

A Message from the President...

by President Holst

Socrates said, "Some people live to eat. I eat to live." "Now the Feast," as the theme for our 2006-7 academic year, challenges our thinking about feasting and time. Is the feast of life for selfish self-satisfaction? If so,



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we fall under the Socratic charge of frivolous living. Is the feast of learning and living preparation for "thoughtful and informed living, for dedicated service to God and humanity and for enlightened care of God's creation?" If so, we fall under the Socratic vision of meaningful life and the goals of our Concordia University Mission Statement. The faculty and

staff of Concordia University want your life here to feast on academic opportunity, social skills development and spiritual experiences.

May that feast happen "now." We often remember the past or dream of the future but life is always in the "now." "Now" your daily college work is hard and, facing the unknown, challenges one's spirit. Yet, repeated retreat into good memories of past feasts tempts one to belittle the valuable present. We can forget that the "good old days" were not all good. The pressure of college dead-

lines also invites us to escape into the future. By all means, dream dreams and envision future success because that is what a university education is all about. Nevertheless, preparation for your future happens in the "now." While in college, a teacher frequently warned, "If you're too big for the little things now you'll be too little for the big things later!" She was right. Fundamental knowledge and basic skills learned in college provide the foundation for life long learning and future accomplishments. "Now the Feast"

Chapel Addition Update

by Rachel Kuhnle

After the ground-breaking ceremony last May, many students were surprised to return to campus and find the new chapel addition had yet to...well...break ground. The minor delay was due to a discovery of something quite typical of older schools like Concordia. Buried where the foundation of the new addition is to be are the remains of a former campus building.

In light of this discovery, the initial plans and finances had to be revised. As is, the ground cannot be built upon. The new chapel addition is to have a basement, a fea-

ture not part of the original plan, but a more cost-efficient solution considering the remains. The new basement might also prove to be a blessing in disguise. As of yet, finishing the basement is not in the budget. Just the same, however, the basement could be a place for the choir to meet and wait before performing, an open space for students to practice instruments or meet in.

In actuality, construction of the new addition is only delayed by about a month. The city permits are still pending, but prospects are good that next year students will return to find the addition com-

pleted.

The funds for the new chapel addition come solely from donors—as gifts. No tuition money was used for the project.

The intention of the new chapel addition is to bring already existing aspects of the campus in one building, near the dorms, in hopes of improving the dorm-life community and Christian fellowship among students.

With a projection screen, up to date restrooms, air conditioning, a kitchenette and other such am-

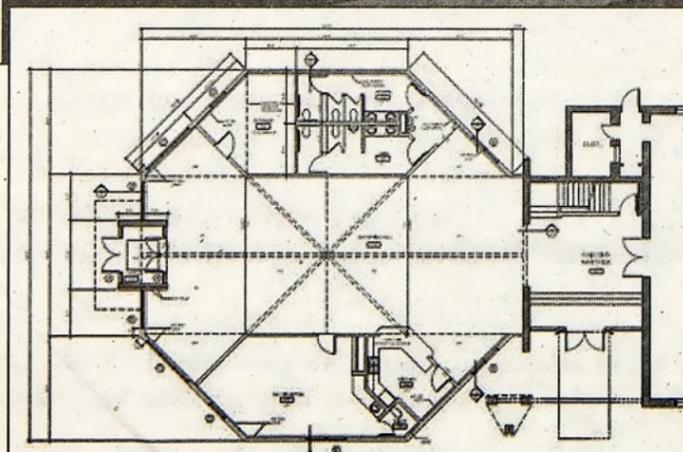
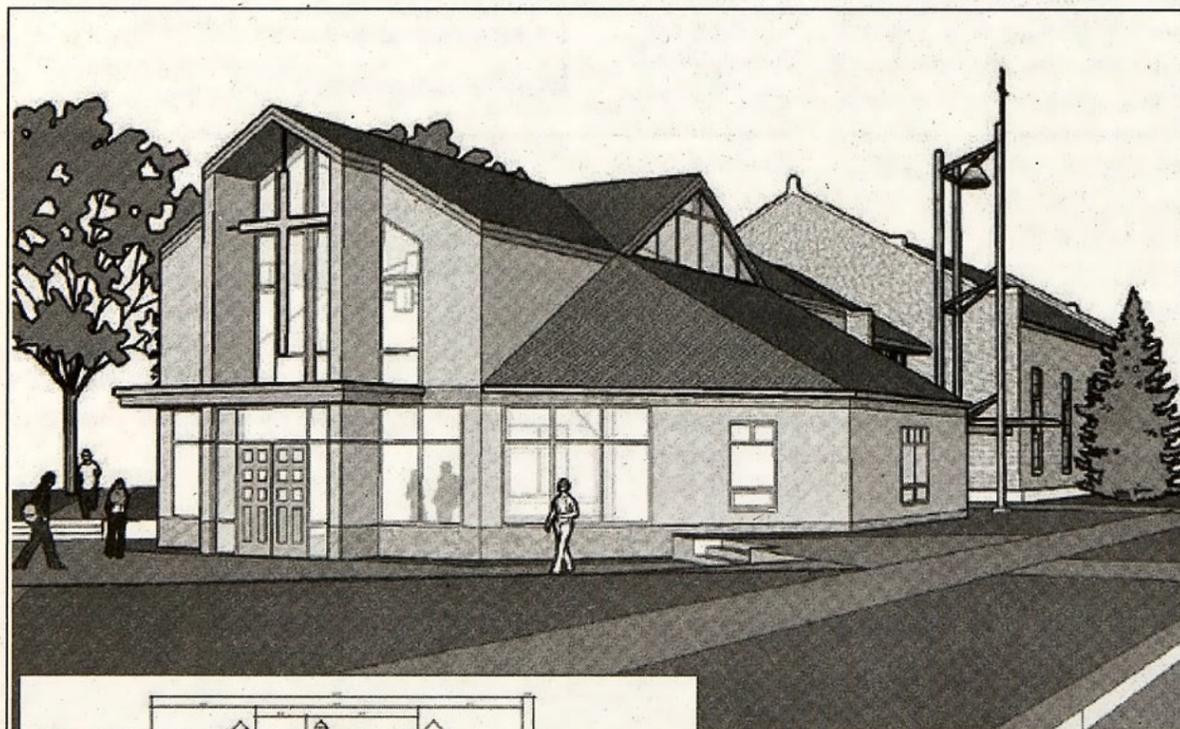
menities, the new addition will be a place for worship and fellowship. Along with the new addition, certain aspects of the original chapel will be brought up to date.

With the new addition, CSP also hopes to become more involved in the LCMS community of the Twin Cities. The new addition will also be 'bride friendly' to accommodate the growing interest in campus weddings.

Reverend Clinton Hoff, campus pastor, has been meeting with members of the student body to get input on what students want out of the new space. Katie Besinger, Denae Thormodson and Adam Fink have and will continue to meet with Rev. Hoff and Vice President of Student Services Miriam Luebke to represent the student voice.

The new chapel addition could be the solution to many space issues. The new addition has lots of space for students to meet. It could bring an end to overcrowded bible studies in dorm rooms. Also mentioned was the possibility of moving FISH and other worship activities from the Beutow to the new space.

A place for worship and fellowship



How the new chapel addition will look.

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