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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

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Also, Thank You to those people who have contributed their comments and constructive criticisms -- we cannot continue to improve without your feedback.

To those of you loyal readers, I hope you will continue to enjoy future editions of the SWORD!

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



DEAR EDITORS:

JUST A NOTE: My intent for this editorial is not to make people afraid, but to make people aware that this COULD happen to you...

Guess What! There is no such thing as date rape here at Concordia. Well, at least that is what an Administrator told a group of people that wanted to put up posters regarding date rape here at Concordia.

My first reaction to this was "You've got to be kidding!" But no, it is a fact that we at Concordia are all angels. If we talk about date rape, we have to talk about sex. Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot that SEX at Concordia is a naughty, naughty word!

Last year, my roommate was talking to a very upset freshman woman. She had gone out with a guy from Concordia and was date raped. Maybe it was because "It never happens here at Concordia", that she could not go to school officials for help.

The fact the Concordia Administrators are so narrow minded and blind to this potential problem is awesome! This is a college, and things like this happen at colleges across the nation! But not here at Concordia!

So my opinion is that CSP should treat this as a potential

problem. Don't just close your eyes and pray that this will never happen again! Let the publicity be put up, and perhaps we can stop this from happening again!

Sincerely,
Ed

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ignorance is not bliss; it just hides the problem. Education is the best way to combat ignorance!



DEAR EDITORS:

How many of our students here at CSP have had the outrageously unfortunate experience of dealing with our wonderful staff in the AD building? Are my adjectives a bit delusory? Do you note a bit of sarcasm? Why, Yes, you do!

Each and every time a student on this campus is in need of getting anything accomplished, we run into the same problems. Confusion, disorganization, unwillingness to help, and probably worst of all, the people on our faculty/staff assume that we know what we are doing because they don't!

How unorganized and difficult will our offices become before we take some action? After all, would any of these people have a job without students? No, they would not! It seems to me that the students of this campus should have more control and power over the way our offices are run -- and especially who runs them. If this were the case, however, quite a few of our faculty/staff members would be minus one very rotten job.

It has been my ill-fated observation that no two people on the faculty/staff agree on any policy or have the same way of going about getting forms filled out and signed.

"Oh I don't have that form, I sent it to the ----- office." or "Didn't I show you this form two weeks ago?" or "I gave that to my secretary," (which, by the way, on this conservative campus run by males, would undoubtedly be a female), and so on and so on until finally it becomes so frustrating that you don't care anymore!

Let's just call it the CSP Run-Around. It takes on the average of three to four hours of unnecessary waiting in lines and being sent to various offices. It's ridiculous! With a campus this small, where's all the specialized attention? It's really frustrating, so let's do something about it. Conquer the word "assume" (we all know the true meaning of that word) and prove that our student body isn't filled with a bunch of wimps! It's a fact, and I know that more than just a few students will not be returning to this delightful "little" campus of ours. First of all, because they are not wimps, and secondly, they will not tolerate the CSP Run-Around!

DEAR EDITORS:

"Concordia has a maintenance problem." Assuming that statement is true, let's apply one of the techniques taught in Ed Psych, and determine who owns the problem. (Didn't think that Ed Psych stuff was good for anything, huh?)

Why don't we start with Hyatt windows. Every year windows mysteriously break in Hyatt Dorms. Spring quarter last year, the breakage averaged one window a week. The replacement glass costs \$92 per window. It requires 2 to 3 hours labor to change the glass. One suggested possibility on how these windows mysteriously break is that students throw rocks at them to attract the attention of the residents of Hyatt. (Concordia students wouldn't do that, would they?). Who owns this part of the problem? What would be a possible solution? (Hint..."He who lives in glass houses...").

Next let's think about six people responsible for the care and operation of 31 different buildings and 28 acres of real estate. Boggles the mind, doesn't it? Who owns this part of the problem? (Be careful, this is a sensitive area!).

What about those work requests for minor matters that seem to disappear, never to be heard from again? Who owns this part of the problem? (More than one possible answer here!).

How about this question? When was the last time in recorded human history that an 'us-vs-them' attitude helped solve a problem? (Ex. of 'us versus them' attitudes at CSP. "Maintenance never gets anything