CSP Student Union Scheduled for a Makeover

By Sarah Wolf

"Over 160 people are currently served daily for lunch at the snack bar," said Tom Ries while discussing the plans of the upcoming changes to the Student Union. Ries, Jake Schunk and other Student Senate members have been putting together a plan to remodel the snack bar to make a Union Station Restaurant that will provide residents, non-residents, faculty, and staff with better, faster service through the expansion of hours of operation and menu selections.

"We liked what we saw at other places," said Ries after visiting Carlton, River Forest, and Augsburg, all of which have a similar facility on their campuses. Financially, an investment in the Union will go further than an investment in the Dining Hall, with the help of Sodexo Marriott, who will share in the cost of the project, plans fell into place.

Dining at the Union will become an even more appealing option next year with this expansion of service, capacity, and hours. The restaurant will be open Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Friday, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sunday, 5-8 p.m. Expanded meal plans will be offered because of these changes, and the Union will also become the primary location for after-chapel fellowship and breakfast.

The construction drawings should be finished by March 1, 2001, and the construction will begin on May 1, 2001 and be finished in August before the new school year starts. In addition to these changes, the games on the second floor of the Union will be moved to the third floor, and the dish room in the Dining Hall will be completely remodeled.

For more information on the reasons and benefits of remodeling, see page 2.

This diagram outlines the new design of the Student Union. The new design of the Student Union is on display in the Union and in the Administration Office.

LaMott Explains Laptop Upgrade

By Kristen Shaw

Three years ago Concordia University signed a lease with IBM that gave the school the capability to supply all students and faculty with a laptop. These school-issued laptops quickly became one of the most vital components of student life, but with the rapid change and advancement of technology, the current laptops have fallen behind the constantly developing hi-tech world.

"The laptops are in desperate need of an upgrade," said Dr. Eric E. LaMott, Vice President of Information & Technology. LaMott is negotiating with IBM on Concordia's behalf for replacement laptops.

The new laptops will also have an active matrix screen (as opposed to the passive matrix screen featured in the current laptops), which will provide better continued on page 2

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Jeffrey Burkart Shares His Many Talents

By Benjamin Fink

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Jeffrey Burkart, the director of the Music and Drama Department at Concordia University, is a multifaceted person. He is an author, a filmmaker, a public speaker, a columnists, an organist at his church, a photographer, a husband, and the father of three boys.

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Perfect Love: I Corinthians 13

By Robert Beilke

In this season of Valentine's Day, love seems to be on everyone's mind. Students and faculty have shared the gospel in at least 30 countries. God's love is never rude or self-seeking, it isn't arrogant and keeps no record of wrongs...God's love never fails.

Ah, to be able to love as God loves us - to be able to love and forgive others as we have been loved and forgiven - to be able to share God's grace as it is continuously poured out upon us. This side of heaven we can only hope to love that way. As Paul wrote, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish things behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face." (1 Corinthians 13:11)

That means love is possible as we grow up in Jesus. Perfectly? No, not long as we are on this side of that dark and dim mirror. But the only love that is perfect is God's love. How do you occupy your time waiting for your perfect love?

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What does the Lord Require of You?

By Stephanie Gruhn

"And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

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God's saving work is evident. He is both-
Women Score in Successful Season

By Kristina Shaw

Six Concordia Seniors Play Last Game

By Kristina Shaw

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Cheer Team Energizes Basketball Games

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Show Highlights Hunder's Vision

By Kid Alkie

In September, Stephanie Hunder joined CSP's Arts Department as a full-time, tenure-track professor. A recent graduate of Arizona State University's Master of Fine Arts printmaking, Hunder exhibits simple organic forms with complex thought. Photo by Brian Berwald

Miss Julie: A Class Above

By Carrie Winbold

Miss Julie, by August Strindberg, is a story of love and tumultuous one. Jean, a hand, Jean's, relationship is a delinquent love triangle. The SWORD • 6

Christina Performs Bach

By Annadilla Winget

On April 1, 2001 Concordia's Christ Church will perform J.S. Bach's "St. John Passion." This work is a glorious picture of the Passion of Christ. The German text adds a richness to the music that is surprisingly easy to follow. This is a work of music that conveys all musical preferences and backrounds.
**Variety**

**Concordia Speaks: Students Oscar Choices**

By Carrie Winsbeck

Photos by Brian Berwald

What movie of the past year would you nominate for an Oscar, and why?

"Where the Heart Is" it is just a great movie, that makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside! The acting is great - Deke Kerel

"Save the Last Dance" I mean really! It's got everything: Good dancing, decent ballet, and a girly love story! My favorite! - Robin Oliver

"Remember the Titans" because it was based on a true life story and it dealt with the issues of race and breaking the walls that have been built due to racism - Joy Spitzack

"Almost Famous," the most original and touching story that has come out in the past year. The acting is superb and the direction nearly flawless. Cameron Crowe tells his life and he tells it well. If Jason Lee doesn't get a nomination for Best Supporting Actor, then the Oscar's are a bigger sham than George Clooney winning Best comedy/ musical actor at the Golden Globes. - Adam Wiegand

"Temptation Island" and trying to get all those good dancing, Mexican food, and sleeping in MY bed for two weeks. Also, I really want to keep sleeping on the floor? On the other hand, you have to do the climbing, but do you really need to do that to continue I need you to keep helping with this task feel free to ask anyone around willing to help out.

"Remember to give her my number: shiibay!!" - Shibby!!!

"The hottest love has the coldest end." - Dorothy Marie of Roumania."

The Twin Cities is full of both social sporting events. There is definitely something to keep everyone busy until spring. The closest Cinema Café to Concordia is Cinema Café. This theatre contains inexpensive movies ($3.75 ticket) and good food. The closer Cinema Café to Concordia is in Woodbury. Call 763-546-3336 for a listing of the current shows and showtimes.

The Roswell 4 Theatre is also a great place to go to for an inexpensive movie. At the corner of Lexington and Larpenteur. The "4" is only a nickel for drive in movies ($2 every night except Tuesdays, when its real cheap at only $1 per person). The chairs are comfortable (when you don't bend) and the atmosphere is fun. Call 651-488-4262 for shows and times. If you're not in the mood for a movie, try Be Sport Bar and Grill. It's a little bit of drive, but it's in Blaine! But it's definitely worth the trip. They have indoor bocce, Bag football, darts, darts, darts, a nightclub and karaoke. For more information, call 763-734-2424.

For a nice walk down in downtown Saint Paul go to Carondelet's Carrousel. It's a real carousel with hand-carved wooden horses. It's located in Town Square, 7th and Cedar. This is a great spot to take a date and there is a cute cappuccino shop close, too.

Another exciting idea is the indoor zoo at the Minnesota Zoo. The Zoo also has cryogeny curling, and off ice theatre. The Minnesota Zoo is located in Apple Valley. Call 612-433-9000 for more information.

**How Do I Love Thee...**

Compiled by Carrie Winsbeck

"When women love, they forgive, even our crimes. When they do not love us, they do not credit even our virtues." - Honore Balzac

"Love is like the measles; we all have to go through it." - Jerome K. Jerome

"Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit impediments."

"The bride is the coldest end."

"Love is a fire. But whether it is going to warm your heart or burn down your house, you can never tell!" - Joan Crawford

"Oh life is a glorious cycle of song, a medley of extemporaneous jokes."

"Remind me to still call you of mine lace. But to get to the root (badump thing) of the problem, I think that you should ask your girlfriend to change anything about herself. God gave her the attributes that He did for a reason, and you should respect that, because if you don't you aren't respecting God either. If a tiny thing like hair color is going to set you off, then do the gal a favor. Break up with her and send her your way. I know how to treat a lady. Remember to give her my number: 651-641-8399. You must respect her for herself because, she is the stunning auroralescence of the one true God and creator. There is no need to have anything different."

"Enjoying God's Fine Art, Big Cat" - Davis J.2

Dear Big Cat,

My girlfriend attends a school in Minnesota, but she is thinking of transferring to California. I think this might be love, but I am not sure. Should I follow her or should I stay here?

Sammy, Drifting through Love

Dear Sammy,

I am interested in a blonde in my psychology class. Unfortunately I have a girlfriend that has brown hair. Would it be wrong for me to ask my girlfriend to dye her hair blonde?

Sugar, Color Blind

Dear Sugar,

First, does your girlfriend act like a blonde already? If she does, then your girlfriend has convinced her to make her hair. Then you can make all of those fun blonde jokes. Remind me to still call you of mine lace. But to get to the root (badump thing) of the problem, I think that you should ask your girlfriend to change anything about herself. God gave her the attributes that He did for a reason, and you should respect that, because if you don't you aren't respecting God either. If a tiny thing like hair color is going to set you off, then do the gal a favor. Break up with her and send her your way. I know how to treat a lady. Remember to give her my number: 651-641-8399. You must respect her for herself because, she is the stunning auroralescence of the one true God and creator. There is no need to have anything different."

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Dear Big Cat,

My roommate has been sick for two days or more you should really take her to the doctor. Perhaps you can find somebody who has an extra bed or room. Maybe all of them remember that there are still plenty of opportunities to have fun even if its cold outside.

Please feel free to send them, too. I can make your time. I hope that by this point you have stopped reading this because I have one more important thing to say: Shishido!!

**The Sword**
Senate

Senate Ready for Second Semester

By Jake Schunk

After a fairly successful first semester, the Student Senate is gearing up to have an even greater second semester. During the fall, I hope you were able to see the new sand volleyball court, increased participation in campus activities, sound representative decisions by your Student Senate, and a plethora of other events and CAB successes. However, there are also other areas of campus life that we have yet not taken action on, and I hope that as the year winds down, we are able to serve the student body better in some of these areas.

First of all, I would like to see the Student Senate take some initiative in various campus beautification projects. While we are already blessed with fairly picturesque sidewalks, flowers, and trees, these are still part of the campus that could benefit from some projects. At an example, I think the tunnel leading from Luther to the Union should have some type of0niting painted on the wall. In fact, I would not mind seeing Concordia Blue and Gold painted on several walls across all of campus. If any students/staff/faculty have any ideas about this subject, please feel free to email me with your suggestions or even just your name if you would like to take part in any campus paint jobs.

I would also like to stress that the new year is winding down. The elections for next year’s Student Executive Board will hire new CAB Chairs. Technically, our term does not end until March, and shortly thereafter, the new executive board will hire new CAB Chairs. Technically, our term does not end until March, and shortly thereafter, the new executive board will hire new CAB Chairs.

Finally, let’s have a great second semester. Time and time again this year, I have written about how special it is to be a Concordian.

Concordia Celebrates Black History Month

By Jonika Stowes

Black History month was started by a man named Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was born in 1875 to parents who could not read or write. Though his parents couldn’t read Woodson overcame the odds, and learned how to read and write. He later became a high school teacher and was very disappointed to learn that none of the schools taught about black history.

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He began his efforts in 1915, when he founded the Association for the Study of Black National History. The association’s mission was to promote the study of African American history and culture.

By 1926, Woodson’s efforts had resulted in the establishment of Black History Month. The observance was first celebrated on February 15th in Washington, D.C., and has since been observed nationwide.

The observance is marked by a series of events, including lectures, workshops, andEXHIBITION Black History Month

Thursday, Feb 15

The Important Role Education Plays in Teaching Tomorrow’s Leaders About Past and Future Threats of the Civil Rights Movement C.T. Vivian, President of Black Action Strategies and Information Center (B.A.S.I.C.) will be on hand.

Friday, Feb 23

The African American Experience stands unique in many ways as the quality of their achievements. Regardless of our ethnic background or the color of our skin, Black History month can teach us to respect people because of the achievements of Black History Month call us, like the Hebrew prophet Micah, to “do justly, love mercy, and walk Humbly with our God.”

Holst Explores Importance of Black History Month

February has gained recognition as “Black History Month” although some people protest that the celebration is either too much or too little.

Some argue that Black History month does little to compensate for the significant achievements of African American – achievements that enhance our lives every day. Others say that it is too much to have a Black History month since other ethnic groups don’t receive equal time.

I choose simply to treasure Black History month as a time to grow in the awareness of the struggle and success – past and present – of African American citizens. Regardless of our ethnic background or the color of our skin, Black History month can teach us to respect people because of the achievements of Black History Month call us, like the Hebrew prophet Micah, to “do justly, love mercy, and walk Humbly with our God.”

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