Republicans Setting Up For Presidential Challenge

by Pete Obermeuller

A struggle is underway for the heart and soul of the Republican Party, and it could be decided in March. Twenty primaries in 25 days. Two thirds of the 946 delegates needed to win the nomination of the Republican Party for President are chosen during the month of March. Although a whirlwind that encompasses speeches, dinner, rallies and debates during such a breathtakingly short month, candidates pull no punches in their quest for the nomination. March madness indeed.

For the Republican Party, this primary could be a turning point in the future of the party. For the Democratic Party, it is a defining election that will determine if the country will support President Clinton, or give control of the House as well as both Houses to the Republicans. This historical race between President Clinton and the eventual Republican nominee will begin after the nomination process in San Diego later this year. Until then, a brief wrap of the primary race.

The History:

The Republican race for the nomination began early in 1995 with the announcement of such people as Senator Phil Gramm of Texas and Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, currently the Senate Majority Leader. Eventually the field widened. Conservative stalwart and head of the Christian Coalition, Pat Buchanan, announced his bid. Senator Richard Lugar, Representative Bob Dornan, Ambassador Alan Keyes, and former Governor of Tennessee, Lamar Alexander threw their hats in as well. By fall and winter of 1995 the primaries were well underway. At this time, millionaire Steve Forbes announced his bid.

The field was diverse if not necessarily satisfying to the nation's Republicans. In Iowa, which is the first state to hold a caucus, the front runner Bob Dole finished first. A surprisingly close second was Pat Buchanan, followed by an equally surprising Alexander, and Forbes coming in fourth. New Hampshire proved to be an even bigger surprise with Buchanan coming in first, followed by a now stagnant Bob Dole, Alexander and Forbes remaining at third and fourth respectively. The race continues to heat up in Arizona, where Forbes was the winner. Bob Dole collected 36 delegates from the two Dakotas. It seemed as though the votes would not pick a candidate by San Diego, an event that has not occurred in GOP presidential politics since 1920. However, it proved to be the last of the indecision; now it was March.

On March 2, South Carolina and Wyoming both went to Bob Dole, as did Puerto Rico on March 3. On March 5, junior Tuesday, Bob Dole

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An Indian Experience

by Jodi Riggert

On December 30, 1995, nine adventurous Concordia students flew out of St. Paul's airport destined for India. After half-day layovers in Los Angeles and Singapore, the group landed in Madras, India very early in the morning on January 2, 1996. The sights, sounds, and especially the smells of Madras made the group immediately realize they had landed on the other side of the world with a different culture and philosophy than America. The two day excursion in Madras included a visit with the U.S. Consulate of India and of course, a chance for the students to view a Hindu movie in the theater, interact with Indian college students and visited a Lutheran church where they shared a song with the congregation.

The group toured the bay city of Cochin by boat, included hiking through the Silent Valley National Park, attending an elephant festival and snake boat races, and sunbathing for an afternoon on Kerala beach. The group also spent a few days at the Kerala Institute of Travels and Tourism (KITTS) attending lectures on economics, ayurveda medicine, and Indian music. In addition, the Indian studies students went on a second trip to Kerala University to take part in the Kerala University International Festival of Culture.

Dr. Corrie's family welcomed the students to Cochin in the Indian state of Kerala, on January 4 with an official cake-cutting ceremony. Millions of mosquitoes also attended the event! Living conditions were very comfortable for the group as the seven young women shared a three-bedroom house, and the two young men shared a two-bedroom apartment, all located on the Corrie's compound. The heat, mosquitoes, spicy food and jet lag took a toll on the group initially, but within a couple of days, everybody adjusted accordingly.

The first week in Cochin was a busy one as the group heard lectures from various professors and knowledgeable Indians on religion, language (Malayalam is spoken in Kerala), culture and Indian philosophy. Between studies, the group toured the bay city of Cochin by boat, viewed a Hindu movie in the theater, interacted with Indian college students and visited a Lutheran church where they shared a song with the congregation.

The group divided the following week into internship groups; Kim Koping, Jill Meyer and Elizabeth Dall began their environmental studies; Elizabeth Haas, Toby Schmidt and Jody Wirth started pre-student teaching at a private school outside of Cochin; Diane Steele and Jodi Riggert began their studies on alternative medicines in India; and Martha Kroeger began her research on ancient civilizations and languages.

The students reunited in the middle of January and spent two weeks together traveling around southern India in the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Highlights of that brief journey included hiking through the Silent Valley National Park, attending an elephant festival and snake boat races, and sunbathing for an afternoon on Kerala beach or the Arabian Sea. The group also spent a few days at the Kerala Institute of Travels and Tourism (KITTS) attending lectures on economics, ayurveda medicine, and Indian music. In addition, the Indian studies students continued their internship projects; Kim Koping, Jill Meyer and Elizabeth Dall began their environmental studies; Elizabeth Haas, Toby Schmidt and Jody Wirth started pre-student teaching at a private school outside of Cochin; Diane Steele and Jodi Riggert began their studies on alternative medicines in India; and Martha Kroeger began her research on ancient civilizations and languages.

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The rest of the candidates split up the remaining one and two percent of all the primaries except for Senator Phil Gramm, who ran fourth often and dropped out of the race in January.

The Present:

Presumably Bob Dole seems to have a lock on the nomination. He already holds 737 of the 996 delegates needed to win the nomination to Forbes’ 70 and Buchanan’s 72. Two weeks ago Lamar Alexander dropped out and endorsed Bob Dole. Amidst much pressure, Steve Forbes dropped out last week and endorsed Dole as well. Both Buchanan and Alan Keyes instead to stay in the race for the duration, although they have virtually no chance of getting the nomination. After receiving the endorsements of almost every politician from the highly popular Bush to the so-popular New Gingrich, Dole began to shift his focus on how to defeat President Clinton in November.

The Future:

There are a few key battles ahead for the Republican Party even before they face the Democrats and President Clinton. First, the Dole campaign believes it is necessary for him to win the remaining primaries this month, including enormous California, to be sure the lock for the nomination. Even if that does happen, Buchanan and his followers are threatening to walk out of the convention in San Diego if Buchanan does not receive the nomination. This party split could prove to be very difficult for the Dole camp. There is also the prospect of Ross Perot, who is once again showing signs of running as a third party candidate. Finally, during this entire home race, President Clinton has attempted to maintain his persona of being above the fray. He appeared in Iowa, New Hampshire, and other spots simply to remind people of his Democratic choice. Just last week President Clinton’s first campaign ad aired on television.

President Clinton is not without his challenges as well. No President has ever been reelected when his negative ratings are as high as 53 percent, the President’s current rating. Nor has any President ever been reelected when economic growth in America was under two percent during the election year. America has been plodding well below that for all of 1996.

The race is shaping up to be a battle between Dole and Clinton; it will prove to be a historic one.

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drafts at IITM give a special program one evening for three American friends. The CSP students also stayed five days at another institute, Mahatma Gandhi University, listening to guest speakers discuss U.S.-India relations, Gandhian economics, yoga, pranic healing, and Indian education.

The students concluded their two week travel with a couple-day stay in the hill country of southern India where they enjoyed the cooler weather, wildlife, and tea plantations. The first two weeks in March, the group divided again to continue their internships. On February 14, 1996, the students packed up their bags and said their good-byes to Cochin and the Coones family as they headed onto a train for a forty hour ride to the nation’s capital Delhi in north-central India.

After viewing the diverse Indian countryside from the train, the group readily unloaded in Delhi. The more modernized city with its wide roads and slightly more sane traffic was a pleasant change for the group. Delhi had many sights as the group stopped at various temples and Gandhi memorials. Delhi Tours then took the students on a three day tour to the surrounding sites of Agra and Jaipur. In Agra, the seventh wonder of the world, the Taj Mahal, was admired by all along with Fort Agra and a few other Moghul tombs. Jaipur, known as the “pink city,” held the world’s largest sun dial in addition to ancient temples and forts. On February 23, nine students along with Dr. Holte (who joined the group February 1) took off from the Delhi International airport, leaving India behind but taking with them new experiences, new knowledge, and new appreciations for many things.

Before flying across the Pacific Ocean, the group stopped at Hong Kong for a day and a half; just enough time to tour the city and eat at the Hard Rock Cafe Hong Kong.

Thanks to God’s care and protection, all nine students arrived safely and healthy at St. Paul’s airport around 8:15 A.M. on February 26, successfully completing Concordia St. Paul’s first India Program.
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Staley Lecture Hits Home at Convo

by Lydia Wittman

Bringing both an honor and a blessing to Concordia's campus, Dr. Kenneth Haugk, executive director of Stephen Ministries in St. Louis, MO, spoke during Thursday's convocation hour and Thursday evening in the E.M. Pearson theatre, as well as to a few Religion classes on Friday. Professor Thomas Trapp, coordinator of this year's Staley Lecture, chose to invite Dr. Haugk, a friend and classmate of his from the St. Louis Seminary, to CSP because, "he has an established ministry around the country designed to train lay people for service to the church. Stephen Ministries focuses on teaching Christians to care for one another."

This year's Staley Lecture is Concordia's fifteenth and comes as a result of the Thomas F. Staley Foundation, a private, non-profit organization, established to administer funds to further the evangelical witness of the Christian Church, and with a particular concern for college students. Unlike many other speakers that come to our campus, the Staley Lecture is designed for us college students. The mission statement of the Foundation states, "Our chief concern will always be the student world."

Haugk communicated the awesome responsibilities that all children of God's kingdom bring to the church, emphasizing that his lectures are not solely directed to students studying church careers. Rather, he stresses that each and every follower of Christ, despite vocational and denominational differences, has a unique and vital importance in the functioning of Christ's church. "The focus is to provide model, instruction, and insight into the needfulness of believers," says Trapp of his colleague's lectures. "There is a role for every one in the church."

Past participants in Concordia's annual Staley Lecture have brought back positive experiences from various speakers. Senior Phil Ressler in the pre-teen program comments, "I was impacted by last year's lecture because it directly applied to my studies." Another student, who wishes to remain anonymous, says, "I enjoyed it [the Staley Lecture] last year, but I especially looked forward to hearing this year's speaker discuss the jobs of the lay people.

If you were one of the privileged, and had a chance to attend Haugk's discussion, you can understand the importance of living as a servant to Christ as well as a lay person in your own congregation.

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Concordia Speaks

The Big Question...
By Amy (Dominique) Klein

What is the worst or weirdest date you've ever been on?

Screech, sophomore: “My worst and weirdest date lasted for nine months of my freshman year here.”

Joanne Bacig, freshman: “My senior prom date was the worst, because he was my boyfriend and we broke up when I got home from the prom.”

Sara Gilbertson, junior, and Pat O’Neal, sophomore: Sara: “It wasn’t really a date, but Pat and I got sick together from Applebee’s buffalo wings.”
Pat: “Yeah, we threw up together for hours on end.”

Diane Steele, senior: “I went on a date where we drove for twelve hours, went halibut fishing in Alaska, and drove straight home. We only fished for about six hours. It was a thirty-hour date but the majority of it was spent driving.”

Becky Swanson, sophomore: “My weirdest was on our first date. This guy and I went to dinner and then he said, ‘Let’s drive to my favorite are.’ We drove to a cemetery. He stopped the car and wanted to take a walk there in the dark.”

I just don’t get it... I was sure the Dean of Students was supposed to have been an “error” in “error.”

Me neither. Oh well. Sometimes small parts get left on the cutting room floor...

Hey, look... to the left of those “dumbos,” THIS THAT...

Showgirls. Deante, FLY!
Mark Twain Makes CSP Appearance
by Eleanor Hegibothon
When Mark Twain came to Concordia for the first Convocation of 1960, he followed a tradition which began on campus in the 1950's. Professor Emeritus Kaden began the role in a talent show and it's stuck with him for all this time.

Thirty years and many performances later, Kaden has learned much about Twain. He shared portions of Twain's writings in a Convocation last month and now conducts a seminar on Twain.

Born in Twain's own Hartford, Missouri, Kaden has made the pilgrimage to most of the homes of Samuel Clemens. For the Convocation he became Twain. 

Wearing the white suit and bow wing tie, which Twain was famous for, Kaden shared passages both familiar and not with audience members. He even sported a white wig carefully groomed by wife Evelyn. The selections took aim at reformers who would have him 'Twain' stop smoking cigars or would clothe the naked island people. The audience at Buetow Auditorium was left amused and thoughtful by the performance.

"I believe in his statement that the source of humor is pathos," says Kaden, "Humor was a way to handle a difficult world." This understanding of Twain's writing is the product of many years of study, teaching and performances.

Kaden was drawn to Twain's writing because of the compassion and understanding 'Twain showed to people in his writings. "Every time I go through the material, I find something new," he says, "something about the people behind the various situations" or about Twain's 'fantastic ear' for dialects."

About the recurrent debate on teaching a book containing Jim, Kaden says, "I will talk to anybody—through the night if necessary—about Twain's lack of racism (in Huckleberry Finn)." "Jim, says Kaden, "is an authentic" character, and浦思·本顿·威尔逊 (Twain's story of boys born to radically different families who are mixed at birth), is "one of his best."

Kaden roused on these more serious attacks on hypocrisy and the vicious nature of racism during a phone conversation as he is all this quarter in his evening seminars.

A View From the Couch
by Richard Davenport
Hello fellow movie fanatics. This is your friend— 

General notions are generally wrong. 
—Lady Mary Montagu

English writer

Little House in the Big City
by Lydia Wittman
Concordia College will be the host of an exciting public event on the evening of Friday, April 19, 1996. If you have any interest in the writings of Laura Ingalls Wilder or how the history of the Midwestern region is being taught to children, you are more than welcome to attend the panel discussion in the Dining Hall at 6:30 p.m. Such distinguished presenters as William Anderson, biographer of the Wilder family, and Dr. David
by Teresa Kunze

From the magnificence of the clouds, 35 members of the Concordia Mission Society (CMS) descended on a land of palm trees and beaches. However, the palm trees covered the 80% of lives wracked with poverty, while the ocean beaches reflected the distortions of eternal truth.

Leaving from the frigid north early on February 27, CMS landed in 80 degree weather at Nassau, Bahamas. The members stayed at the Lutheran Church of Nassau and set out to reflect their servanthood to Christ and share it across Nassau. "Our purpose," stated CMS member Beth Neels, "was to share God's love through our actions and words, because we were first loved by God."

Acting on this love, they dove into projects such as clearing brush (including coconuts and palm trees), painting, planting, raking horse manure, and building a floating dock. Other opportunities for spreading the Word included visiting an orphanage, shopping at the straw market, soaking up the sun in the ocean, and seeing the dump, which also serves as a home for some natives.

Of the orphanage, Rebecca Gilder states, "The gifts that [the children] give are more amazing than we'll ever get...they taught me a lot." Indeed, truths of the heart continually unveiled themselves to the members throughout the week which had an impact on all.

Jon Clepper gives insight into his experience as he shares, "I think one of the unique things about a trip like this is the people you meet, especially the Christians...working side by side." Dawn Gilles adds, "I became more aware of the community of believers...and what a big support that is, and living together for a week under one purpose and bringing that purpose to attention."

On March 5, CMS again boarded the plane and ascended to the clouds above. As the sun basked the plane in its warmth, the Son warmly reflected in the hearts of the CMS members. With hands creased by the imprints of the children's hands and hearts forever moved, they carried their journey back to Concordia, missionaries for the One who sent them away, and called them back home.

Inspired, grown, changed...not returning with the same self with which they left.
"[I thought] all we were going to do is study art, but it turned out to be so much more than the study of art, probably more the study of the people, the culture, their way of life...how much the human spirit is alive down there...how passionate the people are about their country and their culture."

For Heidi Heintz, the trip to Mexico City became much more than a culture observation; it became life impacting.

The trip took the participants to Mexico City where they stayed at The Lutheran Center of Mexico City, and two nights in Oaxaca. The group included seven individuals from Concordia, and was led by Professor Win Bruhl and Professor Keith Williams. Some of the experiences included traditional Mexican dancing, viewing pyramids and temples, a day care, and speakers ranging from a sociologist to a widow from El Salvador.

These events were only a portion of the experiences of the participants, opening their eyes, impacting their perceptions, and grabbing their hearts. Art major Melissa Savage states, "I knew what to expect, but when I saw it...I didn’t expect it." Savage goes on to tell of their first day and seeing a blind man playing guitar on the subway, asking for pesos to survive.

Julie Muilenburg was also impacted by, "the struggle most Mexicans have gone through to fulfill their dreams. They fight just to live in a house."

The group witnessed the culture and education, poverty and passion. By taxi, legs, bus, or metro, their discoveries unfolded around them. Jessica Rahn describes the experience as, "Stepping into a whole new world." The art was captured on canvas, through weaving, and in fact, on the very faces which gazed back at them from the Mexican land. Rahn describes the trip not only as touching, but also as life changing. "I view things in a whole new light...I think I see things differently now. I see things in a broader perspective, says Rahn, rather than just in my own utopia."
February 22 sent The King's Players flying across mountains and ocean to reach the far off land of Japan, only to bring it back in their hearts. Dancing, singing, praising...and doing it all for the King.

After performing one to three times a day across Tokyo, The King's Players ended their evenings by residing in a church, school, or a Japanese home. Their performances took place at a variety of institutions, including an orphanage, a home for mentally disabled, churches, and even a junior and senior high mission school consisting of 1600 students, of which only three percent are Christians.

Chopsticks were only the beginning of cultural differences. Chad Trunkhill noted that, "A nation can live together with so many people...and yet be so clean and safe." Trina Justman adds her respect of the black, gray, and navy blue world of the people: "They don't want to offend anyone or stick out in any way."

However, with their colorful sneakers and on-fire love of Christ in their hearts, The King's Players couldn't help but stand out. Throughout differences though, Lori Lanning draws attention to the commonalities as she states, "(God) loves them just as much as He loves us." Touching lives and being touched, they carried the message of Christ throughout Tokyo.

Michelle Domke highlights one of their performances which was a dedication to the Volunteer Youth Missionaries who on that day were being installed for service to Christ all over Japan. While The King's Players inspired the volunteers, they too were touched, states Domke, "by realizing we're sending them out on their mission, their Great Adventure...and although Japan was awesome, we still have a huge, Great Adventure in America, too."

Long after the souvenirs have faded, broken, or become trinkets in the closet, The King's Players will carry a piece of Japan in their hearts, in order to fill the piece of themselves they had left behind. The Great Adventure prods them on, as they live their lives for the King.
Emotions rush from their souls, through their instruments, and into the depths of the audience's hearts. On February 23, the 55 band members settled into their Jefferson line bus and headed for New Orleans. Through Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and on to Louisiana, a trail of dynamic music connected the talents of music they shared with their audiences.

The band, directed by talented Professor Scott, performed a total of nine concerts, two church services and two grade school concerts.

Regarding the focus of their tour, band member Sara Kvern states it as, "Witnessing with our music." Jennifer Trittin adds, "It's a different type of ministry. It's kind of like we're sharing God's love. It's different way of being ministers of God's Word." Trittin continues, "It's hard to put into words."

What cannot be put into words, however, the members powerfully illustrated through their music. Observing smiles and tears, first year band member Lydia Wittman reflects, "[It is] so neat that our music could bring those emotions to someone so strongly...just amazing to me."

Four year tour veteran Peter Verley comments on the band's interpersonal relationships and states that he was impacted by "the way the band members worked together. Everyone pitched in. People really seemed to get along and be respectful of each other and friendly in general."

Working together was a necessity in order to prepare before concerts, members had to share a bus bathroom and a suitcase with a partner's smelly socks. To prepare for the ministry that lay before them, pre-concert rituals included setup, food, fun, and a devotion. Of their ministry, Kvern states, "It not only brought the Word of Christ to others, but rekindled it in ourselves."

A very powerful dimension of the concerts included the conductor-less performance of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, which was dedicated to Director Richard Norris. Emotions flooded instruments and hearts as the band members united on earth to send their music to the director in Heaven.

A symbol of the past united with the present, the story is told through the music. The story of fiery instruments, new opportunities, and passionate musicians, it was a story binding the Concordia Band to the Greatest Musician of all.
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CSP Track Set For Breakthrough Year

by Tammy Kunze

"Track!" The word explodes through your head as you frantically try to get out of the way of the track team while they run. Even though indoor track has ended, outdoor track is just beginning. There are new spikes to be worn, new discs to be thrown, and new records to be set.

"This is a new year for us. We had a red solid indoor season and should have some breakthrough performances during the outdoor season," says Brian Schmit, head coach of the men's and women's track team for the past three years. Currently, there are 17 men and 2 women on the team. "Hey, we may not have the quantity, but we sure have the quality!" stated Randy Brewer, a sprinter for the team.

The smallness of the numbers doesn't mean low spirits for the track team, however. They've been practicing since the beginning of the quarter, and many were involved in indoor track before that. "I'm excited! I can't wait to start competing," says junior Darin Callies, who had to take last year off because of an injury. Because of the excitement, expectations are high! Jonathan Krehbiel stated, "I want to improve my times all around!" Coach Schmit has great expectations of the team. "We have a hard working group who may surprise some teams this spring," he said.

This year, they have a chance to surprise some teams in the "good old" South. During Easter break, some of the members of the team will head down to Austin, Texas for some intense training. The track team will be in the St. Paul area for four meets. The woman's team will compete at Macalester on April 27 and at St. Thomas on May 3. You can catch the men's team at Macalester on April 24 and at Hamline on May 6. Hope to see you there.

Batter Up

by Tim Lucht

It's that time of year again. The snow is melting, and the weather is getting warmer. That can only mean one thing: Baseball season is here. The Concordia Comets are rebuilding. The team consists of a strong mixture of new and returning players like Phil Hahn, Brian Herrmann, Eric Schutte and Jon Krueger. This team is destined to be a powerhouse in college baseball. The starting rotation for pitchers this year will more than likely be Joel Hallensworth, and Don Anderson. Boettcher who has just undergone shoulder surgery, will be back soon better than ever. The Comets have a solid team in all other aspects as well. I asked a few team members how they would compare last year's team to this year. "We don't compare this year's team to last year's team because we have different strengths and weaknesses than last year," said sophomore Jon Krueger. It sounds like this year's baseball team is committed to having a great season. You can catch the Comets when they open their season at the end of March. We all wish them the best of luck.

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Three CSP Students Run in St. Patrick's Day Race

by Chris Thompson

A stiff head wind greeted three Concordia students as they crossed the finish line of Sunday's St. Patrick's Day five kilometer run on Summit Avenue.

The run, which began at noon, saw about 250 people run or walk the path from the start line to the finish line. Concordia's Andy Potsko was the first to finish, with Mark Pachs following closely in second place. Lydia Wittman also finished high, though no official results were taken.

The race, which is becoming a St. Patrick's Day tradition in St. Paul, was not competitive in nature, but rather a chance to get out and have some fun with others and also do a little exercising. No times were kept, nor were any prizes awarded.

Other events included three separate kids runs for various age groups and a full eight kilometer run.
Language: A Matter of Priority

by Dan Bassett

The ability to communicate our thoughts, dreams, and imaginations is limited by the words we use. As a result, we turn to drama, art, and music to express ourselves. While language limits the expression of the mind, it gives meaning to our thoughts. Someone once said, "To write about music is like dancing about architecture." How do you dance a foyeer with a cathedral ceiling?

Since our language skills are a major factor of our lives, we cannot underestimate the use of it. In freshman English at St. John High School (Duluth), Mrs. Ronne informed us that there is a direct correlation between a broad vocabulary base and the elevation of employment. While this statement confused me at first, the more I learn, the more I understand it. At college, students not only learn new words, but also the concepts which are attached to them. The more precisely we are able to express our address, it is not the ability to use a wide range of vocabulary, but the ability to communicate that is important.

Failing the decision of a language requirement, Concordia will need to look at the costs and benefits from all sides. How will a required year of a language affect CSP?

With a language requirement, Concordia will be better suited to teach its students about other cultures. Learning a language not only involves vocabulary and syntax, but it also the culture in which it is used. Knowing how to speak Japanese will not help you to understand a Japanese interpretive dance, but knowing the culture will. A language requirement will help students learn to live in a global society. The more students study another language, the more clear their own native language becomes. Before I took Greek and Latin, I probably would not have been able to tell you what a participle or the passive voice was. Yet now when I do! God often allows us to be in humble situations in order to help us understand his will.

Do You Believe In Guardian Angels? 

I do! God often allows us to be in humble situations in order that we might see His faithfulness. In November, 1995 I lived and worked with Lutheran missionaries in Ghana for 2 weeks. In Accra, the capital city, I found myself on the recording end of the "Good Samaritan" story(John 10: 30-37). While lost at the airport in a foreign land late at night, sick and weary from travel, hungry, thirsty, harassed by dollar seekers...Our Lord sent me a guardian Angel. BEATRICE! God gave me peace of mind to go with her as she carried my heavy load. She bought a taxi to carry us to her home, where she provided food, bottled water, and clothes to wear. Knowing the monies would be unhealthy for me, she paid for a hotel room with a fan. She left me ceda money for any emergencies and returned with breakfast in the morning...

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Fridays at Concordia: JORDAN AND JENNY

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at chapel...

is that the statue of liberty?

Holy Holy Holy...

THAT CENTER Darn!

back in 10 minutes.

at the Comet Book Co-Op

you can buy anything here!

BRITCREME

Window stickers

lunchtime...

dude I'm not an entire

ENTREES

Lunch

Cheep Cheep

Cheep Cheep

C'mon Jordan there's more to see!

Hubba Hubba!

in buening library...

Beep Beep Beep Beep Beep

Jordan you quit that!

let's go see what a typical dorm looks like.

OK!

at Waither Dorm...

what a lovely day it is was

and here comes our ride

Hey!

look!...
A View From the Tunnel

A World Without Gratitude

by Gerry Coleman, Campus Pastor

I didn't know either of the students whose paths converged near my office door. Their conversation was brief and memorable.

"How is he?"
"He died."
"I'm sorry."
"Thank you."

That was all. I could see the tears welling up. They parted without saying more, or needing to. And yet, in their brief exchange of a mere nine words there was a rich sharing, a kind of essential communication that seemed profoundly satisfying.

"I'm sorry," said the one, using the only two-syllable word in the conversation.

"Thank you," said the other, obviously moved by the encounter and grateful for the other's words and presence.

Thank you. What wonderful words. And probably none of us use them enough. We are often too busy to be grateful.

This came home to me in a very personal way recently when I had the chance to speak with Louis Grant who had just returned from burying his mother. Louis works in the Gangelhoff Center. He is the one who had been helpful to me on so many occasions when my path took me to his domain. But even beyond being helpful, he is the one whose presence was so welcoming. His gentle words always seemed to make me feel that I was a valued person. And I had never bothered to thank him for that gift. And it is a gift. One I treasure. And I bet I'm not the only one who has been helpful to me on so many occasions when my path took me to his domain and celebration. May each member of the campus community grow in appreciation of life and hope. May the resurrection of Jesus bring renewed joy and faith.

A Message From The President

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I wish each of you a joyful spring vacation and a renewing celebration of God's love.

President Bob Holst

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