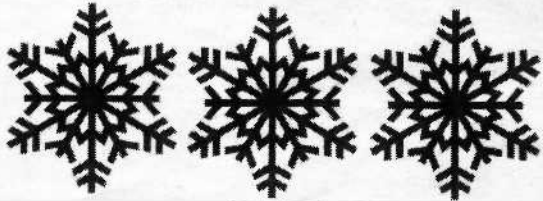


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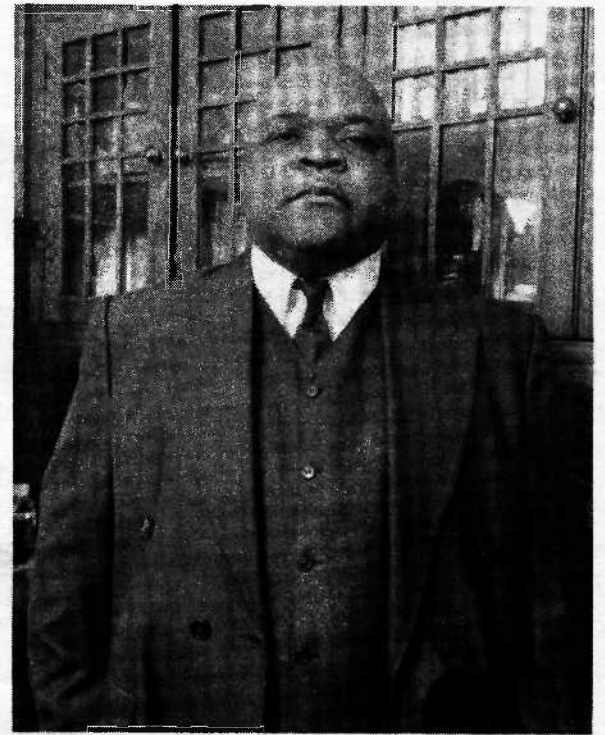
Dear Concordia faculty, staff, students, and community members,

This is the final issue of *The Sword* for 2014. It is also finals time and lots of studying for most of the students. I will now give you two life lessons about finals that have always been true for me. If you are just now starting to study for your finals, then you are way behind the power curve. Do not over value or get so wrapped up into studying that you forget about life. You really need balance to be at your best. These are not absolutes but I have heard from many that this is what worked best for them. It also worked best for me when I was doing my finals and making A's in every subject (please do not try to confirm this with anyone)!

During this semester, we have covered many events and campus concerns in our articles. We try our best to always cover what concerns the audience the most, but we would also like to hear from you if you have any ideas that you think would be newspaper worthy. My editors and staff would gladly consider any idea for an article and work diligently to present the article in the best way possible.

Finally, many of you are going home to be with family and friends during this holiday season. Try not to leave everything behind after you finish that last exam and rush to hit the highway. Be safe and make sure you are well rested before you drive. If you are not driving, still be safe because we would like all of you back for spring semester in great spirit and health. Study hard and enjoy traveling grace.

Enjoy the Holidays,
Charles Hines
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