

## Across the Desk of the

### President



From where I sit students' habits come up for observation as a matter of daily routine. One of the most important things that we want students to take away with them when they leave Concordia is the eminently desirable ability to adjust to a changing world. Blind following of leaders like sheep being led to the slaughter does not betray much intelligence. Blind following of a routine merely because it is the line of least resistance does not indicate much thinking ability. It is well at times to ask yourself, "Why did I become confused when suddenly the class was asked to meet in a different room or at a different time? Why do I always take the same streetcar or bus downtown? Why do I have fun at some parties and not at others? Why do I like this subject more than others? Why do I want to be first in the meal line? - at noon, but - not for breakfast?" Ability to think cannot be taught - but it can be learned.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Excelsior last Sunday, Oct. 21. Rev. and Mrs. A.C. Klemp invited us to speak for Mission Sunday. Rev. French, the Episcopalian Rector, at Excelsior showed us the oldest church of his denomination in Minnesota. On Oct. 28, we plan to motor to Deer River, Minnesota, to take part in a circuit wide Luther Rally. We look forward to visiting with the Rev. Leo Scheelk and his family.

## The Habitation of God's House

by Bob Seltz

"That surely was a terrific football game the other day, wasn't it? What did you think of homecoming this year? Did you hear the joke about the little boy and his gray tom cat?" This is the kind of whispering and jabbering that goes on before every Chapel service, particularly evening chapel. How much more profitably would these moments before chapel be spent, if we were all to sit peaceful quiet and meditate in God's holy Law and Gospel---how Christ graciously came down from Heaven to suffer and die for such ungrateful and habitual sinners as you and me, and how He still showers us with blessings and leads us to the waters of salvation inviting us to drink freely. People who have formed the habit of setting aside regular periods for silent meditation will tell you that at no other time do they come closer to their God. And certainly if we did this for a few moments before chapel, the service would mean more to us than a mere repetition of mechanical readings and prayers, for it would put us in a more receptive mood than gossiping does. So let's put this into practice and not defile the glory of God's house by going there only to learn about local current events. Rather than constantly to chatter before worship, let's tell God what He means to us. Then chapel will become more of an inspiration and a devotion and we will in all sincerity be able to join the psalmist in declaring "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth."

## "I Like It," Says Harry

Richard, "Harry", "Dick", "Dead-eye" Schenpf, the tall, blond primaner from Young America, Minnesota, holds half of our interview spotlight for this issue of the COMET. Dick attended St. John's Lutheran School in Young America, and was graduated from Central High School in that city. This is his second year here at Concordia, and he is quick to remark. "I sure like it here --no gripes,--'course we could use some better shower facilities in Old South.

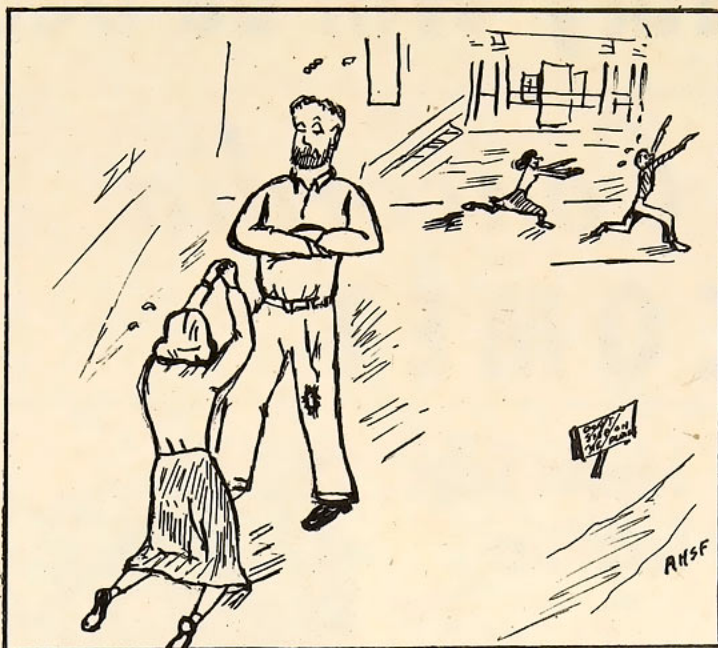
When asked what he did "for a living" during the summer, he grinned and said, "I'm a gandy dancer". Looking rather facetious--and before I could make any comment, he added, "It's not what you think it is. I just shovel dirt on the railroad and when our crew is busy shoveling with spades and picks, it looks like we're dancing--so, we're gandy dancers, understand? (Reporters note: Frankly, "NO")

Dick sings in the Messiah Choir, and also spends a lot of time working in the Canteen. His favorite pastime is found elsewhere on this



page--she also works in the Canteen! Besides working in the Canteen for "pleasure" he likes to indulge in an occasional food favorite--namely, angel food cake. He chews--gum, and prefers movies with Esther Williams and Howard Keele. What three words can be heard most frequently pouring forth from his thesaurus of wit?--You guessed it.. "I like it."

It All Depends On How I Feel That Night !!



## Where Is Our School Spirit ?

by Wayne Brandmire

Just recently Concordia held its annual homecoming, a time when everyone is light hearted and feels that "old school spirit", or is it? From the looks of the attendance at the football game that Friday afternoon, and at the party Saturday night, everyone must not have had the homecoming spirit, because a large number of the students were somewhere other than at the homecoming festivities. Yes, the representation of the Student Body at the game and the party was indeed small. This has not only been the case for the homecoming, but for most of the student activities. Just what is wrong with this student body? Is there no evidence of that bold school spirit? Why do those boys go out on the football field, basketball court, baseball field, into the forensic halls? It is hardly to win personal acclaim, but rather to show the people in this area that Concordia has something of which it can justly be proud. If we as students, don't back up these teams and show them that we are proud of them, how can we expect anyone else to? Soon the football season will be over, and we shall begin our basketball schedules. Are we going to fill that old gym to the rafters with our student body and show our friends that we need the L.M.C. that we can invite outsiders in, or are we going to sit in an old gym and look at empty seats and bleak walls? Let's get some life, some spirit, and put Concordia on the map. How? --- By backing up the student activities.

## "Concordia Spells Harmony Here," Says Mitzy

"Born?" queries Meta Grulke. "Can't prove it by me--but I believe it was in April, 1933. Meta was born on a farm near Alexandria, and she says that her heart is out there even though her spirit is at Concordia. Few of us remember that this tall, dark-haired girl is really named Meta since we have always known her as "Mitzi". Meta had never had a nickname before she came to Concordia where

and read. And as an afterthought she adds, "I collect pennies too. So far I have 984. Anyone want to make it 1000?"

Mitzi engages in many activities here at Concordia. She is a member of the Messiah Choir and the Chapel Choir. She also is a student librarian, a member of the Comet staff, a member of the Tri-Alfa Literary Society. Working in the Canteen and being a member of the audio-visual committee occupies more of her spare time. On Sundays Mitzi is one of our Lutheran Sunday School teachers at the Gillette Hospital for Crippled Children.

What Mitzi likes best about Concordia at the present time is the color of the room which she shares with Rachel Kasten. The walls are done in raspberry, peach, and lime - jello flavors. The peach and raspberry clash so loudly in the corner where she sleeps that they wake her up in the morning.

What does this Prima Co-ed think of Concordia? "I really like Concordia and I hope the students always remember it means "harmonius" as translated from Latin. So let's not change the meaning or the name!

## FACTS and Figures

by Fergie



Our Home Coming is over. It sure was swell while it lasted. That was a beautiful queen we had, wasn't it? There were other queens too--Gail was John's queen, her sister, Bernie's royal mate; the attendant-Cooley's queen, and last but by no means least mine, Whoopie! Shucks we forgot VERNON'S RHODA. How could we forget that stunning couple. Hey Ernie, do you think the royal couple will stick together like they did last year? How about it, Lois? Ernie, don't let Wenck take over: someone is doubtful.... Kluge seeing that basketball is going to start soon, you'd better start getting rid of that sore back. I see you're still walking around with a little stoop. What's the deal, still saying Good-Night? ... Norma "All American" Mamrow had a little trouble picking up a fumble, but she made it. On the next play she made up for this miscue by making an amazing downfield run. Were you tired Norma?... Chink hasn't had enough painting, so now he's paintin' Bob Barnes office, could it be he wants to be sure of a place on the basketball squad? We'll be watching you this coming season, Jamie, don't get to many slivers from warming that bench.....

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Expecting to hear from you in the not to distant future, we remain - the editors

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