

From our President

Welcome

It's great to be among so many cheerful and exciting people! I appreciate this opportunity to welcome the new students and those who are returning for another year at Concordia-Saint Paul.

Our objective is to offer you an education of the highest quality. Your professors are carefully selected and capable of communicating to you the knowledge you need for your chosen vocation and for full understanding and enjoyment of life. In a very real sense they direct their attention to the development of the whole person.

There also is much for you to experience beyond the classroom. You will have an opportunity to exercise your concern for others, your personality and character and your ability to accommodate your own freedoms to those of others as you live in close proximity with 750 others. In such close living conditions you will find that patience is much more virtuous than irritation; that kindness will make your life more pleasant than selfishness; and that good manners are contagious.

It's great to see you at chapel, athletic events and all the activities on the campus. I hope you'll participate in all of them. They, too, are part of the great fun and adventure of maturing.

I'll see you around!

Gerhardt W. Hyatt
President

Take the time

by Mike Uran, Student Senate President
Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As followers of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we are called to serve each other here on earth. In many instances this service does not bring us financial reward. In many instances this service does not bring us great recognition from the people around us. In many instances we may not even realize that we have provided a service. But what joy there is in heaven each time the need of a brother or sister is met!

So often when we are searching for a way to serve the Lord we look for large, important tasks. While these tasks have their place, they are not always practical in the hustle and bustle of college life. However, we can take the few minutes that it requires to share the days events with a friend, get to know a new person during supper, or share a meaningful Bible verse with your roommate. Take the time, you might be surprised by the results!

A time to Grow

by Michael Schumacher

College: a time for personal growth and maturing.

2 hour chemistry labs.

10 page term papers.

Boring English lectures.

Athletics.

Dorm raids.

Parties at Herge's.

A lot of free time, with few restrictions.

Yet, for whatever reason it might be, a person just cannot seem to fit all of these activities into one lifetime, much less a 24-hour day which occurs only 7 times a week. Thus, whether you realize it or not, you constantly make decisions about your time, budgeting every minute of it, setting up priorities for your life. You're in college now, free to do as you please, yet responsible for everything you do.

Spiritual growth is an important part of this responsibility. 2 Peter 3:18 says, "But grow in grace and in knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." In this verse, Peter talks of spiritual growth, that is growing in one's faith in the Lord, becoming closer to Him and His promises.

At CSP, students are extremely fortunate to have many opportunities to grow spiritually. The school conducts a chapel service each weekday and two evenings a week. Each dorm floor has devotions one night a week. There are Christian organizations such as Lutheran's For Life and The Fellowship of Christian Athletes for interested students to participate in. In fact, if a person really wanted to, he could commit all of his time to these "Spiritual Life" activities, forget about all of the other aspects of school, and still run short of time. Or, he could totally neglect these activities and forget about his responsibility for spiritual growth.

Most of this spiritual growth takes place on a personal level: between you and God alone. The person who will grow or not grow will be yourself: you're responsible for everything you do. And your parents won't do this growing for you. Nor will the minister in chapel. Nor your New Testament professor. Nor your roommate. It all boils down to whether you really are willing to spend the time to grow: nobody can force you to grow, for nobody can do the growing for you.

Bible studies, especially those which take place in "Spiritual Life" organized small groups, aid in this personal growth. Just as 2 Tim. 3:17 says, "All scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, and giving instruction for right living, so that the

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person who serves God may be qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed," so the Christian should strive to grow in his faith through reading the Bible, and through these Bible studies this can happen. (If you're interested in joining a Bible study, contact Mark Palmer or any other Spiritual Life representative.)

How will you budget your time?
Do you have time for the Lord?