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Johnson Chosen as President Elect

by Angie Cairns

Dr. John Johnson of the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. was called on Feb. 17 to be the new president of Concordia-St. Paul.

Dr. Johnson informed the College and the Board of Electors that he was unable to accept the call at the time it was extended. Instead, Johnson allowed himself three weeks to reach a decision. On March 16-18, Johnson will again be on Concordia's campus to speak with representatives of the student body and members of the Board of Regents. At this time, Johnson expects to give CSP his pending decision.

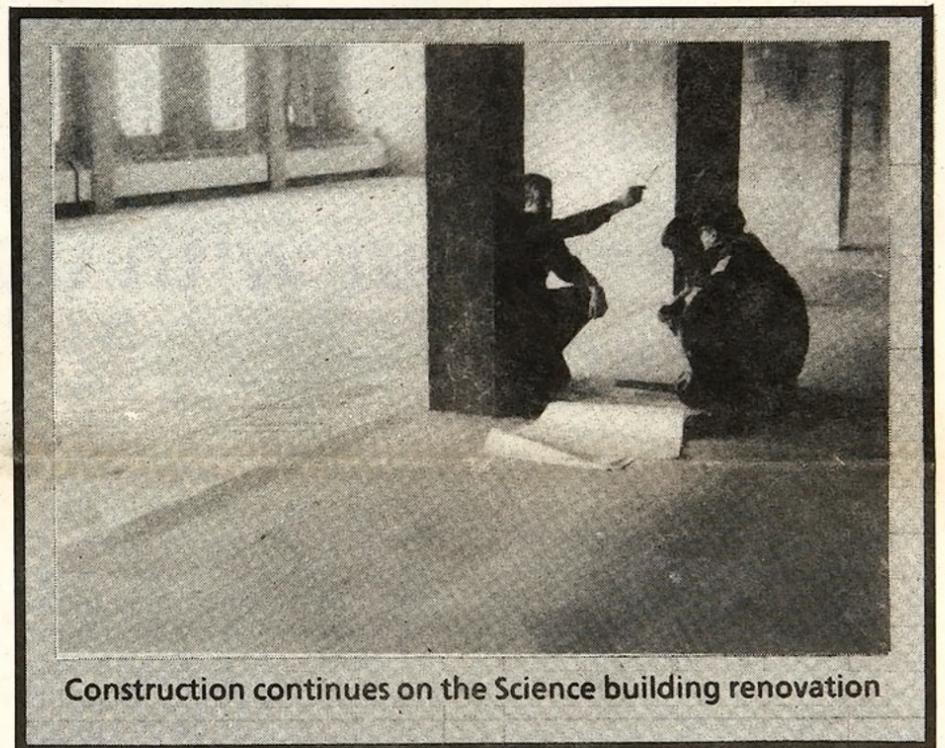


President Elect Johnson

At the Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Johnson holds the position of Dean of Instruction. He is also an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, a contributing author to four

books, and has also written his own articles for various church and Christian publications. Johnson, at age 41, holds a Th.D. in Systematics at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from St. Louis University. Johnson's inability to reach a decision when initially called was marked by many challenges. The primary challenge he faced was that his taking the position of a liberal arts college would pose a tremendous departure from his field of theology. Dr. Johnson did see many positive aspects about Concordia-St. Paul when he first visited. He feels that if he were to accept the call, he would enjoy his position as president. Johnson was especially impressed with CSP's quality of education in all fields, primarily that of the of the ministry and Pre-Sem studies. He also added that Concordia is regarded in the L.C.M.S. as an excellent undergraduate college. Johnson said that his number one priority as president, if he accepts, would be to continue President Harre's fine work in the financial stability of the college, help promote the increase in enrollment, and enhance the academics of Concordia St. Paul.

Editor's Note: Dr. Johnson should have by this time given his decision for accepting or declining his call. Check bulletins for any posted notices.



Construction continues on the Science building renovation

Kirshbaum Resigns

by John D. Goetz

Ralph Kirshbaum, Concordia's Vice President of Financial Management has resigned from his position and will be leaving March 20.

Kirshbaum will be taking a position as executive director at the Adath Jeshurun synagogue in Minneapolis. "I'm leaving many, many friends," Kirshbaum stated in an interview, adding that "it's always hard to move on."

Kirshbaum praised Concordia and the people he has worked with saying, "I guess the one thing I've learned in my four-and-a-half years here is the greatness of this institution," adding, "I don't think the students realize how fortunate we are to have this school."

Concordia is currently looking for a replacement, but no one has been named at this time.

Dale Meyer Visits CSP

by Stephen S. Scheer

The new speaker of The Lutheran Hour, Dale Meyer, visited Concordia's campus on both February ninth and March fifteenth.

At the public speaking class taught by Alan Wiengarden, Meyer introduced himself and answered questions regarding both the Lutheran Laymen's League and The Lutheran Hour.

One thing Meyer learned while he was spending time on campus was that "people are not familiar with The Lutheran Hour." The radio program is aired over 1300 stations around the world, which amounts to a listenership of forty to fifty million people.

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