Currier Scores New Job at Truman U

By Anthony Decker
Shannon Currier, the Golden Bears head football coach for the past four seasons, resigned on Jan. 23, 2004, marking the end of an era for Concordia athletics.

At the end of 1999, the first year of Division II athletics at Concordia, Currier inherited a team that went 2-8 and was considered a non-contender in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). But someone forgot to tell Currier. In his first season, Currier elevated the Bears to a 7-3 record and instantly rose to prominence within the conference. Many at that time believe he built the team from the ground up, recruiting starting student-athletes from across the country and adding junior college all-stars. The end result was a winning record that surprised everyone’s expectations.

In four seasons he compiled a 32-12 record, reaching the Mineral Water Bowl and enjoying a conference championship in his last. In addition, he was also named NSIC Coach of the Year.

"He has the type of vision to take any situation and see the positive. It rubs off on the players," Joe Peters, an all-NSIC senior member of last year’s squad said. "He created a culture for Concordia, as well as the larger community we live in," said Sally Baas, director of the SEAT program. "Our communities are becoming more racially diverse each day. With that comes the challenges of understanding the perspectives of various cultures. Choice of Voices will help the participants explore their own thoughts of diversity and learn to understand and appreciate the perspectives of others. We will create the "voice" that we want to use when interacting with others."

During the week of February 25, students, faculty and staff are being recruited to participate in the series. There is no charge to participate, but participants must commit to being at each session and completing the coursework.

Choice of Voices Tackles Race and Racism

By Sue Knaus
Each day, we encounter people of all backgrounds: young and old; athletic and aca-
demic; people raised in small Minnesota towns and people raised in another country, people who resemble our cultural back-
ground and people who come from a very dif-
ferent culture from that in which we grew up.

And, with each encounter — both con-
sciously and unconsciously — we re-
act and what we think of the people we encounter. Given the increas-
ingly global community we live in, each of us is chal-
enged to expand our viewpoints and increase our understanding of how race and racism affects our interactions with others.

To help the Concordia campus community expand its understanding of these issues, the Southeast Asian Teacher Licen-
sure (SEAT) Program is pleased to announce a new series of dialogues and service learning about race and racism for the Concordia community. Choice of Voices: A Racial Dialogue for Concordia is a six-part workshop series that will be presented this spring.

"Choice of Voices" is all about creating a culturally inclusive en-
vironment for Concordia, as well as the larger community we live in," said Sally Baas, director of the SEAT program. "Our communities are becoming more racially diverse each day. With that come the challenges of understanding the perspectives of various cultures. Choice of Voices will help the participants explore their own thoughts of diversity and learn to understand and appreciate the perspectives of others. We will create the "voice" that we want to use when interacting with others."

During the week of February 25, students, faculty and staff are being recruited to participate in the series. There is no charge to participate, but participants must commit to being at each session and completing the coursework.

Job and Internship Fair Offers Opportunities

By Lindsey Hartlaube
For some students, apprehension over getting a job after graduation is mounting. For others, finding a summer job or an internship is a major concern. For those reasons, the upcoming Minnesota Private College Job and Internship Fair can allow anxious job-seekers to breathe a sigh of relief.

"First, it is an opportunity for me to share specific information and details about the fair. Second, it serves as an opportunity to ad-
vertise our upcoming Internship Fair," said Cab Cookies for Soldiers

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers page...2

The Thai that Binds: Thailand Mission Trip page...3

Women’s B-ball Seeks D-2 Title page...4

Don’t Forget SNOWCOMING — page 4

Super Bowl Half-Time Where’s-er Show page...2

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers page...2

The Thai that Binds: Thailand Mission Trip page...3

Women’s B-ball Seeks D-2 Title page...4
Super Bowl Half-time Whore-r Show

By Karl Olsen

Random fact for the day: Janet Jackson got her NIPPLE PIERCED. This information is conveniently pro-

vided by the Super Bowl halftime show. I am not a great fan of the show itself, but the Super Bowl is one of America's finest icons so I de-

cided to actually watch it for the first time.

Like many sports events, it even goes so far as to represent the most eloquent words in the Bible, pointed to the bet-

ter way — of love. Read the words you see in 1 Cor 13.

During the month of February, three dates stand out for me as important when thinking about love.

First, my wife's birthday is Feb. 22. No one knows as many

blends voices. Even the talented soloists can't "out." In

athletics, good team-

work, can defeat 

friends that are frem-

ware of others.

Challenging tal-

ent, individual students who want to put in the time, can succeed. The Apostles

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the need for Black History did not

credit where credit was due. The need for Black History did not

esteemed by most. To isolate and elevate individual students rights to
equalize the har-

mony of community. In some of

most important. "

President Holst

problems emerged when they began to de-

bate which talent, which idea, which convi-

ction, which ability was most important."

President Holst

American flag and to wave it

nationally up-

and ashamed to be an American at this
time. I am passi-
nately up-

me through these

including the very

old and the very

young.

This young,

the NFL actually al-

owed that musical trash to rep-

resent America and allowed them to perform for the Super Bowl makes me sick. America, look as trashy as they did.

I thought the Super bowl was about football. From the half-time show that I saw, I realize that it is about sex and spectacle. Why else would the Super Bowl announcers, sexual innuendos and Janet Jackson's chest on that stage? My comment is based on two

questions: Is this America? Is this what we want to present to the world? Good job whoever booked this act. All of the pigs in America must have been ecstatic, but what about the rest of us? It people wanted to see Janet

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers

By Janelle Cotter

While many people were at home with family on Christmas morning, 2000 troops from New

York, Pennsylvania and Virginia resided at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana. In order to

make their Christmas a little more enjoyable, CAB is sponsoring an evening of baking and
decorating Christmas cookies. LTC James Cotter, the military chaplain at the base, hoped to

give 1000 dozen home made cookies donated for the Chron-

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers

By Janelle Cotter

While many people were at home with family on Christmas morning, 2000 troops from New

York, Pennsylvania and Virginia resided at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana. In order to

make their Christmas a little more enjoyable, CAB is sponsoring an evening of baking and
decorating Christmas cookies. LTC James Cotter, the military chaplain at the base, hoped to

give 1000 dozen home made cookies donated for the Chron-

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers

By Janelle Cotter

While many people were at home with family on Christmas morning, 2000 troops from New

York, Pennsylvania and Virginia resided at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana. In order to

make their Christmas a little more enjoyable, CAB is sponsoring an evening of baking and
decorating Christmas cookies. LTC James Cotter, the military chaplain at the base, hoped to

give 1000 dozen home made cookies donated for the Chron-

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers

By Janelle Cotter

While many people were at home with family on Christmas morning, 2000 troops from New

York, Pennsylvania and Virginia resided at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana. In order to

make their Christmas a little more enjoyable, CAB is sponsoring an evening of baking and
decorating Christmas cookies. LTC James Cotter, the military chaplain at the base, hoped to

give 1000 dozen home made cookies donated for the Chron-

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers

By Janelle Cotter

While many people were at home with family on Christmas morning, 2000 troops from New

York, Pennsylvania and Virginia resided at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana. In order to

make their Christmas a little more enjoyable, CAB is sponsoring an evening of baking and
decorating Christmas cookies. LTC James Cotter, the military chaplain at the base, hoped to

give 1000 dozen home made cookies donated for the Chron-

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.

CAB Cookies Cheer Soldiers

By Janelle Cotter

While many people were at home with family on Christmas morning, 2000 troops from New

York, Pennsylvania and Virginia resided at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana. In order to

make their Christmas a little more enjoyable, CAB is sponsoring an evening of baking and
decorating Christmas cookies. LTC James Cotter, the military chaplain at the base, hoped to

give 1000 dozen home made cookies donated for the Chron-

Jackson's chest, I would have re-

ferred them to visit any low budget porn film, but never would have thought to tell them to watch an event that was foremost in American culture.

I hope that February, 2004 cel-

ebrates love here at Concordia. May we celebrate the love of

learning and sharing ideas, ac-

complishments, challenges and opportunities. Above all, may we

understand, in our charging that we are embraced by God's love and, in this embrace, dare to love one another.
The Thai that Binds: Thailand Mission Trip

By Ashley Staab

While many were enjoying the last days of Christmas break, Concordia Mission Society sent a group of 11 Concordians (ten students and one professor) to leave their winter coats behind and head to the airport bound for Chiang Mai, Thailand. They did not leave for warmer weather or for a break from stress, the group went to share the message of Christ’s love.

Staab, Logan Schiewe, Andy Ones, Drew Bayless, Kristen Kontak, and Greg Holz.

C.A.B. Cookies for Soldiers

continued on page 3

continued from page 2

Mueller knows "God really blessed us. He gave us safe travel, marvelous cultural insight in Thailand, and great opportunities to share Christ. Without a doubt, God’s kingdom was positively impacted through the ministry opportunities He gave us.

God's presence was not only changing the hearts of Thailand but also the hearts of the Concordia students. Some stepped back onto American soil with new consideration for their futures. With the internship and career program (Director of Christian Education, Director of Christian Outreach) fast approaching, several are contemplating going overseas for the internship. Others, like Drew Bayless, gained an intensified desire to join the mission field after graduation.

"God used this journey to Thailand to whet my appetite for overseas missions even more."

Concordia Mission Society helped to change the lives of 11 people this January. They gained cultural insight and experience that will be useful every day of their lives, had Christian fellowship within the group and with the people they encountered and they saw firsthand the power of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of people living in a completely different world from what the students knew.

With the mission trip over and jet-lag slowly fizzling away, students learned many lessons to be revisited. The students may have changed but God remains the constantly amazing God that He is always been. The earth is big and God is even bigger. He is the same God in St. Paul, Minnesota as He is in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It is difficult to imagine how far He can stretch His arms, but remember the arms stretched wide for us on the cross.

Concordia professor Paul Eickhoff said, "They thought the request for 1000 dozen cookies was ridiculous and unreasonable, but they forgot to take God's mysterious ways into consideration."

And, if nothing else, make a trip to Target, buy some candy hearts, rent a movie, and spell out love-lining left out. Here are some options for those flying solo this Love Day. All of the events are for Saturday, Feb. 14.

The James J. Hill House is offering what it calls a "Victorian Poetry Slam," where costumed actors will read poetry of the 19th century. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Walker Art Center continues its exhibit of pop artists, including Warhol, Oldenburg, and Rosenquist. The pieces in the show come from the Walker’s permanent art collection. Feb. 14 is the last day of the show. They also have an exhibit of the art of Jasper Johns ending that day.

In downtown Minneapolis the Jean Stephen Gallery presents a show titled "The Art of Dr. Seuss Retrospective and National Touring Exhibit.

Perfect for the more bitter among us is Valentine’s Day, the Minnesota Theater Garage presents "Around the World in a Bad Mood," about one woman’s experience working in the film industry for 20 years. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. tickets are $17.50-19.50.

First “How to Talk Minnesota, now “Guys on Ice: Ice fishing, the Musical.” No, I’m not kidding. You can see it on Valentine’s Day for $20-30 at the Plymouth Playhouse.

And, if nothing else, make a trip to Target, buy some candy hearts, rent a movie, and spell out love-lining left out. Here are some options for those flying solo this Love Day. All of the events are for Saturday, Feb. 14.

The James J. Hill House is offering what it calls a "Victorian Poetry Slam," where costumed actors will read poetry of the 19th century. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Walker Art Center continues its exhibit of pop artists, including Warhol, Oldenburg, and Rosenquist. The pieces in the show come from the Walker’s permanent art collection. Feb. 14 is the last day of the show. They also have an exhibit of the art of Jasper Johns ending that day.

In downtown Minneapolis the Jean Stephen Gallery presents a show titled "The Art of Dr. Seuss Retrospective and National Touring Exhibit.

Perfect for the more bitter among us is Valentine’s Day, the Minnesota Theater Garage presents "Around the World in a Bad Mood," about one woman’s experience working in the film industry for 20 years. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. tickets are $17.50-19.50.

First “How to Talk Minnesota, now “Guys on Ice: Ice fishing, the Musical.” No, I’m not kidding. You can see it on Valentine’s Day for $20-30 at the Plymouth Playhouse.

And, if nothing else, make a trip to Target, buy some candy hearts, rent a movie, and spell out love-lining left out. Here are some options for those flying solo this Love Day. All of the events are for Saturday, Feb. 14.

The James J. Hill House is offering what it calls a "Victorian Poetry Slam," where costumed actors will read poetry of the 19th century. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Walker Art Center continues its exhibit of pop artists, including Warhol, Oldenburg, and Rosenquist. The pieces in the show come from the Walker’s permanent art collection. Feb. 14 is the last day of the show. They also have an exhibit of the art of Jasper Johns ending that day.

In downtown Minneapolis the Jean Stephen Gallery presents a show titled "The Art of Dr. Seuss Retrospective and National Touring Exhibit.

Perfect for the more bitter among us is Valentine’s Day, the Minnesota Theater Garage presents "Around the World in a Bad Mood," about one woman’s experience working in the film industry for 20 years. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. tickets are $17.50-19.50.

First “How to Talk Minnesota, now “Guys on Ice: Ice fishing, the Musical.” No, I’m not kidding. You can see it on Valentine’s Day for $20-30 at the Plymouth Playhouse.

And, if nothing else, make a trip to Target, buy some candy hearts, rent a movie, and spell out love-lining left out. Here are some options for those flying solo this Love Day. All of the events are for Saturday, Feb. 14.

The James J. Hill House is offering what it calls a "Victorian Poetry Slam," where costumed actors will read poetry of the 19th century. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Women's B-ball Seeks D-2 Title

By Adrian Perrymen

Women's Basketball at CSP is still on top after ending a record breaking winning streak. The Golden Bears suffered their first loss since taking their season opener on Nov. 21, 2003. Northern State ended CSP's 16 game win streak 69-64 in Aberdeen. With matching records of 6-1 in the NSIC, the two teams are now tied for first place in the conference. CSP's winning streak included wins against North Dakota State and South Dakota State, both ranked in the top 25. The Golden Bears are ranked #13 in the nation according to the latest USA Today/ESPN Women's Basketball Poll. In the region, CSP is ranked #2 with an overall record of 10-2. Kayla Christensen, Carly Christensen, Ashley Smith and Jennifer Pozzani average double-digits in scoring per game. Pozzani leads the team in scoring and is second in rebounds and steals.

Photo courtesy of Jonathan Nelson
Golden Bear women pound Dakota State.

The SWORD Wants You!

Do you enjoy:

- Writing? Photography?
- Getting the inside scoop on happenings at Concordia?
- Making a little EXTRA spending $$$?

...If you answered YES to any of the following questions then The SWORD is the place for you!

We are currently seeking a Photo Editor as well as writers and photographers.

Interested?
E-mail Jennifer Mills: millsj@csp.edu

Sports Spotlight: Tim Hunter

by Swan Turay

Four years ago, 21-year-old Tim Hunter of Owatonna, Minnesota was enlisting himself into the United States Air Force to dutifully represent our country. Today, Hunter has found a new home away from home - the Concordia University Golden Bear football program.

After being away for the last four years in the service, Hunter is ready to play some football. "When I was in the service all I did was lift weights, go to class, and watch movies. I'm really anxious to continue my football career," Hunter said.

Hunter, the 21-year-old freshman had always wanted to play college football, but the influence of some few people spurred his decision to actually do so. "I always wanted to play football after being in the service. I had a chance to hear about the program from former Concordia player Chad Michaels and running back coach Joe Flores," Hunter said.

Michaels attended Simley High School together. "Chad is a good person, always got me excited to play football again. I can't wait to start up again. I heard a lot of great things about the football program and that just makes me even more eager to be a part of the building tradition," Hunter said.

Hunter hopes to win a starting position at tight end. "I'd like to improve on my blocking and my impact on the field," says Hunter. He plans on majoring in criminal justice during his tenure at Concordia University. Hopefully, the Concordia University Football Program will become Hunter's home away from home.

Choice of Voices

Applications are available in the Department of Education and are due by Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. All applicants will be contacted by Feb. 24 to discuss their application status. Questions or requests for more information can be directed to Sally Baas, x6188.

Cookies for Soldiers

Is an opportunity to address any specific questions that students may have.

Braun pointed out that the fair is an excellent resource for sophomores, juniors and seniors. "For sophomores and junior students the fair is a good opportunity to explore different industries in order to gain a sense for what type of career opportunities will be available to them upon graduation. It is also an opportunity to explore internship opportunities, as many majors require internships and even if they don't, internships offer students an excellent opportunity to begin testing out what they are learning in class," Braun said. Martin was pleased to attend the fair last year because he was successful in finding an internship there.

Jill Johnson
Advisors:
Dr. Debra Beilke
Dr. Eleanor Heginbotham
Jonika Stowes
Managing Editor:
Jill Johnson
Managing Editor:
Ashley Stahb
Photographers:
Lindsay Hartleben
Jonathan Nelson
Janelle Cotter

Published by: Lila Suburban Newspapers, Inc.
2315 E. 7th Avenue
North St. Paul, MN 55109
(651) 777-8400

For advertising or subscription information please contact us at: THE SWORD
275 Syndicate St. N
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: (651) 641-3771
Fax: (651) 659-0207

The SWORD is the work of the students and faculty at Concordia University St. Paul, Minnesota. We welcome and encourage the feedback from all readers both inside and outside the Concordia community.

Advisors:
Dr. Rosalyn Hackman
Dr. Deborah Hoke
Jill Johnson

Editor-in-Chief:
Jennifer Joy Mills
Managing Editor:
Janelle Cotter
Managing Editor:
Lisa Magurno
Technical Editor:
Berson Rush

Business Manager:
Josie Stovaa
Advertising Manager:
Jonathan Nelson

Photo Editor:
THE SWORD COUNTY