that users of the library:

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**Library Food Policy**

By Jonna Stark

Concordia University's library has recently enacted a new food and drink policy. The policy went into affect on January 20, 1999. Various users and facilitators of the library have been concerned about the food and drink consumption as well as the high noise levels in a place meant for studying.

1. Keep food and drink out of the library, if possible.
2. If you feel you must have food or a beverage, keep drink in a covered container (no open pop cans).
3. Please limit food consumption to the lower level tables (there is no carpet down there).
4. Keep noise levels as quiet as possible. Group work is best conducted on the lower level. The reference area should be kept the most quiet area of the library.
5. Pray for generous donors for our new library/technology building.

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**Financial Aid and Graduation**

By Angie Seifert

It is that time of year again, when you hear the rejoicing of individuals who are getting tax rebates or the groans of those who have to pay the government more money.

Besides taxes forms, there are other important forms you should be filling out soon to assure good financial aid for next year. The following are a few bits of information from the Financial Aid Office.

**Due Date—April 6th for the following:**
- Concordia Financial Aid Application or Concordia Renewal Application is due in the Financial Aid Office.
- The results of the 1999-2000 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Federal Renewal Application are due in the Financial Aid Office. This means the completed application form should be mailed to the Federal processor no later than March 1st.
- Applications can be turned in after the April 6th priority deadline, but will be assessed a minimum penalty of $150 per term of Concordia gift aid. When budgeted funds have been expended, applications will be processed for federal and state aid only.
- Outside scholarships (anything Concordia does not award) have deadlines that they choose. Normally the deadline is clearly indicated on the application form. Any scholarships or grants awarded by Concordia are applied for when the student applies for the aid.
- For anyone who is interested, there is a free scholarship search on the internet. The address is www.fastweb.com

**Graduation**

For those that don’t have to worry about financial aid because they are graduating, remember to get in your measurements for cap and gown to the Bookstore by March 1st!
Jamaica Trip

By Lynn Adams

Jamaica is the land of palm trees, warm sun, reggae music and beautiful beaches. It is pretty much a tourists' paradise. To the eight students and one faculty advisor that went to the beautiful island off the coast of Florida this January, however, Jamaica means so much more.

They went as part of the Concordia Mission Society (CMS), which is a student run organization that provides mission opportunities for students at CSP. This is the second year that CMS has sent a group to Jamaica. While there, the team helped Pastor Peter Kirby and his family, who are missionaries in Jamaica. They also ran a Vacation Bible School at Shortwood Elementary School, a public school in Kingston, Jamaica. God provided opportunities all along the way for this team to share His love with everyone they met. It was an incredible experience and they thank God for the opportunity to share His love and experience His beautiful creation.

Pilgrimage to Florida

By Heather Sandberg

A group of 26 CMS members went to Florida and stayed at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lakeworth, Florida. The week was filled with lots of mission work, including maintenance work around the church, school, and at a Haitian church; and working with the children in the classrooms. Also, some of the group worked with the Elder Care, a daycare program for Alzheimer's patients;Connor's Nursery, a nursery for children with HIV or are abused or neglected, etc.; and with Project Lakeworth, where vacant lots were cleared of litter and overgrown vegetation.

Twenty-six CMS members went on a mission trip to Lakeworth, Florida. While there they not only helped clean up areas around the town, but they witnessed about their faith.

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Offerman believes those are reasonable things to ask of the users of the library. A vermin problem had formed because of students who would not throw away their food. Furthermore, the carpeting is beginning to acquire various stains. Offerman says it certainly would be a shame to have a $300 reference book spoiled because of food. Water and pop are no friends to computers and electronics. He realizes, however, that Concordia University’s current library lacks many things. The building is not adapted to handle the noise of group work nor does it have designated areas for food consumption. These are annoyances for students who want total silence for studying or desire a quick energy boost of food while hard at work. These types of problems, however, are being taken into consideration as plans for a new library slowly unfold.

The most important thing students can do is simply need to be quiet! It is that easy. We simply need to treat the facility and surroundings with the kind of respect that we would want shown to ourselves. If we want the library to be a quiet place, we simply need to be quiet! It is that easy. Offerman says they desired a policy that did not need much monitoring. If everyone can throw away their own food, make a conscientious effort to keep their voices down, there is no need to monitor. That way the library faculty can spend their time accomplishing a lot more useful things for the students, such as making plans for a new library. We want comfortable chairs, our own printers, and a fridge to store some food! All right, perhaps sound proof areas would be a nice start.

Deaf Culture on CSP campus

By Shaunna Trump

There is a separate culture on the campus of Concordia that is sometimes overlooked. This is a culture with its own language and its own characteristics. It is the Deaf culture.

The Deaf have sign languages that they use to communicate, which makes for some communication problems. The first type of “sign” is Signed English Exactly (SEE). An example of this is “Last night, I went to the movies.” The second type is American Sign Language (ASL). ASL is its own grammar and does not have a past tense. An example of this is “Last night, movies go.” The final type is Pidgin Sign Language (PSL) which is a combination of ASL and SEE. “Last night, me go movies.”
Divided by a Common Language
By Melissa Jacobitz and Rebekah Thompson

On September 17, 1998, eighteen U.S. American students from five different Concordia and Valparaiso University, along with two fearless professors and their children, met for the first time at Oak Hill Theological College in Southgate, London, England. This was the beginning of a three-month exploration of a culture and its people. Although the United States and England are similar, there are many differences. As Winston Churchill once stated, “we are two nations divided by a common language.” During this time, we learned more about who we really are as U.S. citizens and as individuals.

The American students were required to take four modules (translation: classes). One of these tough classes (British Humor – irony) required us to tour England and the city of London. The weekend trips throughout the semester took us to Bath, Stonehenge, Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon. Every Wednesday we hopped on the tube (translation: subway) to travel into London to virtually explore the streets and shops and to tour such sights as Westminster Abbey and numerous art galleries and cathedrals.

Not only did we explore famous well-known sights, but also we became part of the culture at Oak Hill College. There was a strong focus and commitment to God and the belief in Jesus Christ as Savior. The passion for serving the Lord could be seen through the people, especially in chapel each morning as you could not even hear yourselves singing. Their warmth and kindness enhance the life on campus. For many of us, these friendships far surpassed any touring experience. Each of the U.S. students were involved with a fellowship group that met every Monday and were also assigned a Welcome Family. From among these two groups and from people we met in classes, we were able to find someone who made sure we were adjusting to the culture. In many ways they became our family away from home.

On December 16 and 17, those eighteen U.S. American students, bonded by common experiences, departed Oak Hill Theological College, the people, culture and each other to return home or to continue traveling. Each person has come away with his or her own unique experiences, as well as many shared memories. Although the initial journey has ended, our exploration continues as we learn more about culture and ourselves. During this time in England, we discovered that although we might be “divided by a common language,” we are all united through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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“Which way to Mexico?” Students traveled to Mexico over break to see the sights and learn about the Mexican Culture. Photograph courtesy of Michelle Wolfram

London in January. Photograph courtesy of Jake Hollatv.

Journey to Mexico
By Michelle Wolfram

A few students left frigid Minnesota this January to experience what is sure to be one of the most culturally powerful times in their life—in Mexico. Members of the group included Kathy Hanson, Keith Williams, Anya Williams, Erika Berg, Irene Blank, Drew Gerdes, Aya Kohara, Jill Marquardt, Nathan Pakan, Glory Seying, Kim Rathke, Michelle Wolfram, and Jacquelyn Smith. In addition to seeing breathtaking sites of ruins and art of Mexico, they also heard personal stories and speeches concerning the culture of Mexico. The group explored Mexico City, Toluca, Teotihuacan, Tezcuco, and various other places.

“The Introduction to Mexican Culture is an experience which continues to be powerful and provocative. It presents people with culture experiences and justice issues which they just can’t experience in a classroom.”
Professor Keith Williams

“The thing that sticks in my mind about Mexico is how the people are helping each other. They are all brothers and sisters and everyone has a right to live in the best possible conditions, so the people are helping each other by teaching, caring, and learning.”

Professor Keith Williams

London in January. Photograph courtesy of Jake Hollatv.

Jake Hollatv, Diana Dennis, Sherri Baumgart, and Ben Hanson. Photograph courtesy of Jake Hollatv.

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Love Lines

The Sword

To the Miley Squireland
From: your granddaughter, Michelle
Love,
—I appreciate your friendship greatly. I miss “canning” and those yummie puddles and other creations from camp. I am grateful that so many of us can still be together after such a wonderful experience.
You sister in Christ,
Sorensen, Sandline, Snowball, Sondena, Snowflower, Sunday, Sondal, Starlet, Sorensen, Soboth, Simate, but most of all Snowflower

To all my wonderful, helpful “family” members,
We survived first semester, that is so exciting! Thank you for being so understanding and patient with everyone you encounter. Keep up the good work!
Etc.

Uppolit and Shavitz,
I know your practically in a different world this semester, but I want you to know that I still care. I’m grateful for your friendship and allness at times. And I’m only a block or so away and I still have a phone! :)

Era

Jesus,
Lastly, I don’t know more than ever that I’d do without you. You’ve helped me get through the best and worst times of this year. I love you so much. I like that you are someone, the only one really constant, truthful, and real in my life. Help me to except me as we’ve talked about before. I ask you to work through me to radiate your love and grace towards others. Also make me want to be more patient and understanding with people. My cup overfows with the awe of your greatness and mercy.
Your child,
Josh

Agent 0091,
Thank you for your encouragement and help, for being one of the first people to understand my future career. If you ever need a ride to Missoula let me know. Next time, just don’t bring so much stuff! :)
Just Kidding! :)

Agent 0086
Passer wannahe,
Thank you for listening to me when I am sad, even if I talk really fast because of it. You will be missed next year. Don’t worry, I’m sure.
Waldo won’t forget you! Hot, hot, hot. You know I’m just kidding. And, um, I’m sorry about your, um, car. Actually, I was really nice to it that one time, don’t my Sunflower!

Booker,
Someday I’ll get you the Joshua Harris book, promise. I’m happy that you have found the one that God has been waiting to bring to you. Your relationship with Gilchrist is really special, a great hope for me someday. I will take your advice and be patient. Sunflower

Godly,
Gerh Brooks, oh ya! I will never forget that night that was the best ever. I’m really glad I’ve gotten to know you this year. Sunflower

Eneo and Tropical Orange Haired Barbie, I’ve really enjoyed your friendship this year. You two are great, just in Christ. God has made the both of you into beautiful people, You are loved, Sunflower

To the groove,
You “teen” are really wonderful individuals. Thank you for “protecting” all of us and for just being your unique selves. Up ladies still know nothing about the shock on your Jodge, really we don’t! Must have been island really constant.
<= Sunflower <=

Flirty haired girl, Thank you for being honest always. For making sense of things. For being around when I need you to be and not when I need space. I’ve enjoyed working with you at Overview and In.

Judy,
“Honestly, who throws shoes? You fight like a woman.”
You the greatest! I miss you! Erin

Richard D.
No, I still can’t help you! “the helpdesk girl”
The girl not known as Roe.
You know I just joke about Roe? Your laughter is a joy to me! Sunflower

“The best things in life are free. Jonas, thank you for being a wonderful friend to me.”
From Y. L.

Amy k-
Any k-

Kim was a year and more of depth and bliss. We never did meet in real city or piece last spring, in the midst of sweet and pining mist. Instead we love here together now, with tight schedules, late nights and wedding shopping, and how I love these days and grow eager with those to come when we promise with vows and bands to spend our lives as one. “baby lets dig down, dig down deep...”

Kilmgren,
Dear Maria,
I just wanted to let you and everyone at CSP know that I think you are really great. You have been so helpful to me this year in school fun.

“Joyful, Thank you for holding me up when I fall, for making me laugh hysterically when the tears come tumbling, for being my most trustworthy friend, and for Loving me unconditionally! I Love You!!! Your Swot”

“Dear January Girl, Thank you for listening, understanding and being endlessly open-minded! You are such a beautiful person!-Raspberry Swirl”

“Adam, Thank you for knowing by the look on my face and for caring and taking care of me when I have needed it. You are truly a wonderful brother!”

“Sandy”

“Amber (otherwise known as Ben-ette), there’s nothing better than sharing Jesus and ballet with you, my sister! I admire, respect, and love you. Hugs, owner of the car named Sun

“Angora, memories of the farm, cows that do walk, peace, silence, stars, great friendship that is ours. In Jesus’ love you and me, your farmer friend

“Aya, Listening, talking, laughing, loving and eating rice with ketchup?, You are the greatest roommate! I love you!”

Dear Greg,
I have been people” you out for the last couple of weeks. Many people walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart, just as you have done. Don’t worry, sometimes the one you are locking for is closer than you think. I wish you happiness on this Valentine’s Day.
Sincerely, Your Secret Admirer

Darin, we wish to want you a happy Valentine’s Day. This day is not only for those who are in love. So we wanted to let you know that you are appreciated and we love you, sincerely SWA

J.A.R.
I just want you to know how much I love you. You are so cool to me, and you do so many things for me. I’ll love you always.

Jo’Anna, Kristin
Housie and Ren, Thanks for keeping me going in the mornings! We can do it! lixa

Just think love, this is the final Valentines day that your heart and mind shall be apart. In the presence of God and all Saints we shall be married and we be one. I Love You, Angie Marie Seifert.

Love,
Paul David Anderson

Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne IN

“Teddy Bear,” Thank you for the love you bring to my life. God has truly blessed me by bringing us together. He’s to many more moments of happiness. Happy Valentine’s Day!!! Love ya lots Good Lookin’!

To my girls, Thank you so much for your friendship. I am so lucky to have friends like you. First semester was wonderful and I know that second semester will be also. Happy Valentine’s Day to you all. Love,

Deco =)

Chad (mango)
I just wanted to let you know that the last two years together have been great. You are my best friend and true love. Keep making me smile when I’m down in the dumps. Thank you for making this year in school fun. I love you and happy v-day.

Love always and forever
BlueChad (mango)

“I think I like you Crispy Picket”

Paul-
I just wanted to tell you how much you mean to me and how much I appreciate everything you have done for me. Thanks! I love you, LYNN

Happy Valentine’s Day, my Alien Friend :) To: Potato
You bring out the silliness in me. May our friendship always be “rusted” in “Unbelievable” honesty, laughter, and 6’11” hug.
I Love you! Miss Skeeter

TO: TROUBLE
I know what you’ve done this semester (and last semester too)!
PRON: Your R.A.

TO: BOOTS, STUFFY, VAIL, & BLUEFROG
You are my favorite people (after flour, of course). I am just glad to have you guys as my friends. What would I do on Wednesdays and Thursdays without you? I’m gonna miss you next year! Thanks for all the laughs.

BRIEN

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Love Lines

Dear Harvey,
With you in my life
Even the worst days
Are bearable
And the best days
They are simply amazing
I love you muchly.
LENTZ

Dear Katharine,
You have made my life wonderful. Thank you for being my partner and friend.

Mey the years ahead be as rich as what we have already shared.

Love,
Davit

D.J.
Thank you for being our guardian angel and our trusted hero.

You are the sunshine in our lives; you brighten our days and put the sparkle back in our eyes.

With all our love,
your girls

John,
You give me butterflies my love =)
Yours forever, Katrina

Dear Mel- Thanks for being the most unbelievably tolerant person that I have ever been blessed to know. And the very best thing that happened to me in the last six months. Thanks for remembering my birthday with the wonderful books for putting up with endless lists to Seward and for all the Prince of Egypt jam sessions...not to mention "hoofed" and...SWANEE! Luv ya!!

To Holly, Hallie, and my Beloved Sultanmoses
Thank you so much for making my life one, big, embellishing thrill.

Love, Cottilly Girl

To Amy Peetl
Happy Valentine's Day—thank you for your friendship and support— and all the all-righters, and long talks about everything under the sun. You are my best friend! Love, Double "A"

I "am easily satisfied with the very best." —Winston Churchill

Dear Miss Siohete —
You are so beautiful to me! My bathroom always be clean, no hair laying around, and may no one else steal your cheese sauce while you're looking. Care to join me for a basketball game February 12th? Go Skoetsters! Love, Potato

"Dupit-dig ya-Chris"

Gorlait —
Just wanted to drop a line to say that I was thinking about you. Happy Valentine's Day.
—Renate

Ruth, Chelsea, Katy, Ruth and Chelsea, I hope you two get some great, wonderfully funny, handsome, romantic men for Valentine's Day. Katy, I hope you have fun with your man.
Happy Valentine's Day. —Renate

To all of my wonderful friends, especially Bevly, Chris, Erin; Jackie, Jessica, Lori, and Michael,
Thank you for your love and support, and for putting up with me (especially lately). I love you all very much. God bless you!

Your sister in Christ,
Stephanie

Jim: We've been through a whole hock of a lot together. We've been friends through tons of other relationships. Remember, I was the first person you met. Make sure you keep your head facing Son, and your heart beating in the sound of his drum, and through all this, I'm here to help you. I'm happy that you can then ever imagine.

Mary God Bless you.

LML

Erin, I'm not a poet so I will give it to you straight. I love you. After all, you are the most precious person in my life. I will be at your side for the rest of my life and it thrills me. I cherish every moment I can spend with you. When I first met you I never thought you would be part of my life. Now I cannot imagine life without you. I love you dearlyly. Harvey

To Izy, the one who changed my life... It seemed like forever that I longed for a soulmate, hiding a secret ache on my heart that never truly was satisfied... I can remember staring out at quiet star-filled nights, whispering prayers that someday, somewhere, I would find you, the special person who was meant for me. I imagined us laughing at silly things, tearing things over small things... I realized I have each other passionately and totally, heart to heart and soul to soul. I waited and waited and hoped and waited as well as dreamed. After awhile, I began to think my dream was exactly that—only a dream. Then I thought, I met you... I love you... GOD BLESS, Kael

"To all the SEASA MEMBERS: I love you all. From a special person" —D.J.

Dear Sarah,
You bring so much happiness to me that I cannot help giving you raspberries on my heart beating in the sound of his drum, and even if I drive you mad, I love you. Erica blonde:

I was talking to God the other day and we found out that you are the one for me, tell her she fills my heart and life with joy. I love you with all my heart.

Pray to Him, I'm here to help you. I love you...

I love you eternally.

-Harvey

Dear paato loopy, I really feel that the Lord has blessed me by bringing you into my life. With every passing day, our love seems to grow deeper and deeper. Some say that you only fall in love once. Well dear you are the one for me and I am in love with you. When ever you pass gas louder than I do. I love you with all my heart.

lovingly,
your manly... femmy man

To Gail, Martha, Julie, Angela, Chris G, Tammy, Heather, Chris M, Chelsie, Theresa: "If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded." Maya Angelou. Each of you is special, and I'm glad to call you all my friends.

Peace,
Michelle

To: Julie, Martha, Gal, Angela "Many waters cannot quench love; neither can floods drown it." Song of Solomon 8:6

From: someone who cares

Erica Blonde: I was talking to God the other day and we were talking about you, "You're an awesome sxx," Always remember that not only do you have God's arms around you....you also have mine. (i dream of Gene thermo goes here). Take care you.

LML

treakamaahold —"we need 4 huge a day for survival, its a huge a day for maintenance, and we need 10 huge a day for growth." thanks so much for all of your huge! my world would be the same without your happy Valentine's day! love, jessa

All — "I love because it is the only true adventure." happy Valentine's day, my true friend! love, jessa

heather - "to love deeply in one direction is special, and I'm glad to call you all my friends."

I love you. jessa

calm - come on ride the train! happy Valentine's day! jessa

To the fake fab five - good try guys, really... actually we are flattered that you wanted to be like us! happy Valentine's day from the real fab five

Sarah and Abbie, God has blessed us greatly by putting us together this year. We have so much to learn from each other and so much to give. Thanks for being great roomies. You love you guys!!!

Sarah, Thanks for listening to my heart and hearing my concerns. Friendship is a beautiful thing, when God is the center. God has blessed you richly and I admire you greatly.

Your sister in Christ, Lynn

Andy, "though I love you still we're strangers in these lonely hearts and though our blindness separates us still His light shines in the dark and His outstretched arms are still strong enough to reach behind these prison bars to set us free."

I love you God for you. Because of you, my heart has been set free. Free to love again. Thanks for being for you.

—your Lunar Smirker

Little fishy boy — "like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my lover among you. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste" (song of songs 2:3)

In love woodskick

KLS

a year and six months... wow. we've seen a lot, we've shared a lot, there were good times, there were bad times, but if nothing else, we were together.

things will continue to change, no doubt, but my commitment will e'er stay unchanged.

I wish for nothing but us. I long for nothing but us. I plan for nothing but us, I work for nothing but us. please let you and me be us. hence to easy morning parking lots and late night perkins.

J

D.B.
I knew someday you'd have a beautiful life, I know you'll be a star in somebody else's sky. But why can't it be me? For us I would give up everything I have, everything I know. I know we need our time apart in order for us to have our time together. However... I miss you. S.M

To Shauna: I can't believe we actually finished this. What's up with that? Spirit Fingertips!!! Raise your glass to many more fascinating evenings...

Lisa
What's Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents?

By Lisa LeGrand

A tacky and obnoxious apartment, a rude and overbearing grandmother, beer-drinking and fun-loving twenty year olds, and a young writer dying from cancer paint a vivid picture of the newly written and produced show entitled, “Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents.” A student produced show by Concordia University student Seraphina Richardson.

The drama brings up important topics, for example, cancer, dealing with his terminal disease in several ways. Lydia (played by Seraphina Richardson), his life long best friend and soul mate, stays with him through out his illness; her attempts to come to terms with his disease is a different way. Cancer is the serious disease. The newly written show depicts both of these issues in different ways. Thirty-Six Cents, a two act drama written and produced by students of Concordia University Department of Theatre and Dance under the supervision of the faculty and staff. This production helps get more theater majors and minors in every aspect of the making and performing of the show. Andy Gutshall, the Theater Technical Supervisor, said, “Doing a completely student produced show gives students a great opportunity to show their incredible talents, and push themselves to accomplish goals they normally wouldn’t have.”

“Your uncle was conceived on this very table.” Cast members Mark Boehme, Mary Metzgar, Abbie Weiss, Chris Bollig and Corynn Stoltenburg.

Homosexuality is portrayed in the script. The cast depicts both of these issues in different ways. Cancer is the serious disease of the show. Sam (played by Chris Bollig), a victim of pancreatic cancer, deals with his terminal disease large part of the script. sam would like to do something about it, but he can’t.

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Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents

Written by: Seraphina Richardson

The Cast

Sam

Lydia

Dana

Ellen

Nathan

Grandma Pat

Corynn Stoltenburg

Mary Metzgar

Abbie Weiss

DJ Leffin

Mark Bollig

Corynn Stoltenburg

Mark Boehme

Abbie Weiss

Dana

Seraphina Richardson

Production Staff

Direct: Jessica Walker

Technical Dir: Mark Hennigs

Light Supv: Andy Gutshall

Stage Supv: Margie Weaver

Scenic Des: Mark Hennigs

Costume Des: Lisa LeGrand

Stage Mgr: Kimberlee Herr

Ass. Stage Mgr: Rose Warnsholz

Sound Operator: Kimberlee Herr

Electrical: James Anderson

Stage Crew: Brian Berwald

Hair & Make-up: Carrie Donnelly

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Aug. 6: University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

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What's Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents?

By Lisa LeGrand

A tacky and obnoxious apartment, a rude and overbearing grandmother, beer-drinking and fun-loving twenty year olds, and a young writer dying from cancer paint a vivid picture of the newly written and produced show entitled, "Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents," a play written by current Concordia University student Seraphina Richardson.

The drama brings up important topics, for example, cancer, dealing with his terminal disease in several ways. Lydia (played by Seraphina Richardson), his life long best friend and soul mate, stays with him through out his illness; her attempts to come to terms with his disease is a different way. Cancer is the serious disease. The newly written show depicts both of these issues in different ways. Thirty-Six Cents, a two act drama written and produced by students of Concordia University Department of Theatre and Dance under the supervision of the faculty and staff. This production helps get more theater majors and minors in every aspect of the making and performing of the show. Andy Gutshall, the Theater Technical Supervisor, said, "Doing a completely student produced show gives students a great opportunity to show their incredible talents, and push themselves to accomplish goals they normally wouldn’t have."

Your uncle was conceived on this very table." Cast members Mark Boehme, Mary Metzgar, Abbie Weiss, Chris Bollig and Corynn Stoltenburg.

Homosexuality is portrayed in the script. The cast depicts both of these issues in different ways. Cancer is the serious disease of the show. Sam (played by Chris Bollig), a victim of pancreatic cancer, deals with his terminal disease large part of the script. sam would like to do something about it, but he can’t.

Nine Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents

Written by: Seraphina Richardson

The Cast

Sam

Lydia

Dana

Ellen

Nathan

Grandma Pat

Corynn Stoltenburg

Mary Metzgar

Abbie Weiss

Dana

Seraphina Richardson

Production Staff

Direct: Jessica Walker

Technical Dir: Mark Hennigs

Light Supv: Andy Gutshall

Stage Supv: Margie Weaver

Scenic Des: Mark Hennigs

Costume Des: Lisa LeGrand

Stage Mgr: Kimberlee Herr

Ass. Stage Mgr: Rose Warnsholz

Sound Operator: Kimberlee Herr

Electrical: James Anderson

Stage Crew: Brian Berwald

Hair & Make-up: Carrie Donnelly

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By Breck Miller

H ere we are at good old CSP with another new semester of classes and activity in the Theater and Dance Department. The largest project this spring is the production of "Look Homeward, Angel." This drama is going to be quite a large show for Concordia's theater department. There are nineteen cast members in the show, none of them small parts. The large set matches the cast size. We have already started construction on it in the scene shop.

According to Mark Hennings, "It's the biggest set to ever take the Pearson stage." We are also pleased to welcome guest director for the show, John Cunningham, a prominent theater director from the Twin Cities area.

There are also other excursions that STAGE has planned for this semester. We are looking into going to see the performance of "Stomp" at the Ordway Theater in downtown St. Paul in May, which is basically a big rhythms and dance show except they are using things like barrels attached to their feet as drums. A specific date or time has not been set at this time; however, be on the lookout for the details.

Another new feature for the theater is script reading nights. All are invited. The group will hang out and read through a new script. The first of these is on February 18 at 7:30 PM in the Greenroom of the theater building. We are probably going to be doing a comedy, so most of all it will be entertaining. We look forward to having a lot of you there and we will take requests for things that you may be interested in.

Take it easy and God Bless.

What's Up in the Music Building

The following is a list of events happening in Buetow Auditorium in the Fine Arts Building for the month of February. All of these musical recitals are free of charge and open to the public. They are a great way to show the talent Concordia has in its music department.

Friday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.
Joy Joff, senior piano recital assisted by Amy Gundermann, violin

Friday, February 12 in Minneapolis-ACDA Collegiate Honor Choir
100 singers from 13 colleges around the state performing at the MMEA Mid-Winter Clinic--CSPingers participating are Dawn Anderson, Ellie Close, Angela Fulbright, Sara Mamer, Justin Barnum, Kelly Brewer, Adam Possehl, Lowell Sorenson.

Saturday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.
Lori Ramig, piano

Sunday, February 14, 3:30 p.m.
Guest recital--Kathy & Leo Lara, Folk Music of the Andes

Sunday, February 21, 3:30 p.m.
Sara Hoff, violin, Heather Hoff, viola, Lori Ramig, piano

Provided by Dr. David Mennicke, faculty and Lisa LeGrand, (page editor).

The Sword sincerely apologizes for all it's many short comings, especially last issue when the article for the Monthly spotlight for the Arts and Entertainment pages was written by Lisa LeGrand and not by Seraphina Richardson.
Luther up on a shelf as a religious figure: he had his beliefs, you have yours. You must take Luther down at least to acknowledge that he was a whole human being, caught up in the economic, political and personal life of his time. His religion was not simply a private emotional practice, though he did have private devotions and was emotional about his religion. The facts of Eisleben make clear the public nature of his religion.

Luther was born in a rented room in Eisleben because his unemployed father had moved to that city looking for work. Luther was thus no stranger to economic and family tension. By the time he could have finished grade school, his father, perhaps with help from his mother’s inheritance, was part owner of a copper mine. Luther, however, stirred up family tension by heading into a monastery instead of finishing law school (which his father wanted). His father had started him off in school (paying tuition all along the way) to guarantee the family’s future. There was no social security in those days.

Luther died in Eisleben because the local leaders called on him to negotiate a dispute. The counts who owned the land in the area were fighting over taxation and mineral rights. Luther had not been feeling well, but went anyway in January, 1546. In mid-February the arguing rulers made peace, which Luther celebrated by preaching a sermon: he encouraged people to turn from their own wisdom to Christ’s. A few days later, early on February 18th, he died. He was asked at the end, around 3:00 a.m., “Do you want to die standing firm on Christ?” He answered loudly, just before he died, “Yes.”

At some risk, let me mention that in this last dispute Luther had as much trouble with the lawyers as with the leaders. As one writer notes, “To Luther’s mind, lawyers accomplished little more than to increase the risks. In either case, let your faith be your companion. Don’t use it as your excuse to avoid public life.”

A question that Luther often asked in his Small Catechism, “What is that?”

Campus Ministry Opportunities

| Relationships Retreat II | Fri.-Sat. Feb. 12-13 |
| BUCK Concert | Fri. Feb. 26 |
| Habitat for Humanity | Sat. Feb. 20 8:30-4pm |
| Bagged Couple Workshop | Fri.-Sun. Feb. 19-21 |
| Christ the King, Bloomington | |
| Dorothy Day | Sat. Feb. 27 7:15-10:15am |
| LYE Evening Concert | Tues. March 23 8pm |
| LYE Chapel | Wed. March 24 9:30am |
| Habitat for Humanity | Sat. April 10 8:30-4pm |
| Bob Bennett & Pierce Pettis Concert | Fri.-Sun. April 16-18 |

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| Elem. School Chapel | Waconia, MN |
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The Search to End to Quenching Thirst

By Tim Garrels

"Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give them to the Israelites. I will give you your every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses..."

I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you," (Joshua 1:5).

Wonder if Joshua really appreciated the excitement behind this passage. After forty years of wandering in the parched, dry desert, he was entering one of the few rivers in the area. The Jordan must have seemed fantastic. The Israelites would have been thrilled to have water again. I was also excited for my trip to Israel. The stories of danger in the Middle East only seemed to increase my thirst. I wanted to be there. Not because I wanted to get myself shot, but because I was so close to crossing the distance to Israel that any delay only seemed to increase my excitement about going there. I, like Joshua, had the promise of God to never forsake me or leave me.

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Joshua 1:5)

The Sword

by Erin Johns

As I woke up to my screaming alarm clock, I chugged my coffee. My mom made me when I was in 3rd or 4th grade. The quilt has four different kinds of squares on it. One square is pink with white dots on it, one purple with stripes, another has pink and purple bows on it, and the last is pure white. I kind of laugh when I see the quilt anymore. It is more of a kid's quilt now. Nonetheless, I love that quilt so much. Most of all I love the quilt because it reminds me of my mom. I really enjoy the relationship that I have with her. She's very open and honest with me. She may be tough at times or get angry with me, but it's all about love.

Last year, although coming to school for me was exciting, I'd have to admit that being away from home was tough, and still is at times. Every night before I go to bed I pull the quilt up just about to my chin. I think of how much time, love, and effort was put into that quilt. The quilt reminds me of more than just mom, though. The quilt reminds me of how much time, love, and effort God took to getting me where I am today. God has blessed me and each one of you with so many things. God clings to us in the same way that I cling to the quilt that my mom made. He loves us so much that he can't get enough of us.

When I look at the quilt, the bows make me think of this gift of the creation in which we live. The pink square with the dots makes me think of Jesus' blood, the square with purple stripes the pain and suffering Christ went through on the cross, and the pure white square shows us the purity that Jesus has given us by removing all our sins. For Valentine's Day, cling to God and tell him how much you love him. Cling to your friends and let them know how much they mean to you. Don't let a day go by that in which you don't say "I love you" to someone. Life is truly a gift from God. His blanket of love is one from which we can't escape. We are his and he ours forever. Have a Happy Valentine's Day.
Vikings Blow it in the Post-Season

By Melissa R. Bargfrede

Everyone knows how much a crowd can help to swing a game one way or another. We heard about it all football season, when the NFC Central teams complained that they didn't like playing in the Metrodome because of the noise factor. We heard about how much the noise affected the plays of the game because the 'audibles' weren't audible due to crowd noise. And then we heard about how the mood and sound level changed in the last playoff game against the Falcons. It was a complete turnaround.

As in the NFL, crowd involvement greatly affects games played at the college level. Ask any coach, especially Dennis Getzlaff, head coach of the Comet men's basketball team. Coach Getzlaff is a number one supporter. He is always looking to bring in a crowd to the games. He loves the noise and the excitement, maybe even more than the players themselves.

It's nice to look in the stands this year and see a much larger crowd than years past. Fan support is growing, and that's great. It's also understandable.

The two basketball teams are playing harder and better than they have in recent seasons. Made apparent by the growing enthusiasm is contagious. CIT has traditionally been a major season-booster for fans. Those who were around last year know that. Those who made the trip to Mequon this year can also vouch for the same.

There are many "what ifs" and plenty of people to blame. But the worst part about the whole situation is that the pathetic Falcons got their butts whipped by Denver in the Super Bowl. The Vikings would have made it a good game at least. The season is over and done, but the pain still lingers. It will take a while to get over the loss. But I am a die-hard Vikings fan. We'll have our same team back next year. I'll watch every game and cheer for them every week.

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Comets in Race For Conference Title

By Joe Neuenfeldt

On January 26, the CSP Men's Basketball team had a conference record of 2-2 after big wins over Northland and Martin Luther College, and tough losses against Northwestern and St. Scholastica. However, this conference record wasn't on the minds of the Comets that evening. The only thing on the minds of the players and coaches was Mount Senario. Not only was Mount Senario number one in the conference, but it was also ranked 24th nationally among NAIA schools.

The Comets didn't let Mount Senario's national ranking intimidate them, and they started strong from the opening tip. CSP's early lead lasted until the end of the first half, when Mount Senario took a 1-point lead. That lead didn't last long as the Comets came out of the locker room fired up. The Comets pressure defense frustrated Mount Senario into turnovers and fouls. The Comets gained the lead early into the second half and never lost that lead. Every time Mount Senario got close, the Comets hit free throws to preserve the game.

The Comets currently have an overall record of 11-10, and are 3-2 in conference play (as of February 1).

Junior Ben Bauer, freshman Brandon Newman, freshman Kent Gaultstall, junior Dan Derfelt, senior Kyle Pfeister, junior Chris Garcia and junior Jason Rueter lead the Comets. The Comets have important home conference games versus Northwestern and Northland College coming up. They also have away games against Martin Luther, St. Scholastica and Mount Senario College. The conference tournament begins on February 23. The Comets feel confident in their chances at winning the conference tournament and advancing to the national tournament.

The defense missed a lot of interceptions and Robert Smith played terribly. However, the person who I have to blame the most is head coach Dennis Green. With 30 seconds left in the fourth quarter, two timeouts and the highest scoring team in NFL history, why would you have the offense kneel and send it into overtime?

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Comets Working for a Strong Finish

By Katherine Bates

Their overall record, 7-13, may not be full proof of their success thus far. The Women's Basketball Team has made some major strides this season. Overcoming what most would consider a "shortage of players" has proved a major test for the team, but their hard work throughout the season is beginning to pay off as they look for a strong conference finish.

Prior to Christmas, the Comets played nine non-conference games. They won five. Over Christmas break, the team traveled to Tampa Bay, Florida for the Tampa Bay Classic at Eckerd College. Losing their first five conference games, the Comets began their conference play. With only five games left, they have many other goals. "We, as a team, have a lot of returning athletes, along with a strong line of newcomers. Our indoor season looks pretty strong," commented Jessica Breitkreutz, indoor track athlete.

Some things that make an indoor track season unique are that it starts in winter. The air is dry; there are more curves due to a smaller track, which makes distance running more difficult; and there are also shorter sprints. In an indoor season, the shortest sprint is 55 meters, while in an outdoor season, the shortest sprint is 100 meters.

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With all of the positive things happening, the team can only hope for more runners each season. The indoor team is significantly smaller than the outdoor team. Already looking forward to the outdoor season, Kevin Yamase has set a goal of getting closer to beating Bruce Connolly's 1974 school record in 400 meter hurdles. "We (the team) would like to give God the glory for all that we've done," said Yamase.

Indoor Track Gets off to a Healthy Start

By Shaunnna Trump

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For those who don't know, CIT is the Concordia Invitational Tournament. It comes up this year February 23, through 25, at Concordia, Mequon, NE, Mequon, WI, and our own CSP. The four schools com-

MY EXPERIENCE AT CIT 1999

By Melissa R. Bargfrede

There's just nothing else like it. In my 20 years on this earth, I have never experienced anything even similar to CIT, and I've experienced three of them now. It's the high-

light of every year in the world of Concordia athletics for all four of the schools that participate. It comes up every time I talk to anyone from the other three schools. CIT is like some conglomeration that everyone wants to be a part of. It's one of those events that can only be explained fully by actually participating.

This year's contest was held in Mequon, WI. For those who don't know, the Concordia Invitational Tournament is an annual 2-
day, 8-game basketball extravaganza that tops all others by way of hype and activity. (And maybe hype.

activity.) The schools involved are Concordia of Wisconsin, River Forest, IL, Seward, NE, Mequon, WI, and our very own CSP. The four schools com-

pete in a fierce battle to see who's got the biggest and best team, and who can dominate the tournament. Bragging rights go to the team that wins twice. That's it. You've gotta be "on" two nights in a row if you want to take the trophy home.

This year witnessed the year for Saint Paul to be "on" two nights in a row. The women were rated as underdogs long before their first game against Seward, but surprised more than a few people by hanging tight for most of the game. Katherine Bates, Lynn Peterson, and Brenda Giesselmann were scoring leaders to make the game into a little more of an offensive battle than had been anticip-

ated, but it wasn't quite enough to beat the Bulldogs. Of course, they were able to focus their eyes on the consolation game that was against River Forest on Saturday, which the Lady Comets easily dominated throughout. St. Paul ran the score up on the girls from RF to keep them well under control and achieve the consolation honors without trouble. The men faced much the same situation. They lost the first night to the home team, not finding a whole lot of fire in the line-up. But there was plenty to burn the next day against 1998 CIT champs River Forest, and this was a battle to the bitter end. St. Paul started out poorly, with an 11-point lag at one point early in the game, but had a 6-point lead at halftime. The second half was a nail-biter at times, as the two teams were very evenly matched up and traded shots for the entire 20 minutes. Already looking forward to the outdoor season, Kevin Yamase has set a goal of getting closer to beating Bruce Connolly's 1974 school record in 400 meter hurdles. "We (the team) would like to give God the glory for all that we've done," said Yamase.

See you in Seward in 2000!
Letter from President Robert Holz

We live in historic times. Years from now, people will ask, “What was it like to live in the last decade of the twentieth century?” More specifically, we will be asked, “What were you thinking during the historic impeachment trial of the President of the United States of America?” I envision that someday historic impeachment trial of the President of the United States will end between the time I write and you read these words. My goal is to be suggestive but apolitical. I intend my words neither to support nor to attack Democrats, Independents, or Republicans.

The first question the trial should make us ask is personal. What is moral behavior? May the impeachment trial lead to thoughtful and informed reflection on personal moral values, standards and behavior.

Second question to ask might be, “How does personal moral behavior relate to public duty and accountability?” If personal moral behavior was required to hold public office, no one could serve. Every human being makes mistakes or sins in both personal and professional life.

Yet, as an example, who would vote for a convicted thief to serve as treasurer of public funds? The traditional Lutheran “two kingdom theology” can guide thinking. The Kingdom of God is not the kingdom of this world. Ironically, religious people know that sinners, even atheists, can serve nobly and well in industry, commerce, education, and politics. God’s prophet Isaiah was inspired to call the pagan despots Cyrus “God’s shepherd” and “God’s anointed.” Isayas 44:28 and 45:1.

The Roman emperor for whom Peter (1 Peter 2:13-17) and Paul (Romans 13:1-7) urged respect and prayers was the salacious Nero. As a theologian, a third question that intrigues me is framed by the classical Catholic distinction between mortal and venial sins. Is the President’s sin, so to speak, mortal, i.e. so serious that he must politically die? Or, is his sin venial? Again, Biblical examples stretch our thinking. King Ahaz died for his sins. Cf. 1 Kings 21:16. King David did not. Cf. 2 Samuel 12:13.

I raise one final issue. When do we forgive or not forgive? A series of related questions immediately come to mind. Do we forgive a repentant President? The answer seems simple. Of course! But some perceive inconsistency and ulterior motives not only in the President but also in his accusers. If people act for self-serving motives, do we still forgive? When and how do we judge the motives and sincerity of others?

In all this, I am glad to be at Concordia University, St. Paul. I stand in awe of the masteliof opinions sweeping our land and appreciate the reasoned comment that I glean from colleagues, and students. Even when we do not agree, we can learn from one another. Now is the time to face issues, questions, avoiding facile answers and prejudiced opinions. May Concordia University provide the spiritual and academic context to prepare for thoughtful and informed living, as our Mission Statement charges.

President Bob Holz

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violence and a need for security have led the people to engage in psychological warfare, checkpoints, border guards, mine fields, police en masse, segregation, demonstrations, thick walls, helicopters, machine guns—all visible in the daytime. There are no overseas operations in Israel today—only those in their backyards.

And this is the place where Jesus walked? A land that speaks of constant turmoil not just today but throughout all of history, is where our Savior was born? Why would God come to such a “bad” place? Why wouldn’t he go to some tropical paradise that would be more fitting for a king? The answer is painful.

Baby Christ had to come to the land of Judah because of a promise that God made long ago to never "forsake you." People have fallen away and have been lost. They have rebelled against God and turned their face from him. They have forsaken God countless times in the past and in the present. We do not trust God completely as we should and deserve nothing. But because of God’s promises to deliver his people and to never “forsake” them, Baby Christ was born to an adolescent mother in a very ordinary, damp cave.

Christ came to break through barriers and distances between God and us. He came to restore, to make anew and to show our pain through himself. “My God, why have you forsaken me?” Christ said at the moment of his death on the cross.

But then, on the third day he rose. He was not longer dead but alive. He had not been forsaken and he had not forsaken us. He brought us back into a relationship with God. He turned our faces toward God so that one day after our deaths, all of those who put their trust in Jesus Christ may have eternal life.

“Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:4). Is the President's sin, so serious that he must politically die? Or, is his sin venial? Again, Biblical examples stretch our thinking.

Happy Valentines Day! From the Sword Staff.