by Teresa Knauz

Heart rates and mind clear…faster and faster they are approaching. Bodies lean forward, awaiting the freedom of this land’s escape, as the soul floods with eager desire to plunge to the depths of this earthly beauty. As last Squeezing into the sun of glaring clarity, the “Welcome to Wisconsin” sign epitomizes their journey. Suddenly deep breaths come naturally and a light spirit is exhausted. Indeed, it is Packer land, and indeed, they have come home.

Wishing as an infant born in the heart of the dairy land (as a side note, it is interesting to observe that my hometown of Wausau contains USA directly in the center), I hereby acknowledge potential criticism regarding biased writing. However, I am simply attempting to allow a glimpse into the intensity of heart rooted deep amongst true Packer fans here at Concordia.

Nut! Crazy? Are they mad over those deep in the land flowing with milk and cheese? Perhaps socialized by the intensity of green and gold? I guess a nature versus nurture controversy is hard-

“CSP turns green and gold”

by Lisa Krienke

A day to celebrate. A day to step back and look at our achievements in our fight toward racial equality, and a day to evaluate the work still ahead of us. A day to honor a great man and the accomplishments he achieved in his short life on earth, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 1997.

At 9:30 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 1997, a community of people congregated for a day of celebration and remembrance at Central High School, St. Paul. A community of people who have lived much and suffered much together participated in a rally put on by the Governor’s Commission of the State of Minnesota. At the rally the community heard representatives of various ethnic councils speak as well as excerpts from Dr. King selections. These same people then participated in a parade that spanned three city blocks, walking from Central High School to the Gangelhoff Center on our Concordia campus.

Inside the Gangelhoff Center you could hear the hum of many voices gathered together. Going through the doors leading to the main floor of the gymnasium you would have seen friends hugging each other and shaking hands, and entire families sharing some hot apple cider. Does it matter what race or creed? No, what matters is that they are here and that they have invested themselves in a fight to bring about equality of every kind to their community. There were so many people, the main floor and bleachers were filled with standing room only. People who took time out of their busy schedules to say to each other, “I care about you, I care about me, and I care about the future of our children.”

Following an award presentation, the key note address was given by Nikki Giovanni, poet, author, and distinguished professor. “Treat each other as you would wish to be treated. That is what the community surrounding Concordia heard, and that is what Martin Luther King, Jr. day is all about. It is not about who hurt whom when, although we do have to pay tribute to those who suffer at the expense of their fellow human beings. It is about picking up the pieces from the past, admitting our wrongs, and learning from them to make a better future for the generations to come.

Nikki Giovanni is not the first person to have spoken this great truth, nor was Dr. King. The first one to speak this truth was Jesus Christ when he said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

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Unity among community leaders—Author Nikki Giovanni, Reverend James Battle, Lieutenant Governor Joannes Benson, Concordia President Robert Host and Lester Collins of the Governor’s Commission were delighted with the success of the lively Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and observance held at the Gangelhoff Monday, Jan. 19.

“A dream that glows eternally”
Peace SLAM a hit with local youth

Heidi Heintz

Is it true that the farther we volunteer from where we are, the more help we are doing? How can this statement have any truth to it when there is a definite need for help and volunteering here in our own backyard of St. Paul.

Senior Charlie Gray is proving this point with his help in the organization of the Peace SLAM (Social Libation and Music). Peace SLAM is a branch off of the long running Peace Jam, a community event that promotes interest in areas ranging from art to sports for youth. Peace SLAM is a once a month social activity that takes place here at Concordia’s Student Union. It involves everything from dancing to music to games and has an overall theme of bringing kids together in a positive environment away from drugs, alcohol and violence.

“We’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback from the kids, and we are always looking for help,” Gray states.

Peace SLAM gets its funding from Peace Jam, but depends on Concordia for its facilities.

Getting involved is as easy as making the decision that you want to help and that you think mentoring to children is essential. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Charlie via campus mail at box 0504.

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**Notes on a grander scale**

**by Katie Ollinger**

If you have attended a chapel service here at CSP recently, you just might have noticed something a little grander about it. If you haven't guessed already, what I am referring to is the new grand piano which now resides in the Graebner Memorial Chapel building.

This beautifully crafted instrument came into the hands of the school via an unrestricted monetary gift from an anonymous donor. As explained by Pastor Coleman, the gift's purpose, being unrestricted, was to be decided by the college. It was designated to be of use by the Campus Ministry. Then the money was further determined to be put toward both a new grand piano and support of the Ministry's internships.

So what about the piano? As well as looking and sounding absolutely lovely, it is as mentioned before, beautifully crafted. Not only just crafted but made by hand by the Petrof Company in the European tradition of all those since 1864. So 'tune' in and come hear the music!

**King continued from page 1**

Love them no matter what color or race or creed, love them because they are human beings. Love them because God loves you.

The remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. should instill in all of us a desire for equality that glows eternally. Every time you have the chance to right a wrong or stop inequality, take the opportunity. It is not up to anyone else. It is not anyone else's responsibility. It is yours and yours alone. It is time to start taking responsibility for our own actions and the first step is to recognize that we are only humans. We cannot be perfect and often we will even be wrong. We need to work together to bring about the change of which King dreamed. Make your corner of the world a little brighter and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

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**Eerie shadows?**

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**Literal treasure in the library**

Former Concordia Professor Kenneth Kaden presents head librarian Dr. Glen Offermann with a collection of Mark Twain books to add to Concordia's shelves.

**A friendly reminder from the Financial Aid Office**

It's financial aid application time again!

Shortly before Christmas break, Concordia students who aren't scheduled to graduate in 1996-97 should have found 1997-98 Concordia financial aid reapplication forms in their campus mail boxes. The accompanying cover letter gave directions for completing the application process for the upcoming academic year.

To receive the maximum Concordia grant in your financial aid package, submit the required paperwork to the Financial Aid Office by April 15. This includes the Concordia reapplication and the 1996 federal tax return. If you are required to submit parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), your parent tax return is the one to be submitted. If only your information is required, then your tax return is the one submitted.

As indicated on the Concordia reapplication cover letter, you also need to complete and send to the central processor either the federal reapplication or the FAFSA. The federal reapplication forms were mailed to your home (permanent) addresses in December and January. The results from completing the federal forms will come back to Concordia electronically. To assure these results arrive on campus by the April 15 deadline, students need to send the forms to the processor by March 1.

The Financial Aid Office staff looks forward to helping make a Concordia education affordable for all students in the coming year. Questions are welcome anytime, 8:00 to 4:30 daily in C-111, or give them a call at (612) 641-8208.

Kay C. Rindal, Assistant Financial Aid Director
A conspiracy of fun

by Gerry Coleman
Campus Pastor

I like my job. It's fun. In fact, I would guess that campus pastor is the most fun job at Concordia College.

The wisdom of the ancients applauded laughter. It was thought to aid the digestion, the heart, the circulation, the lungs, and the psyche.

On the occasion of my installation, President Holst gave me a picture of a laughing Jesus. In his sermon, he commended to me and to the community the image of the laughing Christ. Although President Holst didn't know it at the time, I have a small collection of pictures of Jesus laughing. And in my mind I have many more. I have always thought that God must have laughed his way through the six days of creation. What fun!

In a world all too familiar with pain, laughter is the prescription for healing.

I remember a lovely girl whom I'll call Samantha. She was a student in our preschool in the parish I served before coming to Concordia. Her family life was full of the pain of brokenness. A beautiful and talented little girl, she had little of value in her life, and, most tragically, she had never learned to value herself. If something went wrong, she was sure it was her fault. She was often sad and quiet.

One of the preschool teachers came to my office. "Pastor Gerry, will you talk to Samantha?" It was a lovely North Carolina day, warm and breezy. I had already accepted the call to come to Concordia, but was bringing closure to my ministry before making the move north. I was in the process of saying goodbye to the congregation and the people I loved. This teacher who was requesting that I visit with Samantha was a very insightful woman whose instincts about the children were always helpful to me. She filled me in. "We've all explained it to her a dozen times," she said, "but Samantha thinks you're leaving because she has been bad. She thinks it's her fault. And she thinks maybe you don't like her."

Well, I went immediately and got Samantha from her classroom. We sat in my office amid the packing boxes. I took a children's Bible from one of the boxes and said, "Here is a present for you. I want you to have it." She smiled a little.

"I have a great idea," I said. "Let's take some markers and make your Bible special." So we did. We wrote her name in it. Then her address and phone number. "Wrote my birthday in it," she commanded. I went and got her file, and wrote her birth date in her Bible. "Now write your name in it," I obeyed.

Then I said, "I have an idea. Let's draw some pictures. Let's draw pictures of things that make us happy." So we did. Oh, if only you could have seen it! Our abilities at drawing were pretty evenly matched. So we had to keep asking each other as we drew, "What is that?" And we laughed and laughed and laughed at our drawings, at our abilities, at our selves. We laughed till we cried. And we hugged a lot and said a lot of I love yous. It was good. It was restorative, a time of healing for both of us. It transformed the pain. Not only hers, but mine.

If campus ministry is successful at CSP, it is because we are a part of God's conspiracy of laughter. The resurrection is God's divine laughter in the face of sin and death.

Several years ago there was an article in the Washington Post about job stress and how to know whether it's time for a career move. Among the helpful hints offered was this one: "Do you laugh at work? If you do not laugh at least three times a day in your job, you may want to think about a change."

How about you? Getting enough laughs?

We have laughs to spare in the campus ministry center. If the winter blues are threatening you, stop by. We'll make you some coffee or tea. And who knows? Perhaps some of the people there can even make you laugh.

Life isn't all laughs, I know. There are tears, too. Laughter and tears, each in its place. If you cry, you cry with God. And if you laugh, you laugh with God. But somehow, I believe he does a lot more laughing than crying.

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Top ten things that are better than snow

by Aaron Erkkenen and Tim Brasher

1. A 24-hour marathon of "FULL HOUSE" reruns
2. A week of mystery meat loaf at Marri-Rott
3. A 3000 papercuts on your tongue
4. Going to school on a day when it's colder than the north jungles of Alaska
5. Having your eyes pecked out by a mob of rabid chickens
6. Trekking day after day to your mailbox only to find it filled with an 8 ounce jar of pickle juice and a chimp named Lancelot
7. Being the guest speaker at a scab picking festival
8. A 24-hour marathon of "FULL HOUSE" reruns
9. Eating Uranium
10. Donn hours

Photo by -- Chris Thompson
The Question:

"Tell us about something strange your roommate has done."

Stephanie Gruhn, freshman:

"My roommate at camp three years ago was quite interesting. She piled all her clothes on her bed in our room, and always slept on the couch in the lounge."

Rich Davenport, sophomore:

"I'm not supposed to say what my roommate does."

Jamie Guse, senior:

"One night I woke to find that my blanket was half off my bed. I looked and realized that my roommate, sleeping on the bottom bunk, had taken hold of it. I tried to pull it out of her arms but she wouldn't let go. I tried to pull it off her again, causing her to wake up. She yelled, 'What are you doing? That's my blanket.' We got into a fight, but eventually I got it back."

Heidi Albrecht, freshman

"I was supposed to go to the library but I had just finished a paper was due the next day. My roommate was eating chips and drinking coffee every night. I walked out of the bathroom and she started yelling at me for having a noise. She told me that when I was over her she would kick all the lights.

Michelle Breeden, 2nd career student:

"This happened when I was a freshman at U.W. Green Bay. My roommate had gone to bed at 11 pm and I had just gone to bed at 2 am when all of a sudden the lights came on. She was running around the room getting dressed. I asked her what she was doing. She thought it was 2 am instead of 2 am and therefore thought she was late for class."
by Richard Davenport

Hello fellow fanatics of film and art, and welcome to yet another edition of my endless and frantic babbling about my likes and dislikes in the celluloid market. I feel pleasantly satiated, and at such a great price, who can complain?

**A view from the couch**

by Amity Foster

Have you ever noticed how there are certain books that you just keep coming back to? It doesn't matter how old you are, the book is still good. *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee is one of those books, one that most people read when they are kids. It isn't required in college, but it is one of the best books ever written. When they are kids. It isn't required in college, but it is one of the best books ever written.

Most of you probably know the story, but if you don't, here is a little of it. Jem and Scout Finch are kids growing up in a small southern town. Their father, Atticus, is the lawyer who is defending a black man, Tom Robinson, against the accusation of rape. The trial is a significant part of the book, but not the whole story. You will also meet Boo Radley (who, according to Jem and Scout, is six and a half feet tall and has blood-stained hands from eating raw squirrels and cats), Dill (who is seven and has white hair), Miss Maudie (who is a great, strong woman) and a multitude of other characters. The story is told from Scout's point of view and as she learns more about people from her father, so does the reader.

Before I bought this book, I read the back of it. The note said that Harper Lee considered this book to be a simple love story, nothing more and nothing less. Today, if you ask teachers what they think of this book, chances are they would tell you it is a classic that involves much more than simple love. The story deals with losing innocence, growing up, and learning that although you may know what is right, not everyone will agree with you.

I recommend this book to everyone, especially people who haven't read it for a while. It will give you the feeling that justice will prevail in the end. This is a happy story even though some very bad things happen to an innocent man. 1-

**Back to the Future: 80's Style**

Before I bought this book I read the back of it. The three films I will review this month were viewed for a grand total of $7.50. Talk about bargains. The first, *Psycho*, was on a free pass, the next was a matinee, and the last was viewed at the Roseville 4 just off Lexington Avenue North. I feel pleasantly sated, and at such a great price, who can complain?

*Psycho* is a strange movie. It stars John Travolta as a beer guzzling, smoking, pot-bellied, lecherous angel (actually, he's an Archangel). That is the gimmick here. We are supposed to just love this film because of Travolta's charm. If this is why you enjoy this movie, there's a problem. I get "the look" when I belch. Travolta gets a terrible unemployment label from Scout's point of view and as she learns more about people from her father, so does the reader.

**Literary Genius**

*Psycho* was genuinely amusing. The plot device is a little weak, but look at what we are talking about here. Jokes, crude humor, and innuendo ensue when the boys' TV breaks and while searching for a new one Frisbee are hired to "do" (i.e. KILL) some guy's wife. The perturbed forest scene and the great appearance of Gomeshino are worth the ticket price alone. Go see this movie, lest you miss out on what may be the biggest reason to keep Hollywood around for a few more years. Four grunts. Huh-Huh-Huh.

Lastly and most importantly, I FINALLY got to see Baz Luhrmann's pop-modern *Romeo and Juliet*. I LOVED IT. It was visually stunning, understandable, well-acted and musically moving. There are visual jokes and puns (a pun in Shakespeare? No way...) galore, from the guns being engraved with the words dicker or sword to The Merchant of Venice Beach look on the beach. The acting (with the exception of Leonardo DiCaprio) was incredible. Claire Danes seems to have lost a grip on the language, she should have been born in the 11th century. The death of Mercutio and Romeo's subsequent staring at Tybalt were the most striking scenes in my opinion. Five grunts. If you see it, see it in the theater. It will lose some of its beauty in the transfer to video. Trust me.

Well, my eager and wonderful readers, that will be about it for this time out. I'll have more for you next issue. Just remember to bring your own silverware next time. See you next month on the Couch. †

**Variety**
Pratt enriches English Department

by Sara Lea Stafford

"Not another writing course!" That is how many students react when finding out they are required to take yet another college writing class in order to graduate. "Don't we have enough papers to write in our other classes?"

Fortunately, we are required to take these writing classes or many of us would not know Dr. Susan Pratt.

For those who have not yet met Dr. Pratt, she is an Assistant Professor of English and a Director of Writing. She teaches all levels of writing courses and Introduction to Literature. When she moved to Minneapolis, after teaching at Loyola University in New Orleans, she wanted to continue her career by teaching at a small liberal arts college. That is what drew her to our campus.

Dr. Pratt was a graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville with a double major in English and History. Her father was the faculty at that college and she grew up close to the campus. She then continued her education at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign to obtain her masters and Ph.D. in English Literature.

One of the questions Dr. Pratt was asked during her interview was whether or not people really do like to write. From the way students talk about writing, one would say, "no."

Surprisingly enough, she answered honestly that she doesn't necessarily like to write either; rather the opportunity to read what others write is what gives her enjoyment. She added, "One thing I find striking about students at Concordia is that they still think I am a 'hard professor.'" She just wants her students to be at a level where they have either improved or want to improve by taking her courses.

On the lighter side, however, she had some important advice for students at Concordia.

"Every student should get involved in his or her own education. Whether it is to be in a writing group for writing class, to take part in extra curricular activities, or to go to convocations. All aspects of campus life are significant and should be experienced."

Outside of the demands that come with her job, she enjoys hiking, camping, attending the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concerts, solving crossword puzzles, and surprisingly enough, she receives great joy from reading a variety of publications.

The next time you are feeling down about taking another course such as writing, think about the opportunity you are being given to meet someone like Susan Pratt.

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Technology that works

by Andy Thompson

The Internet. Supposedly it is the Holy Grail for information seekers. There has never been a doubt about whether the Internet has the information there is, however, a question of "where is it?!?"

Let's start with possibly the easiest searching tool to use. It's called Yahoo! It's easy to use because of the "tree" functions it has. What that means is that you approach it from the base, and climb up, always being able to get back to the last branch. For example, enter the address www.yahoo.com.

This is possible by clicking on File, dropping down to Open Location, or by holding down the control and L keys at the same time. It is also possible to click on the Net Search button in Netscape, and then click on the link to Yahoo!

Next, you want the information. Choose the appropriate link depending on what you want to look for. For example, click on the "Reference" link. This will bring up a whole new listing. There will be a line about half way down your screen. Above this line will be a space for you to type in a word and let Yahoo! search for you. Ignore it, and move below the line. This gives you many of the areas you may want to look in for reference. Click on the "Calendars" link. You will find lots of Calendar variations and the ability to seek out conversions from one calendar system to another.

That's fine and well, but how about academic? Sometimes, you just want to quickly get in and find what you're looking for. There is one search engine I would recommend above others, and that is AltaVista. I recommend this for two reasons, the first being the speed of the service, and the second being the number of web pages cataloged. To get to AltaVista, enter www.altavista.com in the long rectangle box, as you would above for Yahoo!, or hold control and L key and enter the address there. Click on the "Advanced Search" option. A normal search isn't that bad, but more often than not, you won't get what you want.

Let's take fog for an example. On the Selection criteria box, enter "fog" and weather. Without the quotations. In the results rankings box, enter "weather". Try playing around with variations of these. For example, leave the results rankings box empty. It will give you an entirely different listing than if you had put weather in there. As always, click on the "Back" button to return to the previous location to alter the informaion or to go back to a previous listing.

If you missed the opportunity to go to Israel, there is a site on the Internet at www.virtual.co.il that allows you to send prayers that are received and brought and placed within the Western Wall. This is a free service and it's quite nice.

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Fine Arts Showcase

The abstract world of Erica Christian

by Walter Jones

Walking through the classroom tunnel on the way to the union, it is nearly impossible not to notice the many beautiful paintings, drawings, and photographs that line the hall. This "hall of pictures" is home to many artists, including Erica Christian. Her work in many mediums, including drawing, sculpture, ceramics, print making, painting, and photography have earned her a place among the most respected art students.

"I've always had a love for art," says Christian, who grew up surrounded by the arts. She began playing piano early in childhood, and has been singing in choirs much of her life.

As a freshman at Concordia, Christian enrolled in a fundamentals of art course. It was there that she grew as an artist and expanded her creative and aesthetic tools. Working along side Concordia's Win Bruhl and Keith Williams, Christian found new avenues of creative energy and personal expression. She has also been influenced by the timeless work of such renowned artists as Dorthea Lang and Georgia O'Keefe.

While some artists may create life-like renderings of their surroundings, Christian prefers to create figurative abstractions and to express life from viewpoints other than her own. Much of the inspiration for Christian's art comes from her work with special needs children. She uses their differing view of the world to create unique perspectives, centering on them. Although much of Christian's art has religious meaning, it explores it in a more subtle manner, often weaving secular themes with symbolic meanings.

Looking at her photography work, one sees that she has a style all her own. This style is reflective of her desire to express life from a variety of perspectives. While her photographs are only in contrasting black and white, one can feel a sense of inner warmth emanating from them. Her print making projects have a graceful continuity to them that one could only describe as resembling flowing in a mountain stream. Their subtle color highlights seem to bring a sense of deeper meaning and significance.

Along with her exceptional work in the visual arts, Christian has also been an invaluable member of The King's Players, Jubilate and Christus Chorus. She has also taken roles in Concordia's productions of Guys and Dolls and Oklahoma.

In the future, Christian hopes to work as an elementary or secondary art teacher and to continue her printmaking and photography work. She also has hopes to travel to the orient to study the artistic styles of Japan, Korea, and China. Be sure to catch her latest work in the Student Showcase this spring.

Good enough for two names

by Elizabeth Rossi

Some of you may have been confused that there were two shows going on in the E.M. Pearson theater at the same time, one called Almirante, and the other known as the Columbus Project. Well, surprise! They are one and the same.

The Columbus Project is a work-in-progress, written and directed by Mark Sather, Tim Kuehl, Doogie Neel, and Carrie Donnelly. Rosenminkle's eloquent and rich dialogue and moving, melodious music bring to life characters that are more human than many of those one might find in real life. Anyone who has ever loved or dreamed should see this exquisite performance.

Almirante is a powerful story told by a remarkable director and cast, including Bill Sather, Tim Kuehl, Doogie Neel, and Carrie Donnelly. Rosenminkle's eloquent and rich dialogue and moving, melodious music bring to life characters that are more human than many of those one might find in real life. Anyone who has ever loved or dreamed should see this exquisite performance.

The Columbus Project is playing January 24 through the 26 in the E.M. Pearson theater. It is highly recommended, the possibility of seeing a Broadway show in the woods is just too tempting to pass up, isn't it?"
Reggae Cowboys “Tell the Truth”

by Matt Weiss

At this point you might be thinking the same thing I did when I heard the name “Reggae Cowboys”: What a joke. However, as I reluctantly put this disc, titled “Tell the Truth,” into my CD player, I quickly changed my mind. What I heard is some of the smoothest reggae fusion that I’ve ever heard. The “cowboys” originally hail from Jamaica, Antigua, and Dominica, but have most recently settled in Toronto, Canada.

The music is a mixture of reggae, country western, and rock. If you like any of these three styles of music or any combination of the three, you will be sure to enjoy this CD.

So where does the cowboy part come in? These guys are all about telling the true story of how black cowboys played an important role in the settlement of the West. Bird Belmore, the group’s producer, lead guitarist, and lead vocals, gives the statistic that “(O)ne in seven cowboys was Afro-American.” Consequently, their songs paint rustic pictures of modern day cowboys reminiscent of a Caribbean John Wayne.

Before you write the “Reggae Cowboys” off, give them a listen and you won’t be disappointed. You don’t have to be a hardcore reggae fan to have their sweet mixture of reggae backed up with a country guitar get you in the groove. If you are looking for some music to chill the heck out to, look no further, the “Reggae Cowboys” have all that you need. Check it out on the ridin’ trail nearest you.

Keeping the dream alive

All dressed up and ready to go-- Concordia students Michelle Pitts and Nichyla Copghell, clad in traditional apparel, served as volunteers at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on Monday.

Faculty Faces—
Dr. Marilyn Reineck and Professor Eleanor Heginbotham join the mass of almost 3,000 people in the stands of the Gangelhoff Center during the city-wide MLK observance program.

Standing proudly in honor of Dr. King—
Concordia students Nguso Kida, Jarvis Archibald, Travele Haynes and Kenneth Turner take a break from the crowds to pause for a picture during the festivities on Monday to promote peace and community involvement.

Singing praise to the Lord---
Members of The Living Word Choir, directed by David Johnstad, perform with energy as the many exuberant marchers arrive.
Senate: a work in constant progress

by Lucas Woodford
Student Senate President

Senate has been diligently at work with issues concerning the College. Some of those issues are the disciplinary policy, the smoking policy, the alcohol policy, facilities usage, and capital expenditures just to name a few. The Student Senate is currently also working on a resolution that will aim at improving the library and the computer lab greatly. Surveys concerning facilities usage will be coming out soon, so keep your eyes peeled for those. We want as much input from you as possible.

I have been meeting weekly with President Hoist and his Cabinet to discuss issues that concern the College as a whole. One issue is the name change of Concordia College to Concordia University. The Board of Regents meets at the end of the month and they make the ultimate decision, but we want everybody to have a chance to say how they feel about it so watch for name change surveys as well.

Capital Expenditure items which we have been looking at are adding new computers, printer, scanner, and cabling to a student only computer lab; adding a sprinkler system to the new field across from the LMC; purchasing an additional computer for the campus ministry center. We also want the ideas of all of you in the student body. Please, if you have an idea that you want Senate to look at for Capital Expenditures, give us a call at 641-8269. The amount we are dealing with for capital expenditures is $9,400, but that number could be increased if we receive the $5,000 that was taken from our budget this year by the school. The possibility of this looks good, so we will let you know how the progress is going on that issue as well.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding Student Senate, please give us a call!!

Yours in Christ,

Lucas Woodford

But alas, there was no room for them in the Inn—- A standing room only crowd listens to Concordia's very own musical group Crosseyed perform in the Union. The group will return for another concert February 5 along with The Loyal Yoke Fellows, The Alarm Clock Beaters, Buck and The Dave Burkart Band. Tickets for "Rock Fest '97" are $1 for Concordia students and $2 for all others. Doors open at 7:20 p.m.

All crossed up!---
Lead vocalist Joel Pakan, along with Kirk Schippler on drums and Stan Thompson on guitar perform to a Union crown earlier this month. Not pictured, but new to the group, is bass player Bill Sather. The group is continuing to work on its first album which will feature a mixture of original works and covers.

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**Editorials**

**Wake up Minnesota!**

The stadium proposal makes sense

by Chris Thompson

Well, it is that time of the year again. All the sports sections are beginning to publish spring training information as the baseball season approaches. Pitchers and catchers report in a few weeks, with the rest of the players arriving two weeks later. With all the excitement this brings, I have been very disappointed by the lack of logic shown by Minnesotans who seem ready to give the Twins away to another state.

I’m talking about the lack of support Minnesotans are giving toward the new stadium proposal of Twins owner Carl Pohlad. The proposed $350 million park would be partially financed by the public, with Pohlad picking up the bill for the other 45% of the stadium’s costs. A recent poll confirmed that the public is unwilling to accept his offer, which is especially disturbing to me given the surplus present in this year’s state budget which could be used for the project. Now I confess an obvious bias in favor of the proposal, but I would like to attempt to present a critical analysis of the various concerns being raised about the proposal.

First, let me address the people who feel we should be happy with the Metrodome, which is only about 15 years old. I have two words for you. Football stadium! The Dome was primarily designed for football, as Minnesota’s winters made playing outside a miserable experience for many. Trying to squeeze a baseball diamond into the playing field has worked, but with many problems. Among these are poor sight lines (all seats face the 50-yard line, not the pitcher’s mound which is ideal for baseball), lack of quality seating (only 6,000 “quality” seats available for season ticket holders), and lack of revenue sources from suites, advertising and parking.

The Dome itself is a drawback too. Though it’s a nice feature to have when it rains, many people want to enjoy baseball outside when the weather is nice. The new proposal will allow for both a retractable Dome. This gives the fans the opportunity to enjoy outdoor baseball and still avoid the weather if necessary. The new stadium would be designed specifically for baseball and would have more baseball-friendly seating arrangements. It would also have more entertainment venues within it, much like Camden Yards in Baltimore or Coors Field in Denver.

Next, let me address those who feel we should just let the Twins move after the 1998 season. These are the same people who paid little regard to the threats of the North Stars moving, and look where that got us; we’re scraping for a hockey team now. Why are we trying so hard to get a team back? The answer is simple! Major league sports teams add to the appeal of a city. They attract families, businesses and tourists, all of whom pump valuable dollars into the local economy, providing jobs and a higher standard of living for local citizens. They also help to give young people who might otherwise end up out on the streets another option by promoting academics and athletics. Players like former Twin Kirby Puckett and Jack Aguilera take their message one step further by showing students and young people how important God is in their lives as well.

The Twins have won two World Championships in the past decade and have one of the classiest organizations in the pros. They contribute a great deal of time, effort, talent and money to local causes. They also build pride amongst Minnesotans. I point to the Green Bay Packers to make this argument. They are one of only a few publicly owned teams in pro sports. The concept of public ownership is frowned upon in all the major sports leagues because it makes the teams act honestly, as all documents become public. Consequently, as is the case with the Packers, the public is better able to believe in the team and support the team.

So why should we keep the Twins? Simply put, they help make the Twin Cities a better place to live. Losing them would be a blow to the people and to the economy.

Finally, I’d like to address those who feel public money could be better spent elsewhere. I have one thing to say to you. You’re right; however, there’s an old saying in the business world that applies to this situation as well: “You’ve got to spend money to make money.” If you look at the numbers, not spending the money will cost more in lost taxes and jobs than spending the money.

Think of this way: at the 8% state income tax level, taxes on player salaries alone over the 30 year guaranteed lease period will cover at least 50% of what we invest up front. Then there are the other variables such as the number of jobs that will be created and maintained by keeping the team in Minnesota. As someone who worked at the Metrodome, I can personally attest that most of the people employed as ushers, vendors, and concessions workers depend upon the teams to make ends meet. Without it many would end up needing money from government programs such as welfare and food stamps, which comes out of our pockets anyway, so again this is a savings.

In addition, if the park is built in a fairly undeveloped area of town as they have discussed, it could mean an economic boom for that section of the city, much the same as the Warehouse District boom after Target Center was built. On, then of course there are the profits, another category of concerns. One of the purposes of the new park is to increase revenues so the team makes a profit. Well, by giving the state 49% ownership in the club as he has offered, Pohlad will also give the state 49% of the club’s operating profits. This too will help reimburse the money used for the stadium. Should the club not report a profit, however, Pohlad’s offer states that he will swallow the entire loss, costing the tax payers nothing.

One more point I would like to add is this: the Horns Greens and Art Models of the world are, unfortunately, far too common. They will take the money and run with a club. Carl Pohlad has taken the opposite stance. Rather than demand that the city foot the bill exclusively for a stadium, he has contributed $82.5 million from his own pocket for this project.

That’s a pretty major contribution, even if the guy is rich! He also is relinquishing 49% ownership of the club to the public in Minnesota, which will make it very difficult for anyone ever to buy the Twins and move them elsewhere. He’s made tremendous efforts to make this work. Let’s wish up and meet him halfway!

**Thy strong word: the offense of the Gospel**

by Marcel Kohlmeier

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’” (Romans 1:16-17)

Dear friends, we have often heard it said, “There are two things that you are never supposed to talk about, politics and religion.” Why are we not supposed to talk about politics or religion? The answer is: you might offend somebody, especially when it comes down to religion.

Some will say, “Everything is relative. It doesn’t matter what you believe because we’re all going to the same place, six feet under.” While others might even say, “Who are you to say that your way is the only right way to get to heaven? I’m a good person and I do a lot of good things for the poor, the elderly, orphans, etc. You believe your way and I’ll believe mine.” These are just a few examples of what Christians will have to face while sharing the gospel.

The offense of this is that no one wants to be told that they are inherently evil and that there is no way that they can get to heaven apart from faith in Jesus Christ. This is a result of sinful human pride. This is taken to an extreme when people say there is no God and that this is all there is, so eat, drink, and be merry. But God said through His servant David, “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good.” (Psalm 53:1)

The good news is that we are saved through faith, not by works. This is very comforting because I know that if it were up to me to get to heaven I would be condemned for all eternity in hell because I could not and cannot keep the Law perfectly. But God sent His Son to come and die on the cross for everyone’s sins.

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15). If this is offensive, then so be it. God wants us to tell others about the good news regardless of whether they get offended because if they don’t hear the good news, they will surely perish.

If we do share the good news, then the Holy Spirit can and will produce faith in that person through the Word. In a day and age when we are sold not to tell someone about Christ because He is too offensive, we must say no! We must “condemn the faith that was once for all established to the saints.” (Jude 3b)"
Letters to the Editor

A special thank you

To the editor—

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to a very special person on this campus. I do not know where he lives, how old he is, or even his last name. However, I do know that he has a true heart of gold, one that has taught me what it means to really “Love your neighbor as yourself,” as we are all taught to do in this school, or should be taught, since we hold the Bible as true and sacred.

Some of you may remember this person from the student union snackbar. If you ever ordered from there before this year, this person was probably the one who sheriffed your name out after preparing your meal to tell you it was ready. Now this person has a new position here at Concordia. He has traded in his white apron for a blue maintenance uniform. You perhaps have seen this person at the Gangelhoff or in the administration building, making sure that this campus of ours is clean and beautiful.

This person's name is Mark. I would like to share a story with you about why I think Mark is one of the best people I know. First, I have to give you some background.

I work at the Sheraton across Interstate 94. When I was hired on the 3pm-11pm shift, excited about my new job, I called home to inform my father. He was happy for me, and also thankful. You see, up until then, we were worried about how my tuition would be paid this year. I had taken out every loan available, and I knew that

by Andy Potsko

Daisies and Doggy Diamonds, that's what's in the Pot this week. Have you ever gone to a house where they seem to have created their own language? Recently I stayed with one nice family during Christmas break and they put me up in their bunks. When I was asked if I ever "ruch" in my sleep, I replied cautiously, wondering what the heck a "ruch" is. It was from their family heritage, a word that simply means to toss and turn in your sleep. Okay, I never knew that one. So this led me to search out through my vast family heritage the surreptitious means through which we communicated. That's where I came up with Daisies and Doggy Diamonds.

What's in Potsko's Pot?

Picking Daisies all started a very long time ago when Granny and Pap Pap (my grandparents) went Sunday driving before the days of rest stops and port-a-pots. She'd often go for hours without having to "go" until she couldn't Ian any longer. She asked Pap Pap to stop the car so she could "pick some daisies" along the interstate (to this day I don't know if Pap Pap ever understood). Then she would take a basket and walk out into a flower-filled field with the bullwhack making her long dress. Ladylike and all she returned to the car with daisies and drove away. Though I never could figure out how Pap Pap held it in. Maybe that's why Mom said he was always full of...

Doggy Diamonds. That's the next one.

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What's in Potsko's Pot?
Why the Packers will lose

by Jon Krueger

O.K. Packers fans, it's time to face the harsh reality of the cold, hard facts. The Pack will choke. I'm not putting my life savings on it, but it can and will happen. And I will tell you why. Be sure to pay close attention, because part of it is your fault.

1. Shaky Coaching

So you say that Holmgren is a genius, that he has constructed a well-oiled machine. I admit he has built an excellent football team. But if he can't keep his poise, his team will surrender. Not to a better football team, but to a team with a better leader. A man by the name of Bill Parcells.

Yes, he is a better leader, and the statistics prove it. 2-0 in the Super Bowl (that means undefeated). But I'm not a big fan of this type of statistic. Who cares? The simple fact is that Parcells has not been accused of being tense by his own players a week before the Super Bowl. Holmgren has.

The Players even had a representative talk to Big Mike to settle him down, and he apologized the next day. Wow! If he was tense then, wait until Showtime when he is in the spotlight of the whole world. That could get ugly.

2. The Artificial Turf Dome Stadium Factor

Do any of you Cheeseheads remember an embarrassing loss to the Minnesota Vikings (of all teams) at the beginning of the season? I do.

Those pesky Vikings. "Wait until Lambeau, wait until Lambeau." That's all we heard from you guys. Your familiar weather conditions and your familiar fans were at Lambeau when the Vikings showed up to play in December, and you won the game. Sorry to break it to you, but you can't take Lambeau Field to New Orleans, it simply can't be done. Artificial turf. Normal temperatures. The cold, hard facts. But you're used to the cold, aren't you, Packers fans?

3. Curtis Martin and Ben Coates

Curtis Martin has proven this season that he is a legitimate NFL runningback. He has been consistent thus far in the playoffs. Martin will rush for 90 plus yards and score two touchdowns, most likely both coming in the second half to provide the rails in the Packer's coffin.

"But what about Levens and Bennett," you ask? First of all, Dooney Levens is a joke. He's "never will be" who had a few good games, which is very common in the NFL. And that's all I'm going to say about him, I refuse to waste the ink.

As for Edgar Bennett, it is true he has also made a name for himself this year in the NFL. Unfortunately, that name is "Best Cold Weather Back." The temperature will be about 68 degrees on Sunday. Not cold. Hard facts.

It is true, Ben Coates hasn't been very effective lately as a receiver from the tight-end position for the Patriots. Count on that to change on Sunday. The Packers just aren't used to defending someone like Coates. No one in the NFC Central effectively passes to their tight-ends anymore. The Pats do. Look for Coates to have a big day, and maybe even score a touchdown or two.

4. Brett Favre will be rattled, by himself

My guess is that, just after he throws his first interception on the Packer's first or second drive early in the first quarter, he will realize that he has wet the bed. "I shouldn't have shaved it off," he will say to Holmgren (who won't even hear it). Your 4th grader will know a lot about athletes, you know that they can be very superstitious.

If you've noticed like I have, Favre has never been more rattled. If you've noticed like I have, Favre has shared his goatse in the past week. He must think he doesn't need it to keep warm anymore since they will be playing indoors. Big mistake, Brett!

Another thing about Favre. Did I mention that he is unbeaten when the temperature dips anywhere below freezing? That's all he's been doing this year. Another reason why we are going to win.

"But what about the Packers on the front page of this publication? No offense, Ms. Kunze, but why do you people treat this Super Bowl appearance as if it is comparable to the second coming of our Lord?"

Let me explain. There is a Cheesehead at this school (who shall remain nameless) who has a piece of paper hanging on his wall, and it goes something like this:

"Our Favre, who art in Lambeau, hallowed be thine arm..." and so on. I refuse to print the rest of this idiotic passage, once again due to the "waste of ink" issue.

I'm sure you are all good people, but as soon as someone mentions the Pack, your brains suddenly become clogged with cheese curds and malted hops, and you begin to hallucinate. Cold, hard facts.

Writers Note: If the Packers win, may God help us all. Also, I am sure that this article will be handled by junior Brian Hermann and Todd Zuelzke, and senior captain Scott Boettcher. That could get ugly.

5. Those Wonderful Cheesehead Fans

Having lived my entire life here in Minnesota, I am prepared to suggest that we redneck all those lowbrow jokes you hear everyday towards the Cheeseheads. For example, "Why do the Packers play on real grass as opposed to artificial turf? That's easy, it's so their cheerleaders don't go bankrupt." The 4th graders will love it.

Enough about the cheerleaders, less get back to the facts. Have you read the article about the Packers on the front page of this publication? No offense, Ms. Kunze, but why do you people treat this Super Bowl appearance as if it is comparable to the second coming of our Lord?

Streitz is optimistic about rejoining the UMAC, as well as for the season in general. The Comets will face the toughest schedule in Concordia's history. Says Streitz, "It's our hope that we will be able to compete on a conference championship and a higher finish at the playoffs."

The Comets face many challenges in 1997. A roster that once featured 22 players has now dropped to 16. "We'll have to be an iron man team," said Streitz. "At least 11 of the 16 will pitch," added Streitz. Though the roster is smaller, it's important to understand that this team has sizeable talent, easily comparable to recent seasons. This team is simply carrying around less baggage than in previous years. Look for the Comets to come out strong and dominate the UMAC in reacquiring the title that was abandoned in 1995.
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Comet Hoops: Searching for a much needed “W” at the CIT in River Forest

by Jon Krueger

It has been a tough couple of weeks for our Concordia Men’s Basketball team, there’s no doubt about it. Since Christmas break, which the Comet’s spent in sunny Hawaii, they have shown up to play on three different occasions, resulting in a loss in all three contests.

The team enjoyed their days on the sandy white beaches of everyone’s favorite. However, the losses, both in Hawaii and back here in the frozen tundra, have been less than rewarding.

The Comets continue to struggle with little mistakes on the court that make a big difference on the scoreboard. Things like turnovers and low numbers of rebounds have haunted this team since day one. The coach knows it. The players know it. Heck, I’m not the brightest bulb in the batch, and I know it.

But as the old saying goes, knowing is half the battle. On January 11 at the Target Center versus Northwestern, the Comets played tough for much of the game, but that well-known villain that starts with a “T” and ends with an “over” defeated the Comets and Northwestern came away with the win. Concordia is the better team.

How can I say Concordia was the better team? Because week in and week out, the Comets have been losing to teams like Northwestern, and then on last Saturday they walk in to Winona State, a team that would do major damage to Northwestern, and they lead for much of the game. We just can’t put the nails in the coffin.

The little things that have plagued this team all season are no longer little. They have become huge. At home against St. Scholastica on January 15, the Comets once again fell short. The Comets shot extremely well from the floor, but a 22-8 turnover ratio combined with being out-rebounded on the offensive glass 21-8 brought the Comets another loss.

It’s all a big puzzle, and right now the Comets cannot find the pieces.

Will the 46th annual Concordia Invitational Tournament be a success for the Comets? They have been looking forward to this on for a long time. It is a favorite for the players and fans alike.

This weekend in Chicago, look for the Comets to begin piecing their season back together.

The talent is there, and the door is open as the Comets will face a subpar Concordia-Mequon squad in the first round on Friday.

Seward is once again the tournament favorite, with a track record of winning the last ten of eleven CITs.

The Comets will attempt to gain some respect and instill some fear in the rival Concordia schools as we prepare to host the tournament on our turf next year.

Son of CSP alumnus wins Heisman trophy and National Championship

by Chris Thompson

Danny Wuerffel, son of Concordia alumnus Jon and Lola Wuerffel, was awarded the 1996 Heisman Trophy as outstanding NCAA football player of the year. Wuerffel played quarterback for the Florida Gators and led his team to the National Championship. Yet, with all his success, Wuerffel has continued to keep Christ as the central part of his life. Concordia is proud to be associated with such an outstanding family and congratulates Danny on his outstanding achievements.

Top ten things that are worse than snow

by Aaron Erkkinen and Tim Brasher

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Sports

Athlete of the month

Naomi Stohlmann anchors a young Lady-Comet squad

by Mary Stohlmann

The Comet Club has definitely had their ups and downs so far this season. With all the injuries, sicknesses, and tribulations, the Comets are still shooting. Commanding the team effort is Women's Basketball Captain Naomi Stohlmann. She courageously again and again leads her troops to the battlefield, the basketball court. Few times have they come out with the victory. However, the Comet Hoops always come back as a team.

Captain Naomi Stohlmann is a fighter. A senior, Naomi is majoring in Physical Education for grades K-12. The oldest of five children, Naomi certainly knows how to lead. Having experienced many obstacles in her life, including both ankle and knee surgery, "Stohlie will overcome adversity." This is a way of life for Naomi.

Naomi is very driven and dedicated. She loves basketball and practices hard in the off-season. She not only "takes charge" as captain of the b-ball team, Stohlmann also plays outfield in softball in the spring. In the fall, you can see her at the Ganglehoff Center giving numerous taping jobs to football players and the like. What about the summer, you might ask? Well, this summer Naomi is taking summer school; her current goal is to graduate. In past summers she has assisted in her fair share of basketball camps. Naomi has also had the exciting experience of being a camp counselor and she stills stays in touch with her campers.

Through it all, Naomi Stohlmann will continue to work hard and play hard "until the fat lady sings." ♦

Indoor track season underway

by Kari Breitkreutz

The indoor season is looking good for the Comet track teams. The teams are led by returners Jonathan Breibath, who runs the mile, and sprinters Brady Breier and Jersey Fehrman. The women's track team is led by Jen Hoberg, a long-jump track star. Both teams are young and made up of some promising athletes. The first Comet track meet is on Friday the 24th. Come and show your support for Concordia's outstanding tracksters! The Comets this year also have two outstanding managers: Christian Matzer and Erin Lentz who assist coach Schmit and his athletes. ♦

Around the horn

Inside the Concordia Sports Program

Softball

• The Women's Softball team will leave on March 23 to play in a tournament in Ft. Myers, FL.
• During the season, the women will play in the following tournaments: University on Northern Iowa, UW Stevens's Point, and the Comet Classic; of which they are defending champs. The Comets will also host the NAA sub-regional game on May 4th.

Baseball

• Coach Mike Streitz is anticipating the arrival of Corridino Rosato, a probable transfer from Ohio State. He will likely start at shortstop to round out a solid infield for the Comets. Rosato is expected to join the team for the regular season at the beginning of spring quarter.

Football

• The Concordia Football Program has hosted over 80 prospective student athletes so far this year.
• 30 of the 60 Football players on the team posted a 3.0 or better GPA for the 1996 fall quarter.

Intramurals

• The 5 on 5 Basketball season is winding down, and playoffs will begin on February 9th.
• A Racquetball ladder began on January 26th, and will continue indefinitely. Another ladder is planned for later in the year.
• Co-ed Floor Hockey registration is scheduled to begin on January 24th, with the deadline to submit a roster on February 9th. This is the first year that floor hockey has ever been offered as an intramural sport at Concordia. Each team will consist of seven players on the floor at a time, with two teams playing against each other. A mixer will consist of about 12 players, ideally. The kick-off date is scheduled for February 11th.
• Looking down the road, Co-ed Volleyball registration is planned for March 10th. Co-ed Softball will also be offered in the spring.

Basketball Schedules

Comets

January 24-25
Concordia Invitational Tournament
River Forest, IL
Friday: vs. Concordia Mequon 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: vs. Concordia Seward or Concordia River Forest TBA
January 29
at Viterbo 7:30 p.m.
February 4
home vs. Northwestern 7:00 p.m.
February 8
home vs. Northland 7:00 p.m.
February 12
home vs. Mt. Senario 7:00 p.m.
February 15
home vs. Martin Luther 7:00 p.m.
February 21
at Northland 7:30 p.m.
February 22
at St. Scholastica 5:00 p.m.

Lady Comets

January 24-25
Concordia Invitational Tournament
River Forest, IL
Friday: vs. Concordia Seward 1:00 p.m.
Saturday: vs. Concordia Mequon or Concordia River Forest TBA
February 3
home vs. St. Catherine 7:00 p.m.
February 4
home vs. Northwestern 5:00 p.m.
February 5
at UW River Falls 7:00 p.m.
February 15
home vs. Northland 2:00 p.m.
February 20
home vs. Martin Luther 7:00 p.m.
February 22
at St. Scholastica 1:00 p.m.

Indoor Track

Home Meets:
January 24
February 8
February 14
A message from the President

I write these words in Puerto Ordaz, Bolivar, Venezuela. Two weeks ago, I had not heard of this city. Having taught a three week class here, I now know that the city is larger than any in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North or South Dakota. The carefully planned modern city bustles with international business and commerce, much of it to and from the USA. Ocean vessels come up the Orinoco River to load some of the world's finest iron ore, bauxite, oil and coal. Industry thrives because the world's second largest dam and hydroelectric plant span the Orinoco River—a river almost as mighty as the Mississippi.

What might all this mean for us at Concordia College, St. Paul? As part of the answer, the experience here and in other places in Venezuela reinforced my impression of the importance of education with a global perspective. Far from CSP, I saw people from around the world work and communicate in Venezuela by telephone, FAX, Internet and e-mail. Business leaders as well as church workers blended informed acumen with technology and an understanding of human dynamics to make things happen. Through it all, a hunger for values and meaning in life also seemed evident.

I hope that these words indicate that I gained more than a tan in Venezuela. I learned again how complex and interrelated is the world we live in. From the perspective of a Venezuelan pilgrim, a good liberal arts education in the Gospel context seems not only helpful, but necessary. May God bless you in your efforts.

President Bob Hoist

Good Luck Comets!

Student Classifieds

The Sword is creating a new section for you the students called "Student Classifieds." For $1 per line, you can place an ad to sell books, computers, or whatever you may have to sell. Also, place an ad if you need that certain book or need to find a ride home for break. It's cheap and it works! Call The Sword office for more details. 641-8771.

Valentine's Lines!

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