Diverse Changes in Diversity Center

President Holst Visits China

By Shaunna Trump

President Bob Holst and nine other presidents of the Minnesota Private College Council traveled to the People's Republic of China on Oct. 31 to Nov. 11 on a special educational tour. Madame Wei Yang, China's Minister of Education had invited the group to tour institutions in Beijing, Xian and Shanghai. Dr. David Laird, President of the Minnesota Private College Council (MPPC) organized the tour.

The purpose of the visit was to promote and to explore establishing relationships with the department of education in China and the 16 members of the MPPC. Yu reported that there is room for only one in ten high school graduates at the public universities in China. To meet the needs of other qualified students, China has great interest in the form and structure of private education in Minnesota. Private colleges in China are growing rapidly. One private college visited by the MPPC group was started in 1995 but already has 12,000 students. The goal is 18,000 in the next academic year. The primary courses of study are English, communications, business and computer IB business leaders, who were also visited by the MPPC group, stated that China has some of the most advanced computer technology in the world, including the chips in the

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President Holst delivering a guest lecture to the Lutheran Theological University campus faculty and guests.

Photo submitted
Humorous Enchantment Landing in Schools

By Michelle Wolfram

Set in another world of flying cars, whizzing willows, house elves, Quidditch (a sport played by broomsticks) and more, the Harry Potter book series inspire the imagination. According to Joe E. Bottoms, Lexington Area Supervisor for the Saint Paul Public Library in Minnesota, their library system has purchased 117 copies of the latest Harry Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

The Borders bookstore on University Avenue received 400 copies in its first shipment of this book. What makes these books so enchanting?

"Humor and wonderfully drawn characters," said Dr. Jeffrey Burkart, professor of Education and Media/Communications at Concordia University, "make these books so appealing to youth. He outlined one humorous scene in which Harry and his friend Ron take Ron's father's car, fly it to school and accidentally crash into the Whomping Willow tree. "These things that happen to teenagers [without Rowling's element of fantasy]," Burkart said, "it is interesting for kids because they see<br>things in a little different light."

Ben Heed, a seventh grader at Mt. Hope/Redemption school, said that he likes all four books, "because even though they are not for us, I interest you, and they offer adventure and excitement."

Concerning censorship and the controversy of the word wizardry, Burkart said, "parents have the right and obligation to consider that kind of thing when choosing any book. They have the right and obligation to monitor what their children read and see on television. However, it is important that parents do that with information, and not merely because someone told them not to read the books."

Parents need to "find out for themselves," Burkart said. "For instance, in the books, children, the books might scare them. One child laughed, and the other, "You have to know your kids."

Jamie Fredrickson, a seventh grader at Mt. Hope/Redemption, said, "Harry [Harry Potter] is really good."When asked about what age people may want to start reading Harry Potter, Fredrickson said that "kids should start out at the age of Harry and grow up with him." "They are fun to read," Fredrickson said.

"Rowling creates a secondary world," Burkart said. States differ from the real world are consistently applied. From this, "now our own world is a little bit clearer," he said. That what is great about the hero [Harry Potter] is that "he is willing to give his life for his friends." He does "right in the face of people telling him it is better taking the low road."

However, this is not to say that Harry Potter does not have problems. flocking uses classical metaphors, said Burkart, and she shows how Harry, in his world, "is involved in the struggle of Students and Kids Work Hand in Hand

By Anna M. Jankie

The wheels on the bus go round and round—just as the legs on the kids in Hand and Child Care Center go from desk to desk. First, and foremost, they play. After some coercion, the children clean up the room. Activities include making their day ends with the kids. "I love the babies. It's

Fink Mulling Over Details

By Andrew Buss

Sweeping a group of Concordia students began a television newsmagazine program that was operated out of the black box theatre.

During the first semester of this year the show is still growing. Chris Fink, the mind behind the television program detail. This is Fink's second television program that he has produced. Concordia Match was the other program. He just thought Concordia needed a television program," Fink said about his reason for starting the show.

Fink's co-producers are Josh Whitcomb and Jen Dupic. The three are responsible for finding musical guests and in studio guests as well as advertisers.

The show is currently being taped at the SPIN studio at Higher Ground Academy, next to the Finance and Operations Building, across from the Gangelhoff center on Marshall.

There are essentially two parts to the show. First, the in studio interviews and music guests. Secondly, reporters go around campus and the city to report on issues that are important to Concordia students.

Fink's information was revealed several weeks later in the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Star Tribune newspapers.

The same episode featured Governor Jesse Ventura.

Fink has said that he is currently looking for more reporters for the second semester.

The show can be taken for credit through the Communications Department. Chris Fink can be reached through e-mail address details@uspcc.edu.

Watch detail on Channel 27 on Sunday and Thursday Evenings

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There are many students in colleges in the United States who come from different countries. The international students have a great opportunity to study different cultures and from other countries' cultures. Nevertheless, they have many problems because of a new culture such as friendship, studying and more. I would like to how many American students accept how international students feel and how American students accept them.

I had an interview on Oct. 27 at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport with Miya Myoken, who is one of the international students from Japan. Miyan came to the United States in August 1997. She graduated from Hightline Community College in Washington in May 1999.

Myoken was excited to come to the United States to study because she thought every American person was friendly and nice to foreign people. When Miyoken was in an English Language School in Japan, her teacher aroused her curiosity about American people. Once when Miyoken was in college, she was shocked because real American life was totally different. It is what she thought it would be. She was trying to make friends on campus, but most of the American students were not nice to her because her English skills were not good enough to communiate with them.

One day, Miyoken found the International Student Club at Highline Community College. She was curious to know what kind of organization that was, so she went to a club meeting. There were other international students and some American students in the club. Everyone was friendly to her; some students helped her study and made her feel at home. She said, "This is what I was expecting in the college life. If I did not find this club and the club's members, my American life would have been changed a lot." They encouraged her life in America by being friends.

Most American colleges have an international student organization. These organizations help international students with their college life or their college problems such as having a student Visa. Even though Concordia is a small college, it has to have an International Student Association Club (ISAC).

According to Concordia University's ISAC web page, "International students face from far away, so help, because most of the students need an advisor who will help you get over this problem." We had much fun in the past a few years, however, we do not have an international student advisor or a club since this semester started. If international students come here, they will have to set up the date, send an e-mail to Dr. Thomas, talked about how the International Student Scholar Services.

As I showed in Myoken's story, the student club helped her because she did not know how many people understand how much students feel. If an American student decides to go to another country by themselves, then they would know how much harder it is to study another language and live in a different country. It is hard to explain this to people who have never been to another country.

Miya Kinoshita, who used to attend the University of St. Thomas, talked about how the University of Minnesota Twin Cities has an excellent program for international students, which is called International Student Scholar Services. Kinoshita said, "This organization will take care of international students once they arrive here."

Kimora Brings World View to CSAL

By Heath Sandberg

"I didn't like my name, it was hard to spell and say," admitted the former Kim Kadlecek, a co-founder and president of the International Student Organization (ISAC) at Concordia University's ISAC. "I saw it I knew that would be my name," she said. Although she had to use the name for a few years, she did not file the papers to change her name legally until 2000. "I had to use the name for a while because I was not getting a divorce any faster, and so that people could that got used to it."

Kimora has been teaching for the Concordia School of Accelerated Learning (CSAL) since 1993. Three years ago she became the full-time faculty member and director of the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management program. On June 30, 2000 she became the director of the Master of Arts in Organizational Management program when Linda Ennis, a.csal dean, stepped down to another country by themself.

"They're children of God, too." Kimora's doctoral dissertation focused on cognitive rehabilitation skills (manage- ment of emotions, problem solving, values enhancement, social interaction, and creative thinking) in a prison setting. She is currently working with Anoka County on GED (General Education Diploma) enhancement and with the federal government in mandating a cognitive skills and rehabilitation program.

"There is a need for implementing social skills since 95 percent of inmates get released," Kimora said, "and their children do not just sit around and theorize about change in the community."

We cannot just sit around and theorize about it. It is just what Kimora seeks. "She is driven to make the world a better place," said Richard Brynestad, associate professor of Marketing for CSAL. "She works many, many hours per day. I get e-mails at 2:30 a.m. from her." Sigrid Skandal, CSAL receptionist said, "(Kimora) is very respectful, always willing to listen to people's viewpoints. She encourages that, not in a demanding way, but in a sup- porting way. She validates you as an individual."

Although Kimora was born in Brazil, she remembers little of her time spent there. Kimora attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison where she obtained both her B.A. and M.A. Her Ph.D. in Marketing Education is from the University of Minnesota. Her husband, Todd, a family practice physician, also prefers to be called by only one name—Srijan. Both Srijan and Kimora enjoy making their own clothing. When Kimora seamed at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport. "Even though the University of Minnesota is the biggest school in the state, it helps international student as much as it can with this organization. Many students do not know where they should go when they get here; therefore when they will pick them up and they will make them feel comfortable staying here."

Many international students will continue to come to the United States to attend college in the future. I hope every college will take care of these students and make them feel comfortable staying here. American students might not understand international stu- dents' English cultures sometime, but it will be a great opportunity to talk with them and to learn about another culture.
President Holst Fires Up Students at Fireside Chat

By Becca Hansen

Students had the opportunity to meet and discuss concerns with University President Robert Holst this past month. The Student Senate sponsored event held in the Student Union had a great turnout. Homework and small talk quickly turned into a big group discussion, as Holst answered questions and concerns raised by students. Questions ranged from scholarships to campus improvements and security. This event brought the students together with an outlet they could turn to for support and help.

Are Public Bulletin Boards Really Open to the Public?

Letter to the Editor

Several times in the last year I have posted signs on Concordia's public bulletin boards only to see them taken down in a matter of days. Perhaps I am in violation of a posting policy I don't know about. If this is the case, please disregard this letter.

If this is not the case however, I believe I am a victim of lack of civilty on the part of some members of the Concordia community. My most recent removed postings were removed the week of Oct. 16-20.

I posted two posters for the Twin Cities Gay and Lesbian Film Festival that runs in several area theaters Oct. 20-31. The posters were sent to me by an area theater Oct. 20-31. The posters were sent to me by an organization at the University of Minnesota because the U Film Society is involved.

I have posted other things for them in the past, but they usually stayed on the boards longer. These recent posters were removed several times before I found them in the recycling bins and put them back up. On Oct. 20, however, I could no longer find them on the boards.

Rephrase the wonder. Why is life beautiful? Why is life happy? May the reasons expand and multiply like explaining: Popcorn? Human love makes life beautiful?

God's love creates human love. God's care makes humans care. Caring people make life beautiful!

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By: Anne Podoll

We're all looking forward to Christmas break. It's a time to relax, see friends at home, and catch up on sleep. For some, it will be a time to use the time to celebrate Christmas Break. It's a time to take a break from school, and catch up on sleep.

Over Christmas break, approximately 30 Concordia students will travel to Florida or Haiti to participate in service projects. Concordia Mission Society (CMS) sponsors these trips, one in America and one abroad, every year over Christmas break.

**Concordia Mission Society Goes South**

**Santa Claus:**

**To Believe, or Not to Believe...**

By Stephanie Gruhn

**Not to Believe**

Whenever I tell people that I believe in Santa Claus, I am met with shock. "What?" I usually shrug and say that I can't imagine not believing in Santa Claus, I am met with shock. "What?" I usually shrug and say that I can't imagine not believing in Santa Claus.

I realize that this sounds like something out of Miracle on 34th Street, but it's honestly not. By this point in our lives, we all know that there is no Santa Claus. I was surprised to learn that my parents chose not to believe in Santa Claus.

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When I was three, my parents taught me not to believe in Santa Claus. They would always say, "Santa Claus is coming to town." I would often ask, "What if God was one of the people who believes in Santa Claus?" I was surprised to learn that my parents chose not to believe in Santa Claus.

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The day after the Haiti trip departs, 15 students will be travelling to Florida to participate in service projects. These students will be working at the church in Merrill Island, Florida. Albert Brauneck (fourth-year Concordia student) is serving as a DCE volunteer. At the church, the volunteers will help with various activities, such as aiding people with physical and developmental disabilities, working with the church youth groups, and helping Habitat for Humanity. They will return Jan. 13, 2001.

Although it is too late to join one of these trips for this year, you can still help in the ministry in one very important way: pray for the groups. Specifically, pray for strength in faith, flexibility for the groups in listening to what God wants them to do, and safety for the groups as they travel, work, and minister.

Consider joining CMS next year for one of its Christmas break trips. Students who have gone on these trips say about their experiences:

"CMS trips greatly impact both you and the people that you are working with. The bond of fellowship that is shared in the love of Jesus Christ is simply amazing. When you see people smile and laugh there is a peace that Jesus brings to our hearts." (CMS president Melissa Jacobitz).

"It's amazing how Christ can combine almost complete strangers into lifelong friends. Some of my closest friends as a senior in college are those that I made while on a CMS trip my freshman year of college. Spiritually, I can feel God working through these trips helping me become a better leader. I don't normally like to do public speaking, but knowing that I am doing it for the Lord enables me to get past my fear. Last year on a CMS trip to Louisiana, I even enjoyed putting on skits for the church congregation." (Rebekah Thompson)

**Monthly Devotion**

By Stephanie Gruhn

But you can't guess what the theme verse for this year is, can you? I'll give you a hint: it's Micah 6:8. Rather than type it into the devotion for this month, I encourage you to look it up in your own bible, what ever translation it may be. Think about the words and what they mean for you during this end-of-semester time.

As Christmas approaches, what does it mean to walk humbly with God? For three of the four Sundays in Advent, the Collect of the Day begins with the words "Strive up," asking God to stir up his power and come to stir up our hearts and make us ready for the coming of Christ. Advent isn't just a time to look forward to the celebration of the first coming of Christ. It is also a time to look forward to his second coming. We walk humbly with the God who has come among us, who came in flesh to be with us and to make us his own.

In high school, I recall being outraged when the song "One of Us" began to find time on the radio airwaves. For those who don't know the song, the singer asks the question, "What if God was one of us?" She questions why the image of God walking lonely through the streets, pushing through crowds and taking the bus by himself. In the verses, she asks if the listener would want to see God's face if it meant he or she "would have to believe in things like heaven and in Jesus and the sainst and all the prophets." To me, an ironic thing about the song is that God was one of us. He came down to this earth as a little baby, to walk among us and deal with the same struggles that we face each and every day. In the season of Advent, we celebrate that coming, not just because God humbled himself and became a human, but because it was the start of his road to the cross, the act that was salvation for us. Because he died, we may live forever with him. Now we are free to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God all the days of our lives as we work for him to come again and take us home.

**January Readings**

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(2) Pastor Bob Benke and his family got into the spirit of the holiday season this year as they decorated the chapel of Concordia University with white candles to beautifully decorated trees. Pastor Benke and his wife are counting down the holiday season full of joy and reminding us all that Jesus is the reason for the season. **Photo by Brian Berwald**
A Last Look Back, Cross-eyed s Last Show

By Kiel Allier

Joel Pakan is the front man for a band called Cross-eyed. Formed of Concordia alumni, Cross-eyed has played a rather non-specific brand of Christian acoustic pop since the mid-90's. The current line-up is changing, and Pakan & Co. are calling it quits. They played their last show Thursday, Nov. 30 in a packed E.M. Pearson Theater.

Another local group, Trace, opened the show with a stripped-down set of several lovely originals by songwriter Blaine Howard and exquisite rendition of Gillian Welch's "Orphan Girl." I've never heard Trace sound as solid, despite the fact that they are short a drummer. It's definitely worth looking for them at www.tracemusic.com, on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Living Room (Smelling and Larpenteur, 651-917-2820), or at The Dresscoat Cafe in Stillwater on Friday, Dec. 15.

Conceived of at CSP in 1994, Cross-eyed consisted of Pakan (vocals, guitar, bass), Kirk Schipler (vocals, percussion, piano), and Stan Thompson (vocals, guitar, bass). One of the lastlings from the former Concordia College St. Paul, Cross-eyed penned the classic Lutheran Concordia college anthem "Concordia Nightlife."

In total, Cross-eyed has produced two CD's and supported a recent solo disc of Pakan's. A 1996 self-titled disc and a live recording, "Rosetree," was released after his graduation from CSP when he was working in Chicago as a music director in a church.

Since then, Pakan has returned to the Twin Cities to allow for more collaboration with Shipler and Thompson. This is a venue of a more professional presentation. According to www.crosseyedmusic.com, "Cross-eyed has performed at churches, colleges, coffee shops and festivals around the United States. With these venues of performance, some other performances include the National Youth Gathering for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the opening act for Grammy award winner, Ashley Cleveland."

This last show was an accurate depiction of other recent Cross-eyed performances. In years past, their sweet honest songs of faith have been delivered with a freshness absent in the performances of similar better-known groups. However, the last few times I have seen them in concert, they have been lured to a canned, over-performed style. But when I saw Pakan perform solo to the last year, that slick released style was absent. Unfortunately, Cross-eyed couldn't eek past their redundancy for the last show. However, there's hope for the critic and the band. Annually, the guys aren't hanging it up for good; the band is just changing shape. Kirk and his bride Tracy are expecting, and their change signals something new for Cross-eyed. It's that "something new" that has this fan eager for what's to come.

In his solo shows, Pakan has eagerly tested a slew of new songs, some eccentric covers, and a musical style that begins to hint at an all-country feel. What a delight it would be to await from his hiatus and find Pakan and Thompson returning to the honesty of early Cross-eyed performances and exploring new musical territory.

If you would like more information on Cross-eyed, visit their website: www.crosseyedmusic.com.

Kirk Schipler reads the last session of Miss Koppinger received a statewide honor choir festival in Dakota, Koppinger received a state level soloist in the solo/ensemble festival during her sophomore through senior years. During her senior year at Dickinson High School in North Dakota, Koppinger received a national choir award and was part of the women's all state choir.

Academic and band scholarships have allowed her to follow her interests in music, Koppinger says, "Practice is important, I practice six days a week for at least an hour. Jazz and concert band is what I like to do for fun. I am still studying the instrumental aspect, but voice is what I want to do." This fall Koppinger began working on her junior recital which is scheduled to take place this spring. Koppinger recently participated in a Monday Noon Recital, presented by the CSP Department of Music. She performed a repertoire which included pieces from Mozart, "Pupille amate;" Schumann "Du bist wie eine Blume;" and Brahms "Wie Melodien jahre es mir."

These "Monday Noon Recitals" are given to aid students in their preparation for the junior and senior year solo recitals.

This year Koppinger decided to take lessons during the summer with Monica Murray, her voice instructor. "I want to be really prepared for senior recital, and Monica is great," explains Koppinger; "she pushes me to do more and more, and keeps challenging my abilities. She knows my voice, and she knows what's good for my voice." Watch for Koppinger's junior recital, along with Heather Hoff, as they are scheduled to take place on April 22, 2001 at 3:30 in Beutin Auditorium.

Dr. Jeffrey Burkhart looks forward to his show "gospel Time in Gospel Blues/Var. Sure Can Use a Little Good News Again!" Besides writing the show and the music, Burkhart will direct the play, he is also the producer. The show runs from March 18 - 18 at the E. M. Pearson Theatre on Concordia's campus.

The shows are selling out fast, so order your tickets now. For more information call (651) 641-8248. Photo by Sara Berwald.


**Gloria: Success**

This concert focuses on the first explosion of praise from the mouth of the angels: the night of Christ’s birth. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to all.”

From the second chapter of St. Luke’s Gospel, it became the basis for a hymn of praise sung in the Latin worship service of the early church. They are still sung every Sunday throughout the world 2,000 years after that first angelic song. The three phrases of the angel’s song extol the Trinity: the Father in glory on high, the Son who became flesh, and the Holy Spirit, source of all good will.

Following this Teane shape, our concert revives in choruses of glory to the Father, explores how the Son’s Incarnation has been sung on earth, and proclaims the peace and good will Christ’s redemption offers to all as revealed by the Spirit.

“Taken from concert program

**Dance Class Performs Final**

By Melanie Beier and Amy Gregg

With the end of the semester, comes the culmination of projects, papers and performances. The same is true for the Department’s dance class.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, Dance Class performed its informal showing of its final project. The show started at 5 p.m. in the dance studio located in E. M. Pearson Theatre.

Dance Class performed a fusion of dance, theoretical study and performance. This combination of disciplines allowed the students to more thoroughly realize the aspects of performing dance.

**Suess’s Classic a Hit This Season**

By Kjel Alkire

At the snow falls and finals approach, students begin to flock to warm, cozy spots where the college’s concerns and the couches encourage. If you are looking for a nice spot to study away from campus, head on down to Espresso Royale in downtown Minneapolis.

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Using trees as a motif, these 12 images reveal a delightful depth into the issues proposed in the artist’s statement accompanying the exhibition.

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**Vermeland Photos at Cafe**

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Women’s Basketball on Winning Streak

By Kristina Shaw

It’s been a long, cold 6 years full of almosts, not-quites, and whatifs. But beyond every winter lies an invincible summer and beyond every winter lies an opportunity.

The Golden Bears have had a 5 game winning streak at the beginning of the season, have already shown drastic improvement thanks to the intense coaching tactics of Fessler and players’ dedication. "We have a good basketball team..." says Fessler. "The only thing that is surprising is that it happened sooner than I thought it would this season. But we are not satisfied with a four game streak, we want more."

No one on the Women’s Basketball team is setting for a simple four game streak however. Everyone is optimistic towards the upcoming games and looking forward to adding more W’s to the schedule. The last time the Golden Bears have had a 5 game winning streak was in 1985.

"Keys to success we are focusing on this year are hard work, commitment, heart and the team becoming a family," said Fessler. The Golden Bears, who won only six games last season, have already shown drastically improved thanks to the intense coaching tactics of Fessler and players’ dedication.

"We have a good basketball team that got to remember how to win," Fessler said.

And, as their record shows, the Women’s Basketball Program has not only remembered what a win feels like, but are well on their way to making sure they never forget again.

Come Cheer On

CSP Basketball

By Carrie Schierschmidt

Even though there is a good chance this season will be a break from classes until Jan. 17, 2001, the men’s and women’s teams are staying busy this Christmas Break.

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Holding On; Waiting for Vacation

(Below) Concordia Students are getting some much-needed stress relief through some unorthodox ways. Climbing the wall at Gangelhoff Center is just one way students work out their end of the semester stress through exercise. Photo by Kat Baxter

(above) In the last few seconds in the game against Winona State on Dec. 9, Concordia University Golden Bears crash the boards for the rebound. The Golden Bear won this first conference game by twenty points and are on a 4 game winning streak. Photo by Brian Berwald

Concordia Women’s Basketball Team is beginning the season with a strong start with a 3-2 record in pre-season play. Fessler brings considerable experience in winning to the Concordia program.

While Head Coach at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, he boasted a 101-18 win-loss record, and led his team to three National Junior College Athletic Association championships and one runner-up title. He was also named 1999 Minnesota Community College Coach of the Year and has been Region 13 Coach of the Year for the past four seasons. Rounding out the experienced coaching staff are Assistant Coaches Michelle Heffrery, Morgan Prickett and Reel Gouette.

The Golden Bears have a strong roster this season, with eight returners from last year and six seniors who add experience and leadership to the team.

With all twelve players contributing is some way to the wins, the Golden Bears have beaten three favored-to-win teams at the buzzer. The Mankato State game was the Bears’ home opener and with a lay-up by Suzy Miller at the buzzer the Bears captured their first win of the season.

The ball kept rolling as the team traveled down to Kansas City for back to back games. Here, they beat Rockhurst University by three in the last few seconds of the game as Suzy Miller once again stepped up and hit two key free throws.

Against Truman University, freshman Jill Kalvik hit a turnaround jumper with 1.5 seconds left in the game to put the Golden Bears up by one and sealed the victory.

On Dec. 9 the Bears first conference game was against Winona State at home. The Golden Bears took an early lead and kept it the entire game, shutting out the Warriors by twenty points. The Women’s Basketball team is now 1-0 in conference play, 4-2 overall.

It has been an exciting couple weeks for the Golden Bears. "[Winning four games in a row] is not unexpected," says Fessler. "The only thing that is surprising is that it happened sooner than I thought it would this season. But we are not satisfied with a four game streak, we want more."

No one on the Women’s Basketball team is setting for a simple four game streak however. Everyone is optimistic towards the upcoming games and looking forward to adding more W’s to the schedule. The last time the Golden Bears have had a 5 game winning streak was in 1985.

"Keys to success we are focusing on this year are hard work, commitment, heart and the team becoming a family," said Fessler. The Golden Bears, who won only six games last season, have already shown drastically improved thanks to the intense coaching tactics of Fessler and players’ dedication.

"We have a good basketball team that got to remember how to win," Fessler said.

And, as their record shows, the Women’s Basketball Program has not only remembered what a win feels like, but are well on their way to making sure they never forget again.

Come Cheer On

CSP Basketball

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He also adds, "That's what such a tender age taught him, hard, that's what molded me."

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Sports Spotlight: Coach Ernest T. Jones

By Joe Austin

"I've always been a winner..."

Jones began setting prece-
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Froehle helps the ladies perfect

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The coach AnnMarie Froehle helps the ladies perfect the Chicken Dance, go watch the CU Dance Team perform.

Who Shakes Their Rump?

Fleischman and Andy Werman Honored

Those who are student athletes know the combined stress of balancing their academic and athletic work load.

Two athletes have found the time to make a difference for being named NAIA Academic All-Americans.

Fleischman is a former Cross Country runner from Plymouth, MI. Fleischman is also an All-American as a Cross Country runner for Concordia.

On Saturday, Dec. 9 at halftime of the Men's Basketball game, Jodi Werman and Andy Fleischman were honored for their academic and athletic work load.

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Dear Big Cat,

First off, I didn’t think that this was the eternal question. The eternal question is how much can Big Cat actually eat before he throws up? But this is not the eternal question. As for your eternal question, the answer is quite simple. The reason that life is so stressful is because we make it that way. Everyone needs to find something that can release their pent-up stresses. As for me, I like to chase poor, defenseless first year students around campus and threaten their safety. Of course, I mean nothing by it, but nonetheless it provides a great workout. This might not offer you the same fulfillment, as it does me, but there has got to be something that gives you a release. Maybe taking a few minutes to read the word of the Lord would help you to relax. Or you could always play a chasing game of ‘Chutes & Ladders’. Calm and Comfortable, Big Cat

Note From the Writer: Hey! all you troubled people. In order for the great advice and careful counsel to continue, I need your questions. So if you have any good questions for me to answer, you can send them to me via email at DAGSJ@provosts. cepa. gov. I will try to answer as many questions as possible. But remember I am a theatre major not a psychic major. Thanks for the questions. Big Cat
These streets are posted streets, specifically the on all remaining unplowed streets. Once the street is cleared you may park there again. Not all traditions are bad, though. My family still gets together every year to decorate our tree, and the stockings always get hung on the stair case. The same "rejoice" picture is put up in my kitchen (even though it hangs crooked) and we will always open JUST ONE present on Christmas Eve.

"Going to Christmas Eve services with my family." - Brad Mussell

It's Tradition, Isn't It?

By Rhonda Nestrud

It's tradition. You've probably heard this phrase once or twice over the years. It's the reason we eat lutefisk for Christmas dinner, hang up that awful Christmas ornament Aunt Freda gave us 15 years ago, and it must be the reason we drive five hours on Christmas day to visit relatives we don't even know when all we wanted to do was play with that new Cabbage Patch Doll. But, it's tradition.

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"The best tradition is baking Christmas sugar cookies. Every year a few days before Christmas, my sister, my parents and I dig out the old family cookbook and make my mom's famous sugar cookies. The process usually takes all day and we end up with enough cookies to feed the entire town (I live in a town of 200) and all of our friends for the next week or two. The fun part is the decorating. No two cookies can look alike, and we've become very creative over the years. My sister has her patented "choir people" with rosy cheeks and my dad has invented the "tie-dye Santa." We listen to Christmas music on the old record player (yes, I said record player) and talk about the gifts we've bought. Then, after all the cookies are decorated and the 50 different colors of frosting are used up, we sit downstairs and watch "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" starring Chevy Chase. My dad laughs hysterically, and we girls laugh at my dad. It always ends up being a lot of fun.

Like my family, many Concordia students have all sorts of family traditions over Christmas, too. Many of them even come from different parts of the world, which gives them their own view of Christmas. "We always get up really early to open presents in our pajamas and then go to the mountains," said Sh implied Alexander, who comes from southern California. Tiffany Dresser's family traditions come from her Swedish heritage. "Our Christmas dinner always has lefse, lutefisk and Swedish meatballs," Shannon Moran's family celebrates Christmas Day by "going out for Chinese dinner and then going to see a movie."

Christmas is a time of family, friends and togetherness. A time to reflect on what is really important in our lives. Each of us has our own ideas and beliefs about Christmas and how we spend this special holiday. But no matter what we do or where we are, we must remember what we can be truly recognizing. The divine birth of Jesus Christ. For God gave us this Christmas holiday as a time of celebration, and we will. It's tradition.

Christmas Break Info

Compiled by Rachel Nestrud

Christmas break officially begins Tuesday, Dec. 21 after the last final.

Food service will end with lunch that day.

Residents moving out of the hall need to move out and return keys before the halls close Dec. 22.

The residence halls will be closed from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 until 12 noon Tuesday, Jan. 2.

During this time all halls will be closed. Residents will not be able to stay in the hall or access the hall. Food service will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2001.

Spring semester classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Health and Safety Checks:

Health and safety checks will be conducted in all residence halls before the halls are deadlocked for Christmas on Dec. 22.

The check will be done by your RA and either Craig Stern, Lori Leonard or Sharon Krueger. Furniture inventory and safety items will be checked:

- Smoke detector
- Fire extinguisher
- Smoke alarm
- Medical emergency kit
- First aid kit
- refrigerator
- Window closed
- Heat off (if applicable)

Visual check for any health/safety concerns or policy violations.

Doors, desks and dressers are not opened as a part of the health and safety check.

Your RA will notify you of when health and safety checks will be done.

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ASHE Conference a Success

By Jake Schunk
On Nov. 9-12, 2000, the Executive Board of Concordia University's Student Senate went to a national conference in Austin, TX. This conference included all of the other Concordia schools in the United States that make up the Association of Students for Higher Education (ASHE). The purpose of this conference is not only to accomplish some duties that need the input and work of all Concordia University Student Senates, but also to provide an opportunity for us to unite and become better links in the Concordia University system.

This year I was elected to serve on the ASHE board fulfilling the position of Assistant Executive Secretary, which begins Dec. 12 and will last for one year. The ASHE Board is only made up of two positions and the other position of Executive Secretary will be served by the Student Body President of Concordia in Seward, NE.

We will be in charge of planning the conference for 2001, which will be held in Austin, TX. Because one of my duties is to act as a liaison between all of the other Concordias, it will be my responsibility to get all information needed out to the other Concordia campuses in the nation so that they can participate in the conference in November 2001.

I am also required to be a representative for ASHE when needed, which will result in my responsibility to attend the BHE/CUS conference in Selma, AL early next fall. This is one of the biggest meetings involving Presidents, Deans, and Vice presidents of each campus throughout the nation.

Another one of my duties is to keep track of all records for the association throughout my term and take minutes at all conferences or meetings related to ASHE. It will be a busy year, but I find great joy in the opportunity to fulfill this position and am looking forward to doing my best to make things happen for the Association of Students for Higher Education.