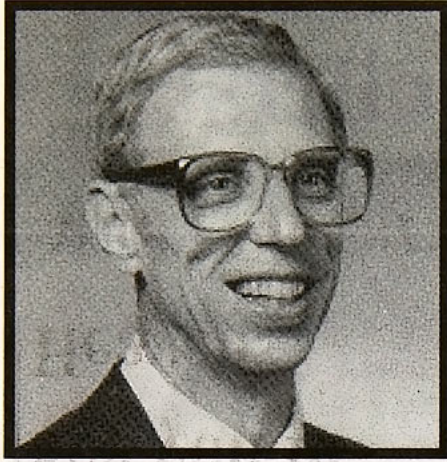


A message from the President



Attitude often determines the difference in sports between winning and losing. It can also determine how we interpret other events in life. On the way to Jerusalem, something happened that reminded me of the importance of attitude. The CSP students and I were waiting in John F. Kennedy airport in New York for our flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. When the flight attendant announced the

boarding call, she directed the last rows of the plane to begin boarding first. However, almost everyone got up and began to board regardless of their seat assignment. Everyone was relaxed and at peace with the situation except one person. He loudly cursed the airline and the flight attendant for not establishing order. When the flight attendant apologized but pointed out that she was helpless because people ignored her directives, the passenger became more abusive.

What interested me was that as hundreds of people had the same experience, one person created a radically different event. With patience, about three hundred people boarded the jumbo 747, but one person reacted with anger and resentment.

The experience illustrated how important attitude can be in facing challenges.

In the long nights of winter, the illustration can help us face frustration. Unexpected delays, problems, confusion and inconvenience can threaten us in academic, personal and social relationships. Nevertheless, the attitude with which we react may be more important than the threat itself. Our attitude can motivate us to face challenges creatively or to curse them in frustration. I often seek God's help in such situations, using the familiar prayer, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." May God bless each us and the entire Concordia community with such serenity, courage and wisdom.

President Bob Holst

Win big with financial aid forms

by Audrey Hobbs and Kelly Bonk

Be a big winner! Apply for financial aid by April 15 and get a chance to win a gift certificate! If you apply on time, you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift certificate from Checker Board Pizza, Target, Tracy One Stop, Brueggers, or other great places. These prizes are being donated by the Financial Aid and Admission Staff.

To apply on time for 1998-99, complete the financial aid forms and turn them in to the Financial Aid Office by April 15, 1998. Funds are limited, so be sure to apply by this deadline and have your name entered in the drawing.

Exactly what forms need to be turned in by April 15?

1. 1998-99 CONCORDIA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

* You should have received a 1998-99 Concordia Financial Aid re-application in your campus mailbox before Christmas. If you do not have this form, you may pick up one in the Financial Aid Office.

2. SIGNED COPIES OF 1997 FEDERAL TAX RETURNS

* If parent information is requested on the 1998-99 FAFSA, also submit a copy of their 1997 Federal Tax Return.

3. 1998-99 STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

Mail your 1998-99 FAFSA by MARCH 15.

* Yes, there are two deadline dates: March 15 and April 15. To receive your 1998-99 Student Aid Report (SAR) by April 15, you must mail your FAFSA to the Federal Processing Center no later than March 15, 1998.

* The 1998-99 FAFSA Renewal forms were sent to your home address in January. If you have not received this form, you may pick up a 1998-99 FAFSA in the Financial Aid Office.

* Your SAR will be sent to you from the Federal Processing Center once processing is completed. A copy will also be forwarded to Concordia.

Again, these forms need to be turned in to the Financial Aid Office NO LATER THAN APRIL 15! Financial aid awards will be made once all three of these documents are received in the Financial Aid Office.

Drawing winners will be published in the Daily Bulletin.

If you have any questions when filling out the forms, please call the Financial Aid Office at (612) 641-8204.

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See you in Heaven, Mrs. Poehler

The **Sword** staff wishes to send our sympathy to the Poehler family in the death of Mrs. Poehler on Sunday evening, January 25, at the age of 89. The Lutheran Church of the Redemption held her funeral on Friday, January 30. Mrs. Poehler's husband served as president of Concordia College, St. Paul, from 1946 to 1970. Memorials can be given to the W.A. Poehler Scholarship fund at Concordia.

Karla Ness has once again demonstrated her God given talents and shared them with the Concordia community. Her new banner is currently hanging in the chapel, waiting for the next two banner creations to join it upon their completion.
photo by Lydia Wittman



God Bless!