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## Communication is key to a safe campus

Dormitory burglary calls for everyone's cooperation

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"The most important ingredient to having a safe campus is communicating," stated Director of Campus Security, Mario Valdes. If the students, faculty, and campus security communicate among each other, unwanted trespassers will be found and questioned before they are free to escape with crimes.

One such crime that could have been prevented was the burglary that took place in the Katharine dorms on Oct. 18.

According to the criminal reports and the security cameras, the man gained entry to the school by following a student in the doors of Katharine. He then walked in to multiple unlocked dorm rooms and managed to get away with credit cards and cash.

The suspect was wearing a white hard hat with a khaki shirt and khaki pants, posing as a construction worker. He also drove a

red Ford Taurus which was caught on surveillance video.

Students may not have reacted to the man in the hard hat as suspicious because of the construction on the Coburg dormitory. Valdes wanted it to be made certain that this man was not a construction worker and had absolutely no connection to the school.

Following this incident, the construction crew has been ordered not to come inside the school without proper identification visible.

"I feel safe for the most part living on campus, but hearing of crimes like this always make you feel a little more nervous," said Ryan Riedel, a sophomore on-campus student of CUW.

The perpetrator remains un-found, but Campus Safety has requested the help of the Milwaukee and Mequon Police Departments as well as a private company that protects an assisted living center in

close proximity to CUW.

By not propping open doors, keeping rooms locked, and by having the new welcome center in front of campus, the school is more protected. In spite of these efforts, people not associated with the school have gained entry into the campus buildings this year.

Valdes said much can be prevented if students report anything suspicious. In reviewing the surveillance videos, he said, "It was like he was lost," which can be a sign of suspicion. Another sign that he mentions is avoidance of direct eye contact.

"We have enhanced our patrol with many former police officers, but we still cannot see everything on campus. We need the cooperation of the staff and students to keep Concordia as safe as it can be," said Valdes. ■

## SGA Promotes Creationary Science Materials

By ANN OSBURN  
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A recent resolution from Concordia University Wisconsin's Student Government Association (SGA) addresses a shortage of college-level creationary science materials and promotes the creation of these materials at Concordia.

The resolution named "A Resolution to Promote an Overture Regarding Development of Collegiate Level Materials Affirming Creationary Science" was written by SGA's Chief Organization Officer Matthew J. Theriault for SGA's special committee on Academic Policy.

The resolution resolves "that the student body of Concordia University Wisconsin exhort President Rev. Dr. Patrick T. Ferry and the Board of Regents to draft an overture to be submitted for the 2010 Synodical Convention regarding the development of materials for use throughout the science departments of the Concordia University System which affirm and promote scientific models consistent with that of Special Creation."

The resolution references a resolution "To Commend Preaching and Teaching Creation" passed by the 2004 Synodical convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The resolution states that "no educational agency or institution of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod tolerate any teaching that contradicts the special, immediate, and miraculous creation by God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as an explanation for the origin of the universe."

SGA speaks on issues through

the passing of formal recommendations by way of resolutions and spoken and written motions.

"Most people think that the purpose of the Student Government is simply to be a voice for the students. While that's certainly true, when it speaks, it does so with the obligation to do so in affirmation of the University's mission to train future leaders for service to Christ in the Church and in the world," Theriault said. "In order to fully accomplish that mandate, the Student Senate must at times address issues beyond its usual scope. That is precisely the case with our recent resolution concerning creationary science materials."

"It's important that the Concordia system have the best resources available to promote the Synod's teachings," SGA Vice-President Dan Luck added.

The SGA resolution concludes its resolved statements by suggesting that Concordia Publishing House be used for the publication of the materials and encouraging other bodies in the Concordia University Wisconsin community to accompany SGA in support of their proposal.

"Well-developed creationary science materials will not only affirm a proper understanding of cosmogony of the universe, but they will also equip students to address fallacies promoted by evolutionism," Theriault said. "It's truly a shame

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## Women's Hockey Opener Brings in an Exciting Crowd

By MATTHEW MENZL  
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It is often said that good things come to those who wait. More than nine months after it was announced that Concordia would be adding women's hockey, the much-anticipated opening game came and went with a capacity crowd rewarded with a night to remember.

An estimated crowd of more than 500 people packed the Ozaukee County Ice Center on Nov. 3 as the Falcon's women's hockey squad opened their inaugural season, playing host to the Hamline University Pipers.

"Opening night far exceeded any of our expectations," said Athletic Director Dr. Rob Barnhill. "I knew there was some excitement generated by the addition of hockey, I had heard hockey on the lips of some people, but I did not anticipate the crowd we had that night.

I was pleased to see a great mix of our students, community members and parents of youth hockey players of the Ozaukee County area in the stands."

As fans filed into the rink, where the temperature was a brisk 40.5 degrees, they were greeted by the Concordia pep band. Entertaining the crowd all night long, the pep band added to the buzz that already surrounded this historic event.

"The opening night of Concordia hockey was great," said pep band director and junior student Sean Willman. "The house was packed with people and it was an honor to be invited. Hockey is quite different than football, basketball, or any other sport in that the action is non-stop. While this diminishes the involvement the pep band can

have during the three periods, it gets the fans excited.

"It's unlike the other sports that the pep band plays at, but it's a great time and we plan to be at as many games as we can. We're going to try and be at one hockey game a week. Hockey has been a great addition to the pep band schedule, and we're all excited about the next few months," added Willman.

Prior to the starting line-ups and the National Anthem, President Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry and a number of other University and community dignitaries walked out to center ice for a ceremonial puck drop. After a number of photos were taken to capture

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## Men's hockey keeping a positive outlook

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"The score doesn't really tell the tale of the game," said freshman Alex Koeppen.

Koeppen is one of the backup goalies for Concordia's Men's Hockey Team, who watched as Concordia played their first game in history against the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The final score was 10-1 in favor of Stout. Concordia's Justin Maciuk, a freshman, scored the Falcon's first-ever goal.

"We obviously did some things wrong, but we also did some things right," said Koeppen. "We knew Stout was a good team; I think we may have just underestimated their abilities."

UW-Stout's Hockey Team is ranked 12th in the nation, according to the United States College Hockey Organization. For a first game against such a highly-ranked team, Concordia stayed strong throughout all three periods.

"Although we spent most of the game in our defensive zone, we still showed determination and never gave up. We learned a lot of things that we have to work on to make us a better team," stated Koeppen.

Freshman Casey Lutz, a for-

ward on Concordia's Hockey Team says it was a good learning experience.

"We learned what we're going to be up against the rest of the season. We aren't just going to be able to walk out there and start to play; we need to prepare and be ready," said Lutz.

Neither player was upset as to how the game turned out.

"I'm not mad we lost to them," said Lutz. "We just were not ready for that type of competition yet."

Nicole Wagner was one of the Concordia fans who made the five-hour drive to see her first-ever hockey game. Regardless of the score, her first hockey experience was positive.

"I had an amazing time! I didn't care that we lost because I was having so much fun watching our team finally play. They looked like they were trying their hardest out there," Wagner said.

The Concordia Falcon's next game will be against Marian at the Ozaukee Ice Arena on Dec 7.

"This game is important because it will allow us to show our true colors against a more evenly matched team," stated Koeppen. ■



Photo by JAMES SALESKA



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**Ceremonial Dropping of the puck** by Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry at the Ozaukee County Ice Center for the Women's Hockey opening game.

**Hockey players chase the puck** down the ice while the packed crowd eagerly watches in anticipation.

## WCUW on Air after extended absence

By MITCH LUBNER  
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Concordia students are able to tune in to WCUW stations once again after a long absence due to a technical problem.

The radio station at Concordia, WCUW 101.3 FM "The Talon," was out of order for a little over a month before it finally recovered from its technical problems. The sound board unexpectedly encountered problems and rendered itself useless. Attempts were made to use an older sound board but its poor quality resulted in more difficulties, and Sam Crynock, WCUW Radio Station Manager, decided that he had to shut down the radio station indefinitely.

Crynock said, "It has made my job very difficult."

In mid-November, a new sound board was purchased so students at Concordia could continue to do their shows.

The WCUW class and the Radio Production class need to have on air time to receive a grade. The lack of a useable sound board has affected the amount of work they now have to do since the sudden breakdown.

Sophomore Michael Johnson, a WCUW student, said, "It's made it easier because there's no midterm." Johnson, however, continued to say, "It's also made it harder because I was getting into the rhythm of using the board. You have to be in a certain mindset and after such a long break it was hard to mentally get back into that."

The new sound board is doing well after a few shows. Listeners can now continue to enjoy the finest of Concordia's radio programming at 101.3 FM "The Talon." ■

## Concordia music groups highlighted in local media

By ABIGAIL BORCHARDT  
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Concordia music ensembles appeared on Milwaukee-area Fox and WISN-TV, ABC's local affiliation channel, this holiday season.

This year, as musicians geared up for the 20th annual Christmas at Concordia, held on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, more than just the Concordia community was watching.

This year there were two different venues, the local Fox news and WISN-TV's "A Season to Celebrate" program, which feature different groups from Concordia.

Kammerchor and the Alleluia Ringers were recorded for WISN-TV's "A Season to Celebrate." Channel 12's holiday production is the 10th most watched in the country.

On Nov. 29, the Wind Ensemble, Kammerchor, and the Alleluia Ringers were shown on Fox News channel 6 with Gus Gnorski. They appeared in the 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 a.m. shows.

This program was designed to be a teaser for the annual Christmas at Concordia concert, which includes Wind Ensemble, Strings, Kammerchor, Chorale, Alleluia Ringers, and Chapel Ringers.

Dr. Kenneth Kosche, director of Kammerchor and Chorale, commented on this opportunity by saying that Concordia has deep roots in the Milwaukee area. "It's exciting and very nice to be able to contribute...The invitation is a compliment to Concordia's music department." stated Kosche.

Sophomore Sarah Schultz, member of Kammerchor, talked about her excitement about this year's concert, "I love how the joy of Christ becomes intertwined with the music." ■

# Winterim is here to stay, for now

By ADAM VAUDT  
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Concordia University will continue to provide courses in a variety of core academic classes during Winterim in order to allow students to finish school in a timely manner.

Dr. William Cario, Senior Vice President of Academics, said, "Discontinuing is not a high priority from my office, the academic counsel judges do not have the Winterim discontinue on the agenda."

The Winterim program registered about four hundred students for January 2008, but in the past few years enrollment has been slowly declining from previous years, according to Cario. This decline may shape

the Winterim program because the students control the way the Winterim program will be used in the future.

Winterim has many benefits which include giving students an opportunity to study abroad as many departments set up trips during this time. Winterim works well for travel because of the long break, cheaper airfare, and still gives students a longer break so they can have time to work and earn money for second semester expenses.

Winterim does however push back graduation in May by one week. Winterim also is an extra expense for those students who choose to take a course.

Started in the 1970s, the Winterim program has separate tuition fee from the fall and spring semester. Students that stay on campus are not charged for room and board. Although students are not allowed to use their meal swipes students can use their points for lunch and dinner in the cafeteria.

According to Cario, "The purpose has changed over the years, in the 1970s Winterim was set up to take a course a student wouldn't take normally, a course that was more unorthodox, it was chosen on interest. Now students take the courses because they need the credits for their core to graduate." ■

Winterim Food	Cafeteria	BBC	The Nest
Schedule	Brunch: 11:00 - 1:00 Dinner: 4:00 - 6:00	CLOSED	CLOSED
Jan. 3 - 23			

## Winter car maintenance tips

Information gathered by *The Beacon's* Joanna Womack.

- Keep the gas tank at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  full to prevent condensation from forming in the tank.
- Make sure that your car is up to date on maintenance as well as oil changes.
- Keep the antifreeze at a proper level, as well as keeping the windshield cleaner filled.
- The coolant levels should be topped off as well or else it will get slushy and freeze.
- Make sure that the tires of your car are kept maximally inflated, as tire pressure drops drastically in cold weather.
- If the car has 75,000-100,000 miles on it then be sure to get the spark plugs checked and consider going in for an engine tune-up.
- The battery of the car should also be checked before the winter weather, if it is weak or marginal, then it should be replaced.
- Make sure that your car is equipped with certain supplies like an ice scraper, blankets, and a first aid kit.

## Private Confession and Absolution on campus

By ANN OSBURN  
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Private confession and absolution has been a topic of discussion among students on campus this fall, seeing recent discussions in both the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Campus Ministry Leadership Team (CMLT).

During its Oct. 15 Senate meeting, the SGA Senate decided to refer resolution SEN.127.17, To Promote Private Confession and Absolution, to the CMLT.

The confession and absolution resolution, written by SGA Vice-President Dan Luck, was originally passed by SGA's University Policy Committee.

Tysen Bibb, the committee's chair, said, "The meaning and intent [of the resolution] was kind of lost in the Senate. The idea of it coming institutionalized came across. This was not the original intent."

Following SGA's referral of the resolution, Bibb, a CMLT Jesus Retreat co-leader, discussed the resolution at a recent CMLT meeting.

"I gave a general rundown of the resolution," Bibb said. "It was met with silence."

Campus Pastor Rev. Steve Smith addressed the confession and absolution topic during the CMLT meeting.

"I think the spirit [of the resolution] is wonderful," Smith said. "Creating more awareness is a good thing."

Confession and absolution was established by Jesus himself: "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (John 20:22-23).

Smith noted that confession and absolution is available by clergy upon request, and said, "I think with people's schedules, scheduled times for Private Confession and Absolution would be impossible."

Following the discussion of this sacrament, CMLT commissioned their Worship Committee to write a pamphlet discussing confession and absolution. The pamphlet will be available outside the chapel and publicized to students. ■

## CUW sophomore 'kills' volleyball record

By JASON HARRIS  
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On Oct. 16 sophomore Katie Roessler broke the record for number of "kills" in a game with 23 in total. This record-breaking accomplishment happened against Benedictine in a heart-stopping, five-game win to achieve second place in the Northern Athletics Conference.

According to Roessler, she had no idea during the game that she was close to breaking the record. "I did not even know until a few days after the game that I was the new record holder," she said.

The passion for playing volleyball and receiving a good education brought

Roessler to CUW and now is the record holder for the most kills in a game for the most kills in a game for the volleyball team. Roessler has been playing volleyball since fifth grade and now all her hard work and dedication has paid off. When asked what her greatest moment on the volleyball court was this year, she replied "Winning CIT this year."

In regards to the record-breaking game, Roessler stated, "I think that twenty three kills made a significant impact on the outcome of the game, but I never focused on trying to break a record, I just went out and played my best."

Watching the game,

junior Matt Menzl stated, "This is probably the single best performance I've seen at a volleyball match. What made it even more special is the fact that Concordia and Benedictine were battling for second place in the conference standings, and to watch Katie rise to the occasion was beyond impressive. Her kills record should last for a long time, unless she goes out and has another unforgettable night next season." ■

## Toilet papering tradition during Homecoming needs to be done 'in a better way'

By ABIGAIL BORCHARDT  
Staff Writer

Concordia University is looking into alternative ways to show school spirit with toilet papering for Homecoming next year.

This Homecoming, toilet papering was kept to a minimum with Campus Safety stopping some students in the act on the eve of Oct. 20 in their efforts to decorate the school grounds in the traditional toilet paper covering.

According to Mario Valdes, Director of Campus Safety, the act of toilet papering is not considered an act of vandalism nor is it in violation of any rules on campus.

For this reason, students were not stopped because they were toilet papering but rather because there was littering of toilet paper wrappings and cardboard rolls in the new landscaping in the front of campus.

Last year, Campus Safety requested toilet papering be kept to the north end of campus, so that for the other activities going on over the Homecoming weekend,

the front entrance would look nice for the visitors. But this year, the south end of campus was toilet papered considerably.

The toilet papering of the school has been occurring even before the university moved to its Mequon location.

"This has been going on for a long time, it is really a tradition," stated Dr. Andy Luptak, Vice President of Student Life.

The students that were stopped were asked by Campus Safety to help clean up what they could. Valdes commented on how "polite" and "extremely cooperative" the students were in the clean-up process.

Sophomore Sean Larkin gave his opinion of the events by saying, "It is purely a display of school spirit and tradition."

While students were stopped and asked to clean up, no students received citations or were written up for any violations in regards to toilet papering the campus.

Valdes stated, "We under-

stand Homecoming is a big thing and they were just enjoying the activities, but at what point do you let it go? There has to be a limit."

Steve Crook, Dean of Student Services, spoke out on how they are looking into other ways to celebrate Homecoming through toilet paper that would still keep the school spirit but without the perception of vandalism.

One idea presented was to designate the time after the powder puff game, the Friday afternoon before Homecoming, for open toilet papering of the school on the north end of campus.

Crook also invites students and others to give feedback and share ideas regarding other ways to improve upon this activity by talking to him or sending emails.

Crook questioned, "How do we take this tradition, keep this tradition, and do it in a better way?" ■

### TOILET PAPER LEFT OUTSIDE



Photo by ABIGAIL BORCHARDT / The Beacon

**Rolls of Toilet Paper** and other trash were left on the grounds of Concordia's campus as a result of the traditional toilet papering of the school for Homecoming.

### SENIOR FOOTBALL LEADERS



Photo by ZOE WERNER / The Beacon

**Senior Football Leaders** pose for a picture. From left to right: Nick Drabek, Ricardo Levy, and Wilbur Allen.

## Seniors have high hopes for next year's football team

By ZOE WERNER  
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Over the past few years at Concordia University Wisconsin, the football team has been conference champs four out of five years. With over 100 football players in this past 2007 season, the Falcon's record was 6-1 in the conference games, once again making the team Illinois Badger Football Conference (IBFC) champions.

Seniors on the Falcon's football team will be missed greatly next year, although many of the senior players know that the team will be successful in the years to come. When three seniors were asked how they think the Concordia Falcon's Football team will be next year without the seniors, defensive lineman, senior Wilbur Allen, stated, "They'll be good, they will have great leaders."

Offensive lineman, senior Nick Drabek, also has high hopes for next year's season. "I think that they'll be okay, they have a lot of good juniors who are ready to step up," he said.

The seniors for the Falcon's football team play a major role when it comes to the younger players. Although the season is now over, Allen said, "Now our season has just started for being a senior... it's now a

leadership role and a lot of responsibility."

Ricardo Levy, a senior wide receiver for the Falcon's, also believes that being a senior means being a leader. "The year was a roller coaster ride, and each turn we did not know what to expect because we started off really bad. There was a big difference being a senior on the team because that's the year all of the fans remember so every weekend you have to bring it. Also, the coaches put more pressure on you because you have to be a leader to the younger kids."

While playing college football, many great memories were formed for these players. "What I'm going to miss the most is beating the top 25 ranked North Central last year on our way to a 10-0 season," Drabek said, "And I'm going to miss the road trips and just hanging out with the guys."

Allen's favorite memories also consisted of having a 10-0 season last year in 2006 and getting a top 25 ranking.

"I will really miss game day," said Levy. "The feeling you get when that first ball hits your hands and you get that rush like no one can guard me." ■

## Minority Student Group plans activities with new advisor

By SHILOH MCKINNEY  
Staff Writer

The Minority Student Group (MSG) plans activities with the newly appointed advisor, Coach Adam Walker.

MSG president, senior student Aaron Gillepie, plans on making a new reputation for this group. His goals for this year are to have every culture represented in MSG. "I challenge more cultures to come to the meetings, but with that come with an open mind," stated Gillepie.

At meetings, students discuss the real issues and concerns of minorities at Concordia. Discussions include the conflicts that each student faces along with solutions to better the situation at hand.

MSG is currently planning events for this school year, including a Gospel Explosion during Black history month in February 2008. During Black history month, MSG plans on celebrating a variety of cultures. The first week of February will be dedicated to Hispanic students, week two for Asian students, week three for Middle Eastern students, and week four for African American

students. During the month, different events will be held to celebrate each culture.

"We did it this way, so that every minority on campus can express something about their culture. That's why we are constantly asking all minorities to come out to this meeting so that we can share this month together," states Brandon Chapman, senior student and member of MSG.

Walker, the new advisor, has worked for three years as Concordia's track and football coach.

MSG is an organization based on finding similarities between minorities of all races and creed. According to the MSG mission statement, it is "a student organization of Concordia University that provides support and assistance to multi cultural students."

MSG meetings are held every Tuesday night at 9:15 p.m. and Bible study is held on Thursday nights at 9:10 p.m. "This room is open to all minorities, whoever you may be," stated Gillepie. ■

## Student teaching fees may be eliminated for Education Students

By ALEX TOMTER  
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Concordia University Wisconsin, along with the help of the Student Government Association (SGA), has taken strides to eliminate the student-teaching fee that education majors have been paying to complete their mandatory student teaching.

According to the CUW Tuition and Fees section of the Concordia student handbook, "An additional course fee per credit, up to 8 credits per semester, is charged for Student Teaching." The \$500 fee is in addition to the

student-teacher's tuition.

The question was recently brought up to President Rev. Dr. Patrick Ferry and Dr. William Cario, Senior Vice President of Academics, at a Presidential Forum hosted by SGA. Ferry acknowledged that change was in the works.

Cario said, "The goal is to do something about that this coming budget year. We hope to have plans for it to be in effect for the 2008-09 school year."

The fee would be wel-

comed news for education majors, who must complete student-teaching in order to graduate from CUW.

"I think getting rid of the fee would be a good thing because we are already paying the full amount of tuition that goes along with the other courses. The student-teaching fee is making us pay extra compared to students in other majors," said sophomore education major Joe Gerth. ■

**Correction:** In the printed version of Vol. 23, dated Oct. 29, 2007, on page 6, a picture incorrectly identified Admissions Counselor and Basketball Coach Shawn Cassidy as Dr. Joseph Andritzky. *The Beacon* regrets any confusion this error caused and has taken this opportunity to review its systems.

## Concordia students show acts of kindness during Thanksgiving break

By ANDREA McCONNOHIE  
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"I don't even know her name. I just call her Nana, but she's not my real grandma," said Julia Bernam, a freshman at Concordia.

Every year in November, Thanksgiving rolls around again. For most people it is a time to give, be thankful, and indulge in amazing food.

Bernam's family contributed to this holiday by inviting over Nana, a 101-year-old woman, her granddaughter Susan, and Susan's two children for Thanksgiving dinner.

"Well, nobody in their family can cook, so we let them eat our food. Plus, we get to spend some time together and my parents really love that," said Bernam.

For as long as she can remember, Nana, Susan, and the kids have been present for all Thanksgiving dinners. Bernam explained that her mom went to high school with Susan, so the two families have known each other for a long time.

"My mom and dad like to make Susan and her family feel like they are a part of a big family; Susan and Nana don't have anybody else," said Bernam.

Another Concordia student, junior Anne Barry, and her family, contributed another selfless act over Thanksgiving.

"We're giving free food away to a rehab center and the elderly people back home," said Barry, whose family owns a bakery called Barry's Bakers Basket in Somonauk, Illinois.

Like Barry's act of kindness, another Concordia student, sophomore Audrey Barchacky, made this holiday season a time for giving.

Barchacky's family had two Concordia students home for Thanksgiving: Senior Josh McComack and his sophomore sister, Erin. Barchacky lives in Green Bay, but Josh and his sister live in Monroe, Louisiana.

"We'd rather save money to fly home for Christmas, so we aren't going to make the trip back home just for a weekend," said McComack.

Barchacky and the McComacks have known each other for two years. Barchacky loved letting her friends enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner at her house, rather than them being stuck at school over the holiday break.

"My family is really excited to meet them, and I'm glad they get to have an actual sit-down dinner, followed by an awesome Packer Game," said Barchacky.

Hannah Payton, a junior at Concordia and the Resident Assistant of the Augsburg dorms, is yet another student who shared the holiday with others.

"I invited one of the International students home with me for Thanksgiving because some of them are not going anywhere," said Payton.

Payton's sister, who attends Concordia University in Texas, invited two more International students over for Thanksgiving dinner as well.

Barchacky said, "I'm so glad I'm able to help out my friends. It really shows how much I value their friendship, and I hope they realize it too." ■

## Ballroom Dancing Club to have professional visitors

By KARI BJERKE  
Staff Writer

Something to look forward to next semester through Concordia's Ballroom Dance club will be visits from two professional dance instructors.

According to Michele Gawinski, a sophomore at Concordia and one of the four instructors of the club, "The first lesson will be Feb. 29, 2008 at 8 p.m. in Albrecht Lounge with an instructor who will be teaching extreme Foxtrot."

The second lesson will be Saturday, March 15, 2008 and will be a workshop on the Lindy Hop, Shag, and possibly the Charleston.

Gawinski teaches with fellow sophomore students Maria Bacher, Chris Orth, and Tom Larsen.

Ballroom Dancing also hosts many events including this year's Halloween Dance, which took place Nov. 2. Many students came dressed up in Halloween costumes to dance to music and have a good time. Other events hosted included a Christmas ball, a Valentine's Day dance, and an end-of-the-year exhibition, where the members of the group perform in front of students from Concordia.

The Mistletoe Ball is the club's next event and will be on Dec. 7. It will be the first formal dance of the year.

Another event hosted by Ballroom Dancing takes place off campus in West Allis at the Jumpin' Jive Club. Short lessons are given by Maureen Modjeska, who works at the club where there is also a live band. Students can come and go as they please.

Christopher Orth, also a student instructor, said, "You learn a lot of different dance moves. Before joining the club, I knew how to dance, but I didn't know the proper way to perform the moves. I've learned a lot from the lessons."

Ballroom Dancing takes place every Friday night at 8:30 p.m. until about 11:30 p.m. in Albrecht Lounge or Albrecht 113. Students who attend Ballroom Dancing will learn dance moves such as the Fox Trot, the Rumba, line dancing, East Coast Swing, the Tango, the Waltz, and the Cha Cha. ■

## Raccoon shot with 12-gauge shotgun

By JOSH KRAEGEL  
Staff Writer

A sickened raccoon wandering dangerously close to heavily-used footpaths forced the Mequon Police Department to use deadly force as students watched in disbelief.

According to campus safety officer Jim Backes, he received a phone call on Oct. 16 from a maintenance worker late in the afternoon about a raccoon in the Regents courtyard.

Upon arriving on the scene, Backes noticed the raccoon up against the wall of the Chapel of the Christ Triumphant. He parked his car on the grass near the sidewalk that connects Regents to Albrecht.

"The raccoon would sit up and fall over—sit up and fall over," said Backes. "I also noticed excessive amounts of fluid coming out of the animal's mouth and nose.

He was obviously sick." The official sickness of the animal remains unknown.

After assessing the situation, Backes notified the Mequon Police Department regarding the sick animal. He said approximately 30 to 40 minutes passed from the time he was made aware of the raccoon to the time the police arrived.

The police officer parked her vehicle near the sidewalk upon arrival. By this time, the raccoon had climbed up a tree, located near the west wall of the Chapel.

After briefly discussing the situation with Backes, the Mequon police officer took aim with a 12-gauge shotgun and fired. As the shot echoed loudly through the courtyard, the raccoon fell out of the tree onto the ground.

"The raccoon dropped like a rock with

a thump," described junior Nate Tanney, a witness to the scene.

After one shot, the raccoon was declared deceased.

The animal was then put into a large plastic bag and disposed of.

According to Backes, some upset students yelled obscenities at him for allowing the raccoon to be shot.

"This was a necessary step to keep the students safe; and second of all, I also hate raccoons," said Tanney.

"I consider it my obligation to keep this campus safe. A sick raccoon in an open area where so many students are constantly walking presents serious dangers to their health. We can't take any chances," said Backes. ■

## Women's Hockey Opener

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this momentous occasion, the Falcons men's hockey team was brought onto the ice and introduced to the crowd.

"It was great," said freshman hockey player Jamie Athens. "We had huge support from our classmates, parents and the community, and it has just been great having them pump us

up."

Shortly after 7 p.m. the game was officially underway, with both teams playing to a draw through 20 minutes. During the first intermission, fans were treated to the always-popular cleaning of the ice by the zamboni, while the pep band played a number of hits.

The first goal of the game was scored by Hamline early in the second period, only for the Falcons to respond in an historic way, with freshman Amber Cmejla registering the program's first tally.

The Pipers escaped with a thrilling 3-2 victory, scoring the game-winning goal with just 59 seconds left in regulation. Despite the defeat, CUW fans filed out, talking about the night and how they couldn't wait for the next home game.

"You could not have asked for a much better result for the first game ever for a team put together like this," said Women's Hockey Head Coach Jim Ingman. "It's a rare opportunity where you're starting with a team where no one has played together on the ice before. So for them to come together and play against a veteran team

like Hamline means a lot for our program."

What was even more impressive was that fans who knew little about hockey left the game excited about the sport.

"I sat in the crowd and it was pretty apparent to me in the first three or four minutes that our fans don't know hockey," said Barnhill, laughing. "When good things happened the fans weren't clapping because they weren't scoring plays or physical plays. But I think our student body and the community will embrace these female athletes because they're doing a great job."

"I know I was impressed by the way we attacked the big, strong and experienced players of Hamline University," added Barnhill. "The whole night I walked around with a smile on my face." ■

## Creationary Science Resolution May Show Results

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that faculty have no real alternatives to the current science textbooks and materials littered with evolutionary assumptions, especially when said professors have a true desire to teach the information with a proper creationary understanding."

Dr. Don Korte, chair of CUW's Department of Natural Sciences, sees merit in the SGA resolution, yet expressed concerns about creationary science focused teachings.

"What we do at Concordia is teach science from a strong Christian perspective," Korte said. "We prepare students so they are fully able to interact in the secular society. That means teaching what secular society believes."

Korte predicts schism among other Concordia University science departments should this resolution reach the synodical level, noting that the Concordia system of higher education focuses on a liberal arts program rather than a Bible college emphasis.

Korte believes the development of a science textbook should "provide a strong background acceptable in secular society, but teach it from a strong Christian perspective" and he recognizes the large amount of resources required to develop adequate textbooks and ancillary materials.

This issue of creationary science was previously mentioned in a 1971 report from the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR): "The Scriptures teach that God is the creator of all that exists and is therefore the author and giver of life. Evolution, or any other model denying special, immediate and miraculous creation undercut this support for the honoring of life as a gift of God." ■

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Left: Hockey players fight hard for possession of the puck.

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