

## Erik Paulsen's Visit to Concordia

By Will Lange

Erik Paulsen visited Concordia on September 2nd. The Congressman from Eden Prairie, Minnesota grew up in Chanhassen. He graduated from St. Olaf with a Math major. Out of college, he worked for a mail catalog but he didn't feel like he was helping people so he quit his job to intern for Senator Rudy Boschwitz. He hired as field rep. Paulsen volunteered for the two republican congressmen from Minnesota before he himself, knocked on 12,364 doors to which he credits the win in his first election earning him a seat in the State legislature, where he only made 30,000 a year. Paulsen is married with four girls.



M. Paulsen did not vote for the stimulus package because it didn't create jobs and stands by his choice now because he believes that today, the package didn't help. Paulsen said there should have been more in the package surrounding transportation to, "put our country back to work." Paulsen believes school boards should control schools does not support public option for health care. He is for pooled health care and believes that, "we should allow health care to sell across state borders to create a consumer market," and he believes preexisting conditions should be covered as well. Most of these topics were brought up during President Obama's health care reform speech.

A typical day for Paulsen includes an early wake up, breakfast meetings throughout the day, lunch meetings with staff members and committee meetings, night time is spent voting, video chats with his girls, and is home at 11. Paulsen makes a point to come home from DC every weekend. His Washington office and 3rd ward office are both equipped with 6 member staff.

When Pawlenty's became Governor, Paulsen took his place as Majority Leader and held the position for four years. Another position opened up for Paulsen when Jim Ramstad retired, he left an empty spot in office. Paulsen used prayer to help him make the decision to run for 3rd ward.

As the 3rd ward representative, Paulsen has had many accomplishments. He was the author of mandarin language programs in America, he focused on and helped to create India center at the U of

## Faculty and Department Changes

By Ashley Marzolf

The 2009 fall semester is currently underway, and there are a few new faces pacing the halls. Among them there are several new additions to the Communications department including: Stephen Coyle, Sara Malewitz, and Rachel Tofteland. There are also many other new members from different departments.

One of which is Jayne Jones. Jayne is a CSP alumni staff member who graduated with a political science major in 1998. She also attended William Mitchell College of Law and achieved a Juris Doctorate in 2002. Jayne has worked in Washington D.C. for Senator Norm Coleman as the policy advisor on health care. She is currently involved with the Pawlenty Administration. At Concordia, she is teaching the State and Local Government class with a, "terrific group of highly intelligent, challenging, energetic and talented young leaders." Her hobbies include, "winning my family's annual talent show, finding a gem at a garage sale, and

cheering for the Minnesota Wild, Gophers, and Golden Bears!"

Another new member of the Concordia staff is Brian Roemen. Brian is also a former student of CSP, and graduated with a BA in Theology. He also attended Princeton where he received a Masters of Divinity. Before coming back to Concordia, he taught Applied Ethics and the philosophy of ethics at a community college in New Jersey. He is currently teaching major systems of Philosophy and Evil Meets Good. When asked what his most interesting hobby was he said, "Parkour" also known as free style running, because it is "Liberating".

An equally important, new individual is Jaime Fleres. Jamie graduated from San Diego State University with an English minor and a BA in Women's Studies. Jaime was also a professional writer for a couple of years, and will continue while teaching. She has a MA in Rhetoric and

## Government Job and Internship Fair

From Career Services

Do you think that because of the major you pick you are limited to jobs and internships only in certain types of organizations? Well, think again Golden Bears. There is a world of options out there including in government (yes, Art majors, this applies to you too.) At one time, the thought of working for the government only passed through the minds of Political Science or History majors. However, that thought is worth thinking even if you do not fit the predetermined mold. This year, you have the unique opportunity to go to a job and internship fair that revolves around obtaining positions within government agencies. If anything just go and check it out – you have nothing to lose!

So, mark your calendars! The Government Job and Internship Fair is coming to the U of M – Coffman Memorial Union Monday, October 26, 2009 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. This fair is a FANTASTIC way to find internships and jobs with local, state or federal agencies. The event is FREE, but you MUST REGISTER for this event by contacting career services at: [careerservices@csp.edu](mailto:careerservices@csp.edu).

Why attend this event? It's a great way to learn about government agencies looking for upcoming grads and students like you to hire or fill their internship slots for this spring or summer. So don't miss out!

So how do I prepare for this event? The Office of Career Services is here to help! Before the fair:

- Prepare and review your resume
- View a resume sample at: [http://concordia.csp.edu/Careers/Career\\_Handouts/Index.html](http://concordia.csp.edu/Careers/Career_Handouts/Index.html)
- Get it approved by Career Services! We are here to help you succeed!
- Develop a strategy
- Visit the Government Job and Internship Fair website at: <http://www.mcuca.org/govjobfair>
- Plan accordingly by selecting 3-5 agencies you absolutely want to meet, and 1-3 agencies you would like to meet if possible.
- Know how your skills and interests may fit their organization and prepare questions to ask
- Stop by Career Services to practice your presentation with a mock interview
- Visit our website for more details on fair preparation: [http://concordia.csp.edu/careers/Career\\_Resources/index.html](http://concordia.csp.edu/careers/Career_Resources/index.html)

Not sure whether you'd like to apply for a government job? Check out these sites for information on all the great reasons to work for the US government and all of its perks: <http://www.makingthedifference.org/federalbenefits/> and <http://www.makingthedifference.org/federalbenefits/bestplaces.shtml>

Please don't hesitate to stop by the Office of Career Services with any questions or concerns!

Writing Studies with the focus on Teaching Writing as well. Right now Jaime is teaching College Writing. She is also an avid traveler and has been to most of Europe, Mexico, Central America, and South America. On top of that she has lived in England and Peru. Jaime said, "I plan to visit all of the continents in my lifetime."

These are this month's highlighted faculty members. They will undoubtedly be received at Concordia with a very warm welcome.

