

# Who is that Man?

**Lisa Lindeman**

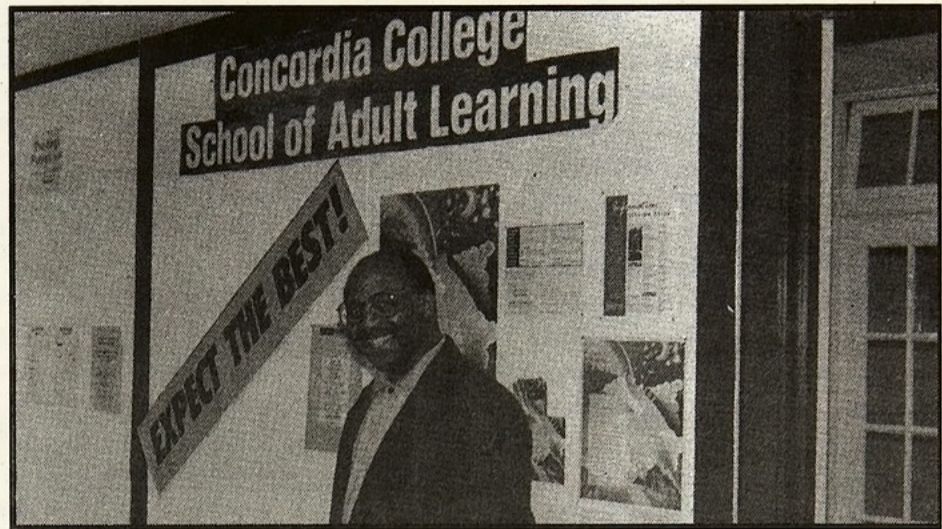
Who is Harvey Slaughter? The man with toy cars on his desk or the widely experienced and versed academic mind? Is he a lover of all people or the committed family man? How can he be all and one in the same? For many at Concordia he is a smiling face in the hallway, a colleague, and a friend. The question still remains, who is Harvey Slaughter really?

He is a man with a history. Born and raised in Detroit with very few dreams except to have clothes, pocket money, and to go to school, Harvey learned to love, to look at the positives in situations, to focus on goals, and perseverance. Harvey's best childhood memory starts with him four years old meeting his pastor. Pastor came over to Harvey's house one hot summer night, while Harvey watched television. From that point on, his pastor became a father figure to him and a great support both as a model and source of encouragement. At eight years old Harvey experienced what would be his worst childhood memory. Shopping in a grocery store, a lady called him a monkey, his first encounter with racism. He never forgot it. However, with eight siblings, a mother, and father to support him Harvey Slaughter graduated president of his high school class, president of Student Council, and vice president of Honors Society.

From high school in Detroit he went on to study in the Residential College, an honors program of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. By the end of his sophomore year, the dean asked Harvey to serve on the Board of Academic Standing. This was his first job in academic administration. In his junior year he served this board and sat on the Executive Committee. All this time observing how to run administrative programs. This same year Michigan recognized the need to recruit minority students, and Harvey established a Minority

Counseling Office at the college. This was the University's first office of that sort, and Harvey directed it with both a staff and a budget. In 1972, he graduated with a double major in English and history and received his black belt in the martial arts. In 1972, he was accepted into a masters program in English and recruited to set up minority counseling offices throughout the University of Michigan system.

For the next five years Harvey Slaughter worked for the Literature Science and the Arts department at Michigan where he administrated the programming for the whole campus. Meanwhile, he gained admittance into a doctoral program in health policy and administration. In 1977 Harvey entered the field of practice. He worked for the federal government, and eventually became the Assistant Professor of Health Administration at the Eastern Michigan University. In 1983 he completed his doctoral dissertation. For many years Dr. Slaughter served a diversity of jobs in the field of health administration. This changed when Paul Marscke, Dean of Faculty at Concordia Ann Arbor, recruited Dr. Slaughter as a teacher. His philosophy of teaching evolves from the idea that "every student should be better from their contact with an instructor." The teacher's job is "to encourage people to be their best and help them learn how to excel and do well at the things they want to do." This is learned as students inwardly reflect and evaluate their source of motivation, their will power, and their talents. At Ann Arbor life provided Dr. Harvey Slaughter with his greatest memory as a teacher. He taught English at the University and described himself as in a "rut." During his fifth year, he taught a girl who had very little if any sense of grammar, punctuation, or syntax, but her writing contained both a beautiful, lyrical quality that struck him as a reader and stunning ideas. When she left his classroom at the end of the quarter, he feared the University would eat her alive. Two years later he heard someone calling his name and there she ran up to him



Harvey Slaughter's smiles have been lighting up Concordia's hallways for four years as he serves as Dean of CSAL.

ready to graduate. He felt great joy and relief.

From Concordia Ann Arbor Dr. Slaughter came to Concordia College, St. Paul as the Dean of CSAL (Concordia School of Adult Learning). For four years now, CSAL's growth statewide reflects Dr. Slaughter's influence. As Dean of CSAL he is responsible for ensuring academic quality within the classroom, running the program, and keeping the mechanics of the program running smoothly. As this department grows, the difficulty of his job increases. Still Harvey involves himself in helping students and in minority affairs. He chairs the Minnesota Minority Health Committee in putting together a report for 1996-1997. His message as the Dean of CSAL to Concordia students is "there is too much emphasis on the distinction between two kinds of students. All people are students: there are younger, middle, and older students. Some go to school during the day, some at night, and some on weekends. A school should cater to all needs." But this is not all of

Harvey Slaughter, he is a father and husband.

Harvey Slaughter married in 1978 and has two children, a fourteen year old boy and a thirteen year old girl. On a Sunday afternoon he is found reading a newspaper in the winter and going on family outings in the summer. Family stands as a priority to him.

As Harvey looks to the future, his dreams are to remain in higher education administration. He would like to be vice president of a four year institution in academic or student affairs. Certainly this is a different man from the young child dreaming of enough clothing. Certainly this is the same man.

## 1995-96 SWORD STAFF

MANAGING EDITOR:	CHRIS THOMPSON
CO-EDITORS:	CARRAH ROSINE & MARC WEDO
ADVISOR:	DR. ELEANOR HEGINBOTHAM
NEWS:	
WRITERS:	LISA LINDEMAN LYDIA WITTMAN
VARIETY EDITOR:	KIM DOUGLAS
WRITERS:	TERESA KUNZE AMY KLEIN JAMIE GUSE
A & E EDITOR:	PATRICK MARSH
WRITERS:	AMY MARSH BETHANY MORITZ
SPORTS EDITOR:	RYAN SMITH
WRITERS:	JODI RIGGERT TIM LUCHT
EDITORIALS:	DAN BASSETT DREW EVERARD
PHOTOGRAPHERS:	HANNAH ZIMMERMAN
AD MANAGER:	DREW EVERARD
BUSINESS MGR:	ROB BLEUMKE
SECRETARY:	KARLA SCHILLER
LAYOUT:	CHRIS THOMPSON
PASTE-UP:	KARLA SCHILLER & CHRIS SCHILLER

## Indoor Track: On the Right Track

by Timothy P. Lucht

The Comets indoor track team seems to be running smoothly except for a couple of conference losses. This year's track team seems to be headed in the right direction. With the right blend of young athletes combined with the veterans of the team, those Comets should see a lot of wins coming their way in the near future and also in the next couple of years. Recently the Comets had a tough day indoors losing to UW Superior 56 and the Comets had 50 with Macalester bringing up

the rear with 21 points. There was a bright spot for the Comets though with Freshmen Jeremy Caron placed first with a time of 7.17 in the 55m. Jesse Ferbeyre also took first with a time of 58.4 in the 400m; as did Kyle Peterman with a time of 2.10.6 in the 800m. Chris Brown rounded out the pack of first place winners with a time of 9.39.9 in the 300m race.

With finishes like these at each meet it is no wonder that the Comets are wiping up the competition. With a little more experience under their belts the Concordia Indoor track team should be a force to be reckoned with.

## Classifieds

Earn a free trip, money, or both.  
We are looking for students or organizations to sell our Spring Break package to Mazatlan.

893-9679

Earn a free trip, money, or both.  
We are looking for students or organizations to sell our Spring Break package to Mazatlan.

893-9679