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Front Cover: Concordia’s new Center for
Environmental Stewardship is open and
bustling with excitement as environmental
studies classes, community workshops and
grade school tours begin. (see related article
on page 18) Photo by Craig McCarthy.

Back Cover: Curt Gielow, Executive Dean of
Concordia’s School of Pharmacy, addressed
several hundred people at the school’s
groundbreaking May 14. Among those in
attendance were a dozen of the 71-member
Class of 2014 that began classes on August 23.

Concordia University Wisconsin is an expanding community. Our growth in recent years has been extraordinary. Over half of those who have ever graduated from Concordia have done so in the last twelve years. One-quarter of all Concordia graduates over our 129-year history received their diplomas in the past five years! With projections indicating another record-breaking incoming class this fall, the momentum for

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As I pondered our theme for this issue – “Expanding Communities,” a lot of thoughts came to mind, and I decided to reminisce a bit and go back to where Concordia was when I joined the faculty as a means of seeing how our community has expanded in the forty- ve years since.

When Concordia was founded in 1881 in the basement of Trinity Church, it was in downtown Milwaukee. A year later campus was built on 29th and State Streets on some farmland in the outskirts of the city. Over the years the city grew and expanded around it, and by the time I joined the faculty in 1965, it had become inner city. The turn of the century buildings on the campus were architecturally beautiful, and the classroom building was a classic. Faculty meetings were held in the faculty lounge in the center of that building, just downstairs from the chapel.

I remember my first faculty meeting vividly. In the middle of the large room there was a very large, long table. The sixteenth century members of the faculty sat around the table and ran the business. The four second class citizens, those who were teacher trained, sat in chairs along the wall and had no say or vote. Having come from the faculty of a moderately large high school where everyone had an equal vote, it was an experience. The first female joined the faculty a year later, and she was a third class citizen. There were about 200 students divided between the junior college and the high school, and there was plenty of room for everyone in those old buildings.

I remember the chair of the English Department, trying to be helpful, telling me not to work so hard to prepare for my classes, since all I really needed to do was stay a page ahead of the students. It wasn't an auspicious start, and I wondered if I had made a mistake in accepting the call to the Concordia faculty. I hadn't, as I've reiterated in earlier issues. It wasn't long before the faculty grew to the point where we had to use a classroom to meet and everyone got a say and a vote on faculty business. I did think it interesting that Prexy Stuenkel made the meetings last two hours, exactly, whether we had one item of business or two hundred. Bets were taken. Now, of course, the community has expanded – to Mequon, from a 17 acre inner city campus to a hundred and twenty acre campus on the shore of Lake Michigan; from a faculty of 20 males, only three of whom had

doctorates, to a full-time faculty both male and female 150, most of whom have doctorates, plus several hundred adjunct faculty; from two majors to close to the hundred; from 200 students (including women for the first time – ve of them), to over 7000.

God has truly blessed this community and expanded it through his blessings of people, donors, and countless opportunities to serve His Kingdom here on earth. As our last issue demonstrated, the community continues to expand, for which all glory goes to our God.

Several years ago, Dr. Ferry asked me to do a composite painting of Concordia's Mequon campus to match a composite painting he had of his alma mater, St. John's College, Win eld, KS. So I did, and they've been hanging side-by-side in his office.

In the meantime, the Concordia campus has continued to grow and develop, “expanding our community”; so recently he asked me to update

the painting and add three of the new buildings, which I have done. The idea came up to do a similar project of the former campus in inner city Milwaukee, and that is currently being worked on. The idea was also suggested to make copies available through the bookstore as a poster and/or a bookmark. More information on availability will be included in the next issue of the CONCORDIAN.

The vision of The Concordia Servant Institutes (CSI) - an affiliation of Concordia University Wisconsin - is to exert a Lutheran and Christian influence on the outside community. CSI provides research and educational outreach seeking to engage society with historical, expert, enterprising and creative programming that fills unmet needs among students and lay leaders in the church and the world. CSI represents a suite of institutes and centers offering collaboration and Christ designed services which aim to strengthen CUW's relationship with church-related constituents.

“Decision Making Compatible
with the Christian Faith”

Concordia Bioethics Institute

Dr. Kevin Voss, Director

The Concordia Bioethics Institute (CBI) has had a busy year and continues to carry out its promise of helping people “make decisions compatible with the Christian Faith.” The hottest topic in bioethics today is health care reform. During the past academic year, the CBI hosted two panel discussions on campus concerning health care reform. Forum panelists were drawn from CUW's faculty: Dr. Dean Arneson, Academic Dean, School of Pharmacy; Dr. James Burkee, Associate Professor of History and Economics; Dr. Teri Kaul, Director, Graduate Nursing Programs; Prof. Louise Mollinger-Riemann, Director of the Physical Therapy Program; and Rev. Dr. Kevin Voss, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Director, Concordia Bioethics Institute. Dr. Sarah Holtan, Assistant Professor of the CUW Communications Department moderated the event. You may watch the forum via streaming video on web. The link is: <http://martin.cuw.edu/CourseCast/Viewer/Default.aspx?id=1dc02827-0bc7-458a-8a81c4936660623>. Over 200 people attended the two sessions.



Young women from around the country embrace Lyla Buuck (wife of former CUW President Dr. R. John Buuck) at the 2010 WLI Conference. Back row: Serena Little, Julianne Slane, Kristina Galicinao, Lyla Buuck, Kim Lyskawa Front row: Vanessa Zellmer, Bethany Nier, Rachel Mathes

Women's Leadership Institute

Lois Giordano, Director

The Women's Leadership Institute (WLI), a servant institute of CUW, continues to educate, encourage and equip women who are on fire with the grace of Christ to use their God-given gifts and influence to serve God's people in new and creative ways.

By God's blessing, the past year has been filled with exciting growth and new opportunities:

The 2010-2011 year will see CBI growing in its outreach through the use of electronic podcasts, iTunes, monthly newsletters, an updated website, and more. Special outreach projects for students will also be undertaken as well as continuation of our popular events.

In August, CBI will be hosting its seventh annual Teaching the Word summer seminar featuring 15 presentations on Bible studies, Missions and Volunteerism, End Times, and four other sessions that jump right out of today's headlines. These classes are also available for three graduate credits.

Additionally, the CBI will be hosting three 6-class Adult In-Depth Bible Studies in Fall, 2010, and in See 6-clas5[all, 20101 Thes20101-10()]TJ T* [(W)isontsn SLkenshre. Luher,

Urban Education Institute

Dr. Steve Gerner, Director

“Kamisa rushed to meet me at the 5th grade classroom door with a gigantic smile, a warm hug, and a verbal, “Thanks for coming, we are learning about fractions.” With a return smile, I surveyed the room to see Concordia University Wisconsin education students actively

supplies for advancing to the next grade; playing games with the villagers in an ancient fort at the top of a mountain pass; sharing a meal and playing soccer with homeless children in the streets of Kathmandu; providing clothing, toys, and hygiene supplies for children fortunate enough to be in a Christian orphanage; and providing games for a daycare that serves children with developmental disabilities.

Most of the group was significantly impacted by the poverty they witnessed. Knowing we live in abundance and seeing others who have “nothing” by US standards is disconcerting. This type of experience has a way of reaching down and grabbing one’s core values. PT student Rhonda Eskritt summed it up best: “When you come face to face with poverty it brings a whole new meaning to life.”

The trip offered many faith-building opportunities for the group. Some participated in a village home worship where the members were frequently persecuted for their faith in Jesus. We witnessed many Nepali Christians working tirelessly for the Lord and giving their lives to advance His Kingdom. “The most incredible moment was a woman who asked us to pray for her even though she was Buddhist. I knew then that God was working through our mission team,” Eskritt added.

We returned after two weeks, feeling much more grateful for clean air, smooth roads, dependable power and water, and the freedom to worship. OT graduate Kristen Webber reflected: “The experience stays with you long after your return state-side. I have changed in several ways and have gained new understanding about the huge impact of religion on all aspects

~~The group saw the hills by the city and the mountains in the distance. The trip was a great experience and a great learning opportunity. The trip was a great experience and a great learning opportunity.~~

Back row (L to R), Renee Wenzlaff, Kimberly Woyach, Bridgette H Marcus-Wickersham, Nancy McClellan, Diane Ames, Candi Humphreys, Diane Smith, Rebecca Massart, Karen Ivantic-Doucette. Front Row (L to R), Janelle Block, Jennifer Hartlaub, Jodi Delagrave, Janet Teske. Missing from the photo: Julie Parve, Jacqueline Williams, Jacinda Hurt

NEW DNP FOR CUW

Dr. Teri Kaul

On Dec. 19, 2009, Concordia University Wisconsin graduated the first class of 16 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) students in the State of Wisconsin. With the changing demands of this nation's complex healthcare environment, the practice doctorate provides nurses with the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to assure quality patient outcomes. The current program here at CUW is designed for post master's family, adult and geriatric nurse practitioners who are board certified and working in practice. However, plans are in place for development of an entry level post baccalaureate DNP program in the near future.

The response by the practice setting to the new DNP graduates has been very positive. Graduates have reported receiving recognition by their employers of their new educational credentials evidenced by expanded responsibilities and new leadership roles. Many of the graduates have presented their capstone translational research projects at local and national conferences. Several of the graduates have also had their work published in peer-reviewed journals.

The DNP represents a major paradigm shift in nursing education, and according to past president of the American Association College of Nursing (AACN), Jean E. Bartels (2004), "It is a move that puts in motion a future that recognizes and validates the unique expertise of nurses engaged in clinical practice at the highest level." This move could not have been timelier considering the passage of the recent health care reform law requiring provision of care to more than 30 million more Americans. This need for more highly skilled and educated primary care providers can be filled by the nurse practitioner. CUW nursing department is proud to be a part of this paradigm shift in nursing education in preparing these professional nurse leaders competent to function in an advanced practice nursing role guided by Christian principles.

Student reflecting on an art exhibit at Faces of Depression.





A New Environmental Center

Concordia Opens New School Dealing with Great Lakes and Conservation

Corrinne Hess— The Milwaukee Business Journal



Photo Scott Paulus

Bruce Bessert . . . “Historically, we have not had a lot of research on this campus, so this is an entry point for us to do research on several freshwater issues.”

Concordia University is hoping a \$4 million environmental center built along the bluffs of Lake Michigan in Mequon will distinguish the school as a leader in environmental education.

The Center for Environmental Stewardship, an environmental landmark along the shore of Lake Michigan. Students and community members who use the Center for Environmental Stewardship will be able to take advantage of that project, said Lawrence Sohn, environmental sustainability coordinator for Concordia. “There is no other facility like this in Wisconsin,” Sohn said.

The center is the capstone project of Concordia’s ongoing mission to make the campus more environmentally friendly. Until now, the most visible effort was Concordia’s lakeshore project, which began in 1999 and peaked with a high-profile bluff stabilization project that was completed in 2007. Concordia won the 2008 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement award for the \$12 million bluff project, which is now home to 20 different species of native plants and serves as

entry point for us to do research on several freshwater issues,” Bessert said.

Concordia recently launched a collaborative program with Milwaukee Area Technical College in water technologies and purities and Bessert hopes students from the program will utilize the new environmental center for their studies.

Another goal Concordia officials have for the building is to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum status from the U.S. Green Building Council, the highest level of LEED certification a building can get. So far, only one other environmental center in the state, The Leopold Center in Baraboo, has achieved it. Concordia officials find out in September if the center will be awarded the certification. “It will be an indicator of how efficient we are,” Bessert said. “And I believe we have been very efficient. All of the materials used are an example of environmental sustainability.”

The environmental center itself is a lesson in recycling. About 87 percent of the building is made from materials from the previous building, The Peace Center, which had been maintained as a dorm until 2009. The facility includes two classrooms and a laboratory, prep rooms and a large exhibit/conference hall with a capacity of up to 250 people. The building is set 135 feet above the restored Lake Michigan shoreline and its curved architecture gives a panoramic view of the lake from the second-floor exhibit hall and balcony. The building was designed to teach conservation and all materials were locally sourced or produced. Some examples include:

- A geothermal system for energy conservation that uses the temperature of the earth to save on heating and cooling costs;
- Low-flow bathroom fixtures that save between 50 and 80 percent of water normally used in daily operations;
- And high-efficiency lighting with motion sensors that saves 30 percent on energy costs.



Expanding Communities

Diana Raasch

The theme for this edition of the Concordian could not be more perfect. The addition of new programs, buildings, and property demonstrates that Concordia is not only expanding within the

Expanding Communities II

Nicole Tilot

The Concordia community continues to expand with the growth of the student and alumni populations. Consequently, staff needed to service our students grows as well. As the new Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, I am proud to be a part of this expansion. I have a great affinity for Concordia as a two-time alumna, receiving a B.S. in Marketing and Management in 2007 and an MBA in 2008. I previously served the School of Business & Legal Studies since 2007 and am excited to make the transition into Advancement.


Our continued growth has led to a new position within the Advancement Office, which Diana Raasch, the previous Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, has moved into. After nine years in the role, Diana has made great strides for alumni programming at Concordia. As the first full-time Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, she expanded reunion events, offering the first ever affinity reunion, team inductions during the Annual Hall of Fame ceremony, and "Roasts" for retiring coaches and faculty members that establish endowments to support student scholarships.

It is an honor to follow in Diana's footsteps and continue to learn from her. We are truly blessed to have her at CUW and I know God will continue to work through her for the good of the University in her new capacity.

While many established events will continue, we are looking forward to bringing some new and exciting initiatives to CUW. As our alumni base continues to decrease in average age, we will begin reaching out to our young alumni through regional, networking and off-campus events at local hot-spots. We also plan to revitalize our Alumni Board and start building volunteer initiatives. As we expand our focus with young alumni, it is important to remember where we have come from and those who have gone before us. We will continue to bring alumni from the Milwaukee campus to Mequon to see just how much the CUW community has expanded and how God has continued to bless Concordia.

If you have questions or ideas that you would like to see from our Alumni Association, which all alumni are automatically members of, or have an interest in serving on our Alumni Board, please contact me at Nicole.Tilot@cuw.edu or 262-243-4474. I am pleased to continue to serve God, the University, parents and alumni as the Concordia family continues to expand.

Please remember to stay in-touch with Concordia!

- Join our Concordia University Wisconsin Alumni group on Facebook. 
- Update your personal information or sign up for our Alumni E-newsletter by going to <http://www.cuw.edu/Alumni/keeptouch.html>.
- Sign up for our Parent E-newsletter by going to <http://www.cuw.edu/undergraduate/future/parents/events.html>.

Ben Braun (06) and Anna (White) Braun (07) announce the birth of Kyah Anne-Marie Braun on September 23, 2009 in St. Louis, MO. Kyah is also the granddaughter of Pastor Wayne (80) & Linda Braun. Pastor Braun is CUW's former campus pastor and a current Board of Regents member.

Fay Eichelberger (06) graduated from The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a Masters in Library and Information Science in May of 2010. Fay is an Administrative Assistant at CUW in the Rincker Memorial Library.

Julia E. (Bollinger) Wackt (06) and her husband Mark announce the birth of Olivia Leeann Wackt born on September 15, 2009 at 6:54 pm. Olivia weighed 7lbs. 14oz. and was 21 inches in length.

Christie L. Bevan (05) is working as an Assistant Manager at Stop-n-Go in Lake Geneva, WI while getting her Master's degree

John Marrs (97) was selected as a scholarship recipient to the Inaugural LCMS Songwriter's Conference held in St. Louis in April. He also has had several instrumental pieces used on last season's Dancing With the Stars and American Idol. He is Director of Music Ministry at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Houston, TX.

Zibusiso Ncube (96) recently published a book entitled "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: A survey analysis in the Southern Africa Development Community". Dr. Ncube is Professor of Business and Computer Information Systems at Concordia College-Selma.

Paul S. Zimmermann (83) just finished work on a new web page – Onword.net (<http://onword.net>). The site provides tutorials, resources, ideas and news about using social media to communicate more effectively on the personal and professional level. It is a Web 2.0, collaborative style site where users are encouraged to actively contribute their expertise to the project.

1970's

Rev. Robert J. Benke (73; CHS '71) appeared on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire in May of this year. He and his wife, Mary, reside in St. Paul MN, moving there when he accepted the call as Campus Pastor for Concordia University-St. Paul. For the past seven years, he has served the people of Jehovah Lutheran Church and teaches part-time as an adjunct professor at CU-St. Paul.

Joel Gesch (76) was recently inducted into the Lutheran High West High School, Rocky River, OH Athletic Hall of Fame, (Athletic Director and Coach). Joel was named CUW's Athlete of the Year in 1976.

Connie (Birthrong) Koehler (74) proudly announces the baptism of her first grand-daughter, Adalynn Grace Koehler. Addie was born on January 14th, 2010 and baptized March 14, 2010. Her parents are John R. Koehler (06) and his wife Lauren. Addie's godparents are Kyle Jagler (06) and Rebecca Kostrzewa (04). Kyle was also a member of John's wedding party along with Peter Lorenz (05) on December 27, 2008.

Rev. Phillip C. Schwartz (71) (accompanying letter to the editor on pg.30) recently graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow (Tulsa) OK. He moved to op o3 (aGMe, ear innir p

Concordia: A Joy and a Challenge

Dr. David W. Eggebrecht

Barb Banner joined the staff of Concordia College Wisconsin in June of 1986, as part-time secretary in Concordia's Division of Continuing Education under the leadership of Dr. Beverly Grottkan. In addition to her HR responsibilities, Barb has been a member of the CUW Future's Planning Committee since its inception and was a member of the 2003 Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Team, and served as Chair of the Annual CUS Human Resources Directors Meeting. She is a member of a Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) committee that was instrumental in developing and implementing the WAICU Leadership Development Program, which is a series of leadership courses designed in partnership with MRA-Management Association to provide progressive leadership training specifically for supervisors in academic institutions.

Barb earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management and Communication through the Adult Education program that she helped start and earned her Master of Business Administration in Human Resources Management at Concordia, and earned her Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification through the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM).

In January, 1997, after the retirement of President R. John Buuck and his Assistant Ruth Loppnow (see Where Are They Now page 19), Interim President Rev. Dr. Michael Stelmachowicz chose Barb to become his Administrative Assistant because of her familiarity with the institution, the faculty and the staff. Barb says "I learned so much from Dr. Stelmachowicz; his best advice was 'It's easier to change a no to a yes than to change a yes to a no.' It was truly a great learning experience and a pleasure to work with him." In fall of that year, after President Patrick Ferry's inauguration and the hiring of Lynne Schroeder as his Administrative Assistant, Barb took on the new title of Administrative Coordinator. In this "go-between" position she worked closely with the new President and with the Vice President of Academics regarding faculty matters as well as with the Board of Regents, the Administrative and Academic Councils, and mentored the new Administrative Assistants in the President and Academic Offices. She kept this position until she became Director of Human Resources in June 2000.

When asked for changes she has seen in her almost twenty-years at Concordia, Barb replied, "Where to begin!" A big one, she says, is the growth of the number of employees. The faculty has increased from 45 when she began working in the Academic Office, to the 150 it will be next fall. She has seen the employee numbers grow to over 400. It's been a challenge keeping up with all the changes. "I'm grateful for the opportunities Concordia

As Director of Human Resources, she and her two staff oversee all the university's human resource functions – recruitment, hiring, compensation, benefit administration, discipline, maintaining records, and payroll. One of the fun parts of her job is being chair of the committee that plans the annual employee spring event, trying to make each one better than the last. Barb also enjoys being one of the first people to meet and welcome new employees.

An Artist Who Teaches

Dr. David W. Eggebrecht

Dr. Marji Bell began her teaching career at Concordia as a part-time instructor in the Art Department in 1980, on the former campus. She taught an evening crafts class twice a week in the old mansion that served as the Art House; it was a beautiful old building with a Rathskeller and a ballroom, which served well, but had inadequate electrical wiring so fuses kept blowing on a regular basis. The only person on campus she got to know in those early years was Cyndi Smith, who gave her her pay check.

It all began when the Bells moved back to Milwaukee from Chicago where she taught for two years as an elementary school art teacher and four years as a high school art teacher and joined St. John's Lutheran Church in Glendale, where she met Chandler, who was then Chair of the Concordia Art Department.

At the time she was doing a lot of free lance art work, such as designing toys for inserting into Cracker Jack boxes, illustrating books, doing painting at the Milwaukee Museum and Zoo, and entering juried art shows. Teaching was thus able to fit into her schedule. One of her fondest memories from that time in her life was being accepted into the Gold Coast juried Art Fair in Chicago. Her art has won a number of awards, and she has also served as a judge for scholastic art shows.

When Concordia moved to the Mequon campus, Dr. Bell came along to continue her part-time teaching, now teaching two to three courses a semester, while working on her master's degree and still free-lancing. "I remember," she laughed, "one time when I came to the adjunct faculty orientation meeting and was told I didn't have to stay because I had been through it so often." Finally, in 1992, enrollment had grown to the point where another full time art instructor was needed and she was hired full-time. The timing was good for her, because in several of her part-time jobs she had been replaced by computer generated art.

A good preparation for her teaching, Dr. Bell said, was the substitute teaching she did over the years. She taught all levels, from low elementary through high school, so she felt really well prepared to teach students who were preparing to be teachers. She knew what it would take to adapt art teaching to traditional classrooms.

"I never wanted to teach," she said, "but now I can see that it was God's plan, while not mine. He closed some doors and opened others that moved me to this position, and now I have everything I've ever wanted, but I didn't get there as I expected. As St. Paul says, you have to be content with where you are. And I am."

Dr. Bell could not love her job more. In addition to her students, she especially enjoys making the banners of the annual school themes. She also designed and made the beautiful purple banners that hang in the chapel during Lent. In addition, she does the large pictures representing Concordia's theatrical productions that hang above the entrance to the auditorium.

Marji loves the camaraderie of the campus and loves coming to work every single day. She really admires the support staff and the hard work they do in keeping the campus working. She sees Concordia as a unique institution with a family atmosphere. Her fear is that the warm, family feeling will be lost as Concordia continues to grow.

Core courses are among Dr. Bell's favorite to teach, as she can work with students in developing an appreciation of the arts and where they fit into their lives. "Everyone draws so be teachers as a

Faculty and Staff Highlights

Sheryl Gusek and Katie Ruetz (Graduate Department) presented at the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP) Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA in April. Their session topic was "Developing Off-Campus Cohorts and Managing Growth."

David Eggebrecht (English/Theatre), since his (sort of) retirement, has given up his view of Lake Michigan for an office backstage, called Dave's Cave. He directed ALMOST, MAINE for The Cedarburg Players and is preparing to direct CURTAINS for Concordia in the fall. His relatively new pacemaker keeps him on track.

Albert Garcia (Theology) recently visited Argentina where he taught Mission and Confession: Proclaiming the Gospel in the 21st Century and The Missional Church.

Steve Gerner, Linda Hensel, and Chrishirella Warthen (Education) gave presentations about the teaching profession to middle and high school students at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction 12th Annual Urban Teacher World Conference in Milwaukee on May 6, 2010.

Linda Hensel (Education) presented her research entitled "The belief systems and instructional practices of special education teachers during reading instruction" at the AERA (American Educational Research Association) annual meeting in Denver, CO on May 1, 2010.

Beth Musil (Pharmacy) recently presented New Drug Therapy of 2009: Tools to Decide Where They Fit Into Practice at the 40th Annual Winter Refresher Course for Family Medicine (Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Family and Community Medicine).

CUW professors (from left to right) Rachel Pickett (Psychology), Sarah Holtan (Communication), Tracy Tuffey (Psychology) and Jim Burkee (History) traveled to Vanung University sister school in Taiwan with Christine Kao, Director of Asian-Pacific Region. The faculty team delivered a 7 day long English Language Summer

Camp to college students from 13 local universities. Activities included lessons aimed at enhancing English conversation skills and vocabulary, sharing aspects of U.S. and Taiwanese culture, introducing students to Concordia and CUW's mission, as well as University led excursions around the island. The team enjoyed the gracious Taiwanese hospitality, working with the wonderful students/staff at Vanung and trying new and exciting foods.

Melanie Stewart (Graduate Curriculum and Instruction) recently received the Wisconsin North Central Association's Wisconsin AdvanceED Excellence in Education Award for her unparalleled leadership in promoting and advancing excellence in education. She was recognized at the 2010 AdvanceED Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Van Mobley (History) was on the Wisconsin Public Radio ideas network as an analyst immediately after President Obama's State of the Union address. Dr. Mobley was also the Chair of a Panel entitled "U.S. Civil-Military Relations in the 21st Century" at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History this past in May at the George Marshall Leadership Institute at the Virginia Military Institute.

Chrishirella F. Warthen (Education) presented at the National Black Child Development Institute, Inc.'s 39th Annual Conference entitled "Incarceration of African American Females - Reversing the Trend" in October of 2009, and also presented on February 27, 2010 at the S.I.S.T.A.S. (Sisters Involved Strategically Towards Academic Success) at the Kenosha Unified School District, Career Extravaganza. She is also: Editor, GIRLFRIENDS Health Guide For Women Of Color, appointed February, 2010; Board Member, BCDI-Milwaukee (Black Child Development Institute), appointed January, 2010; and Board Member, DanceCircus- Milwaukee, appointed October, 2010.

Ryan Wilkinson (Health & Human Performance and 2001 Alumnus) has been elected President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Trainer's Association (WATA). Ryan assumed the role of WATA President at the annual meeting in April 2010 and will serve a two-year term. He has previously served as WATA Vice President. The WATA is a professional membership association for Licensed Athletic Trainers and others who support the Athletic Training profession in Wisconsin.

CUW at Youth Gathering

This past July the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod held its National Youth Gathering. Some 25,000 Lutheran youth and youth workers gathered in New Orleans for fellowship, worship, and spiritual growth. Alumna Ann Carper said, "It was the experience of a lifetime." As always, CUW Admission personnel had a refreshment room where alumni could gather for a break from the Gathering with some good food and drink, conversation, and a chance to meet with old friends. "It was really awesome," Ann said, "They did a fantastic job in representing CUW."

I am sitting in the “afterglow” of a very wonderful and “historic” experience, as I have just finished teaching a handbell seminar in Schluechtern, Germany from June 3 through 6 at the Kirchenmusikalische Fortbildungsstaette (Church Music Institute). This Church Music Institute is housed in a 12th century monastery. The seminar was called “Ich spiele im Handglocken-Chor” (I play in a

Female Student Athlete-of-the-Year

Samantha Gries Excels in Both Athletics and Academics

Samantha Gries has been labeled an outstanding athlete, but that's not the only thing she wants to be known for at Concordia. Besides being awarded the 2009-2010 Female Student-Athlete-of-the-Year, Gries is carrying a 4.0 GPA and is on pace to graduate in May 2011 with honors.

Gries is in CUW's Athletic Training program and involved in cross country and track, and absolutely loves the team aspect of both sports. Of the two though, her favorite is cross country. "I like cross country because each course is different and everybody runs the same race," said Gries. "I love running in general because of the feeling of

accomplishment that comes with it; I can see that hard work does pay off, and it's a great way to relieve stress and enjoy the outdoors," Gries added. Gries was also chosen as CUW's December 2009 Student-of-the-Month. After graduation in 2011 she plans on going to graduate school for Physical Therapy.

Members of Concordia University Wisconsin's Pre-pharmacy Social Club gathered on May 1st in downtown Milwaukee to take part in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Isn't it amazing how God uses people in the most unusual ways to have His will be done? Take David for example, a small shepherd boy who slew Goliath! Or Saul, later named Paul; a man who lived to persecute Christians, would later be used to spread God's love all over the world!

When I was growing up, I always thought that I would be either a farmer or a doctor. However, God had different plans for me. I decided to go to Concordia University in Mequon, WI and earn a degree in Secondary Education, English, and History. As the years went on during my time at Concordia, my love for missions grew and grew. And this past Christmas break when I was contemplating where God was calling me to serve Him, the Lord made that clear to me what His will for my life is. The Lord has called me to serve in the Eastern European country of Slovakia. I will be serving as an English as a Foreign Language Teacher and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with them through this opportunity.

I ask, first and foremost, that you keep me in your prayers. That the Lord would open the hearts of the





Last week I hit the limit of songs. In fact I had to delete 5 songs to add the new ones I was excited about just getting. Now I have to think about what other songs I can delete so that the inevitable new or re-discovered songs can be added. That is my middle-aged conservative thinking. My son added, "Or you could just get a new one with more memory [read: you could buy from me the one I have and I could get the newest one available]."

Is your default setting to buy a new I-pod or edit and pare down the old one? Do I anticipate an end to the good songs I like? Will I not like the old ones I used to like?

I suppose there is a hybrid answer that makes the most sense: every song that I ever once liked may not be one I'll always like. But there will certainly be more great new songs or ones I never knew of.

Concordia has been blessed to be on a track of continued growth in recent years. In spite of many difficulties in the economy and world, we have been blessed to attract relatively large numbers of students. Our incoming class will be the biggest yet. As was last year's. And the year's before. Our increasing physical needs are being handled.

