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Raising the Roof on Krenz Academic Center

AFTER YEARS OF planning and anticipation, construction began mid-September on the new \$4 million, 12,000 square-foot Donald A. Krenz Academic Center. Named for the late Concordia Regent, Donald A. Krenz, and underwritten by a significant gift from his wife, Darlene, the Center will be located in new and existing second floor space of Scheele Memorial Library. The "Raise the Roof" Ceremony was held October 1, coinciding with Homecoming/Family Weekend events. College officials, Bronxville Village Trustee Anne Poorman, major donors, and other honored guests helped the College celebrate.

Many Concordia alumni, friends of the College, and

local Bronxville residents have been supportive and generous in making this long-awaited facility expansion a reality. Long-time gallery benefactors Si and



October 1 – President George, Fords, Krenz, Pietruskis, and VP Grand Pré "topping off" the day's festivities

Vicki Ford provided funding for the new OSilas Gallery, which will relocate from the lower level of the facility to a new and enlarged setting on the Academic Center's second floor, overlooking the scenic campus quad. George and Barbara Yeager

helped underwrite a 20-seat seminar room that will showcase the Yeager Collection—autographs of American businessmen, financiers, and wealth creators. A donation from Concordia Regent Dr. John M. Pietruski, Jr., Hon '93, and his wife, Bobbi, helped fund the largest classroom in the new facility, the 78-seat Pietruski Lecture Hall.

As the first campus construction project in more than two decades, the Krenz Academic Center symbolizes the strides the College has made in the past five years. The Academic Center's opening is planned to coincide with the College's fall 2006 launch of its newly-enriched curriculum, *The Concordia Experience*, and Concordia's 125th anniversary.

See related What's New article.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November
2 24th Annual Community Dinner
- 5 Music at Concordia Children's Series
Once Upon a Time Signature—Fairy Tales to Music
- 10 Concordia Gallery
Vincent Van Gogh Drawings at the MET, slide lecture
- 21 Jacobson Global Lecture Series
China's Place in the World
- 23 – 27 Thanksgiving Recess—
No Classes

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New Faculty Faces

The College is blessed with several new faculty members this academic year.

MARTIN E. CONKLING, Assistant Professor of Religion and Director of the Pre-Seminary Program, served 20 years as an Army officer following graduation from the University of Oklahoma. A graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, with an M.Div. and an S.T.M., Professor Conkling was associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, MO. He is currently completing a Ph.D. dissertation with Concordia Seminary in 19th century German Lutheran theology.



*New professors (l to r):
Morss, Leonard, Francisco,
and Conkling*

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Clippings

Professor of Art Serdar Arat's recent exhibition, *Approach*, was on display earlier this fall at the Rosefsky Studio Gallery, Binghamton University, where he also presented a slide lecture on his paintings. This show and slide lecture will travel to Concordia University—Ann Arbor, opening on November 17. He also delivered a slide lecture there in September, entitled *1937: Art and Ideology*.

An article by Dr. Kate Behr, Assistant Professor of English, "Same-As-Difference: Narrative Transformations and Intersecting Cultures in Harry Potter," recently appeared in the *Journal of Narrative Theory*, v35, no1 (Winter, 2005). This article connects the concept of narrative as unfulfilled desire, the ceaseless interplay between signifier and signified, with the two cultures (Wizard/Muggle) presented in J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

Parents' Association Changes Focus

THE CONCORDIA-NEW YORK Parents' Association, instituted last year as a successor to the Concordia Guild, has redirected its efforts to more directly benefit our students and their campus surroundings.

It strives to bring "touches of home" to students and selects small-scale campus beautification projects to fund. By playing a role in helping prioritize and support certain campus improvement investments, parents gain a greater understanding of the College's operations, challenges, and achievements.

Further, through this enhanced perception of Concordia's mission, Parents' Association members can be advocates for the College, "talking us up" to friends and acquaintances with high school age children who might be interested in attending Concordia.

Association members have the ability to directly help shape their child's college experience. For more information about the Concordia Parents' Association, please contact Nathaniel Broyles, Development Research Officer, at x2150.

Significant Tuition Aid for Lutheran Students

CONCORDIA IS PROUD of its Lutheran heritage and strives to support Lutheran students. With that goal, Concordia is pleased to announce 50% off tuition beginning fall 2006 for Lutheran students scoring 1,000 or higher on the SAT (verbal/math combined) or an ACT of 22 or higher. These grants are valid for the student's four years at Concordia. Please help us spread this wonderful news! For more information contact the Office of Admission, x2155.

Warnken Heads Alumni Relations



MINDY BRADEN WARNKEN, '85, has taken the helm of Concordia's Office of Alumni Relations. As a Concordia grad and former Admission Counselor, Chapel School (Bronxville, NY) teacher for the past 15 years, and wife of the Manager of College Services, Mindy is in a unique position to re-connect alumni, answer their questions, and organize the many alumni events that take place throughout the year. She is very well-attuned to Concordia's activities.

Ms. Warnken, a Commissioned Minister of Religion, has oversight for the Concordia Open, annual golf outing near Albany, NY; the Alumni Basketball Game; the 1956 Class Reunion at Commencement; and Class Reunions in June.

Questions about alumni doings? Want to contact a Concordia friend? Contact Us!
Office of Alumni Relations • Mindy Warnken, Director
800- YES-ALUM • (914) 377-9300 x2198 • alumni@concordia-ny.edu

Alumni Basketball Takes to Court January 28

MORE THAN 17 Concordia alumni laced up their "kicks" for the annual game last year...some from 2001, some from as far back as 1980! It was loads of fun, with good ball and many memories.

This year's tip-off is at 5:30PM, but come early and catch the Clipper spirit with a free admission women's

varsity game at 1PM and men's play at 3PM. A buffet dinner follows the game for players and all alumni. It's a great event to reconnect and swap stories with your classmates. Bring the children, too! For information, to get on the roster, or reserve your seats for dinner, contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

June 2006 Reunions to Honor Classes "1" & "6"

Concordia graduating class years ending in "1" and "6" will be saluted at next year's Reunion Weekend, June 2 - 4. An enjoyable tradition of re-connecting Concordia Alum was revived last spring at Reunion Weekend. Interested in gathering your classmates or pulling in those from surrounding years? Contact Mindy in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Send Us Your News!

Please send your AlumNotes—news of births, marriages, and employment—to alumni@concordia-ny.edu.

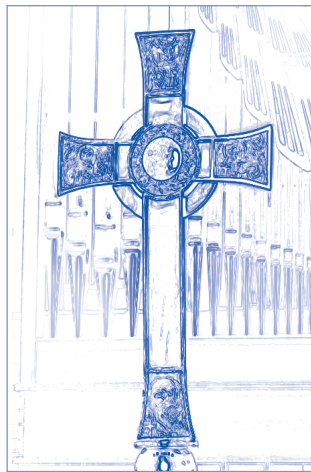
AlumNotes are posted online and printed annually in *The Concordia New Yorker*.

Alumni News

Having a Concordia Sunday?

SEVERAL CONGREGATIONS have requested information on "Concordia Sundays." Below are tips to make your event a success:

- Make "Concordia Sunday" a major focus for the day
- Invite a special speaker for the day—perhaps a Concordia representative or alum from within your congregation
- Enlist Concordia alumni within the congregation to participate in the service as greeters, ushers, readers, and vocalists
- Provide flowers for all Concordia alumni to wear and acknowledge their presence during the service
- Gather a special offering for a Concordia endowment fund
- Request promotional materials and display them prominently
- Ask Concordia alumni to sponsor refreshments following the service and decorate with a blue and gold theme
- Take a group photo and, together with a brief story, forward a copy to the Alumni Office
- Get creative and send us your unique ideas!



For assistance contact Concordia's Office of Church Relations, x2284.

New Faculty Faces . . . cont'd

ADAM FRANCISCO joins the faculty as Assistant Professor of History. A Concordia University-Irvine graduate, Francisco most recently conducted research and wrote his doctoral dissertation at Wycliffe Hall and the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at the University of Oxford. He was awarded the 2005 *Albin Salton Research Fellowship* at the Warburg Institute, University of London.

Joining the Biology Program as Instructor of Biology is GINA GIANNANTONI. She completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Columbia University and earned her M.S. in Biomedical Sciences from New York Medical College, where she is presently completing her doctoral dissertation. Professor Giannantoni's work experiences include research associate, psychiatric technician, internal medicine practice assistant, and Adjunct Professor at the College of New Rochelle and Manhattanville College.

DR. DAVID LEONARD, Assistant Professor of Education, brings a variety of experiences to the College. He served as an education specialist for Save the Children and spent six years as Programming Director at the Sarah Lawrence College Child Development Institute. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Gesell Institute for Human Development at Yale University. Dr. Leonard received his B.S. from the University of South Carolina and the M.A. and Ed.M. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

DR. BENJAMIN MORSS, Assistant Professor of Music and Humanities, holds a B.A. in Computer Science with breadth in Music from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in Music Composition from the University of California at Davis. He has been a composer in residence at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida and with Mosaic in New York, and has arranged albums and written the music for *Pop Star*, a musical for teenagers. Dr. Morss's keyboard work can be heard in the films *Sidewalks of New York* and *L.I.E.* His rock bands have been on the charts of college radio stations nationwide. Currently, he leads the rock-classical-hip-hop-dance fusion group, Infinite Orchestra.

In Memoriam Hilde Rader

THE COLLEGE NOTES with deep sympathy the passing of its great friend, Hilde Rader, who passed away in May at the age of 67. The long-time, dedicated treasurer of the Concordia Guild, only illness would keep Mrs. Rader from traveling to campus from her New Jersey home. Additionally, she was renowned for bringing many additional friends to events at "her Concordia." Mrs. Rader, a strong Christian role model to all who knew her, will be greatly missed by her Concordia family.

Clippings . . . cont'd

Assistant Professor of History Dr. Kathryn M. Galchutt's book, *The Career of Andrew Schulze, 1924 -1968: Lutherans and Race in the Civil Rights Era*, was published by Mercer University Press. Her work not only examines Rev. Schulze's life, but also the problem of racism in the church, the impact of the Civil Rights Movement in the Midwest, and the interaction between churches and society, at large.

Director of International Management & Assistant Professor of Business, C. J. Nagel, presented "Business Ethics in a Diverse World," at September's conference of the Association of Lutheran College Faculties, a group that represents 47 institutions of higher education in North America. Nagel reflected on management issues in today's dynamic global environment, included anecdotes from his corporate experience, and addressed both the challenges and opportunities facing today's students.

Professor of Education Dr. LuJuana Butts presented two sectionals, "Expository Writing: Making It Work" and "Reviving Religion Lessons Using Multiple Intelligences," at the triennial Lutheran Education Association Convocation (LEA), attended by more than 4,000 Lutheran educators, in Indianapolis last April.

The Lutheran Education Journal, v140, no2 (Fall 2005), published Professor of Psychology Dr. Ralph Peters' article, "Education, Wisdom and the Trinitarian Imagination: Christ, Creation and Community in the 21st Century." This article was the basis for his 2002 presentation to the LEA Convocation in Minneapolis. Dr. Peters also presented "Discovering Your Genius" at the April LEA Convocation.

December

3 Music at Concordia
Children's Series
The Xmas Files

10 & 11 Music at Concordia
Concordia Christmas Concert

15 Final Exams Begin

20 Last Day of Classes

January

17 Classes Resume

21 Music at Concordia
Children's Series
Rhythm in Our World

21 Music at Concordia
Lawrence Dutton, viola, and
Conservatory Chamber Ensemble

28 Annual Alumni
Basketball Game & Dinner

February

4 Campus Preview Day

March

19 Music at Concordia
Concordia Choir Home Concert

25 Campus Preview Day

31 Music at Concordia
Richard Heschke, organist

For information on these
and all campus events, please
call (914) 337-9300 or visit
www.concordia-ny.edu.

CONCORDIA ATHLETICS

Bold denotes home games For game times and
complete schedules, visit www.concordia-ny.edu.

**New York Collegiate Athletic Conference Game*

Women's Volleyball ... remaining

october
29 **Teikyo Post University**

november
1 **College of St. Rose**

Men's Basketball

november
26 University of North Florida
30 Bridgeport University*

december
3 St. Thomas Aquinas*
7 **Queens College***
10 Mercy College*
12 **Dowling College***
21 Franklin Pierce College

january
11 C.W. Post*
18 New Haven*
21 **Adelphi University***
24 **Molloy College***
26 **NY Inst. of Technology***
28 Bridgeport University*

Women's Basketball

november
7 **Dominican College (scrimmage)**
12 Nyack College (scrimmage)
15 **Pace University**
18 Shippensburg Univ. Tournament
19 Shippensburg Univ. Tournament
22 **Felician College**
28 Teikyo Post University
30 Bridgeport University*

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3 St. Thomas Aquinas*
7 **Queens College***
10 Mercy College*
12 **Dowling College***
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Annual Alumni Basketball Game at 5:30pm

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Admission Counselor Knows What it's All About

The Office of Admission helps you learn about the College, the admission process, and your new college life. To assist with this process, each prospective student is assigned an admission counselor. Amanda Wilhelm, a recent graduate of Concordia's English program, joined the Admission team early this summer. She assists students from New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the LCMS Southeastern District.

Amanda is eager to share her extraordinary Concordia experience with incoming students. "Concordia

was perfect for me—the best part was the English program and the faculty who give it life. Each professor is unique in teaching style and interests, which add variety to the classroom experience. Their knowledge and passion for the subjects they teach are inspiring," comments Amanda. "Students flourish—learning to write well, read in a critical manner, experience obscure plays, and always perform better than they expected." Amanda knows "the impact of each professor and class continues to inspire me as I move on in life." Contact Amanda (x2139) to learn more about your Concordia experience.

Summer on Campus—an International Scene

During July and August, Concordia's International Center for English as a Second Language (ICESL) played host to 29 students from Japan, China, and Peru. Our guests enjoyed a summer packed with rich American experiences and extensive language instruction. They then had the opportunity to use their new language skills as they explored the exciting sights of New York City's metropolitan area. Whether it was volunteering at the Wartburg Adult Care Community and Andrus Children's Center, kayaking the Hudson River in front of a silhouetted Manhattan skyline, conquering the maze of the City's subway system, or visiting the Bronx Zoo and Yankee Stadium, the faculty and students enjoyed an intercultural exchange that will provide life-long memories. For more on the Summer ICESL program and the summer session, visit www.concordia-ny.edu, select *Prospective Students/English as a Second Language*.

What's New?

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

NEW YORK

Krenz Academic Center State-of-the-Art Learning Space

Beginning fall '06, students will benefit from the state-of-the-art Krenz Academic Center. The expansion to the current Scheele Memorial Library will provide enhanced and new educational space. The Academic Center will offer students two large, networked presentation classrooms equipped with the latest in



multi-media educational technology; a new art gallery; a 20-station computer lab; a media production studio, to be the heart of a new Communication studies program; an inviting student/faculty reading lounge; a seminar room; and more. Concordia-New York looks forward to the completion of this eagerly-awaited facility.



Spotlight on Faculty

The Concordia experience is unique in that you will develop lasting relationships with your professors. Faculty members at Concordia are here to help nurture, care, and guide you through your college experience.

One faculty member in particular, Dr. Mandana Nakhai, has been a valued member of the Concordia family since 1987. Dr. Nakhai, is Assistant Dean of the Liberal Studies Division, Professor of English, and Director of Concordia's Writing-Across-the-Curriculum program. She received the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in English from the University of Tennessee. An Associate of Columbia University Seminars, Dr. Nakhai is involved in the study of comparative English and Middle Eastern literature. She has conducted numerous national and international seminars related to writing, writing instruction, and literature, and is an avid traveler. Dr. Nakhai eagerly leads Concordia tours abroad—London in 2004, England and Ireland in spring 2006—as part of Concordia's commitment to experiential learning.

If you would like to meet Dr. Nakhai or other members of the enthusiastic Concordia faculty, visit campus today.

Christmas Concert in Memory of Dr. David C. Jacobson

This Christmas season, the College is honored to present a special concert in memory of our Provost, Dr. David C. Jacobson, whose untimely death last December touched the entire Concordia family. The concert is anchored with selections from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, and also includes a number of traditional carols. Come enjoy the sounds of full orchestra, chorus, and soloists in the magical acoustics of the Sommer Center. Performances are Saturday, December 10 at 7PM and Sunday, December 11 at 4PM. For more *Music at Concordia* offerings, visit the website under *Cultural Events & Community Programs*.

Student Spotlight

Name: Stéphane Laroche

Graduating Year: 2008

Area of Study: Business, International Management

Hometown: Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Heeding the advice of his admission counselor to be active on campus, Stéphane dove head-first into campus life at Concordia. An ambitious student athlete (Concordia Fellow & Cross Country), he still finds time for the Business Club, Delta Omega Pi fraternity, and student employment with the Office of Institutional Advancement. Stéphane's weekends are full with studies, time with friends, adventures into the City, and often church at Our Redeemer Lutheran in the Bronx.

While he is serious about preparing for his future career, Stéphane—who

speaks fluent French and Creole—plans to work for a global conglomerate with strong business ethics and community involvement. He also knows the importance of student life, "College is about balance—taking school seriously versus, having fun is the key to success. Concordia is full of opportunity. It's a community that is extremely welcoming and allows me to make a difference. It means the world to me that faculty and staff know me by name and stop to really *talk with me*," comments Laroche. "My voice is heard—to me, this is all part of the Concordia experience."

The Common Application Our First Anniversary

Going through the college admission process? One repetitive task stands out—the endless completion of applications. At Concordia, we've streamlined this process with you in mind. As members of the Common Application, Concordia and 276 other select institutions accept the same application which means you complete just a single application! We're celebrating our one-year anniversary as a privileged member of the Common Application and are proud to say students are thrilled with the ease of applying. Apply online at www.commonapp.org, and for visiting campus on a Preview Day, you will receive a voucher to waive your \$40 application fee.



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Upcoming Events

December 10 & 11

Concordia Christmas Concert
Start your holiday season with selections from J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio for choir, soloists, and orchestra.

January 21

FAFSA Workshop
Time to apply for the FAFSA! Come let our Office of Financial Aid help you understand how to apply for financial aid from the government. This workshop will make it easy and understandable.

January 21

Lawrence Dutton, viola, and Conservatory Chamber Ensemble
Experience the Grammy® award-winning violist of The Emerson String Quartet and Conservatory faculty artists.

February 4

Spring Preview Event
Tour campus, meet faculty, students, and admission staff. Learn more about the application process and how to make Concordia an affordable financial choice.

March 19

Concordia Choir Home Concert—Back from Brazil!
Welcome the choir back from their first South American tour. This concert will be energized by the sights and sounds of the choir's travels to Rio de Janeiro and Salvador da Bahia—combining American, Brazilian, and Portuguese musical traditions.

March 25

Spring Preview Event
Tour campus, meet faculty, students, and admission staff. Learn more about the application process and how to make Concordia an affordable financial choice.

- Personalized visits scheduled Monday – Friday.
- Tours available daily at 11:30AM & 2:30PM.
- Visit campus and explore your college options!