

CSP Happenings

An e-Newsletter for Concordia University, St. Paul Parents, Family and Friends



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Today's Bible Verse:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."
(Psalm 32:8)

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May's Feature Article

UNHEALTHY SITUATION?

Submitted By: Cher Rafferty, RN

In spite of what college students believe, they are at a very high risk of needing medical care due to an accident, injury or illness. Students think that since they are young and healthy they won't need health insurance. Wrong!

Young adults have the highest number of annual visits to emergency rooms and account for 1/3 of new HIV diagnoses. There are 3.5 million pregnancies in 20-something women yearly.

College-age people are the most uninsured group in the United States. About 30% of 18-24 year olds lack health insurance. The cost of unexpected medical care without insurance may cause a student to drop out of school to pay the medical bills and have a lifetime debt. If a medical condition such as diabetes, cancer, or mental illness develops when uninsured, a student may be labeled with a pre-existing condition and never be able to obtain affordable insurance.

Other problems of being uninsured—or underinsured include: mortality rates that are 15-25% higher, omitting preventive health exams, not filling prescriptions, inability to access mental health services, not receiving early care for serious medical problems, not being able to have further testing (MRI, CAT Scan, etc.) when indicated.

Before the California University system required insurance for all students, 25% of students leaving school did so because of medical reasons—mostly lack of insurance or inadequate insurance. After Massachusetts required insurance for all college students, their graduation rates improved.

Strongly consider helping your student obtain adequate insurance. If your student is covered under your plan find out if it covers him or her when out of area, if it covers preventive care, injuries, medications, and where the student should seek medical care when not in the home area.

One option is to check out the 4 plans that CSP offers at www.davidagencyinc.com Click on Student Plans to see various costs and plans. Contact agent Tim Donavon at timd@davidagencyinc.com or 952-277-0674 or 1-877-827-5824, Ext. 674 with questions.

Check this website for more information about health insurance.

<http://covertheuninsured.org/stateguides/>

Taken from articles in SPECTRUM 3/03 by Dr. Ed Ehlinger, MD, MSPH and St. Paul Pioneer Press article 11/27/03 by Emily Ramshaw, Dallas Morning News

Residence Life

PLANNING AHEAD FOR RESIDENCE HALL MOVING OUT

With the end of the academic year comes moving out of the residence hall. Students and parents alike are usually surprised at how much more there is to move home when they remember the moving-in experience during Welcome Week. If your son or daughter is coming home for Easter or for a weekend before the end of the school year, encourage him or her to start bringing some things home. After all, one shouldn't need winter coats and sweaters much longer in Minnesota!

The **move out deadline** for **non-graduating** students is **6 p.m. Friday, May 12th**.

The **move out deadline** for **graduating** students is **6 p.m. Saturday, May 13th**.

Limited storage is available in designated storage rooms. Items placed in storage must be boxed and properly identified. Furniture and lofting materials may not be stored. The University is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Upcoming Events

IT'S HERE – COMMENCEMENT!



If you have a son or daughter that will be participating in commencement next week, please visit our commencement website for detailed information on this event:

<http://web.csp.edu/commencement/>.

MAY 2006 ACADEMIC EVENTS



NOTE: GC=Gangelhoff Center ~ and ~ BEC = Buenger Education Center

Thursday, May 11, 2006

7:30 p.m. – Baccalaureate Service – GC

Friday, May 12, 2006

7:30 p.m. – Traditional Commencement Ceremony– GC (Includes students enrolled in the Colleges of Education, Arts & Sciences and Vocation & Ministry, and BA graduates in the cohort delivered Child Development and Family Life Education majors). - GC

Saturday, May 13, 2006

9:30 a.m. – Commencement Ceremony: CGCS Graduate Programs – (Includes students in all graduate programs in the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies) – GC

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2:30 p.m. – Commencement Ceremony: CGCS Undergraduate Programs – (Includes students in all undergraduate programs in the College of Graduate and Continuing Studies. NOTE: BA graduates in the cohort delivered Child Development & Family Life Education majors will participate in the Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm Traditional Commencement Ceremony. – GC

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC EVENTS

Student Recital

Jeremiah Babcock, saxophone
Tuesday, May 9 7:30 p.m.
Buetow Auditorium

4th Annual Invitational

High School Honors Art Exhibition

May 10-26 Concordia Gallery, 1371
Marshall Avenue
Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony:
Wednesday, May 10, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate Choral Service

Thursday, May 11 7:30 p.m.
Gangelhoff Center

Spring Fine Arts Instrumental Concert

Friday, May 12 3:30 p.m.
Buetow Auditorium

Please call (651) 641-8248 for more information and updates.

Concordia, St. Paul Music Department website address:

www.csp.edu/music/

135th F. Melius Christiansen Anniversary Concerts

Sunday, November 19 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis
Featured concert choirs:

Augsburg College
Concordia College (Moorhead)
Concordia University (St. Paul)
Gustavus Adolphus College
St. Olaf College
Call Orchestra Hall Box Office for tickets:
612-371-5656

Fine & Performing Arts Christmas Concerts

Friday, Dec. 1 & Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m.
Buetow Auditorium

Tickets on sale October 15 at 651-209-6689

2007 Choral Arts Finale

Sunday, April 15 7:30 p.m.
Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOUR STUDENT TO FIND A SUMMER OR FALL INTERNSHIP!!

Have your student go to <http://web.csp.edu/careerservices/resources/index.html> then click on College Central Network. Your student will need to create an account (if he/she does not already have one). Make sure to have him or her contact Diana Sukut at sukut@csp.edu to gain access to view the internship postings. There are usually 20-50 internships opportunities posted, and they are updated DAILY! This week's new internships include: Journalism/Technical Writing, Information Coordinator, Web Developer, Accounting, Personal Care Assistant.

Career Services will be offered during the summer. If your student needs to discuss major selection, or resume, or needs assistance with job search or other career-related topics, please have him or her contact Diana Sukut (sukut@csp.edu or 651-603-6241).

Special Recognition

TRI-PI BOARD 2006-2007

Congratulations to the 2006-2007 Tri-Pi Math Club Executive Board: President: Carol Olson, Co-VP: Monica McNamara, Co-VP: Mike Zimmermann, Secretary: Kirk Ingram, Treasurer: Josh Huber, and Executive Board Alternate: Ashley Olson. We look forward to their leadership.

NEW MENTORS FOR 2006-07 STUDENTS OF COLOR MENTORING PROGRAM!

The Diversity Affairs Office is proud to announce the mentors selected for the Students of Color Mentoring Program for the 2006-07 academic year. The new mentors selected include Andrea Christensen, LaTwanna Rudolph, Tre'Chaun Sayles, and Toua Vang. Returning mentors are Chee Lor, Jessica Rhodes, Xeing Thor, and Antwon Williams. Michael Brooks will continue serving in a dual role as Co-President of UMOJA (United Minds of Joint Action)/mentor. Mee Vang is the new president of SEASA (Southeast Asian Student Association) and will also serve in a dual role as a mentor. Adrian Perryman will be the website and technical assistant for the mentoring program and the Diversity Affairs Office. The mentor supervisors will be Jessica Ellis and Shae Wallin. We're looking forward to great ideas and hard work from these individuals for next year.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WINS AWARD FOR THE "DAY AT THE CAPITOL" EVENT

Each year awards are given to the university winners in the following three categories:

- Highest Percentage of Participation from Undergraduate Enrollment
- Largest Group
- Most Improved.

Concordia University, St. Paul, is pleased to have placed in the top 3 in all three categories. Concordia placed 2nd in highest percentage of participation from undergraduate enrollment; 3rd in overall group size and 1st in the most improved category. This year 35 students participated compared to 6 students last year! The plaque received for "Most Improved" will be displayed in the Student Senate Office, on the Concordia University, St. Paul, campus.

ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN A SUCCESS DESPITE THE RAIN

Despite the rainy weather last Saturday (April 29), participants in Concordia's Third Annual 5K Walk/Run at Como Lake Park were all smiles for the event to benefit CHAMPS, the Kinesiology and Health Sciences Club. Winners in the event included the following:

- **First Place Female:** Melissa Fletcher (\$20 Target Gift Card)
- **First Place Male:** Paul James (\$20 Target Gift Card)
- **Second Place Female:** Carley Paulseth and Kaitlin Schrupp (\$10 Target Gift Card each),
- **Second Place Male:** Eric LaMott (\$10 Target Gift Card)
- **Top Team:** Dixie Ketola and Krystal Brown (Kowalski's bag of groceries)
- **First Place Costumes:** Dixie Ketola and Krystal Brown (Shared \$20 Target Gift Card),
- **Second Place Costume:** Paul James (\$10 Gift Card).

Department of Mathematics Updates

UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Submitted by Dr. Rob Krueger, Chair of the Department of Mathematics

The 2005-2006 academic year was a full and productive year for the math students and faculty at Concordia University, St. Paul. The department has three full-time faculty members, and four

part-time instructors. Dr. Sarah Jahn successfully defended her dissertation on “A Blowing Up Algorithm for Calculating Rings of Integers” in July, 2005. There are currently thirty-seven students with declared majors or minors in the program.

The 2005-2006 Tri-Pi math club officers were Luke Johnson, John Kruger, Chris Schwanke, Carol Olson, and Monica McNamara. They represented the department and club in the fall semester at the Great Concordia Get-Together, the Clubs and Organizations Fair, and a Finals Week Christmas Party Study-Break, as well as hosting the Homecoming Dodgeball Tournament.

On November 11, math majors Mike Zimmermann and Luke Johnson presented their summer research and internship experiences to over forty math and science faculty and students.

The spring semester has been extremely busy. More than 130 high school students and their faculty sponsors from seventeen Twin Cities high schools converged on the campus of Concordia University, St. Paul on Wednesday, Feb. 22, for the third annual **Math Day** extravaganza hosted by the Department of Mathematics. Students participated in a variety of math-related games and activities, including a twenty-three team math bowl competition. The top three teams in this year’s math bowl competition were 1) Math and Science Academy, 2) Minneapolis South, and 3) Tartan. **Tri-Pi Game Night** 2006 (March 30) was an exciting event with over 200 Concordia students enjoying casino-style games, ping-pong, and fellowship. Those in attendance were treated to WingStreets Bone-out wings, Jimmy John’s subs, and a plethora of snacks. Casino games included roulette, craps, beat the dealer, bingo, war, and blackjack. Other activities included a Texas Hold'em tournament and a ping-pong tournament. Mike Zimmermann presented his summer work at the Pi Mu Epsilon Undergraduate math conference in April at St. John’s University. Guest speakers from St. Cloud State impressed a crowd of math students on April 25th with the talk, “A Search for Shortest Single Axioms for Groups of Exponent Six Using Automated Reasoning.”

The 2006 Erlo Warnke scholarship was awarded to Paul James for his outstanding work in the math classroom. The Outstanding First-Year Mathematician Award was given to Emily Van Siclen. We have students working on internships, applying for summer research opportunities, planning to apply to graduate school, and student teaching.

At our department picnic on Tuesday, April 25th, we celebrated the past year and starting planning for next year. We are looking forward to the 2006-2007 academic year. There were twenty-seven scholarships awarded for 2006-2007 and a new math club board has been elected (Carol Olson, Mike Zimmermann, Monica McNamara, Josh Huber, Kirk Ingram, and Ashley Olson). The students will have the opportunity to participate in a Financial Literacy Program funded by a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, received by Dr. Robert Krueger and Dr. Bruce Corrie. Please refer to our website for updates on future events:
<http://www.csp.edu/math/index.html>.

Health Awareness



MUMPS

You may have heard about the mumps outbreak in Iowa and other Midwestern states. Most of the affected are college students even though they have had either one or both of the Mumps immunizations. Minnesota state law requires college students to have one MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) immunization, but recommends two. This would be a good time for you to help your student find out if he/she has had both, and if not, to have the second immunization. Check with your health care provider to see if another immunization is recommended in your area. While you are doing this, find out what is recommended for you and your other family members. If your student has another shot, please notify rafferty@csp.edu with the date so the records can be updated. Have a safe and healthy summer.