. In addition, the religions that these people have adopted often have been some form of Christianity, due to the white men coming in and overtaking their land. Obviously Mr. Zahn did not research his claims before voicing his point of view.

Likewise, on the issue of pagan influences on religion, maybe we should take a look at our own Christianity. Unless my Sunday School teachers were wrong, shouldn't we be celebrating the birth of Jesus in the spring when he was actually born? To the best of my knowledge, we celebrate Christmas, as well as other winter holidays, in December because that was a time of pagan celebrations and rituals.

I guess what disturbed me most about the letter, however, was that I doubt very much if its author even attended the Pow Wow, so that he could make an informed decision about it. Instead he judged it without getting all of the facts. It's a shame that an event that celebrated life and people together regardless of culture would be dismissed so easily due to closed minded thinking.

Concordia is trying very hard to emphasize and celebrate diversity, yet how can it be when people like Mr. Zahn condemn others just for being different. Contrary to his beliefs, I don't think that just because someone worships differently than me makes them evil or a follower of Satan. I am very proud that I had the chance to celebrate with the tribes and people at the Pow Wow and I don't feel that God would have disapproved of my participation. In the future, I hope that Mr. Zahn and other doubters open up their minds and hearts before they open their mouths.

Sincerely yours,

Tina L. Garrison

In response to Andrew C. Zahn,

You must have a gift for sensing the powers of darkness. Perhaps you should come to my house and make sure that witches, monsters, ghosts and demonic things haven't infiltrated. Do you know their language? Thanks for suggesting that the Concordia community has been glorifying Halloween. I didn't realize that. And how about Satan and minions cackling at our costumes, how horrible. Give me a break and welcome to reality. Look around you. Halloween celebrations are harmless when compared to the real evil perpetrated.

The views expressed on the Opinion page of the Sword are not necessarily the views of the Sword newspaper, Concordia College, St. Paul.
I agree, I wouldn't want people in Sasanian-like clothing making pentagrams out of blood in my back yard. Actually, I think I would be more scared if I found my pastor making pentagrams out of blood in my back yard rather than a person dressed in a black robe.

There are things that frighten my soul far more than the more sinister masks and pumpkins I see at Target. In our St. Paul community there are stories of human misery that should scare anyone. I'm just thankful I'm involved in a community such as Concordia rather than the alternatives. If you choose to view everything around you as ungodly what's everything around you will become. But this suspicion will have a cost. You will neglect to focus on the real evils happening against humanity. I choose not to cower at the symbols of Halloween.

John Sismo

CSP Student

I am compelled to write in response to Luis Player's November 12th piece. I hope you will print this letter.

First of all, the report that Mr. Player cited was the work of a task force of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America—not the Missouri Synod. Furthermore, many ELCA Pastors are upset by the report. Why? Mr. Player probably shares the confusion of many others who “don't get it”. The reason is this: For the first time such a task force has handed down a stance that contradicts scripture.

“God clearly says in the Bible that homosexuality is wrong, but we say something else...”

I understand that Mr. Player writes his column in the interest of unity. But unity is not always a desirable goal for the followers of Christ. Jesus said “I did not come to bring peace, ... but to set daughter against mother...” (Matthew 10:34) I cannot embrace multiculturalism if it means the eradication of absolutes.

Mr. Player, like many people, misunderstands what the Bible teaches about judgement. It is true that only God is to deliver eternal judgement. But He makes it clear in the Bible that His people are not to tolerate sin. Joel, Amos, and Jonah are short, easy to read books that illustrate God’s response to sin. We are to speak against all injustice and wrong doing. Too many of us, however are like Jonah. Jonah would have gladly gone to Nineveh if it meant simply condemning their wickedness. But he knew that because of God’s great mercy, he might also be required to forgive and restore. So he fled.

The Apostle Paul also speaks about how we should deal with sin within the body (Ephesians 5, Galatians 6, Titus 1). Should we take this responsibility lightly? Never! The passage that most people are familiar with is Matthew 7:1, “Judge not lest you be judged.” What this means can be explained with Jesus’ words in verse 3 of the same chapter, “First take the log out of your own eye, and then remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (Luke 18:18).

God clearly states in His word that sexual union within marriage is the only pure sexual relationship. God does not condemn any trust, honesty, compassion or commitment that two gay people share, but He does condemn their sexual relationship.

So then, how should believers respond to homosexuals? We should respond with God's love. He loved each one so much that He died for them while they were still sinners. Just like the rest of us.

Speaking the truth in love,

Stacey Eastep

Staff member and Student in the TEACH program.

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by confirmed entities such as corrupt politicians. Consider the violence occurring in certain forgotten neighborhoods. You either have a strange but vivid understanding of the Devil or else you are trying to tell us a ghost story. I like ghost stories just as long as the lights are on.

I believe disagreeable acts by pagan influence have been committed, however, your underlying accusation of comparing Native American Religions to as you say, the Devil’s work is incorrect. And to call Native American customs as mere patterns standing of the Devil or else you’re trying to set daughter against mother...” (Matthew 10:34) I cannot embrace multiculturalism if it means the eradication of absolutes.

As a Christian, I have trouble judging Native American customs as mere patterns of idolatry or as you say fruits of the devil. Myths such as the Halloween tradition, in fact, have played a positive role throughout all human history. Joseph Campbell has written many books on how myth has enhanced cohesiveness in civilizations. In addition, he has argued that many Western beliefs have their roots in mythical traditions. H. B. Blavatsky, a theosophist, argued that religions traditions especially the great world religions were all inspired by the same God. Wars would have been prevented if more people shared this belief.