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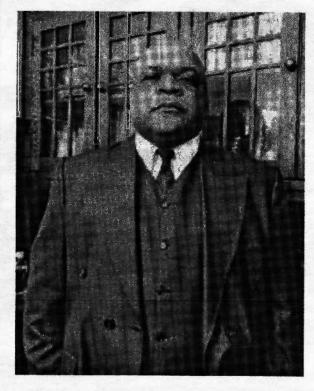
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Dear Concordia faculty, staff, students, and community members,

Welcome to the third issue of The Sword and by now I am sure you understand how easy it is for our staff to prepare the paper for production. We have meetings to assign articles, and then we have more meetings to discuss problems that have occurred during the article writing process. After these two meetings in two weeks, everything is ready for the editors to do a thorough overview and send the edited stories to layout. Layout puts the paper together and we are ready to go to print with a great product. This is the process we do month after month and on the third try everything is, or should be, flawless.

The reality of doing almost anything in life is, nothing is guaranteed to go as smoothly as planned. With all that being said, I would like to think all the staff and writers for making my job as easy as humanly possible. I know they are giving me their best efforts and every time we make it all work out in the end. To all of you

who see the final product, say thank you to the people who put in a lot of time to make it possible. There may be a few mistakes but that is really part of the business. Perfection is the cherry on top, while completion is the cake.

Just in case you might not have noticed, there is white stuff all over the ground and people are falling everywhere. This is the beginning of a long season of complaining about how people drive and why I do I live in Minnesota. What it should mean to you is, hot drinks and warm gloves that make you happy that you have them. So, if you see me all bundled up and almost unrecognizable, the reason is below because it is not going away for a while.

Winter is Here Concordia, Charles Hines Editor-in-Chief

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