

## From The Ex-Editor

by J.D. Goetz

I usually leave the preaching up to my old man. Not only does he get his 15 or so minutes every Sunday, but I've gotten it for 19 years. Just this Thanksgiving vacation he blamed me for my (well, his, actually) car engine blowing up on my way home. He said I drove too fast. Also, coming home from our trip, he told me I wouldn't drive any more of his cars until I quit my speeding. We don't get along very well, actually. But, for fear of sounding too much like my pop: For God's sake drive safely over the holidays. Jeff Schroeder was two years older than me. He was still in my clique, and I watched movies at his house many times with the gang. Jeff is the principle reason why I like funk music. He was cool, he liked it ergo (therefore) I liked it. He was my sophomore homecoming king, I think, and he was the best dressed of his class. Not only that, "Schrades" was on the cross-country team that I went to the State meet with. I have a State medal in my room because before the race we said, "Let's do this for Schrades." 80 percent of my "new" clothes were once his. Every time he got new clothes, his mom would sell my mom his clothes at a cheap price because we aren't rich. Jeff's winter coat keeps me warm. Jeff was going to school in California. His friend was driving them home from a basketball camp or something and speeding. The car hit a slippery spot, banged into something, and smashed into something else. Jeff was brain dead. His parents had to decide whether to keep him on the machines or use his organs for transplants. Now he's dead. Who doesn't speed? I know I did.

## Letters to the Editor

To the editor of the Sword:

Eastcliff ... Luther Darville ... a new logo ... compensated ex-librarian: Images that boil one's blood at the thought of vast sums of money shamelessly misused by a prominent state (public) university. What would happen if Concordia (private) College was exposed for similar financial fraud. The answer is obvious: Students would withhold tuition payments -- justifiably so -- and CSP would soon be only a memory. But the state university in question will continue business as usual because it is a sacred cow generously funded by yours and my tax dollars through the power of the state legislature. For we as staff and faculty, nothing should be more frustrating than the realization that our hard earned money is being used to subsidize and reduce the tuition of our spendthrift competitor -- thus, taking an unfair advantage in the recruitment of students. If this trend continues, we could be

## Earth Day '90 Plans Underway

April 22, 1989 was an historical day in the environmental movement. There had been some concerns about a few environment issues expressed prior to that, notably Rachel Carson's Spring in 1962. But basically, there was little knowledge of environmental issues on the part of "the masses". As a matter of fact, few people used the noun "environment" or the adjective "environmental" in those days. That April day in 1970 was called Earth Day. It was a day set aside to raise the awareness level of all citizens concerning the seriousness of a variety of environmental problems. A majority of the programs that day were conducted on college campuses and at high schools, plus a few elementary schools. Concordia was a full participant in that first Earth Day, which also was referred to as a "National Environmental Teach-in." The program at CSP ran from 8:15 a.m.

to 3:15 p.m. in the LMC with about 500 students, faculty, and a few guests in attendance for the entire day. All classes were canceled for this event. Because 1990 will mark the 20th anniversary of that first Earth Day, a nationwide effort is now underway to celebrate the anniversary and remind everyone that the struggle to correct environmental problems is not over. Plans are being developed for Concordia's participation in EARTH DAY 20. Concordia's committee, chaired by Dr. Robert Holtz, includes: Dr. Jeff Burkart, Professor Barb Schoenbeck, Dan Asmus, Tammy Fiedler, Mary Grulke, Tracy Harrell, Joanne Oestreich, Michael Ruhnke, Missy Schirm, and Missy Schultz. Rather than a one-day event, the committee is working on a variety of activities which will increase our awareness of environmental

issues, provide factual information, and encourage everyone's participation in working for a better environment for all living things. To underscore the importance of their effort, the committee has chosen **EVERYDAY is EARTH DAY** as its theme. In addition, Michael Ruhnke has suggested a logo using the word (letters) EARTH to stand for Environmental Awareness Renews The Hope. Campus activities will include a January-April film and video festival, some speakers, and an emphasis on recycling. The major goal of the committee will be to establish an endowed Environmental Science Scholarship for CSP environmental science majors. Anyone interested in joining the EARTH DAY Committee or working on select projects, should contact Dr. Robert Holtz.

from Ron Harrington, Administrative Assistant The Oswald Hoffman School of Christian Outreach

Are you fearful, shy or hesitant in Witnessing? Do you think that you are not quite ready to be an "Agent For The Lord" in telling your fellow students (perhaps many of them unchurched) about your relationship with Jesus? Don't worry, Jesus said, "fear not." You will be able to witness when he directs you (John 17:18, John 20:21). In the meantime, we are offering a workshop to help in witnessing to the unchurched student and other forms of witnessing. It is being held on campus January 20, 1990. One of the main presenters is Rev. Brian

Runge, Pastor to the International Students, Wittenburg Lutheran Center, (University of Illinois) Normal, IL.

We hope that the students who come will feel more comfortable upon leaving and can understand the sense of urgency to share their faith - especially with the unchurched students here on campus. Your ministry starts today. God has brought you right here. He has brought these people from all over the world in order to be ministered to here at CSP - perhaps they have come to offer us witnessing.

More information will be published on this. If you wish to register or obtain more information, please contact Student Services and they will have our Steering Committee get in touch with you. God bless you as you think on this.

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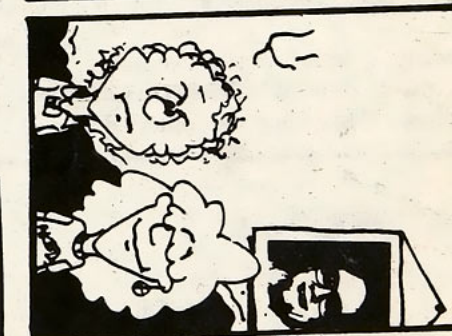
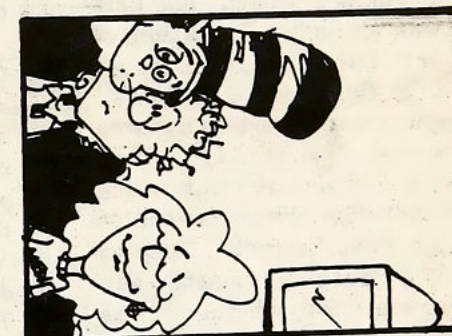
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