

Mrs. Johnson is Feeling at Home at CSP

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I met up with Mrs. Johnson one afternoon in their home which is located next to the chapel on Carroll Avenue. Her warm personality filled the house and made me feel right at home.

Mrs. Johnson stressed that both she and her husband welcome students into their home. In the past month they have had the Resident Assistants and AEX (the pre-seminary students) into their home in an effort to get to know more students. In trying to become acquainted with the students the Johnson's have been attending as many student functions on campus as possible. Mrs. Johnson enjoys the campus. One thing that she has noticed is, "there are many activities going on around campus; it is very alive."

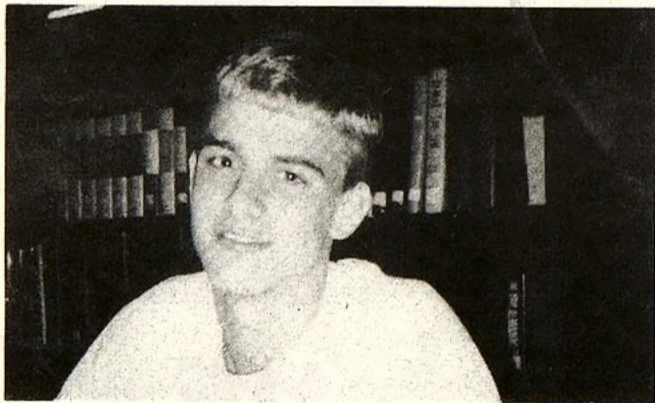
Mrs. Johnson seems to have fit so well into the Concordia Community that it made me wonder what she had done previous to coming here. Did she leave anything behind? To answer that question with an affirmative statement would be an understatement. Ruth Ann was most recently a manager of the Publications Rights Department at Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. She worked there for thirteen years and some of her work included membership on the

copyright committees for two hymnals, *Lutheran Worship* and *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Ruth Ann was also editorial project manager for the *Concordia Self Study Commentary* (1979) and the *Concordia Self Study Bible* (1986) during. During her time at CPH, Ruth Ann was also manager of the Product Development Department.

Prior to working at Concordia Publishing House, Ruth Ann was employed at Concordia Historical Institute. The Institute is the archives of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and contains a museum as well. Ruth Ann's post high school education took place at Arkansas State University. There she received a B.A. in History and a minor in Speech/Communications. At Arkansas State she also met her future husband. After graduating, Ruth Ann taught for three years in the public schools of Tennessee.

Although Ruth Ann is a long way from where she grew up in Oklahoma City, she is adjusting very well to life in St. Paul. She enjoys the "friendliness of the people here." At the end of our interview, Mrs. Johnson also stated that she really enjoys, "meeting all the different students from all over the country."

Concordia Speaks What Do You Think About the Possibility of a Masters Program at CSP?



Jim Holmlund: It would attract more students to Concordia and give CSP its own identity. Since CSP & Concordia Moorehead are often confused.



V.P. Bob DeWerff: It would have advantages such as offering additional services to students and alumni and open new paths for

Tom Edelen: I think it's a good idea. It would give CSP more publicity.



Jodi Johnson: It could make CSP more well-known and give the school more credibility.



Darren Anderson: No, because Concordia is too busy with CSAL and the campus is too small and it would increase Concordia's budget and our tuition.