**War on campus**

**CSP hosts WWI film series**

By Jordan Watson

Concordia's library is one of 25 in the nation and one of only a few schools chosen to host a film discussion series entitled "The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power." The series is produced by National Video Resources and the National Endowment for the Humanities in collaboration with the American Library Association, and is part of National Video Resources popular "Looking At" series.

According to David Woodard, Ph.D., professor of history, Concordia's library was chosen for a few important reasons. "We have a good community to draw upon here. We're hoping this event can attract the public and interest the community in both our library and our school. We want the public to feel welcome here," Woodard said.

The series began on Jan. 24 and will occur weekly on Tuesdays in February from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Buenger Education Center. Each week, film clips from various sources will be shown. "The World War I Years" series is produced by National Video Resources.

**Sword switches spots**

**Newspaper settles into new, old home**

By Lindsay Hartleben

A space formerly described as small, cramped, creepy, depressing and loud was overhauled during late fall and winter to become a professional workplace with card access, fresh paint and new carpet, as well as a new desk, chair, bookshelf and 19-inch monitor to improve the page design process. And that's only the beginning of the Sword staff's efforts to expand its resources and enhance the bi-monthly publication.

For more, moving out of a small office space shared with Rosie Braun and others involved in the program there. We may also perform a reenactment to show what it was like to be a soldier in World War I. "The reenactment will be really interesting to see, plus you don't often see reenactments of the events of World War I," Woodard said.

Though the series will likely be of interest to History students, Woodard encourages people with an interest in world affairs to attend. "This won't be strictly historical. We can compare World War I to what's happening now in Iraq. There will be broad topics to discuss. I will also have suggestions of books people can read to get background information on World War I. It's just something fun and educational that we can do," Woodard said.

There is also potential for the event to have a future beyond the span of the film series on campus. "Central High has expressed interest in having us bring the program there. We may also present parts of it at the Minnesota Historical Society and various veterans organizations," Woodard said.

On the first night of the event there were between 60 and 65 people in attendance. "I think it went very well. I enjoyed it. It seems great to think people would love to become informed on what really was going on in America and with American troops during World War I. Personally, I plan to continue to attend each week," said Ian Brekke, a freshman history student.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Feb. 14: The American People in War Time
Feb. 21: Peace Keeping
Feb. 28: After the War: The Turbulent Years

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**Watch for details about the Sword staff's office-warming celebration, coming soon.**
By Emily Marcus

As Black History Month is celebrated all over the county during February, not only are important aspects of Black history recognized, but also of American history. According to Dr. Cheryl Chatman, Dean of Diversity, the core purpose of Black History Month is "to celebrate, acknowledge and educate our country on the accomplishments of African Americans."

Despite the importance, the history of African Americans and their contributions to American culture has not been a prominent feature in the educational system. Carter Godvin Woodson, considered the Father of Black History, recognized the importance of changing that.

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Dr. Chatman said, "Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lack the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history." As he wrote articles, books and reached out to schools and the public, he emphasized that Blacks should be "proud of their heritage and that other Americans should also understand it."

Concordia has promoted Black History Month for at least as long as the Diversity Program has been in existence for the past 15 years. Concordia’s predominately Black student organization, United Minds of Joint Action (UMOJA) has taken the initiative to organize and create events during the month of February to encourage learning and participation.

This year, event planners are focusing more on the community in an effort to build better relationships with Concordia’s immediate neighbors - the communities around Lexington and Hamilton. Feb. 6 kicked-off Black History Month at Concordia with musical performances by Bill Murray and Diane Moore, an appearance by storyteller Mary K. Boyd and the display of "Voices of Rondo," artwork by Frank Frasier.

New events were added to expand involvement and awareness. "A Cultural Extravaganza" in the Buetow Auditorium will feature a parade of fashions, customs and traditions from around the world. The convocation on Feb. 15 features Toni Carter, a Ramsey County Commissioner and CSP Doctor of Humane Letters recipient. On Feb. 16, students will be treated to a meal of soul food while learning about the origins of soul food and hearing related stories. "Young, Gifted and Black," a talent show displaying gifts and interests from campus and community musicians, singers, dancers, poets and more, will be held Feb. 19.

On behalf of Black History Month, UMOJA invites everyone to participate and help celebrate the history and future of African Americans.

"It's about realizing who we are as a race of people. Everyone should be involved because we defeat the purpose of it if we aren't," Chatman said.

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**February Activities:**

**Event**

- Chapel service led by UMOJA
- Soul Food and More...
- Convocation: Toni Carter
- UMOJA invites everyone to participate

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**Black History Month**

Celebrating a culture’s contributions

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**Bring on Snowcoming**

**By Katy Davis**

Instead of football, think basketball. Instead of Street Party, think Winter Carnival. Instead of petting zoo, think hot tubs. Instead of t-shirts and buttons, think hats and scarves. Instead of student body king and queen, think faculty or staff king and queen.

These are just some of the differences between Homecoming and the winter version, Snowcoming.

"Snowcoming is the collaborative ideas and efforts of CAB (Concordia Activities Board) and STAC (Student Alumni Council)," said Sarah Erkkinen, Alumni Relations Associate. According to Jason Rahn, CAB’s faculty advisor, Snowcoming originated in 1999 as a collaboration of events "embracing the winter activities."

On the Saturday of Snowcoming a winter carnival on the Knoll will showcase winter activities. Students can come outside for snow sculpture contests, snow football and volleyball games, a medallion hunt and the Surge Run.

For the medallion hunt, a scaled-down version of the Pioneer Press medallion hunt during Winter Carnival, CAB will be giving clues throughout the week that hint at the location of the medallion that is hidden somewhere on campus. The person who finds the medallion will be given a "tuneful" treasure — an iPod shuffle.

The Surge Run involves racing outside in bathing suits through a campus-encompassing course that starts at the music building and ends in front of Luther hall. Whoever reaches the line first and finishes a two-liter bottle of Mountain Dew is the winner.

"How it originally got its name was that Surge used to be the drink that had to be downed at the end of the race. Now Surge is no longer made so we use Mountain Dew instead," said STAC member Reena Linke.

Instead of October, think February. Instead of State Fair food, think cookies and cocoa. Instead of Homecoming, think Snowcoming.
It has been rumored that the Graebner Memorial Chapel may be undergoing renovations sometime in the near future. As exciting as this may sound, President Holst said that this is still a "feasibility study" and that "there are no guarantees."

Graebner Memorial Chapel, as it is currently known, was first constructed in 1911 as a state-of-the-art building. The total cost of the building was $10,654. At this time, chapel was held in the classrooms building. By 1944, the Graebner Memorial Chapel, as a gymnasium, was quickly becoming obsolete and a campaign to give the school a new gymnasium was begun. Fundraisers were done and donors were called upon, and finally, in 1954, enough had been raised for the building of the Lutheran Memorial Center (LMC). The new gymnasium was to be an impressive work of architecture which included a swimming pool and extensive office space, but the space of the former office space had to be eliminated from the original blueprints.

With the new gymnasium, the school was left with an empty space. Professor Oswald B. Overm, in his book History of Concordia College, wrote, "Although the gymnasium building was over forty years old, it was still structurally sound, and its shape was such that, with a few modifications and additions, it could be made to appear very churchly."

With this thought in mind, and $150,000, the remodeling of the gymnasium into the chapel as we see it today began. It was dedicated in 1955. If one were to look at the building today, it can be seen where the bricks from 1954 were laid by the bricks from 1911. Stained glass windows were also added, and the steel bell tower was raised.

The building still stands as it did 50 years ago, and some think that it is definitely time for either a remodeling, or a new chapel all together. Either choice will cost many dollars, but the bright side is that the dollars will come from benefactors rather than students. This author was given a chance to look at the current ideas on what the additions may look like, and it looks promising.

Concordia has had the privilege of hosting three to five exchange students every year since 1992.

-Emily Marcus

By Aaron Singleton

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Potential exists for Chapel upgrades

By Emily Marcus

Traveling from a country which is reported to be 70 percent mountainous to the middle of the United States is just one of many new experiences encountered by five Korean exchange students who have come to live at Concordia St. Paul for a month.

The students, Jang Eun Park, Yong Hoon Jung, Ha Na Park, You Jin Han, and MM Hee Kim come from the Korean Student Exchange Program during their semester break. Concordia has had the privilege of hosting visitors in the Korean Student Exchange Program, studying at Luther University in Seoul, Korea. They have come with the students from the Korean Student Exchange Program, studying at Luther University in Seoul, Korea. They have come with the students from the Korean Student Exchange Program during their semester break. The program includes spending mornings in ESL classes and leaving afternoons free for excursions around the Twin Cities, which are organized by Gretchen Beecroft, Executive Assistant to the President. Attending CSP classes, meeting other students and, of course, homework are among the activities which compose the students' days. The ESL classes begin at 8 a.m. with general listening and speaking. At 10:15 a.m. the students go back for topical and cultural listening, speaking, reading and writing. A variety of local attractions, including the Minnesota State Capitol, the Cathedral of St. Paul and the Mall of America are included on the long list of experiences to be had by the students.

Accompanying the students during classes will be a tutor who has come with the students from Korea. Mrs. Riemer, an Oakdale, Minn. native, lived in Korea with her husband, who is a professional of Eng-lish and missionary. She will be working closely with the students while they are in the Twin Cities area, but does not plan to return herself at the end of their visit.

The program was organized during President Holst's sabbatical teaching in Korea. Accord-
Have fun and don’t complain
The Sword Perspective

By Amanda Mraz

When I was first asked to be part of the mission trip to Peru, I was unsure what to expect. I had been on "mission trips" before, and from my experiences, I have defined the term: such a mission trip is to travel to another state or country in order to build or repair buildings for needy families and teach children Sunday school lessons.

This is a common way some have come to define the term "mission trip." Although this is what I had imagined when we left before, and from my experiences, this is not what I have come to define the term. I was not sure what to expect. Women look forward to this gal-darn holiday all year. This makes us girls very anticipate.

Lots of thoughts go through our brains as we try to figure out what women would be doing on Valentine’s Day. But on Valentine’s day, flowers and candles, because on this day, love is simply not enough. It needs to be supported. It is a special day of purchased goods. Which is fine by me, just makes it a little more challenging.

I know that guys have literally put months of work into their Valentine’s Day. And for what? So that their lady friend will have a good night? It’s just a little too much, thank you.

The other major factor in Valentine’s planning is not trying to look like an idiot in front of your friends. Guy’s boys take lots of mocked and email from single friends at home because they are not what they are supposed to be. But again, it’s really important. But not as important as doing what no plans for Valentine’s Day.

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Valentine’s Day seems to have become one of the most polarized days of the year. Either people celebrate it with much gusto or else they ignore it all together. It could be that Valentine’s Day is so shortly after Christmas and New Year’s that everyone is just too tired and too full of in a break. It could be that people spend countless hours planning a surprise and rarely do they get the reward which they expect. Whatever the reason may be for not liking Valentine’s Day, people need to chill out and learn not to turn so much. Perhaps what everyone needs to do is forget about the commercialization of Valentine’s Day and learn just to not care and to appreciate that fact that there is chocolate on sale for everyone. Perhaps more people should look optimistically at Valentine’s as a break from the monotony that is the month we call February. Perhaps rather than looking at Valentine’s day as stupid to celebrate, we ought to look at Valentine’s Day as an opportunity to do something different and out of their usual routine. One can hardly imagine how boring February might be without Valentine’s Day. Without Valentine’s Day there would be nothing to complain about and thus people would complain about that. Here at the Sword we would like to say to all you Valentine’s naysayers, "just get over it".

Why I love Valentines
By Matthew Griesenegg

Whenever Valentine’s Day is coming around the corner, it’s always a slightly depressing time. First of all, the first holiday after New Years. New Years is a great holiday. Lots of good times. It’s almost like ‘how you know what the next four days and Dumber was going to be as not good. Secondly, it’s also shorter after my birthday. My birthday is always filled with fun and enjoyment. But the main problem with Valentine’s day is that the holiday seems set up for disappointment.

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Love is in the air around campus
Concordians show their devotion
Compiled by Michelle Wegner

"Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within." —James Baldwin

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love." —Henry Drummond

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**Good Morning Beautiful,**
This past month has been so wonderful. Who would have thought something like this could happen to either of us. I'm very thankful to have you in my life. You are the best I've ever had. I love you this much (new wiggling arms out as far as they go)
Me

**Michael,**
You are kind, sweet, thoughtful, compassionate, generous, caring, a great cook, one inch taller than me, you seem to enjoy my quirksiness and you love Jesus more than you love me. You are amazing. I love you. Thank you for sharing your life with me.

**Chris,**
Two years have past, let's make this one a blast! Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Daniel

**Dear Jessie,**
Happy pre-valentine's day, Coke! It's been wonderful knowing you, and even more wonderful now having you as my wife! My spiritual walk with God has never been more real than when I was with you, and you've helped me to face my inner demons with strength and assurance. I love you very much, and I never would have made it without you! Thank you so much for being my wife!
Love, Aaron

**Stephan,**
You make Valentine's Day more than chocolate, flowers, and candlelight. Thank you for your patience, comfort, love, and laughter. See you in Mexico. Happy Valentine's Day.

**By Katherine Robinson**

**One very important day is quickly approaching.** Whether you are in a relationship, have a crush, or just enjoy the colors pink and red, this is a special time of year. Unfortunately, with most of us still recovering from the holiday season, we often do not have the time or money to make Valentine's Day memorable. Have no fear! After many long and tiring minutes of researching gifts given for St. Valentine's Day, The Devil has compiled a list of not only the most popular, but the least expensive gift ideas! Through interviewing and field research, here are the top 11 gift ideas for students on a budget:

11. **Scrapbook**
Collect favorite pictures of the two of you and compile them into a scrapbook. Include memories from your most memorable outings. Leave extra pages in the book to continue to add more moments in the future.

10. **Going...**
Read along with the traditional attempt at writing a poem from the heart, or pick a book to read together. 1.365 phrases... take an attractive jar (whether it is homemade or store bought) and place in it 365 words or phrases that you know will brighten their day. Include things like Bible passages or inside jokes to make them think of you every time they wake up in the morning.

5. **Dinner out...**
Take your significant other somewhere they have never been for lunch or dinner, but call ahead to create a special place setting.

4. **Dinner in...**
Show off your culinary skills by making a dinner for the two of you. Be as creative as possible (ex: heart-shaped food or romantic messages).

3. **Secret Sonnet**
Josiah: I have written this my love for you. 1.365 phrases... take an attractive jar (whether it is homemade or store bought) and place in it 365 words or phrases that you know will brighten their day. Include things like Bible passages or inside jokes to make them think of you every time they wake up in the morning.

**Love is in the air**
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**Café Latte**

For centuries, the middle of February has been a time for people to celebrate festivals in commemoration of St. Valentine. The ancient Romans celebrated the festival of Lupercalia in which young boys would run through the streets with blood soaked goat's hides and slap young women with them. In more modern times the idea of slapping a woman with a goat skin has lost its romantic notion and people have been forced to find alternative means of expressing romance and affection during this time of the year.

So, for all of those who do not find getting slapped with a goat skin romantic, here is a list of dates on which you can take that special someone for a sweet and romantic Valentine's Day:

**The Quick, Cheap Date:**
Café Latte

On the corner of Grand and Victoria one can expect the food to be fresh and the desserts to be delicious. Although it is certainly not the most romantic of settings, Café Latte is a fun restaurant where one can Toast that special someone with a glass of wine (or coffee) and finish the date with a romantic stroll down Grand or Summit Avenue.

**The Slow, Romantic Date:**
Grand Thai Restaurant

"The main allure of this particular Thai restaurant is the atmosphere. Nestled among the shops and bistros that populate Grand Avenue one can find this restaurant within the Crocus Center. Upon entering, you will notice a few shops to the right and a shoulder high wall separating the dining area. Although indoors, Grand Thai has an open-air feel to it. One can expect a good meal here for roughly 10 to 14 dollars per person.

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**The Fancy Date:**
Pancino Dolce

Although billed as an Italian eatery, this fine restaurant is filled with dishes that are slightly fancier and more interesting than the average restaurant. One start for example might be the flank steak. As common as it may sound it is far from ordinary. The steak is stuffed with spinach and then atop a fluffy bed of mashed potatoes with a blue cheese sauce. Expect to pay a little more on this fancy date. Prices are generally upwards of 20 dollars a plate.

**The Dessert Date:**
Grand Ole Creamery

Even if you have already made plans for where to eat Valentine's Day, one can not possibly end a date without dessert. Stop by Grand Ole Creamery for a sweet treat to share with that special someone. The plethora of flavors will blow your mind without blowing a hole in your pocket.

I hope this list helps out with your Valentine's Day plans. However, if you perhaps find it romantic to go and slap a young girl with a goat's hide then maybe you should consider these dates a little more carefully. Have a happy Valentine's Day!

And even if you leave, you'll by my strumpet.

And then when near to me you'll by my crumpet

Though torment follows, me with no relief,

But I might try for Wuv's sake in my heart,

But pity I must view thee from afar

You are my Sun, my luminescent star

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Baseball expands facilities, possibilities
By Lindsay Hartlieben

Only a few months ago, one of the baseball team's newest recruiting tools was nothing but a pole shed full of maintenance equipment and a few mice. Quick work transformed it into an insulated, heated, lighted, secured facility complete with batting cages, a compacted dirt floor and pitching mounts worthy of use in the Major Leagues.

"It looks like junk, but I like that," Head Coach Mark "Lunch" McKenzie said of the exterior of the 45 by 90 foot structure located west of the soccer field and within the fence surrounding parking lot D. But within the shed is a resource unlike anything else in the state. Concordia now has a significant advantage over numerous college programs which do not have the option to practice ground balls on dirt rather than field house flooring during the winter. Another feature now makes the Golden Bears envied by other college teams: pitching mounts professionally built by a crew from the Minnesota Twins - a far cry from rubber mounts typically used indoors.

"Our mounds are the exact same type of mound used by the Twins," said senior Bobby Meier, a sports management major. He said the entire facility is "a step up. We are setting a precedent for other programs in the state of Minnesota to do something like this." McKenzie described the situation as win-win. Maintenance equipment was moved from the shed to a larger storage space near the ACE Building. The baseball and softball teams then had a separate and allowed other teams more practice space in the Gangelhoff Center.

"You don't really want to interfere with anyone's practice. All the teams are trying to train hard," Meier said. "It's good to have a place in the fall so it is more fully equipped for supervised baseball and softball practices. Half of the area is a batting cage and half is dirt floor for practicing ground balls. The team has made the space their own by adding lockers, banners, a stereo system and couches. Players and coaches see it as one of the program's major selling points for recruits.

"This program is growing by leaps and bounds and this is just another example of how we're doing that," Meier said.

Watch for broken track records, higher standards
By Adrian Perryman

Concordia Track and Field is off to another record setting year. In each of the first four meets of this season, a new record was set for the Golden Bears track squad.

During the first meet, the MSU Holiday Invite in Manhattan, three records fell from the books. In her first ever meet as a Golden Bear, freshman Sarah Deutch set a new indoor school record in the triple jump. The Minnesota native from Jordan started her record setting season with a leap of 35' 1.1/4".

"I looked up the records on the Web site and I knew I had a good shot at breaking a couple of them," commented Deutch. She later improved her own record by 6 inches after jumping 35' 7 1/4" at the third meet of the season, the Minnesota Open at the U of M.

I am hoping to break the heptathlon and pentathlon records, and the outdoor triple jump," Deutch said.

St. Paul's own Adrian Perryman began his junior season with two recordsetting performances. In the 60m dash he broke the record set by his former teammate Charles Martin by running a time of 6.86 seconds. That time also qualified him provisionally for the Indoor National Meet in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Perryman added to his spot in the Concordia record books by running a time of 22.27 in the 200m dash. This performance was only .02 seconds from a provisional qualification for the Indoor Nationals.

"Focusing on running this year by announcing my retirement from football has really helped me out on the track," commented Perryman on why he has made such an improvement from previous seasons.

Senior Kyle Warren continued the streak with his performance at the Northwest Open at the U of M. He ran a record setting time of 1:56.52 in the 800m run. Warren currently holds eight records at Concordia University.

At the Husky Open in St. Cloud, the 500m was the record breaking event of the day for Golden Bear runners. Men's team members Kyle Warren, sophomore Kristoffer Inland and freshman Matt Eicheldinger competed and broke the previous school record. It was Eicheldinger who had the best performance, setting the school record with a time of 1:05.67. This was the first and likely not to be the last for this freshman hailing from Montross, Colo.

Along with the records, many CU athletes have achieved personal bests so far this year. The team is building up to peak at the Indoor and Outdoor National Championship Meets at Bemidji State on Feb. 25.