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CSP's Annual Knollapalooza

BY DAVINA BELLINGER

FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW what Knollapalooza is, this is a huge event that Concordia Activities Board (CAB) puts together every year full of fun opportunities to play games, eat lots of food, and hang out with friends and peers. This event will be only for CSP students and faculty to attend. It is like a mini-state fair on campus with different activities such as building your own stuffed comet bear or T-Rex, four-lane sports, and more various exciting activities to do during the event. There will also be a raffle during the event in which more information will be given as the event progresses. This year's annual Knollapalooza will be on April 29, 6 pm-9:30 pm located at Behm crossroads, outside the chapel and dining hall.

Hannah Clark, junior, who is the CAB chair said what she is looking forward to this year is having new entertainment and food services. Clark said, "This year I'm looking forward to having new food trucks at the event and all the different entertainment activities we will have like a bungee jump." She has been a part of CAB for two years now. Clark said, "One thing I really liked about last year's Knolla' was we had a food truck that was a school bus that served pizzas and I thought that was really fitting for us." Another part that Clark also wants students to know is that everything at Knollapalooza is free and they should come if they can.

Another CAB team member, junior Alex Roux, said that she is excited about being able to experience helping with Knollapalooza. She said, "I am looking forward to bringing the community together with the fun events we have decided on this year. There will be a bungee jump which is the first time Concordia's ever had one!" Roux also said that one thing that students should know about Knollapalooza is that it is a great experience for students to meet one another while trying new foods. She said: "It is a very good experience for students as they can try some new foods and activities for free! We also have some really cool prizes picked out for the raffle that will be taking place."

Madi Paltrow, fifth year at Concordia University St. Paul has been part of Knollapalooza for a few years as well and shared one of her favorite memories such as how they were able to entertain themselves and improvise during the event. Paltrow said, "There was one year that it rained and they were in the Holst parking lot dancing in the rain as the DJ kept the music going through the event."

Overall, the event will be a great time just as the year is wrapping up and have students spend some time getting to know each other while participating in these activities.

Student Senate Update

BY FAITH FITZHUGH

THIS WILL BE THE LAST Senate Article for this school year, yet we have a lot going on in these last couple of months. People are heading towards the finish line--some for the year and others for graduation. The Senate has been working hard to start events and complete projects before the end of the year.

Kimberly Swinney attended her last Senate meeting with us on March 16. Kimberly was highly involved with leading the Ignite Leadership program, CAB, and working with clubs. Kimberly is a caring, supportive, and amazing leader. She has the ability to inspire, and motivate all she comes in contact with. Kimberly's presence at Concordia St. Paul will highly be missed.

CSP Day happened on March 17, which is an event that fundraises for different programs and events all across campus. Mychal Thom talked about his position at CSP and how he helps to maximize diversity among faculty and students. Thom is also working with faculty working in Diversity departments from other Concordias as well. He has formed this group so they can learn from each other and to effectively and efficiently make Concordia a more diverse campus, especially among faculty.

There was the Mental Health Awareness week that happened from March 14 to March 18. This event had quizzes, activities, and events that revolved around mental health. The Finding Nemo Movie event with having Two Scoops ice cream in the BEC happened on Friday 25. The aesthetics have slowly been improving, as the commuter lounge has finally been completed with the only thing to be done is more furniture shopping. The commuter lounge had its grand reopening on March 21.

The Senate is still working on forgoing projects such as better parking, more school spirit, more aesthetics, and more. If you have any other changes you would like to see please contact a member of the Senate, comment on Instagram, send an email, or leave a suggestion at the Senate office. The infamous duck hunt took place in which the Senate funded and hid all of the ducks for the awesome prizes in store for the person who finds the most ducks. The three-credit scale has already taken effect on general requirement classes as well.

The Senate Exec. Nominations are open for a new Student Body President, a new VP of Student Life, a new VP of finance, and a new VP for Policy and communications. Commencement ceremonies are just around the corner, people's first year is almost complete, and students are anticipating the end of the semester. Change is inevitable but no matter how much the CSP senate members change, the Senate will strive to always make a positive impact on their fellow peers and faculty of CSP.