

# The Sword

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## CSP Prof Earns International Award

by Lisa Lindeman

Dr. Marilyn Fuss-Reineck, our very own communication professor, received the tremendous honor of The Family Firm Institute's 1995 Best Dissertation Award. Such an accomplishment required both hard work and endurance. For Dr. Reineck, the process began three years ago.

"Home to Business and Business to Home: Role Carryover Between Spouses in Family Businesses" is the title of Reineck's dissertation. This covers the question of how to work with a spouse, come home to the same spouse, and keep the role of colleague and husband or wife separate. She attempts to address this issue by focusing on ways communication helps to relieve tensions and stimulate possible benefits in rela-

tionships. Research was the first step in addressing this issue. She chose to interview resort-owning couples in Minnesota. After analyzing these interviews and previous qualitative research, Dr. Reineck developed instruments to deal with the problem. The third step included testing a system model of role carryover.

Any project of this caliber carries along with it stress and discouragement. Dr. Reineck shares with the students at Concordia a Bible verse from 1 Chronicles 28:20 which she found to be comforting: "Be strong and courageous and get to work, for the Lord my God is with you. He will not forsake you. He will see to it that everything is finished correctly."

When a member of the Family Firm Institute

committee asked Reineck to submit her dissertation into the contest, Reineck did. The award this firm presents is an annual, international, inter-disciplinary reward for the best dissertation relating to family firms. The purpose is "to encourage family business study" (FFI newsletter, Winter 1995). From October 11-14 the FFI's held an international conference in St. Louis and presented the award during a black tie dinner at the St. Louis Arch. Dr. Reineck accepted the award and made a presentation from her dissertation. She received both a crystal apple trophy and a check for \$2000. When Dr. Reineck arrived home, she found flowers, streamers, and banners from her

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## Terror on the Railways

by Pete Obermueller

It was a brisk 60° night in southern Arizona near the small town of Hyder. An Amtrak train entitled the Sunset Limited was making its pass on a route that stretches from Los Angeles to Miami. The twelve car train, carrying 248 passengers and 20 crew members, was doing a slow 55 miles per hour around a curve. The Limited's two diesel locomotives had just safely navigated a trestle that crossed a 30 foot high desert gulch.

Suddenly, the sleeping passengers were hurled from their beds. The lucky remember hearing a long screech of metal upon metal; the unlucky remember nothing but the wall, sink, or table that flew headlong into them. The five cars—a dining car, two sleeping cars for passengers and a dormitory for crew members, following the locomotives—were not so successful in their navigation of the trestle. One of the cars hit the ground 30 feet below while the three others hung in the air.

An Amtrak dishwasher, Darryl Taylor, awoke from a concussion to screams and mass confusion. In spite of his head injury, Taylor joined other passengers with minimal injuries in an attempt to rescue others who were not so lucky.

The crash site was so remote that it took other rescue personnel over a half of an hour to reach it. In the interim, Taylor and others helped people out of the train by smashing windows with sledgehammers and building slings for the seriously injured.

The crash claimed the life of one crew member, 41 year old Mitchell Bates, and wounded hundreds of other passengers. However, this was not a mere accident; authorities believe the train may have been sabotaged. Most of the tracks in the United States rail system are welded together. The tracks near Hyder are not. These older tracks are punctuated with 36 inch connecting bars, and the saboteur apparently knew this. Between the time that the last train crossed the trestle and the Limited did, some 18 hours, one of those connectors was removed. An electrical circuit that runs through the tracks would normally set off alarms and warning lights in several locations. That precaution had been foreseen as well; a length of orange electrical wire was used to bypass the circuit and maintain the connection.

Other reports claim that 29 spikes that stabilize the rail to the wooden cross ties were removed, and the outside track that bears the

majority of the train's tens of thousands of pounds was wedged out of line. If the train's two locomotives had been the first cars to jump the track, the entire train would have flown into space, conceivably causing the death toll to rise dramatically.

Many of the train's passengers and crew found eight and half by eleven inch sheets of paper bearing a typed note. The note opened in a sadistically poetic way, but it quickly turned to

accusations regarding numerous federal law enforcement branches. The first paragraph accused FBI agents of intentionally overturning women's kerosene lamps in the Branch Davidian Compound raid in 1993 causing the deadly fire that engulfed the building. The second paragraph listed other actions by federal, state and local

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## Million Man March

Lydia Wittman and Amy Klein

Two students brought Concordia a new sense of responsibility and camaraderie from the Million Man March at the nation's capital early last week. The March was a gathering to unite African-American males and focus on peaceful ways to work in the community. Darrin Funches, a sophomore at CSP and a Minnesota native, and Kenneth Turner, a junior on campus who spent part of his childhood in California, agreed that their participation in the march has given them new insight in regard to their roles as black men in the community.

Funches, who had been planning the trip to Washington for about five months, said he was most amazed by the overall attendance of over two million people and that "everyone was so friendly and thinking along the same lines. This event was for everyone - of all backgrounds." Turner, a member of the Nation of Islam, was also impressed by the solidarity. "The march was so peaceful. Everyone seemed to be truly enjoying themselves."

Participants in the march included black

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