

## Letter from Senate's Lame Duck

By Jake Schunk

Lame Duck. I am a lame duck. By the time this paper is published, there will be a new Student Body President, and I will be the aforementioned misguided water fowl.

However, the official term of the new President does not begin until this academic year is over, so we, as members of the student body, can still use these last few months of this school year to make our university a better place.

For one, major changes can be implemented during the summer months.

This past summer, we worked hard to build a sand volleyball court, as the summer is the best time to put in changes like this so they can be of use to the student body for as many months as possible (especially when the winter consumes the entire second semester).

As well, the Student Senate budget (which for this past year was \$95,924.00) must be put in motion before the next year actually begins, so now is the best time to discuss certain elements of the budget with the

Senate to decide how this money can best be allocated.

The Senate can best make adjustments with input from the student body, so again, I urge you to talk to your representatives and executive board to give them your input.

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Secondly, the last few months of the school year are important for seniors who will soon be leaving the many comforts of Concordia for the world.

Because Concordia does not have a lot of solely-senior traditions, seniors involved with Senate are trying to make permanent changes to the structure of Senate, so in the years to come, Senate can reach its maximum effectiveness. Again, we need your input.

Additionally, seniors on CAB (namely Jen Dupic, B.J. Brown, and Andy Fleschmann), like every other CAB member, have been working hard all year to increase student involvement in the various activities on campus.

As the year winds down, we can expect this push for

involvement to continue and the level of quality in campus activities to steadily increase. Spring Fling plans are well underway;

Knollapalooza is being planned; and several other campus-wide activities are also being discussed.

With all of these great things on the plate for the remaining two months, please join me in looking forward to some great events.

I have heard several members of CAB express their longing for an incredible second semester. As members of the student body, you can help out the success of Senate activities in several ways.

For one, you can make a conscious effort to attend most CAB activities, even if it is only for a few minutes.

Secondly, CAB is currently looking for student volunteers to help plan and organize the upcoming events, so if you feel you are gifted in this area or if you just think that CAB is full of fun, attractive individuals and you want to be friends with them, then you just need to talk to a CAB member, and you can join the fun.

Lastly, I hope you all enjoy the rest of the school year. Just the other day, I received an e-mail from a Concordia staff member who was worried that we were not taking full advantage of our time here.

With this in mind, I express this same sentiment for you. Even though there are hours of homework, lots of snow, and other problems, we are still blessed to have the ability to

attend college and spend time with our peers when we are not working summer jobs.

I too wish the pace would slow down, so I could enjoy it a little more, but that does not mean that we should not do our best to enjoy what we have.

It is now time to find new CAB officials. Since the new executive board has been chosen, the new CAB members will soon be hired. The new positions will be posted, but the overall job of CAB is to fund and execute the many activities on campus.

To be on CAB, you must carry a 2.5 g.p.a. and must be a Concordia student. Those are the only requirements. If you think that you would enjoy planning activities and fulfilling other aspects of the Student Senate, then please, talk to current or future executive board members. There are a lot of positions on CAB, and it is possible that there may be a position that is perfect for you.

Again, this is your opportunity to hold campus wide activities, be in control of a substantial portion of the Senate's budget, be a hired student leader, and receive a stipend.

I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity.

If you do or do not attend the activities now, this is your opportunity to mold the activities to what you think are in the best interests of the student body.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask by e-mailing me at schunkj1@proverbs.csp.edu or next year's Student Body President., Heather Sandberg.

"You can help out with Senate activities..."

## CAB Resurrects Student Activities

By Angela King

The month of March was one of the busiest months Student Senate has experienced this year.

Concordia Activities Board (CAB) encouraged more student involvement as they brought back some of the old activities, such as Bowling night and Movie Night at Roseville 4.

However, some new traditions and activities were begun. Activities such as the Tunnel Dance and a few All-Night tournaments at Gangelhoff, were some of the new activities CAB initiated in order to spark some new enthusiasm and interest among students as they try to chase away the winter blues.

The month began with another Blood Drive, coordinated by the Spiritual Life Chair,

Christie Heiling.

Thanks to many volunteers and donors, this drive was yet another success.

Card Nite at the President's House was a great success. It was evident that the President thoroughly enjoyed some time to hang out with students and discuss their concerns.

Many All-Night Tournaments brought some competition to students on campus, but all in all, they survived the competition of their peers and most enjoyed the experience greatly.

Student Senate looks forward to an exciting April, in which CAB plans to bring back Knollapalooza for yet another year, and begin a new tradition with an end-of-the-year bash.



(Above) Congratulations to our 2001-2002 Student Senate President, Heather Sandberg!  
Photo by Debra Beilke

### New members of the Student Senate Executive Board: Congratulations to all!

President: Heather Sandberg  
VP of Relations:

Dan Mueller

VP of Representatives:

Tim Breitbarth

Treasurer: Josh Legband

Secretary: Angela King

## Letter to Editor: Election Exasperation

To Whom It May Concern:

The election season has begun at Concordia and I am now forced to ask some interesting questions about the political climate of our University.

While I walk through our sign-plastered hallways I occasionally stop to read a sign.

Some of these signs are clever, some are politically worded, but they are all lacking information on the issues.

Names and demands for us to vote for the candidates adorn these signs, but they all fail to provide us with any substance about who the candidates are and what the candidates believe.

The occasional clever candidate will paste a picture or a slogan to their signage but they

still refuse to explain what they believe, or what they would do if elected to office.

If this election is more than a popularity contest the candidates must take stands on issues which involve the students of this campus.

What better place to explain their stance on Concordia issues than on their political signage?

Please take time to find out who the candidates are. Don't just vote for the one with the best hair, or the funniest signs.

Sincerely,  
Jason T. Moran

Editor's Note: This letter was sent before the election.

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