HECUA students to trot the globe

by Christiana Maier

You could tell that they were excited...not to mention a little tired with all of the mundane paper work, regular school work, lack of sleep, and their financial worries. Hmm...sound familiar? Actually, these two students are going a bit further than the rest of us. Monica Martens and Jamie Bennett have both been accepted into the HECUA program. Both will study off campus while finding their position in our world as students and fellow workers in society. However, that is where the similarities cease.

Jamie Bennett has been involved with her studying off campus since February and Monica Martens won't be leaving until August of 1998. Bennett has found her ideal schooling within the "City Arts" program. Within this, Bennett is involved with numerous hands-on productions and the viewing and analysis of various works by diverse artists within the theatre, art, and literature curriculums. Right now she is immersed in dealing with a production titled "Radio Mambo" as her internship.

Bennett also openly states that this "theatre is ethnecentric and very dedicated to breaking down stereotypes. It is very commited and the ticket prices are low so everybody can afford to see the productions. So that's pretty cool!" Although she mentioned that a lot of people may see HECUA as an easy route for a college career, it's a lot of hard work, and if you're dedicated, you'll be fine.

Among the various projects, Bennett has also taken a separate study that calls for her to design/study/research through experiential learning...and in the end, a 20-page paper that tells the entire story of her work. And if that's not enough, she also said that there were daily readings and meetings with the people who have succeeded in this career. With a bright smile and enthusiasm...

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Piecing the laptop puzzle together

by Michelle Wolfram

Last year and last semester administrators held forums to discuss Concordia's becoming a laptop campus. The committees created after these forums last year are persistent-ly working to make sure CSP students can get the best deal possible when it comes to acquiring knowledge in the field of technology. Bringing laptops to Concordia is, as many have discover-ed, no small task. However, the task appears to be in the capable hands of faculty and student representatives.

Freshman Sarah Furbeck, a member of one of the committees, expressed her optimism about the laptop proceedings. "Well the committee talk a lot through e-mail," she said. When questioned further about the committee meetings, she said they have met several times in person, too. Furbeck stated that one goal is for the laptop to be used in most, if not all, classes. Among many others, Dr. Alan Winegarden, Communications professor has already introduced students to Power Point, one feature that will be included with the laptop package.

So what exactly will students will receive next fall? According to Dr. LaMott, the new laptop package will have Netscape, Eudora, Windows 95, and Microsoft Office Pro 97 (which contains Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Power Point). Insurance will be covered by Concordia University, so students will not be required to get their own insurance for the laptops. There will be at least four or five printers set up around campus; one will probably be located at switch-board. Students will be able to put any additional software they want on the laptop, however, CSP will only

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Steve Arnold stays, CSP rejoices

by Stephanie Gruhn

"Steve Arnold has a call!" We heard this phrase echoed through the halls of CSP during most of the month of February. Those words brought fear to the hearts of those who know him. Those who never met Steve Arnold probably do not realize what his leaving us might have meant.

They don't know the significance of his presence on our campus.

Steve Arnold's position is Coordinator of the Director of Christian Education program. That is a mouthful, but what it means is that he advises students in the program, teaches professional courses, supervises one-year national and international internships (which usually fall between a student's junior and senior year), and helps students to create individualized learning plans (reaching goals, developing gifts) as they prepare to be rostered, certified, professional church workers.

Steve Arnold came to our community in April of 1986. He has been serving us all for the last 12 years, and thankfully, for years to come. He came to us from a seven-year stint as CCE in Phoenix, Arizona. Before that he spent nine years in Detroit at two different congregations and Lutheran High West. He is a graduate of Concordia, Seward, but we will forgive him for that fact.

When asked what he likes best about his job, Steve said, "I have to say the students. That is it." Particularly, he loves the visits he does with DCE interns. He enjoys the chance for one-on-one tutorial sessions that it gives him. His love for students was one of the major reasons that he turned down his call.

Professor Arnold's call was to work as Director of Adult Ministries and Leadership Development for the Synod. This position comes under the Board for Congregational Services of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. There are five major responsibilities to this position: to raise the level of adult education in Synod, develop DCE ministry in synod, coordinate outdoor ministry, train leaders for congregations and districts, and support the development...
World population film festival announces fourth year schedule

Sopris Foundation, Searchlight Films, and Population Communication International announce the Fourth Annual World Population Film/Video Festival. Festival Director, filmmaker Rawn Fulton, has issued a Call for Entries for the 1998 competition. The Festival is an international competition for college and secondary students to encourage critical thought and self-expression regarding population growth, resource consumption, the environment, and our common global future. "The aim of the Festival," states Fulton, "is to stimulate students to think about where we are headed and what we can do about it."

Festival '97 had over 140 entries from students in the United States, Germany, Canada, India, Malaysia, and England. This year, the Festival is again offering $10,000 in prize money and a chance at national exposure. Students are free to use any cinematic form—drama, animation, image montage, documentary, etc.—and their pieces can be any length. Entries must be postmarked by June 15, 1998. They will be judged by a distinguished panel of environmentalists, population experts, humanists filmmakers, and broadcast executives. Winners will be announced on Over 15, 1998.

"I started this foundation because every time I went to meetings about population I was talking with and listening to people my age and older," recounts Festival co-founder and population/environmental activist John McBride of the Sopris Foundation. "It was unfortunate that kids were not part of the dialogue."

Festival Director Rawn Fulton is available to speak and show winning selections, as well as some of his own compelling work on the population-environment connection. For a copy of the video, entry forms, a resource guide, and more information, contact:

World Population Film/Video Festival
46 Fox Hill Road, Bernardston, MA 01337
TL 800-638-9464 * FX 413-648-9204 * eM info@wpfvf.com * http://www.wpfvf.com

Science carnival provides fun

by Katie Olfinger

From siphoning to inertia to the concept of capillary action, some of the future elementary education teachers of Concordia University brought some experimental fun to the attention of local third- through fifth-graders.

On February 20, the Teaching of Science class held a winter science carnival in the LMC. This was an event for grade schoolers, but was also open to all Concordians. Each student was responsible for one booth where s/he let kids guess or try out the experiment. This carnival project determined the final grade and so was of great importance.

At noon, the doors opened to admit the little kiddies from Trinity First, King of Kings, Mount Hope/Redemption, Trinity East St. Paul, and Trinity Lone Oak— all eager to solve the mysteries, win the prizes, and maybe even learn a little. This was quite a good turnout, in fact, the carnival was so good that the local news even came out and did a segment on it.

"Overall," said junior Heidi Stehr, "it went really well. The kids had fun and it was a good experience for us to teach actual students the scientific concepts."

Siskel and Exert . . . Well, okay, I give it two thumbs up. Well done, keep it up, and God bless!

Tempting but fraudulent: scholarship searches that are "too good to be true"

by Audrey Hobbs, Financial Aid Office

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Third, not all scholarship searches that charge fees are scams. They will accept your payment and provide you with scholarship information. But why use these services as long as there are free scholarship searches available?

There is always a free way to find scholarships:

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Involvement is key for student voices

by Amy Foster

Here are the personal reflections of one student who attended the February 4 meeting with President Holst about the budget cuts.

After the President's presentation, the meeting was opened up to students. One point made clear to me was that communications between the school administration and the students need to be worked on and developed.

One of the first questions asked by a student, Stan Thompson, addressed the issue of knowing where student money is going. This question is representative of many concerns on campus. Thompson said, "There is an information gap between students and staff that will keep the university from moving forward." Other students on campus share this feeling. They want to be involved but are unaware that there are several ways for them to be involved and to know what is going on.

First, you need to want to know. If you don't want this, then, of course, you won't be informed. Second, look around. Check out the committees. Talk to people.

I spoke to Kay Madison, Executive Vice President, who told me that there are several opportunities for students to become involved in the school's administration. Madison said that there are spots open on committees for students to fill and to give input from their side. Task forces need students on them.

Student Senate is another way to become involved. You can speak to your representatives or run to be on Senate. If you are interested in becoming involved in any one of these various committees, contact Phil Tesch, Vice President of Student Affairs. He has the information on them and is willing to speak to you. He also recommended Lucas Woodford, President of Student Senate, and Matt Woodford, Vice President of Student Relations, as contacts. They meet often and welcome student input.

Finally, another way to become involved and to learn more is to go to a Cabinet meeting. Cabinet meetings are open to everyone, and if you attend, you are welcome to share comments, thoughts, and questions. These meetings generally take place every Monday in the President's office from 12:00 until 2:30. For exact schedule information, call Kay Madison.

Go to the convocations. Read the paper. These are time-consuming activities, but that is a sacrifice that accompanies involvement in anything. At the convocation on Wednesday, President Holst said that the school administrators will look into how they can more effectively spread information. He also said that students must be involved.

The bottom line? Get involved now so when something big happens (like a budget change), you won't be left wandering around, getting your information from rumors. In spite of their best intentions, the school may not be handing out all of the information or making its best attempt at informing you. This simply means it is up to you as a student to find out.

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ment of men's ministries in the church.

What else made him decide to stay? Arnold emphasized the fact that it was a choice between two excellent positions, that there were few negatives and lots of positives with each. He said he couldn't do without students. He loves serving students and learns from them as they learn from him. He also said that Concordia University is a cutting edge university, visionary, and is doing "deeply profound things in the church" and he is proud to be a part of that.

As he said, "I don't think we appreciate what we have." He also has a vision of where DCE ministry is going in the church, and sees exciting days to come. Being at Concordia gives him the chance to be a part of that.

Finally, what is the one thing that Steve Arnold would like more people on campus to know about him?

"That I care."

Congratulations to the 1998-1999

Max Knoell - President
Katie Ollinger - V.P. of Reps
Jason Wagner - V.P. of Relations
Caleb Booth - Treasurer
Melissa Bargfrede - Secretary

Congratulations to CSP for adopting the new constitution

Student Senate Executive Board

Attention CSP students!!!

The Sword will be hiring people for the positions of Editor, Technical Editor, and Business/Advertising Manager for the 1998-1999 academic year. The Sword is a publication run by students and is a great way to earn money and gain experience. If anyone is interested in being a part of next year's Sword Staff, please call the Sword office at x8771 and/or attend the next meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 5:15 p.m. in the dining hall. Anyone interested in a position next year will be able to work with this year's staff during the assembly of the final issue in May!
Spirit of India touches lives of three CSP students

by Lynn Adams

The “spirit of India” is what I read about and heard about from countless books and people months before I even started packing for this trip. I thought that I understood what they were talking about, but upon arriving here and witnessing first hand the people and places about which I read, I realized that I had no clue.

I came two months ago to a country completely different from my own, except for the fact that it is a democratic country. As a matter of fact, it is the largest democratic country in the world with a population of 960 million. That, however, cannot constitute much in terms of similarity, for everything from politics to eating habits is different in India.

Since arriving in India, I have experienced many new things, perhaps more than I can fully comprehend right now. I would like, however, to share with you some of the extraordinary things that have touched my life and my heart so far.

I am getting a broad perspective of not only the problems that many, especially the poor and underprivileged, face but also the programs that are trying to alleviate these problems. When I first arrived in India, the sight of poverty overwhelmed me. I soon realized that I could not compare the standards of living in America to the standards of living here. One major difference to take into account is that 40% of the people here, primarily in rural areas, are under the poverty line. That is, they earn less than 220 rupees a day, which is enough only to give them the daily caloric intake of a healthy diet.

The election resulted in a hung parliament and there was no absolute majority to form the government at the center. President K. R. Narayanan met with Bharatiya Janata Party’s prime ministerial candidate Atal Behari Vajpayee on March 12 to discuss the possibility of BJP forming the government since it is the largest party in Lok Sabha, House of People, and the largest pre-election alliance. Vajpayee was only able to submit documents to prove support of 240 Members of Parliament (MPs) which is 30 short of the absolute majority in Lok Sabha and less than the coalition between Congress (I) and United Front. This slightly opened the door for other trailing parties to form the central government but it did not mean that BJP is out.

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(The current exchange rate is 38.5 rupees to one U.S. dollar.) The number of those living in poverty is astounding and one can easily understand the problems that arise when the government tries to provide for so many people. All it can do is try.

And that is exactly what organizations around here are doing. With scarce resources and scarce helping hands, but plenty of love, they are eradicating poverty case by case. As Sydney Corine, the father of Professor Bruce Corrie, said, “It is not the places that you visit but the people who make it [India] memorable.”

That has certainly been true so far. It is the dedication of the people trying to help with the little that they have that is making the difference. For example, a priest with no training in care taking of children is now overseeing an orphanage for boys from broken families. He explains to us in detail the problems that arise from taking care of 40 boys on his own with limited resources. (He receives 100 rupees a month per child from the government.)

A sister who came all the way from Italy describes how a developmentally disabled child came to them not wanting to be touched and always lashing out at those who come near him. Now as she bends her face to his, he kisses her forehead, both cheeks and her chin.

A woman rummages through her box of possessions on her bed at the government owned settlement and proudly produces a Bible. She explains how she wants to help the poor and how Jesus is the only one that can get them through. “I have nothing to give,” she says, “but I can work with my hands.”

These are the people that will change India. As the elections draw near in India and parties fight over every last vote, a developmentally disabled child is feeding a younger child who is too weak to lift his head. Governments argue over borders and rights, but are they really serving the people? Are they helping the people they claim to serve? The problem is the same in the U.S., and, perhaps, everywhere.

We have seen a wide range of sights. Some have made my stomach turn, others have provoked tears, and still others made me realize the power of love and prayer. All the sights, however, make me feel more deeply in love with India and its people, people who do not give up. That is the true spirit of India.

Hung parliament in India, big implications for U.S.

by Pao V. Yang

As the world was turning to the UN weapon inspection and Iraq crises, more than 500 million people in the world's biggest democracy were busy with huge election rallies and polls. India had its 12 Lok Sabha election in late February after fifty years of independence. For the most part the election was conducted smoothly, but as the largest democratic country in the world with various extremist groups, you got to expect some troubles. There were dozens of bomb blasts, hundreds of reported booth capturing and rigging, and more than 60 people were found dead.

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Student teaching overseas: a valuable experience

by Anna Clayton

Throughout my stay in India I have been given the opportunity to student teach at two facilities, St. Therese's School (a traditional school) and Choice School (a westernized school).

On my first day at St. Therese's School, the teacher directed me to her 7th grade classroom. She walked in, said to the class "This is your new teacher," said to me "Okay. Go ahead and start," and walked out of the room! I was left with 66 students. I was quite shocked, as this scenario would never occur in the U.S. They do not have any curriculum or textbooks, only paper and a chalkboard. However, this turned into a very valuable experience for me.

Perhaps it is because of the power I felt from having complete control of the classroom. I especially enjoyed the enormous amount of respect I received from the students. They would stand when I entered the classroom, bow when I passed by them in the hallways, and end their conversations with me by saying "No Miss!" At the end of each class period they would stand and fold their hands while saying a thank you chant.

In addition to attending these classes, I have also visited several schools for children with special needs. These schools remain separate from the regular schools. Because of this, the directors of these facilities were quite interested in our concept of inclusive classrooms in America. The idea of mainstreaming, or even having a special education classroom in a regular school which has not yet been introduced in India.

For the most part, I have observed the Indian schools to be reflective of its society. As the country of India advances in its development, so does its educational system. My student teaching experience has been very positive, and I am grateful for the cross-cultural opportunity.
Concordia Speaks

The Myers-Briggs personality test is a test that rates individuals based on specific questions on the following personality traits: Introvert (I) vs. Extrovert (E), Sensing (S) vs. Intuition (N), Thinking (T) vs. Feeling (F), and Judging (J) vs. Perceptual (P). Among many other organizations, Concordia now administers this test to new students as well as faculty and staff. Due to the test's increasing popularity and influence, the following faculty/students were asked,

**HOW HAS KNOWING YOUR PERSONALITY TYPE AFFECTED YOU?**

by Angie Seifert

Amy Klein, XXXX (equal on all traits), Junior

I have taken the test several times; there is not a single trait I have been consistent in. My freshman year I was an ENFJ, but since then I have become schizophrenic. I have come up XNFJ, XXXJ, and ESFP. The result is, I'm unpredictable and have a hard time explaining myself to people. I guess there are two ways to look at it: I'm very balanced, or I'm a chameleon!

Kevin Foley, INFJ, Senior

It helped me to realize my personality. I found it interesting that my friends think I am definitely an extrovert, those who don't know me think I am an introvert. It helped me to know what my strengths and weaknesses are.

Mat Wur, ESFP, Freshman

I felt that it was very accurate in explaining my personality. It helps me to know myself and learn about others.

Jackie Gronbach, ENFJ, Sophomore

I know that I get energy from being around people and that would explain my being an extrovert. I also feel better when things are more organized and structured so that would explain the 'Judging' part.

Dr. Rich Carter, INTJ, Religion Professor

I realized most of the world does not fall into my category (1% of the test-takers). Knowing my strengths helps me to know what alternatives there are that I can practice. It is a tool for understanding my life, not a prison sentence that I will always be this way.
A view from the couch

by Richard Davenport

Well, after a short repose, I have returned with a whole new stock of celluloid madness to wow and regale my loyal readers. As you all may have noticed, it's Oscar time! That's right, the annual Academy Awards ensued on Monday, March 23, and your campus film critic has not seen any of the nominated films. Go figure. Really, I'm just as shocked as you are. I do, however, have great knowledge of the past Academy Award winners and I decided that I should keep with the tradition that I started last year of reviewing nominees and winners from years gone by to coincide with the ceremonies of today.

The Godfather, Part II won the Oscar in 1974 for best picture, and if anyone can tell me why it should not have done so, please step forward now. I thought not. It features an all-star cast with Robert Duvall (a current nominee), Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro, and a cameo by James Caan. It is both the continuation and the beginning of the story in the first film. Many people consider it the best of the trilogy, with its mirroring of Michael Corleone's fall from grace and his father's rise to power forty years earlier. DeNiro gives a particularly stunning portrayal of the young Vito Corleone, defending his family and providing security for his community. Of course, Pacino's Michael will later bastardize his father's noble work in a vendetta which ultimately leads to the death of Michael's brother Fredo. The cinematography is fantastic, taking in the scope of the Nevada countryside while comparing the richness of nature to the virulence of man. One instantly feels for Michael while hating him with the same breath. The Godfather, Part II deserves only the highest of ratings. I give it four and a half grunts. It's an offer you can't refuse.

The film Braveheart is a sprawling epic of history, tying the brutality of man and the nobility of man into the lavish landscape of Scotland. It is the story of William Wallace, a Scotsman who led a rebellion against the English intrusion into his country in the 14th century. Mel Gibson, whom I have never thought of as a great actor, proves me wrong in a stunning performance as Wallace. It is a classic in its own right, on a par with such tremendously great films as the Godfather and Ben Hur. Gibson also directed what seemed to be his pet project, a film that he babied and spent an incredible amount of time developing and fleshing out. The battle scenes are gory, the tender moments are sweet, and the patriotic feel of the film as a whole makes you want to stand up and cheer. For its epic, sweeping portrayal of the battle for Scotland's liberty, I give Braveheart four grunts. If you've been putting this one off, stop it. Bad couch potato!

The final film I will go over this issue is Spike Lee's Malcolm X. If anyone out there has not seen this film, shame on you. It's funny; we put a lot of emphasis on Martin Luther King, Jr. and all the good he did, but many of us overlook Malcolm X and his contributions to the Civil Rights movements. Perhaps it is because he had been labeled a hate monger, a racist. But watch this film. You'll see the truth about a man who did everything he could and devoted his life to his religion and God. You will also see Denzel Washington in his most incredible role ever as Malcolm. He needs no further accolades. Spike will definitely get the Oscar for his fine portrayal of the man who did it all. Spike handles the movie in an "in your face" kind of way that is seen in all of his films. From the opening credits to the montage at the end, he never lets up. Washington's convincing job as the activist is enough, but take a good look at him, then find a picture of Malcolm X. The physical resemblance between him and Malcolm X is eerie, I'm telling you. Also, look for Spike Lee regular Ossie Davis and South African Civil Rights activist Nelson Mandela. Malcolm X deserves no less than four and a half grunts. Mr. Lee, my hat's off to you.

Swing time blossoms in the spring time

by Bruce Parker

I hope you Concordia kids checked out those two ska bands I talked about in a previous issue of the Sword.

For this issue of the Sword, I decided to introduce the music of swing. Swing is a very danceable music and originated back in the 30's and 40's right before rock and roll became big. Swing bands can range from three members to an entire orchestra. There are a lot of horns and nines 4/4 beats. To understand what swing is, just watch Swing Kids on the Mask. In the Mask, during the song, "Hey Pachuco," Jim Carey just leaps up on the dance floor, and Swing Kids is entirely about swing.

Now onto the bands of the month. First off, I have a nice chilling band by the name of The Mighty Blue Kings with their new album, "Come one, Come all." These guys have a very strong blues edge to them. If you like blues, then these guys are for you. With songs like "I can't stop it," "Go tell the preacher," and "Green grass grows all around," you should be doing the three step in no time. The Mighty Blues Kings are a very good accompaniment to homework or just to chilling. The beats make your head bob up and down; you don't even have to think about it. It just happens.

Next up is the Brian Setzer Orchestra. You might recall that Brian Setzer was the lead singer and gui-

 Literary genius

by Amy Foster

I have been reading too much lately and I don't know which book to review, so I am going to do a bunch of them. These books really are not related, at least not the first two and the last, but all of them are good. Two of them, Kaffir Boy and Kaffir Boy in America by Mark Mathabane, are books I read for my World Literature class. The third book, one I have not finished yet, is called The Monk.

Kaffir Boy was written by Mark Mathabane, a South African, in 1986 after he arrived in America. It chronicles his life as a very young boy growing up in the ghetto of Alexandra. In my class, the overall reaction to the first section of the book was "Great." Read this book and you read things that you cannot even imagine happening to someone. The book takes place during the time when South Africa was under apartheid rule (rule of the majority by the minority–in South Africa, rule of Africans by Afrikanders). Most people know South Africa was an apartheid country, but not everyone is aware of what happened under that rule. Mathabane's book makes it very clear what happened. The story of his childhood, his education, and his struggles with his father, religion and his culture are all ways of personalizing South Africa from 1965 up until 1978, which is when the book ends and Mark Mathabane moved to America to go to college.

Kaffir Boy in America picks up where Kaffir Boy leaves off. It is Mathabane's story (obviously) of his life here in the United States. After I read Kaffir Boy, I am amazed at the idealism and the lack of bitterness of the author. This is an inspirational autobiography, and it also gives you more of a book into Mathabane's mind and ideas about America. By reading this book, written with a different view of what freedom is, you see America differently.

The Monk, the third book on my list, was written by Matthew Lewis in 1794. He was nineteen years old when he wrote one of the first examples of Gothic literature. I am 140 pages into the book and have already run into a ghost called the Bleeding Nun, a girl who pretends to be a boy so she can join the monastery, a monk who is having problems reconciling temptations with his call, and, of course, robbers and murderers. Lewis is a funny writer, although I don't know if he intends to be. There is one scene in the book in which two men are discussing a girl with whom they just spoke. One says, "She seems possessed of every quality requisite to make me happy in a Wife. Young, lovely, gentle, sensible..." The other responds, "Sensible? We have said nothing but 'Yes,' and 'No.'" The humor may not be intentional but appears throughout the book. The language of the novel is part of the humor, at least it is for me. Some of the author's lines are just funny, and I can't tell if it's just me or if Lewis intended them to make people laugh.

Pick one of these books and read it. Kaffir Boy and Kaffir Boy in America will definitely make you reexamine how you view the world and make you see how far determination and education can take a person. Mathabane's novels are revealing, both of the writer and the reader, and inspirational. Matthew Lewis' novel, The Monk, is just a funny old-fashioned gothic thriller with murder, love, hate, ghosts, and human faults. It might not scare you or make you reexamine your life, but it will amuse you and keep you up reading.
Professor Jeff Burkart’s Gospel Time in Gospel Rhyme (GTiGR) wowed a combined audience of over 2,400 people from ages 3 to 93. After several months of labor, love, and laughter, GTiGR’s cast and crew prepared this show of musicals and mini-dramas for eight audiences over a five-day period. With 21 actors, five puppeteers, a huge production staff, and the grace of God, GTiGR drew more crowds to Concordia than any other event at this University other than commencement. Look for a broadcast of the show by the LCMS satellite service on April 17.

Some Bible stories told in rhyme
You’ll find them poignant and sublime.
Each of the stories is poetic
And, what’s more, each is prophetic!
They are all meant to be performed
Dramatically, so be forewarned,
That as we speak in voices bold,
The Gospel’s message will unfold.

The appearance of a giant worm (John Hannemann) scares the wits out of Jonah (Andrew Johnson) and his shady vine (Jessica Mueller).

Naaman’s soldiers (Aimee Bruening and Karla D’Agosta) proudly present their new find, a maidservant from Israel, to their master (Eggerstedt) and his wife (Melanie Kasting). This musical is based on II Kings 5:1-19.

Jesus (John Hannemann) listens patiently to the inquiries of his disciples (L to R Adam Winagarden, Andrew Johnson, Shane Eggerstedt) regarding the blind man (Chad Nelson) alongside the road. This play was based on John 9:1-41.

Kim Fischvogt, Stephanie Gruhn, Angela Dicke, and Aimee Lindner contribute their talents in an artistic ballet between plays.

Gospel Time in Gospel Rhyme IV: “No Room in this Tomb!”
Campus Pastor

I confess to you that I’ve developed fairly strong immunity both to the true shock of war and to its victims. I’ve been desensitized. I am ashamed to say I can listen without being moved. That is how I surmount the fear that war is just around the corner. Not because of Saddam Hussein, or Rwanda or Bosnia. No. I fear that war is just around the corner because it is always just around the corner. Or, more accurately, it’s always, in James Goldman’s wonderful play “The Lion in Winter,” a breath away from the gates of Armageddon.

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We talk about war. And caring. And the psychological mechanisms which keep me from thinking too much about war. Like many regular consumers of Fast-food restaurants -- it’s not wrong to eat there, but something far better is available. We live a pure life, and to be purposeful with our relationships. I’m saying to young people who have become desensitized is to learn how to buy coffee without waging war on the people who pick coffee for us. And to think of the庆域’s gifts and the importance of protecting for the future, (6) often does not understand the emotional needs of others in our relationships. (7) creates an artificial environment for evaluating another person’s character.

His concern from the issue stems from his own dating experience. To Harris, this can relate to peace. He replaced his old concept of dating with this new attitude, a magazine he started at age 17, called I Kissed Dating Goodbye. "I view dating in a similar light as scripting through the day in disgust like it was seconds after lying down. Somehow you will see you through whatever it is. So the main reason I wanted to write this book now is that I know who has read the book has said after reading it, "This is the book I wish I had read years ago." Anyone want to chat? Or turn the TV off and read that book for class, even though it is boring. Whatever or not you do with everything he says, Harris’s book is entertaining, interesting, uplifting, and will stretch you to evaluate your own ideas about romance and relationship. They are well educated when they haven’t care-fully thought about war and peace. Perhaps one of the great challenges for people like us who have become desensitized is to learn how to maintain an ongoing conversation about war and peace.

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by Anne Branning

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Men’s basketball team in citrus state for training

by Jeremy Armstrong

Sunburns and sore arms were the least important problems that the CSP baseball team encountered during their recent trip to Homestead, Florida. During the week of March 4, the team faced rental problems, long flight layovers, a delayed flight, and some tough competition. Distractions aside, the team concluded the seven day, nine game trip with a 4-5 record.

The games took place at the Homestead Baseball Complex. The complex consisted of six baseball fields and one main baseball stadium. Other perks of the complex included some batting cages, a practice infield, and dormitories for teams.

The team also got a chance to take in some of the Miami scenery and activities. They traveled to Coral Gables, Florida, to watch a Miami Hurricanes baseball game. The team also had plenty of chances to watch some big universities play at the main stadium of the complex. Some big schools that played at the Homestead Challenge included Connecticut, Harvard, Rhode Island, and Seton Hall. The team also took time for the local movie theaters and the bowling alley.

When it came to business, CSP baseball was ready. It was a tough start. The Comets played Lewis, Illinois, for their first game. Lewis was well-ranked 12th in the NCAA Division II. The Comets were handed a loss in their first game.

The team bounced back to win their second game against Clarke College, Iowa. This game was played in the main stadium under a clear night sky. Concordia now had their first win of the season.

The Comets were handed two more losses the next day in a doubleheader against Florida Memorial, also ranked in the NAIA. The remaining games were like a roller coaster ride for the team. It started with an exciting win over Barry, Florida. Barry is also a successful team, ranked at 18 in the NCAA Division II. The Comets then let St. Ambrose, Iowa, slip away with the game in the closing inning. Concordia, Michigan, handed the Comets their final loss of the trip. CSP finished big with two wins over Wentworth, Massachusetts, and Concordia, Michigan.

Head Coach Mike Streitz remained patient throughout all the distractions during the trip, on and off the field. He also talked about some of the surprise players of the trip. Freshmen Brenel Rice, Tony Nault, and Bobby Skarpet came big in Florida. Sophomore Dustin Campbell, after having been moved around in the lineup, showed great poise. Along with strong senior leadership, the CSP baseball team showed in Florida that they are ready for the upcoming schedule.

Distractions did not escape the team as they departed from Miami. A big snow storm in the layover city, St. Louis, delayed the flight from Miami until 7:10 p.m. Because of this, they did not arrive in St. Louis until 10:30 p.m. The team almost stayed in St. Louis for a night because the last flight to Minneapolis could not fit everyone, but a bit of luck occurred when the flight agent made the flight open seating to fit everyone.

After a wacky "National Lampoons" trip to Florida, Concordia baseball is ready to take off into the season. They have some big wins under their belt and some farm- ers' fans to prove it.

Track season is well underway

by Melissa R. Bargfrede

The track season is well underway for the 1998 season. Under the direction of an entirely new coaching staff in Tom Kerr and CSP alum Jonathan Breitbarth, this year's crew looks to have a lot of promise and versatility. They faced reasonably well during the indoor season to prove that they can keep up with the big guys (and gals). Numbers have increased for the young team for the start of the outdoor season, which kicks off April 5 at University of Wisconsin - Stout.

The Men

Under the leadership of seniors Melissa Bliese and Jennifer Hoberg, the majority of this team is comprised of freshmen. In fact, sophomores Jessica Breitkreutz and Jackie Gronboch are the only other non-freshmen on the team. Some of these women had the chance to bond during the indoor season, but that hasn't deterred the newcomers from becoming a very important and complementary part of the team, as well.

For the first time in the team's history, the field events will balance the running events, and there will be more than one participant in most field events. One contributing factor is that there are many team members who are avid at more than just one or two events.

The running events promise to be very competitive, as there are usually a couple of women vying for position in any given event. Once again, several of the women can compete in various races, which presents options for the coaches and offers the chance for them to gain experience and flexibility individually and as a team.

The Women

The Men's track season has finally kicked off April 5 at St. Norbert College, and the women vied for position in any given event. They are practicing five or six days a week in preparation for the trip. Freshmen Brent Rohne, Tony Nault, and Kevin Yamabe. Newcomers include a few sophomores mixed in with some freshmen. There will most likely be some shuffling of events and individuals from meet to meet in order to find "the perfect combination."

There is a relatively good representation of men for talent and ability in the different events, although it would undoubtedly be a bit easier if the field of selection were a little larger. The field events may be a little more sparse than the women's, but are not to be forgotten. I have a feeling that the running events will just be a little better represented.

The teams will soon be practicing regularly at Macalester outdoor track to prepare themselves for the elemental differences this season. Already, they are taking advantage of the outdoors for conditioning purposes. Hopefully, the weather will be warmer by the time the competition starts!

The girls of summer are back

by Melissa R. Bargfrede

They head up a strong team of women who are looking to continue with the success of the past. This is a team that generally does very well with their season, as they exhibit adaptability at the same time as they show a good deal of steadiness and endurance. This combination allows the team to balance the team in most situations.

The team plays in a few tournament games here in St. Paul at the Rice Dome (aka Inside Sports) in March before heading out to San Diego over Easter Break for some warm and outdoor games. Until then, they are practicing five or six days a week in preparation for the trip.

The well matched number of newcomers and veterans propose a good team for a great season. Expect another successful spring for these women in uniform!
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Letters to the editor

Frustration with financial decisions

Editor's note: The following article has been reviewed by school administrators who openly invite members of the Concordia community to express their concerns regarding administrative action and policy with them. For more complete, accurate information regarding recent budget cuts, please refer to the front page article in the February issue of The Sword.

To whom it may concern:

I would like to address some concerns I have with the policies of the school. As an alum of last year's graduating class, I was never a big fan of the name change proposal. I never saw a solid reason for the change...merely conformity. The best I firmly believe is and always has been Concordia College. As a business major, I realized the immense financial burden such a change would put on the school. Old signage, documentation, advertising, everything labeled "Concordia College" had to be scrapped for "Concordia University" items (though it did make for some nice sales in the bookstore). These bills add up very fast, as the school has discovered the hard way. Add the expenses associated with a switch from quarters to semesters, and the financial strain the school is under from the construction of the Gangelhoff and Theater buildings, and it's not difficult to see how a financial shortage has arisen this year.

So now the school is stuck in a raging river of debt with serious need of dough to keep them afloat before they go under. Filings occur in an attempt to put the school in the black. Easy solution, right? How many people who made the decision to spend all this money for the name change are still holding their posts?

On that note, allow me to digress for a moment. How convenient that Dan Asmus, the one individual who frequently defended the students against administrative actions which were not in the best interests of the student (who by the way pay the bills), is one of the first cuts made. I find that very interesting. I also know that many alumni are less than thrilled about the switch from quarters to semesters, and the documentation, advertising, everything which I firmly believe is and always has been Concordia College. As a business major, I realized the immense financial burden such a change would put on the school. Old signage, documentation, advertising, everything labeled "Concordia College" had to be scrapped for "Concordia University" items (though it did make for some nice sales in the bookstore). These bills add up very fast, as the school has discovered the hard way. Add the expenses associated with a switch from quarters to semesters, and the financial strain the school is under from the construction of the Gangelhoff and Theater buildings, and it's not difficult to see how a financial shortage has arisen this year.

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1) They've eliminated a common bond we had with school - Dan Asmus. He was a friend, a peer, and a fellow Alum to many years' worth of CSP graduates.

2) They have moved forward with the typical smiling ignorance associated with the Concordia bubble and thought they had everything planned nicely. Well, all financial disasters aside, they forgot that those of us who don't have jobs yet, be it by choice or by misfortune, now have to explain in our interviews that though our diplomas boldly list a college that in name no longer exists, we still come from a fine institution where we received a top-notch education. In a world of seemingly equal-qualified job hunters, it can be the difference between working for IBM and working for Target.

Essentially, it can all be summed up in one word: Frustration! I see the eyes of many when I visit the school and I feel it in my own heart. You say you let God guide your decisions, but often it seems like the old greenbacks get more attention. That's not right. I could go on, but I've made my point. When the Development Office calls in five years to see how I am and if I can contribute to the school, I will decline their requests. I contributed more than $50,000 to this school and while I am satisfied with my education, I am disheartened by the decision making process of the school. Hopefully, someday, things will change!

Sincerely,
Christopher H. Thompson
Concordia College Class of 1997

Chapel service enriches proud Concordia parent

Dear Students:

I was at the chapel service on Monday, February 16. I was very enriched by the spirit of the service, the beautiful music, and the testimonies of the three students who had traveled to Israel recently. My daughter was one of the students on the trip. Between you and me, she is 48 years old and is now a full-time student at Concordia, going to classes with students the age of her two eldest children. I am also a proud mother because she made the Dean's list.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Pieh

“50 Top Guys” is a superficial list

Dear Editor:

I have noticed that the campus of Concordia University has turned into scenes from The Blob, the ones where mobs of people are screaming and trampling over each other. The only difference is that people on campus are working into a hissy fit trying to get their rats on a copy of "The 50 Top Guys on Campus."

This shallow document of ratings shows the callow nature of the fabric of our campus. As people consume their petty souls in such insubstantial ramblings, the people who are not concerned with it are doing more beneficial activities such as studying and making this campus a better place. The rest of the frivolous hordes are slowly roting the Christian nature of strength and community that once made the campus a hospitable and welcoming community.

Though some of us may be crushed by the news that they or the ones they love did not make "The List," I can only encourage these people through the transformation of my soul making it a more spiritual, trivial, and trite place to live. To all the ugly, worthless men out there there can only say this: "Thank the Lord and allow your soul to ascend!" Be proud of your ugliness! Be proud of your prowess to repel women! Be proud, for it is us losers who now have a list of fellow men to idolize for their Zeus-like gifts which we will never have. Praise those student leaders who have diligently compiled a list to serve as a dogmatic index of idols for the rest of the men who cannot measure up.

Signed with gratitude,
Ryan Krullmier

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Testing is fun if you are ready. Testing hurts the unprepared. I had a softball coach that once said, ‘In the last inning, when the game is on the line, I want athletes who passionately long to be tested. I want competitors eager to get the winning hit or to make the game saving defensive play.’ Such confidence requires critical self evaluation, dedicated preparation, and knowledge of how to play the game.

Like a key moment in an athletic context, an accreditation team of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) “test” or “review” our campus goals, methods and standards with a visit on March 23-25. Like our campus goals, methods and standards, the accreditation team’s visit is our chance to “step up to the plate” to explain what we do, why we do it and how we do. My analogy breaks down, however, in that the visitation team is not an opponent seeking to strike us out. Their pitch is to help insure that quality education takes place here. Their visit is intended to be a beneficial learning experience. With cordial hospitality, dedication to quality education, self-critical confidence, and collegial support, let us welcome our visitors in the Gospel context. Of course, we seek approval of our accreditation but we also seek wisdom on how to be an exemplary Christian university.

President Bob Holst

**Congratulation to the 1998-99 DCE interns**

Jean Beck -- Chia Yi, Taiwan  
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Sam Rahberg -- Vancouver, Washington  
Steve Scheer -- Spring Lake, Michigan  
Carla Wiesner -- TBA  
Kristy Witek -- Nederland, Texas  
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Joel Zander -- Cohasset, MN  
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God Bless!

Have a blessed Spring Break!