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Dear students, faculty, and Concordia community members,

Hope you are having/had a great Valentine's Day, everyone! May secret admirers everywhere have the courage to send those flowers, candy, and love notes! And to all you cynics out there...maybe next year.

But with all seriousness, this edition of *The Sword* includes something never tried before. As the Editor-in-Chief of a student-run newspaper at a Lutheran university, I (as well as past editors) have found myself tip-toeing on more than one occasion when a sensitive subject was brought up within these pages. While I have no problem expressing my personal opinions in-person, when I put on my Editor hat I have a reputation and responsibility to uphold.

Within this issue is a new section: Human Interest. It specifically focuses on sexuality—a previously unspoken taboo. These stories are not news: they contain unabashed opinion. While some of the articles read column-like, others are more subtle. The goal of this section was to inspire readers. If you feel strongly about an issue I want to hear from you. Did we miss something? Do you disagree with a stance? Do you more strongly agree than stated? As I said on the front page, I encourage you to gather your thoughts, articulate your feelings into a column, and email them to us (sword@csp.edu).

Best Wishes,
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