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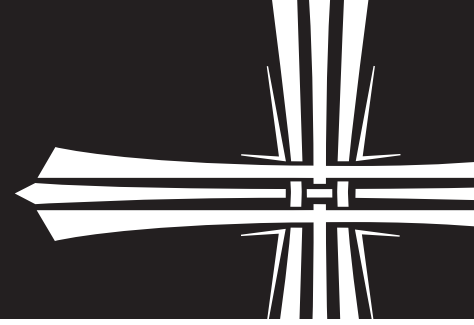
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CHANGE IS GOOD

*Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes. Oh, look out you rock 'n' rollers.
Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes. Gonna get a little older!*

- DAVID BOWIE



ROCK N' ROLLER DAVID BOWIE'S LYRICS to his song written in the early seventies has proven to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. The Rock n' Roll musicians to whom I listened to as a kid have all aged. They have gotten not a little, but a lot older! Some of them still perform once in a while, and it is always a bit of a shock to see how much they have changed. The songs sound the same (or similar), but guys who once had long hair hanging down to their shoulders now have short gray hair or none at all. They look so different from how they appeared on their album covers in the 70s that it catches me off guard—until I look in the mirror and recognize that time has changed me, too.

Ch-ch-ch-ch changes—even college campuses get older. Concordia and Rock n' Roll stepped up on to the stage about the same era. Frankly, some of our facilities have appeared tired and worn and in need of a face lift! A few changes were cosmetic, but

others are more transformational—like the complete renovation of the Science Building. More are on the way in the near future: renovation of the Kreft Center, enhancements to the Field House, new athletic fields. The ch-ch-ch-ch changes that have been implemented on campus suggest Concordia is not merely getting older, the campus is also looking better!

Of course, the more things change, Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever! The mission transcends buildings and grounds and the heart of who we are in Jesus Christ beats as strong as ever. Many ch-ch-ch-ch changes have occurred at Concordia, and more will follow, even our never-changing Christ-centered mission in Lutheran higher education moves us forward every day toward a promising future!

REV. DR. PATRICK T. FERRY
President



LAUNCHING IDEAS INTO ACTION

By Dr. Suzanne Siegle, Campus Dean of the Haab School of Business

IMAGINE A SPACE THAT CAN INCUBATE the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs; believe that the academy can be the place to inspire invention, lead innovation, and solve the world’s big problems; and experience the excitement of seeing students launch their Inspirations into Action!

Embracing this vision, Concordia University Ann Arbor is planning to build an incubator on its campus to support entrepreneurial activities and to further integrate high-impact learning modules into cross-classroom learning. Driven by the spirit of Christian service and vocation, C-MAX empowers emerging entrepreneurs and leaders of tomorrow to engage the culture and positively transform the world.

Leaders, community partners, and members of the Entrepreneurship Advisory Council will regularly meet in-person or via Skype/teleconference to guide and mentor student teams along the startup continuum.

Open to all undergraduate and graduate students and alumni, the “Collaboratorium” will be a high-tech and high-energy space with dynamic colors and movable furniture that boasts an open-facing glass wall at its entry. It will be outfitted with whiteboard walls, way ceiling lights, and live video communication technology which connects students with entrepreneurs and advisors across the globe. Students will have the opportunity to work in teams and to collaborate on real-world problems and start-up ventures focused on emerging markets and with an eye toward social impact.

Teams who have the desire to move their ideas forward and launch their startup ventures can apply to the CU-Launch Accelerator for aggressive and directed support and mentorship in bringing their ideas and concepts to fruition. Entrepreneur Mike Pietila, Founder and President of The Mortgage Beyond Network and alum of the Haab School of Business at

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**Above: Skype office in Stockholm, Sweden
Right: Concept rendering of the CU.A.A Business Incubator project**



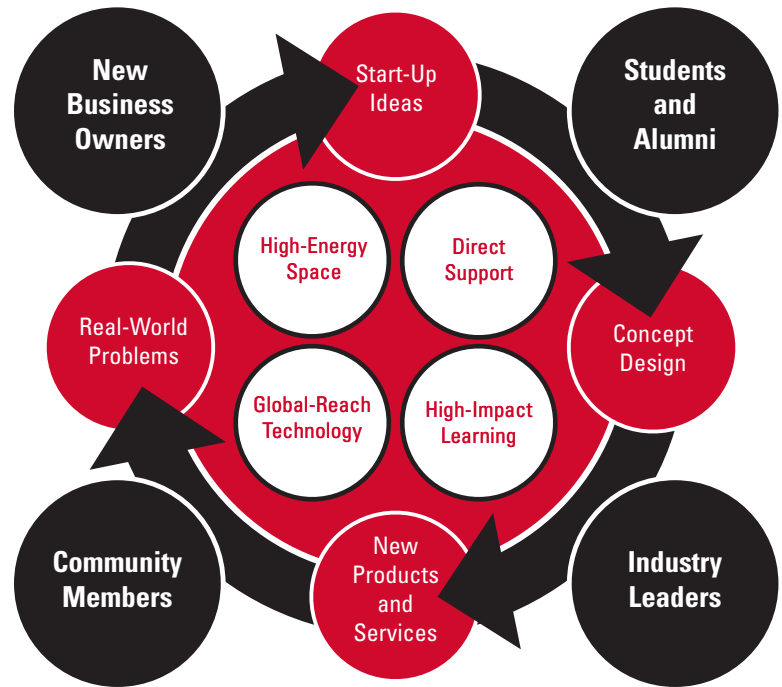
Concordia (class of 2011), believes strongly in the need for new business creation and development.

“My company was founded on the idea that there is always a way to make something easier. Creativity, passion, and dedication in business can go a long way while trying to not only provide for one's family, but to also help other people and do your part in changing the world for the better,” said Pietila.

There are three critical skills students embarking upon a vocation must successfully master: 1) problem-solving, 2) innovation, and 3) perseverance. The future of global economic development depends upon new business creation and growth. Businesses grow when ideas are implemented and solutions to problems are proposed. In turn, society moves forward and we see seismic and significant advancements in technology, medicine, business, infrastructures, and human interactions.

CUAA believes Christian higher education plays an integral role in preparing the men and women of today to impact the world of tomorrow. The University seeks to empower Christian leaders, visionaries and cultural change-agents to innovate and effect positive and lasting change in the world. †

Entrepreneurial Ecosystem



BEYOND **BOOKS**

Student Life Outside the Classroom

By John Rathje, Dean of Students





ON A CHARMING RIVER-FRONT CAMPUS, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) has seen a number of positive changes taking place this year! There’s a heightened sense of school spirit and student involvement at every level of campus life. From the growing student body serving on four mission trips (including Chicago, Haiti, Nashville and New Orleans), to some newly renovated resident halls, and the first football victory celebration of the year, there’s a sense of excitement in the air. Even the student body started two new student organizations last fall; the Haab School of Business Club and the Black Student Union (a group focused on campus diversity). It’s safe to say a lot is happening on this vibrant campus!

Even with all the snow and bitter cold weather, CUAA is just heating up! This winter and spring are only continuing the momentum of the amazing growth to the campus community! The new campus store—the EGG—had its grand opening in February, along with

CUAA’s own Winter Olympics, Fondue Frenzy, Family Feud (Concordia style), movie nights, spring formal, and the annual “Palooza” music celebration!

In late February, the entire campus celebrated Diversity Week, where there is a special emphasis on “What’s Your Story?” With all of the changes occurring in the world today, the global culture is altering the concepts of relationships, careers, and even God, it was a significant time for the campus community. CUAA sees the need to be intentional about sharing stories with one another, as a vital part of Concordia’s mission; *a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students (and people in general) develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the World.*

To support this new atmosphere on campus, and ensure its continuing expansion, CUAA is developing the structure that establishes system-wide leadership development for years to come. Developing servant

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leaders in the world today involves a number of endeavors, including: the long-standing resident hall assistants, the student senate, and CUAA's own unique spiritual life representatives living in each of the resident halls.

One part of this development is the new student handbooks, including one just for student organizations. As an example, every student organization will now be involved in some type of service project and have its own constitution and executive board.

Everywhere you turn on the Concordia campus, you can see new life sprouting; not just as the spring temperatures roll in, but in the smiles, the servant attitudes and the friendly conversation of the great Concordia students, faculty and staff! It's a great image of God's work in bringing new life through His Son, Jesus, to everyone!

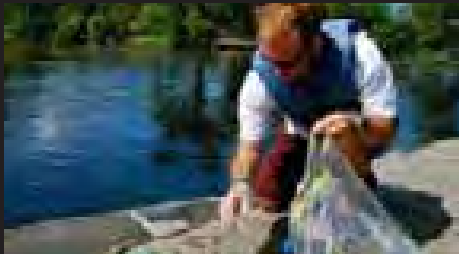
Come for a visit and stay as a student, and you'll get caught up in this new community, too! It's contagious! ✚

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 "Tell us about the exciting things you're doing outside of the classroom" [#BeyondBooks]

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



Concordia Cares Service Project

ACADEMIC

- Haab School of Business Club
- In the Moment* Student Newspaper
- Psychology Club
- Study Abroad

ARTISTIC

- Arborsong
- Artists in Residence
- Brass Ensemble
- Concordia Choir
- Concordia Chorale
- Contemporary Worship Ensemble
- Handbell Choir
- Jazz Ensemble
- Theatre Productions
- Wind Ensemble

SOCIAL

- Black Student Union
- Intramural Athletics
- Outdoors Club
- Ping Pong Club
- Student Activities Council
- Student Senate

SPIRITUAL / SERVICE

- Athletes in Action
- Beautiful Feet Missions Club
- Chapel Committee
- Concordia Students for Life
- Empty Bowls
- New Crew Youth Ministries
- Servant Events
- Spiritual Life Committee
- White Hall Nursing Home Ministry
- Women's Leadership Ministry

Fundamental *CHANGES*

By Curtis Gielow, Chief Campus Executive

CHANGE—THE DICTIONARY DEFINES this as “to be or cause to be different; to alter.”

Change is what I signed up for in accepting my assignment as chief campus executive at Concordia University Ann Arbor. In fact, when the legal name of our university officially changes to simply Concordia University, we’ll unofficially be the East Campus, while our sister school Concordia University Wisconsin, in Mequon, WI, will affectionately be known by us as the West campus.

The trials of very limited resources over the past several years to effectively conduct, much less grow, the programs, services and size of our institution weighed heavily on the hearts and minds of the dedicated faculty and staff who serve here. Part of my job is to raise the esprit de corps among these faithful servants. We are making progress and spirits are beginning to dramatically improve.

Overall student enthusiasm has also been enhanced by the merger with CUW as they see the tangible evidence of building renovations, new equipment and other resources being deployed for their benefit. We have smaller student housing facilities on our campus (residence halls of 32 students), as well as a focus on student activities and spiritual life in each residence hall, not to mention our active campus chapel programs. All this combined has



produced ‘spirituality’ on campus that is unlike any I have experienced before.

In the Ann Arbor community, I have actively engaged the city in planning for our new facilities. I have met with local city council members, state representatives, the mayor and chief of police, as well as had a visit in my office with Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder. I was able to join the competitive A2Y Chamber Leadership group to experience more deeply the community, its leaders and services. I’m also making regular visits to other higher education institutions and to our CUAA Centers in Frankenmuth and Dearborn to do everything possible to grow student enrollment.

The days are long and the nights short—but the challenge of growing a successful institution in service to our Lord is a stimulating and rewarding experience.

All of this with the continued blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Accelerated Learning Centers

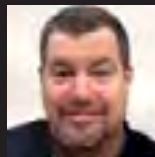
Accelerating Success Across the State

By Dr. Georgia Kreiger, Managing Editor



“I have found my experience so far to be rewarding.”

Richard LaCombe,
Business Management Student
at the Ann Arbor Center



“The accelerated program has helped me every step of the way to make my endeavor possible.”

Shirley Dashkevicz,
Business Management Student
at the Frankenmuth Center



THE PROFILE OF THE TYPICAL COLLEGE student is changing. Increasing numbers of adults over 25, many with established careers, seek to further their educations and earn degrees. Concordia University meets the unique needs of these students through its Accelerated Learning Centers and Programs.

Executive Director of Centers and Accelerated Learning, Rochelle Regenauer, explains, “Our accelerated degree programs are designed with the professional in mind. The course work is tailored to the lifestyle of the working adult, typically from 25 to 45 years of age, and places a strong emphasis on direct application of the course material to our students’ careers.” The programs allow learners to earn degrees while working full-time by completing courses that meet one time per week for six weeks in the undergraduate programs, or eight weeks for the graduate level programs; making it convenient and efficient to reach educational and career goals.

L A K E M I C H I G A N

ANN ARBOR CENTER

Certificates, Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees

- Accounting
- BS-N Completion for RNs
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice Management
- Health Care Management
- Human Resource Management
- Liberal Arts
- Theology

Graduate Degrees

- MBA (13 concentrations)
- Organizational Leadership and Administration (11 concentrations)
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Leadership

Post Master's

- K-12 School Administrator Certificate
- State Required Reading Course

DEARBORN CENTER

Certificates, Associate's, and Bachelor's Degrees

- Accounting
- BS-N Completion for RNs
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice Management
- Health Care Management
- Human Resource Management
- Liberal Arts
- Theology

Graduate Degrees

- MBA (13 concentrations)
- Organizational Leadership and Administration (11 concentrations)

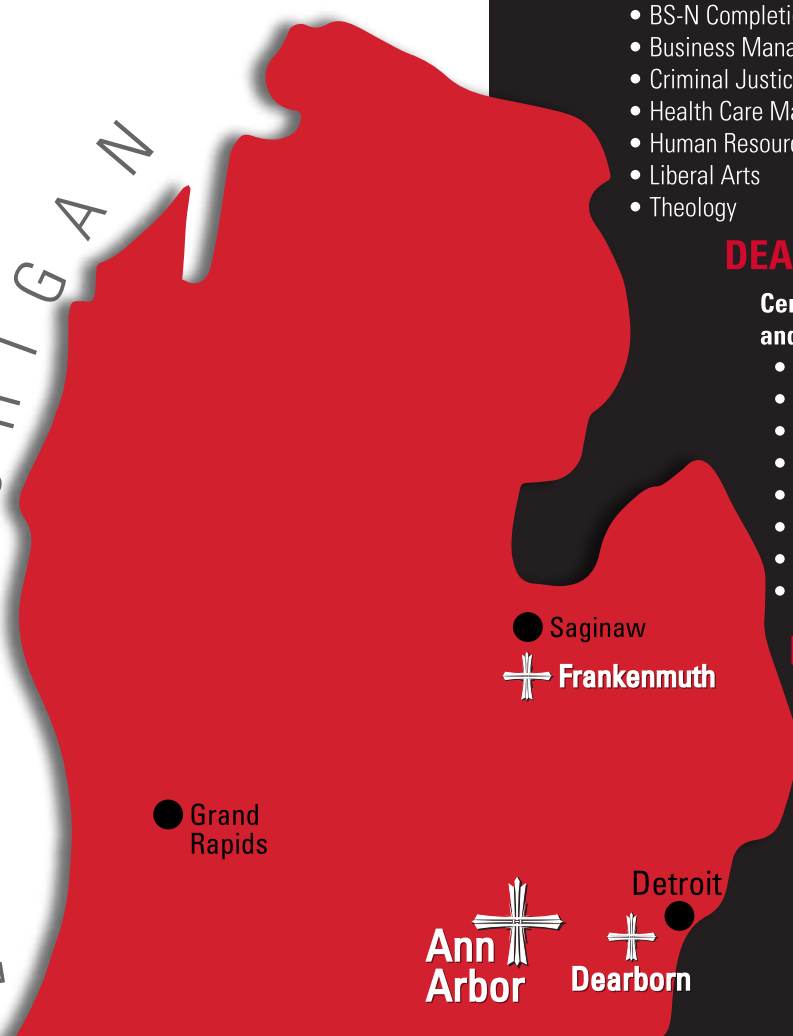
FRANKENMUTH CENTER

Certificates, Associate's, and Bachelor's Degrees

- Accounting
- BS-N Completion for RNs
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice Management
- Health Care Management
- Human Resource Management
- Liberal Arts
- Theology

Graduate Degrees

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Besides offering working adults a convenient way to earn their degrees, the programs provide personalized learning experiences. Regenauer notes, "At our Centers, students aren't just a number. They don't come into a large lecture hall; they're not just one of 300 other students." Typical classes consist of 15 to 20 students.

Richard LaCombe, a student completing the Business Management program at the Ann Arbor Center, believes that small class size and personal attention contribute to the quality of the accelerated learning experience. "I have found my experience so far to be rewarding," said LaCombe, who is currently taking his second course and who plans to graduate in less than two years. "I have made some great new friends, have been inspired to continue to strive toward earning my Bachelor's degree, and I see my outlook on life change as I further my education."

Another student, Shirley Dashkevich, who is pursuing a degree in Business Management at the Frankenmuth Center, agrees that the programs are an excellent way for working adults to earn their degrees. "The accelerated program is challenging because I am a full-time, working parent, but they have helped me every step of the way to make my endeavor possible," she said. "Being able to continue my studies with the night classes and independently online—while being a working professional—provides the greatest feeling of accomplishment."

Students in the accelerated programs also appreciate the fact that they can receive a Christian education at the Centers. LaCombe commented, "I love the fact that going to a Christian college has intertwined faith with academics. God desires to be involved in every aspect of our lives." ✝



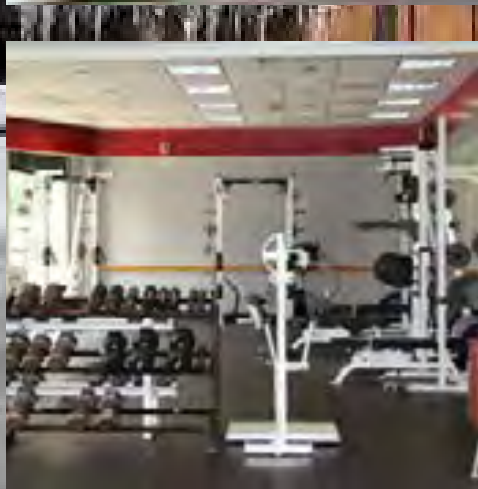
CHANGES

Transforming Concordia, Inside and Out

IMAGINE A NEW CONCORDIA, IN EVERY WAY. It's in the not-too-distant future. So many changes have already happened in the last year alone, both to the way Concordia looks and functions. The campus has never been more prepared to give students the experience they deserve—and it's only going to get better.



By Dr. Robert McCormick, Campus Dean of School of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Georgia Kreiger, Managing Editor



Background: *Science building*
Top: *Sidewalk rehabilitation*
Middle: *Renovated weight room*
Bottom: *Updated science lecture hall*

AS ENROLLMENT INCREASES AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY Ann Arbor, there have been several expansion projects and proposals happening around campus to meet students' current and future needs. One such example is happening in the School of Arts and Sciences, which has expanded its programs in computer science, athletic training, nursing, and radiologic technology. Along with the improved programs, CUAA is planning a number of facility enhancements. Renovations to two campus buildings, the science building and the Kreft Center for the Performing Arts, will help to ensure that students have the best possible experience as they pursue their educational goals.

Renovations to the Science Building took place last summer, resulting in new state-of-the-art biology, chemistry, and physics laboratories. The labs are furnished with new microscopes, safety equipment, kinesiology equipment, new classrooms—both large and small—and presentation equipment such as cameras and teaching stations, and multi-purpose rooms for both student and teacher use. The suite on the west side of the building provides a common office enclave for faculty in the natural sciences and an area where students can congregate for impromptu discussions or meet in interdisciplinary teams.

The renovated science building will serve students in programs ranging from pre-professional health care to liberal arts core education programs, mathematics, psychology, and kinesiology. Because of these improvements, students will be afforded hands-on experiences in pharmacy practice and other pre-professional health career occupations.



Also underway is an aggressive campaign to expand the Kreft Center for the Arts, thanks to ongoing contributions from benefactors such as Karl and Shirley Kreft. Improvements to the Center will benefit students in programs such as: music, art, theater, and worship arts; making CUAA graduates better suited to fill the needs of employers and the Church, post graduation. The Center will also serve the Liberal Arts Business and Entrepreneurship (LBE) major, which is designed to supplement liberal arts majors such as English, music and art with business and communication knowledge. These skills and experience position graduates for entry into a variety of careers in businesses, nonprofit organizations and/or government agencies.

Architect and design professionals are working in conjunction with faculty and staff to plan the renovations. Improvements to the Center will include the construction of a music rehearsal space to accommodate ensembles of varying sizes, as well as to allow students to present senior recitals,

solos and small chamber group performances. The space will include modern acoustic treatments, a new floor, re-worked ceiling acoustic panels, a welcoming enclosure and lighting, as well as audio visual presentation components.

Changes to the building will also include new faculty offices, art studios and enhanced theater preparation spaces. The theater scene, costume shop and the painting studio will also be improved.

The Center will house music, art, theater and worship arts faculty, allowing students to meet with faculty members from the various disciplines at the same time. Space will also be allotted for students to carry on discussions with their mentors or to meet with the Dean.

Making CUAA graduates better suited to fill the needs of employers and the Church, post graduation.

In addition to these academic and performing arts enhancements, the Athletic Department recently announced its plan to update and expand its sports facilities. This is in response to CUAA's growing enrollment and expanding programs with the goal being to provide the best possible facilities for its future student athletes.

The addition will be designed to not only accommodate the University's growing athletic programs, but to enhance the educational experiences of its student athletes. Plans include the construction of an auxiliary gymnasium to provide needed space for team practices and other activities. A new weight room and other fitness areas will allow students to better train in order to reach their full athletic potential. The expanded facility will also include new locker rooms, a number of new classrooms, and increased office space for Athletic Department faculty. The renovated gymnasium will

house all of the University's athletic programs and staff in a single location that will be convenient and beneficial to all participants in athletic programs.

The goal is to create physical environments that allow students to explore their passions.

In addition to the expanded gymnasium, several other improvements to CUAA's

outdoor sports facilities are in the works. The goal is to have a new field for football and soccer that will eventually become a stadium. The new field will provide an enhanced playing environment for the University's teams. Other outdoor improvements include the construction of a new track and the remodeling of the existing baseball and softball fields.

The goal of these many changes at CUAA is to create physical environments that allow students to explore their passions so that they may become well-rounded citizens with a strong awareness of the Holy Spirit, an ability to think critically, build and enhance their skills, and cultivate a desire to serve their communities. †

Below: Current Fieldhouse



ARTS & SCIENCES

- Expanded Programs
 - Computer Science
 - Athletic Training
 - Nursing
 - Radiologic Technology
- Renovations to the Building
 - New Laboratories: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
 - All New Lab Equipment
 - New Classrooms
 - Presentation Equipment
 - Multi-Purpose Rooms

KREFT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

- New Music Rehearsal Space
- New Flooring
- Renovated Ceiling Acoustic Panels
- New Lighting
- Audio Visual Presentation Components
- New Faculty Offices
- New Art Studios
- Enhanced Theater Spaces
- Improved: Painting Studio, Theater Scene, and Costume Shop

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

- New Auxiliary Gymnasium
- New Weight Room
- New Locker Rooms
- New Classrooms
- Increased Office Space
- New Field for Football and Soccer (To Become Future Stadium)
- New Track
- Remodeled Baseball and Softball Fields

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THE 36TH ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL

THE ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL CHANGES EVERY YEAR, BUT THE STORY NEVER VARIES.

The Boar's Head Festival has long been an established calling card on the Concordia Ann Arbor campus. The University recently closed the book on its thirty-sixth festival, where we again witnessed the eyes of wonder from first-time attendees and mature hearts of gratitude from those for whom this has become part of their yearly preparation for Christ's coming.

In its thirty-six years, the participants – short of Good King Dr. Skov – have changed each year. There have been remarkable runs: Steve Graefe was Angel Gabriel for many years, creating the model tenor to which all subsequent Angels have been compared. Brett Grime (pronounced Grimm) was our narrator for the Festival's namesake (the Boar's Head carol, of course) for three consecutive years. The chorus would grin when he would sing, "so death, which still appears so grim." Donald Williams led from the organ for more than a decade, needing every stop on the organ to cover his infectious laughter.

The Beefeaters come and go, the Court Jester –who has taken the role to a higher

level–will graduate soon, the Lords and Ladies have land disputes to settle. The musical selections, lighting, and dancing have changed, but there is the reliable expectation that the Concordia Boar's Head will remain in a protected state.

In one respect, our beloved festival changes each year; our ever-changing cast of amateurs who bring the occasional and unexpected missed lyric, wrong lighting cue, missed timing, or out-of-tune recorder. Our human imperfections are on display.

In reality, our 37th Boar's Head Festival will be different than the 36th (you will need to join us to know for certain). But, while we delight in the enriching debate about the right way to tell the story, there is no disagreement about the focus of the festival. For all that changes around us, on the first weekend of December in Ann Arbor in a triangular Sanctuary by a river, on a stone platform surrounded by muted light and the sound of an oboe and an organ flute, Jesus, in all His perfection, comes to us. †



Cardinal

a Choice to Lead: *their success and their spirits*

“**The greatest thing about Concordia is the spirit and heart of its students, faculty, and staff.**”

– Lonnie Pries *Athletic Director/Head Football Coach*

WHEN CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR FIRST APPROACHED ME WITH THE opportunity to lead its athletic and football programs a year ago, I immediately thought of the people and memories I had established at Concordia University Chicago. The relationships I had been blessed with during my time as a student and a coach at Concordia University Chicago, especially my relationship with my wife Jennie, will last a lifetime. While it was these relationships and experiences that made it difficult to leave my alma mater, it was the people God introduced me to at Concordia University Ann Arbor that confirmed my decision to serve Him here in Michigan.



The greatest thing about Concordia is the spirit and heart of its students, faculty, and staff. Their desire to better the lives of others has been obvious. Students consistently encourage and care for their classmates and teammates. Faculty commit themselves to helping their students succeed, which is evident by the time and energy they devote outside the classroom. Staff members work tirelessly to beautify this campus and maintain its image here in Ann Arbor. CUAA is a very special university filled with outstanding people.

I am truly blessed to be here serving the Lord at Concordia. It is a tremendous feeling to know that I can come to this campus and be motivated to give of myself to those around me. I have found that in all of life, and especially in athletics, it is not easy to put others' interests ahead of our own. Philippians 2:3-4 are verses that God has used to remind me to “do nothing out of selfish ambition. ...but to consider others better than myself.” During my time here in Ann Arbor, I pray that God will help me give myself to help our students have a great educational experience. +



Choices

a Choice to Advance:

his game, his skills, his faith



“Concordia was exactly what I was looking for.”

– James Ranc ('14)

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR WAS the right choice for me. I was looking for a small, Christ-centered college where I could continue my education, and Concordia provided that atmosphere. Coming out of a Lutheran high school with small class sizes, individualized attention, and a Christ-centered curriculum, Concordia fit exactly what I was looking for in a university.

Here at Concordia I can attend chapel services every day, Bible study on Thursday nights, and our Offerings worship service every Tuesday night. Concordia provides not only the environment I need, but also the opportunity to pursue my athletic goals. I am a member of the men's basketball team, an

Athlete in Action board member, and a member of the WHAC Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

I have enjoyed my three years on the basketball team; they have allowed me to advance my skills as a basketball player, while building a sense of brotherhood with my teammates. I enjoy seeing alumni with whom I played with during my freshman and sophomore years and being able to talk with before or after games.

Concordia has given me everything I was looking for in a university: a top-quality Christian education, the opportunities to advance and explore my faith life, and to pursue my athletic career. ✚

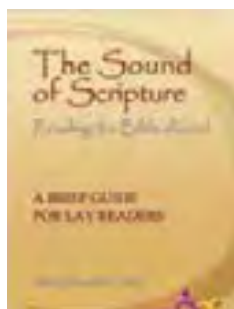


JIM WOELMER '86 and RACHEL (HILL) WOELMER '88, along with their 5 children, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this past July. They met at CUAA where Jim was enrolled in the pre-seminary program and Rachel in the elementary education program. They were both very active during their years at CUAA, including participating in the Boar's Head Festival every December. Their first date was to CUAA's homecoming in November of 1984.



Currently, Jim serves as senior pastor at Faith Lutheran in Plano, TX. Rachel is a part-time and substitute teacher at Faith as well, and is also an organist, piano teacher, and volleyball coach. They are pleased with the merge of CUW and CUAA and are very happy that it will keep the campus alive and operating. The two schools were also merged within their family, as their son Joshua graduated from CUW in 2010, and their daughter Bethany is currently enrolled at CUW in the parish music program.

REV. DANIEL S. BARZ '74 was ordained and installed as SMP pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Buchanan, MI. His brother Mark Barz (1976/1978) of Crown of Life Lutheran Church in San Antonio was the preacher. Dan is continuing his SMP studies at CTS, Fort Wayne through 2015.



DR. BARBARA LAUGHLIN ADLER '87 has written *The Sound of Scripture*, a guide for parish lay readers and it will soon be published by Lutheran University Press. The book is designed for lay readers who want to become more confident and effective in communicating the meaning of God's Word clearly to listeners.

DEBORAH S. TORBET '03 has written, illustrated, and published a children's book *The Mailman*, a story about a little girl impatiently waiting for the mailman. Along with her writing, Sarah teaches first grade at Inland Lakes Elementary School.

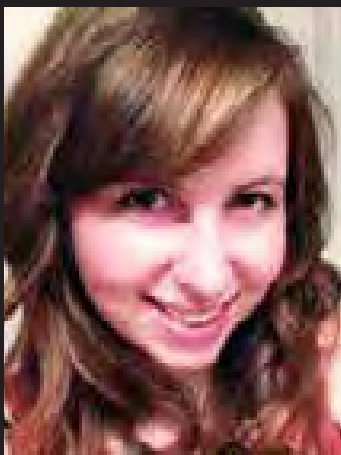
REV. MARCUS P. SIMS '82 is currently assisting the pastor of his home church, St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA, where he also serves as the Sunday School Administrator.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS?

Did you recently get married or give birth? Have you received a promotion, changed employers, or traveled the world? Email your alumni update with an accompanying photo (high-resolution if possible) to: alumni@cuaa.edu or submit online at: www.cuaa.edu/Alumni/whatsnewform.cfm

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

EMILY CLARK
BA '13



"I only just graduated in May with my BA in Graphic Design and English, and I believe it was because of the strong education I received at CUAA that helped me get hired in November by Harbor, Northwest Ohio's largest mental health agency, as the Graphic Design Coordinator. I work with the marketing department and am responsible for a variety of tasks including: brochure, flyer, ad and newsletter designs, basic website maintenance, social media marketing, event planning, and other internal and external communications."



WORD FROM ADVANCEMENT

TO EVEN THE MOST CASUAL OBSERVER, THE CHANGES THAT have taken place on CUAA's campus in the past few years are hard to miss. From parking lot and sidewalk upgrades, to complete renovations of the Science building and greenhouse, the changes are having a dramatic impact on the look of the campus and students' experiences.

While these have been welcome changes, there is even more to come as our campus adapts to the needs of our students and the demands of ever higher academic standards. Watch for more improvements to the Krefl Center for the Arts and our athletic facilities in the coming years.

Changes to buildings may be necessary, but they alone are not the measure of mission advancement at Concordia. In fact, changes in buildings really only matter if they help us transform young men and women into servant leaders who are committed to changing the world for Christ.

Our continued thanks to all of our alumni who, even now, are helping to bring positive change to our communities, our country, and our world. Thanks also to these same alumni and our faithful friends who, through their continued financial support, help make these wonderfully positive changes possible.

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CHANGING SEASONS

From my office on the CUA's campus, I have an incredible view of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity. Another luxury my "office view" affords me is the privilege of watching the seasons change. This year already, I have watched the beautiful green grass get covered by gorgeous leaves, and then blanketed by a layer of snow.

The more noticeable "change of seasons" though is happening in the lives of our students. Recently I was talking with one of our students as she transitions from life at Concordia to life in the Church and world. In the course of the conversation I asked her, "What has been your most transformative experience at Concordia?" She described "Tool Time," a powerful spiritual weekend experience for middle and high school students, led by Concordia students, on the campus. She told me that she had attended Tool Time as a middle school student, and now had the privilege of helping to lead it for them. Seasons change.

Changing seasons are a part of the rhythm of life at Concordia. During the final full week of classes each semester, we hold a "sending service" during chapel for all students being sent out into various businesses, internships, or student teaching.

As I had the privilege of looking those students in the eyes, and as their professors and fellow students put a hand on their shoulder, blessing them on their journey, I was reminded of God's promise of grace and presence in the midst of changing seasons.



God assured Joshua in the Old Testament: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5). The author of Hebrews gives us this simple yet powerful reminder: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

When the snow melts and the trees begin to bud with signs of life, the seasons will have changed yet again. Our students will become graduates and alumni. They will continue to develop in mind, body, and spirit, but in a different place with different people. And in it all, they will continue to live out the final piece of Concordia's mission: "service to Christ in the Church and the world."

REV. RYAN PETERSON
Campus Pastor

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IN *Memoriam*



Left: *CUAA Yearbook photo 1963*
Right: *Courtesy of LCMS.org*

REV. DR. PAUL A. ZIMMERMAN (1918-2014)

Longtime educator—and president of three LCMS colleges—Rev. Dr. Paul A. Zimmerman of Traverse City, Michigan, died January 28th, 2014 after a brief illness. He was 95. Zimmerman, a professor of religion and chemistry, served as president at Concordia University Ann Arbor (1961-1973) where, as founding president, he was charged with the responsibility of building the campus, faculty, and student body.

In an interview for *The Lutheran Witness* in 1989, Zimmerman said laypeople can support the Synod's mission in three ways: "Number one is to be more aware in your heart about what Jesus wants you to do for the Great Commission; number two is to pray; and number three is to work."

last look

CUAA's 50th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, led by LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison; Chapel of the Holy Trinity



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