

Super Senior Makes His Stay Worthwhile

by Lance Meyer

Fifth year senior Michael Miller has enough credits to graduate this May with a major in history, but until then, he doesn't really have any plans besides enjoying life on campus without any classes.

It's everyone's dream isn't it, to attend college and get away from home without having to go to class?

Well, Miller seems to be enjoying life these days as he hangs out in the tunnel collecting dollars for the Concordia Tree Foundation, talks to a friend about the protein content in beef compared to rice, and sits and chats over an extra long lunch that includes his daily apple in the cafeteria. "I try to stretch my lunches out," said Miller, "otherwise I tend to run out of things to do." Not registered for classes this semes-



Mike plays his guitar in his campus apartment.
photo by Erin Anderson

ter, Miller is no longer considered a student here at Concordia. However, he does continue to live in Wather's luxury three-room suite and serve as resident coordinator which pays for his room and board. "It's ridiculous, he has separate rooms for working, sleeping, and cooking" said one of Miller's former residents, Shaun Evans.

"What do you do with a history major?" exclaimed Miller recently throwing his hands up in the air over a wonderful Sodexo dinner of turkey and mashed potatoes this past week. There are all the obvious choices like grad school, working as a historian, and working for the government, but Miller doesn't really know which, if any, of these professions are in his future.

When I broke the news to him that he probably can't live on campus as the

resident coordinator forever, he told me about an upcoming job interview for FedEx and a recent call from United Health Partners about a tech job opening. A history major throwing boxes in a warehouse at FedEx or working with computers for a health care organization?

"I've also always inspired to open a bakery," added Miller. One of Miller's long time hobbies is bread making. "My bread is a lot better now that I'm using a new recipe," said Miller. Erin Anderson, who cuts Mike's hair as part of their own personal barter system, will vouch for him. "The bread is actually pretty good which makes the trade good all around," said Anderson. "I just like to give things to people, and not having too much money, bread is the perfect gift," said Miller.

Miller has replaced his homework and class time this semester with new organizations and activities. He says he works out now and then in the Bear Den (yes, staff members are allowed to use it) only to off-set the activity with a Danish and hot chocolate from the Commons Café. "You gotta keep a fine balance," said Mike.

Much like a recently retired person, Miller has also found time now to spend a couple mornings each week giving plasma and a lot more time to keep up his many plants. I guess you could say one of his three rooms is almost a greenhouse as he tends to three avocado trees, an orange tree, three spider plants, a pineapple bush, and his recently planted apple seeds harvested straight from a juicy Sodexo apple.

Miller has also got the Concordia Tree Foundation started and has raised almost enough money for the organization's first tree. He also aspires to write an article for The Sword one of these days and participates in Concordia Progressives. However, after all of these strenuous activities without any homework to do, there is always time for video games, talking politics with friends, watching the history channel, and even a little Conan before bed once in awhile.

So while most of the other seniors here at Concordia are stuck in the class room, Michael Miller is enjoying his last semester stress free. However, this spring might not be as unproductive as you may think as Miller has the opportunity to get a several month head start in today's competitive job market.

Game Night Preview

The Fact Finding Committee reported last week from its recent survey that more student events need to be held in the student union and this year's Tri-Pi Math Club-sponsored game night will be held on Thursday March 29 from 8pm until midnight in the Student Union.

This year's game night will see many of our favorites return, including Texas Hold'em, Roulette, Craps, "Horse" Racing, Blackjack and War. For those who wish to participate in the Texas Hold'em Tournament please pre-register with Colby Reinking (reinkinc@csp.edu).

Some new activities will be joining the festivities this year, including a ping pong tournament, a pool tournament and a darts tournament because of the facilities available in the Student Union. For all those that attend the event there is free food, free soda, a lot of fun, and the chance to win over \$1000 in prizes.

Women's History Month

by Shaun Evans

past and looks toward the future to come.

In the beginning of the nineteenth century women were considered second class citizens. Women were expected to stay home, clean the house and have supper prepared before their husband came home. After marriage they did not have the right to own prop-

Women's history month celebrates the accomplishments of women who have opened doors for other women. At Concordia there have been speakers acknowledging special women in the past and present. Strong women has opened doors for women like my mother, who is a doctor at North Memorial Hospital in Robinsdale, Minnesota. Women's history month also shows us great accomplishments. It allows us to see that being a housewife is not the only way for a woman. You can be doctors, lawyers and astronauts. Here are a few memorable women who have impacted our world.



Above: Dorothy Dandridge, first African American woman nominated for an Oscar.



Left: Selma Lagerlöf, first woman to win a Nobel Prize for Literature
Below: Sally Ride, first American woman to reach outer space.

erty, maintain their wages, or even sign a contract, much less vote. Women were thought to never have an opinion different from their husband. Women's history month allows people to see how far women have come in the past two centuries; it gives recognition to the

