Krueger “shoots the Moon” with Asian adventure

BY EMILY GESKE
STAFF WRITER

President Krueger, accompanied by former Provost Dr. Shang & Moon, traveled to Japan, Korea, and China from Oct. 16-Nov. 4. The main purpose of the trip was to visit colleges and high schools with whom Concordia has agreements in order to renew or initiate exchange contracts with these institutions. The President also wanted to provide support and encouragement for our sister Lutheran schools in locations where spreading the Gospel is often difficult and discouraging.

The nearly three-week trip began in Okaya-
ma, Japan. Within the first four days, President Krueger visited Nippon Danshi University, Unim ushi High School, and Uwara Lutheran School—a K-12 institute where Concordia alumnus Elise Dias teaches English. The President signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for student exchanges at the university, while signi-
ing agreements for student merit scholarships at the other two schools.

Next stop, Seoul, South Korea, where he visited seven universities and one high school. He signed a memorandum for student exchange with Haman University in Haman, adding a new institution to study abroad possibilities for Concordia students.

Each semester, two Concordia students can attend

Concordia University Irvine
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Concordia gets political with new program

BY ELYSSA SULLIVAN
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Concordia has officially launched its Center for Public Policy, having hosted its first forum Nov. 17. The center hosted the 2011 Orange County Annual report, which featured Hon. Bill Campbell, Chairman of the Orange County Board of Super-
visors. Gathered at this meeting were Concordia board members, government officials, and report-
ers ready to discuss the fiscal concerns of Orange County and to learn about Concordia University.

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Students are encouraged to be active par-
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da’s website, or by contacting Keith Curry. Curry can be contacted by phone at (949) 214-
3200 or by email at keith.curry@cu.edu.

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Historic volleyball season falls one game short

BY LATAYE MASSABO
STAFF WRITER

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I placed said vitamin in said belly button and began the game. As usual, we were getting laughed at by the opposing team, but in the final quarter, I was fouled and ended up at the free throw line. There was now a small hope that we could end the season with at least one point scored. I nervously, yet filled with confidence in my secret weapon; that's right, the bellybutton vitamin. I could feel the power coursing through me. I prepared my shot in perfect granny-throw form, threw the ball, and scored. I improved my communication as both a professor and church pastor to changing generations. I am very indebted to my colleagues who have patiently and lovingly shared their intellect, wisdom and experience with me. They have improved my teaching skills, deepened my faith and have even influenced a historic change in my church. Being able to ask more questions, I realized that I should have asked more questions. Imagine how much better life could be if we asked more questions.

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Mendez molds marriages with Scripture in new book

BY SHANNON ALAVI-MOGHANDAM STAFF WRITER

Buddy Mendez, Professor of Psychology, published his first book “Ready, Set, Married” in November. It was a huge endeavor for the campus community and Mendez himself, but the end result is a book that is sure to benefit anyone looking to make a strong marriage.

According to Mendez, his Marriage and Family class will be required to read the book for both scholastic and personal applications. When writing the book, Mendez stated that he took this topic on as a way of helping students define what their marriage would be like. Mendez spent eight years working on the book. “This book marked the turning point in my marriage, it has been so good that I can’t stop talking about it.”

Mendez has made it his goal to assist psychology and theology both in and out of the classroom. “I will be teaching this course next year and I am hoping that we can continue to grow and improve.”

Mendez believes that the book will be of great use to any student who is thinking about marriage. “This book is a great way to prepare for marriage and to help students understand the importance of communication and commitment.”

Mendez hopes that the book will be a resource for all those who are looking to improve their relationships. “I believe that this book will help students to understand the importance of communication and commitment in a relationship.”

According to Mendez, the book will be available on Amazon and Newbookpublishing.com for $12.95. Mendez emphasized that he intended for his book to be affordable. “I didn’t write the book to make money, I want to make sure that everyone can afford it.”

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a student-led club on many campuses throughout the United States. The club teaches students about entrepreneurship, success and leadership skills to students before graduating and entering the workforce. SIFE is a not-for-profit enterprise that is aimed towards individuals, corporations and foundations, in hope to provide students with the chance to give back to the community. The program on campus seeks to support students in their pursuit of strengthening lives through offering a sense of purpose and leadership. SIFE keeps students active in the Concordia Community said Dr. Marc Fawaz, Faculty Adviser. Students from a variety of majors participate in the program. “As a medical student, I believe that it is essential to learn these teamwork-building skills that an organization like SIFE can provide,” said Mari Portillo, junior.

Every year, the organization works on a major project at the beginning of the school year, before taking it to competition in the spring. This year, SIFE’s project is titled “The Transformation Project,” which focuses on leading healthy lifestyles. Concordia SIFE team has been releasing brochures describing tips on how much intramural sports are growing, and I consider it a great way to promote physical activity. “We want as many students as possible creating healthy eating habits and allow them to last for the rest of their lives,” said Paige Finley, sophomore and President of SIFE.

There are three main attributes that must be fulfilled for every SIFE project: environment, social and economic. The health project that the livinghealthy project has met all of the needs for the competition and is ready to compete first in Regionals in 2012, before moving onto Nationals. If good enough, the project can eventually compete at an international level.

SIFE is a great way to teach leadership and coordinate events that benefit the community, said Nicole Zeffer, senior and Secretary of SIFE. The current Concordia SIFE team consists of about 30 students. The club allows all students on campus to participate and can count as one unit class. Students are also encouraged to volunteer with SIFE, which meets on Wednesdays from 10:20-11:00 am.

For more information regarding participation contact Paige Finley at paige.finley@cu.edu.
Sports
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The Franchise: Year 2

I hate redundancy and repetition, but in this regard I just can’t help it. In issue 5.11 of the Courier, the Franchise, a basketball roster composed of Concordia faculty staff, had its inaugural year. The concept is just too cool not to have a second volume. In spite of this, I must admit that finding the talent to fill out the roster behind the banner of this year of the franchise is just as challenging as entering another season of your favorite Madden franchise the year after you won the Super Bowl. Regardless of some of this nonsense, I wish you a festive bowl season.

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half of his players have a GPA over 3.0. He feels that it is essential to balance academics with sports. Kevin Deckel, junior, has been playing water polo for ten years. "Water polo is the sport I have always played, and next year will be my last," stated Deckel.

"Padilla said. "I didn’t realize the importance of the season," he added. "We don’t have a presence on campus, but we’ve been nationally ranked amongst the best teams in the country. We have thirty games, all of them were away, and we haven’t had a single game at home. It would be so nice to have a pool on campus." According to Carrera, water polo is the toughest sport one can play. During the game, the players can’t rest. They are constantly treading water. Coach Carrera is very proud of his athletes and he mentioned that half of his players have a GPA over 3.0. He feels that it is essential to balance academics with sports.

Rick Avila, sophomore, was captain of the cross country team for four years. Throughout his collegiate career, he has experienced some struggles, but also notable successes.

Avila started running off as a freshman. In high school, he was originally a basketball player until his basketball coach saw how fast he was and spoke with the track coach. Avila started running shortly after, and soon became the best runner in the conference. Avila says he wants to work for his track coach, helping to train other runners. This gave him a place to continue on to competition at junior college.

Avila’s junior college running career did not have a smooth start. Beginning at Glendale Community College, Avila started running later than most student-runners due to some time off from the sport. He had to re-tool his entire running routine in order to succeed on the track. Avila was running behind everyone, including coaches. Putting in extra work and practice, he steadily became one of the fastest runners on the team, and finally earned the role of Captain. After a brief stint at Glendale, Avila decided to transfer to Concordia. "I see people go from junior colleges to collegiate teams and lose their drive," said Avila. "I didn’t want to lose that drive."

When Avila came to Concordia, he developed a business-like mindset. "When people come to college and receive a scholarship, they think they’re free," Avila said. "Just because you received money doesn’t mean you’re made it. You have to prove it!"

Since arriving at Concordia, Avila’s career has flourished. He recently placed 20th in Nationals, and received All-American honors. Avila does not take all the credit for his success this year. "My coach was behind everything. He peaked me at the right moment!" Avila has also received notice from his fellow teammates on the field. Raymond McKendry, defensive coordinator alongside Avila. "On the track, Rick is my greatest inspiration," McKendry said.

"He is always pushing me and the team, as well as mentoring each one of us and giving us tips." Avila has made an impression on his teammates off the field, as well. "We are best friends, practically brothers," said Ryan McEwen, freshman. "We do everything together, and there’s no one else I’d rather have by my side." Simone Bubfin, junior track runner, said, "Even though I just met him, I’ve observed that he gets along with the team well. He has a good attitude, and is a very talented athlete."
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at a time. In the words of AC/DC, “It's a long way that is sure to push us to our professional limits.

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5-0 competing against at least 30 other bands in more and more refined. This summer we went dug into ourselves musically as if we thought of all time.

Henry, as a freshman, blew me away with his than ever I anticipated when I first sat down to—Concordia.

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One of our greatest accomplishments to

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Lindsey McElroy, junior, has been a part of the Concordia choir’s singing, it provided a lovely addition to the concert. The pieces were very complicated. Even though ensemble members were literally running to get to their next bell, the sound they put out seemed effortless. Their final piece, Ding, Ding, Merrily on High, was a definite crowd pleaser. Fast-paced and familiar, the song ended with a huge round of applause.

The final half of the show featured Concordia’s wind orchestra, which was directed by Professor Jeff Held. With four songs throughout the half it seemed as if each was more incredible than the last. This talented ensemble accompanied the choir and audience members in singing O Come, All Ye Faithful as intermission ended, and the audi
cence began to sing louder than the choirs.

A stunning piece that this orchestra put on was Waltz of the Flowers from the ballet, the Nutcracker. Out of the entire show, this is Shekts’ favorite piece, “The Concordia Christmas concerts are a beautiful tradition that represent the special season of the joys of Christ, the Word, being born,” he said. “The lights and stage supported emotion found in the music that made me as a performer truly place my heart behind the words that I was singing.

The concerts are free for Concordia students and tickets can be ordered online or picked up at the box office in the music building.

The Concordia Wind Orchestra reverberates in the Midwest

By audrey Biesk

STAFF WRITER

The Concordia Wind Orchestra traveled Nov. 16 to 18 to Ft. Wayne, IN. The showcase was part of the Midwest Tour. The orchestra is made up of 35 studen

drowing to fundraise for a home for the ministry they shared. The response we got

artistic director of the arts. “It’s a long way to the top, you want to Rock and Roll!”

Check us out at: Hexton.com.
This current generation of American college-aged citizens has been inundated with an ideology that holds natural rights as the priority, regardless of circumstances. The highlighted narrative of our nation’s history places a strict focus on themes of the Declaration of Independence, the abolition of slavery, and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. These events are certainly not insignificant, but it would seem that these historical emphases have instilled some aspect of global arrogance, at least in regards to the threats our nation faces each and every day. The Berlin Wall fell before I was born, and, our nation has not faced a significant threat to its existence during my lifetime. The idea did become somewhat of a reality on 9/11, but the enemy of scattered terrorist groups was certainly not as tangible, or intimidating, as the danger posed by another superpower. I had no comprehension of the constant fear that once resided in the minds of young Americans—a fear of Soviet or German annihilation. Because curriculum placed events of the 20th century near the end of the school year, I was shorted on these historical details in my education simply because we ran out of time.

And thus my generation has now consumed the “coolest bumper sticker” worldview, polarizing themselves towards the pipe dream of universal tolerance. While I certainly remain an advocate of global education simply because we ran out of time.

To an infinite mixture of paradigms—you have to give up my time with friends and family here in the United States to go to Hannam University is the availability of courses taught in English. Hannam offers two course programs options through its curriculum—Communication Studies and Business Administration. “Hannam is a great exchange program overall, and the availability of those major classes offered in English is a huge advantage,” said Faith McKinney, Director of Global Programs. “Classes available include Marketing, Management, Finance, General Communications, and Mass Communications. Because these are the courses that are required of you, McKinney encourages every student to take something single minded, and never have the option of taking domestically. “I think going abroad is a great opportunity that more people should take advantage of while in college,” said Kimber Samaniego, junior.

The Office of Global Programs hopes to inspire students to at least consider going abroad in hopes of growing the program, as well as enhancing the collective experience of our students. “Hannam is a fantastic place to go,” said Taylor Lawrence, senior.

The Great Park’s Palm Court Arts Complex is home to the Great Park Artists Studios, housing a publicly accessible artists-in-residence program. The Great Park is a 1,200-acre, $1.2 billion urban park located in Orange County, California. It was designed by British landscape architect Peter Calthorpe. Hangar 244, a 10,000 square foot event center, a shaded outdoor food area, and the Great Park Airports Network control tower are located on-site. The Great Park is a partner with Southern California Edison to reduce energy consumption and divert waste.

Currently, there are six artists-in-residence at the Great Park. Amy Burges is a photographer and video her work. Kevin Kwan Loow is a Korean-American who has performed at Carnegie Hall and is a graduate of the Julliard School. Goto, the sixth artist-in-residence, uses technology to create the world’s largest photograph.

Pinhole camera is a simple camera without a lens and with a single small aperture. Effectively, it is a lightproof box with a small hole in one side. Light passing through this single hole and projects an inverted image on the opposite side of the box. Chelsea Castillo, senior, made a pinhole camera as part of an assignment in high school. “I made the size of a small jewelry box. I can’t imagine getting one to produce a photograph of that size!”

The Legacy Project transformed a deserted Southern California hangar into the Great Park Airports Station. The hangar has been converted to an information and Zaun’s vision and perception and has recently worked with neuroscientists for a collaboration. Suggestions for the sixth artist-in-residence are for technology and robotics for his interactive projects that involves the viewer.

For more information about the exhibit, log on to www.ogcr.org. The Great Park is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun-Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Opinion - Helpless Predator

BY LAUREN WALCH
STAFF WRITER

One hundred million per year. That's 190 per minute. It's estimated that in 10 years they will all be extinct. With each mutilated body that doley sinks deeper and deeper in the salty water and gets eaten alive by fish, the ocean dies a little more. Sharks are called “ apex predators,” the ecosys-
tems depend on them. An effect that has been ob-
erved on the US East Coast because of the near
epilation of the Black Tips and Tiger sharks is an in-
crease in the population of rays— creatures that need
to be checked by predators so that the shellfish popu-
lations (natural water filters) does not disappear all
together. Since the balance of this ecosystem has
been hacked apart, the water quality is worsen-
ing every year. That's just one effect. Think what
will happen world wide in 10 years when all of the
sharks are gone.

Chef Gordon Ramsey traveled to Hong Kong to
investigate shark finning, and as a world-renowned
chef he felt that he needed to taste what millions of
sharks were dying for each year. I gagged as I
watched him take a bite, covered my mouth as I
heard him say that it tasted delicious, and nearly
cried when he followed that comment with, “It's al-
in the broth and herbs, this shark fin could be tofu
or chicken and I wouldn’t know the difference.” A
man that can take a sip of a simmering sauce and
detect every single ingredient cannot distinguish
the difference between a shark fin and tofu. So why
do these incredible creatures have to be wiped off
the face of the earth when an imitation shark fin
soup can be made?

Longlines are stretched out across a section of the
sea. As I watched the documentary it even re-
minixed me of the show “Deadliest Catch,” where
they put out the pods to catch the crabs, the bob-
ing orange buoys a hopeful beacon for a bountiful
species towards extinction—that is a travesty.

These fishing boats don’t even throw back the ba-
s. So why do these incredible creatures have to die
when they want them you throw them into the forest for the
animals to find you. You can breathe, but you have no
power to move yourself, you have only to listen
and watch as the teeth find you and you are shared
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lations (natural water filters) does not disappear all
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ing every year. That's just one effect. Think what
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Prestige. That is what this all started with. It was
once only a dish for the Chinese emperor. Appar-
ently one of his cooks wanted to give his emperor
the pride of eating the deadliest creature that rules
all the seas. Who came up with the idea to use 1% of
a fish? The shark is a very muscular fish, there
would be so many fillers to serve, but instead the
creature is sentenced to a slow and unimaginably
horrible death. Now anyone can have a bowl of
shark fin soup for around $100 or more. It is the
equivalent of dressed up women going shopping at
Tiffany’s— they don’t go to en joy it, but rather be
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Business prof’s son “Rides on Insulin”

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In 2004, at the age of 19, Sean Busby was train-
ing for the Olympics when he and his family dis-
covered he had Type 1 diabetes. “That first shot of
insulin was the best feeling in the world,” Busby said.

Over the next few years, Sean started to reach
out and become part of the volunteer community.
He is still learning how to control his diabetes and
keep it “normal,” while being in such dramatic
weather conditions that affect blood sugar with the
adrenaline rush-like changes in altitude or tem-
perature. Sean began volunteering at a day camp in
Wisconsin that his father, Tom Busby, Professor of
Business, suggested. He was asked to make appear-
ces and speak on behalf of the Joslin Diabetes
Center.

Sean creates skiing and snowboarding camps for
kids living with diabetes on his website ralin-
gemomin.org. Here the kids learn how to control
their diabetes so that they can still enjoy their favor-
te activities. “Being diabetic, it is nice to see people
like Sean who want to help children understand
how to live with diabetes,” said Laura Goodman,
senior. He is now a volunteer and made appear-
ces on “Super Nanny” to share his message with
a young, diabetic boy who was having a hard time
eating. Sean also received a prestigious award from
John Madden for his work in the field.

For more information, visit ralingemomin.org.

Fun Facts with Dakota Anderson

The Concordia Caf
Kevin Callahan and Cecilia Wong

1. Cecilia likes eating chicken feet, while Kevin hates even the sight of
chicken feet.
2. Kevin likes to eat one meal throughout the day.
3. Cecilia mixes beef and broccoli with the oatmeal.
4. Kevin loves his dog: Bamboo
5. They fight when they do catering because Kevin is left-handed and Cecilia
is right-handed, but they still love each other.
6. Kevin says: They fight because he is right and Cecilia is wrong.
7. Cecilia says: “That’s not fair, you just think you are the boss.”
8. Kevin’s favorite state is North DAKOTA
9. Cecilia’s favorite state is South DAKOTA
10. They enjoy going to sporting events, music events and theatre events
together.
11. Their favorite color is blue, but they say their “hearts beat Green and
Gold!”
12. Kevin’s favorite holiday is Christmas.
13. Cecilia’s favorite holiday is Chinese New Year.
15. Cecilia cannot live without her camera.
16. Cecilia has worked at Concordia for 17 years.
17. Kevin played ice hockey.
19. Kevin’s favorite movie is Jaws (original).
20. Cecilia was born in Hong Kong.
21. Kevin was born in New York.
22. Cecilia is a grandmother.
23. Kevin goes to Disneyland at least 3 times a month.
24. Kevin eats Chef Boyardee out of the can.
25. Cecilia’s Christmas wish is an iPAD and Kevin said his already came
true as he will get to see his mother from New York.
26. Kevin and Cecilia love being at Concordia!
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DRIVE much more than a crime flick
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“If I drive for you, you give me a time and a place. I give you a five-minute window. Anything happens in that five minutes, and I’m yours. No matter what. I don’t sit in while you’re running it down. I don’t carry a gun. I drive.” So begins DRIVE, one of the most intriguing crime dramas I’ve experienced I’ve had in awhile.

DRIE is a thoughtful, dawn-borns of a film, that takes place in a stereotypical Crime Flick world, but whose two lead characters are uniquely realistic. The opening sequence is perfectly executed, giving us a glimpse into Ryan Gosling’s character—simply known as “Driver”—as he chauffeurs two nameless hoodlums, using little more than a nondescript car and an outpouring of celebratory Clipper fans from Staples Center, to make an exhilarating escape from the police.

“The kid”—as his mentor, Shannon (Bryan Cranston), creates a uniquely romantic and stoic nature of the Terminator, with a quiet-like ability that is both disarming and slightly awkward. Held like to be with Irene (Carey Mulligan), the sort-of-single mom down the hall, whose husband is in prison for unspecified offenses. But he doesn’t make a move on her. Instead, he looks out for, even becoming a father figure to her young son. Later, he’ll try to help her newly freed husband pay off a debt, prompting Shannon to make the observation that “It’s too easy to change.”

There are few quaint items that might be fun if your breakfast palette is feeling a bit bored. For starters, there is a duck hash breakfast dish that comes with mushroom, onions and potoato. If you still find yourself looking for something new in the morning, you can try the Hawaiian scramble that comes complete with fried spam and Portuguese sausage.

The restaurant has a full bar with a happy hour (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) daily or you can have drinks brought to your table. The beer selection is something, but not to the point where you can’t find something you like, and they offer a fairly complete wine list, from casual diners to high-end “private reserve” labels.

On the downside, the prices are high and the portions are small. This is not the place to go if you’re looking for a meal to leave your large with. Generally expect to pay $9 or more for a dish of the size of a small appetizer. Most people, on an empty stomach, will need a small main dish to feel satisfied, and with the added cost of drinks, the price can jump up in a hurry.

K‘ya has a cool ambiance which makes it a lot of fun to hang out with a few friends and a snack. Most of the dishes are easy to share, so it’s pretty easy to order a few things and split them amongst the table. That also works because it is so easy to keep the price down and makes splitting the check fairly simple. I would say it’s a place everyone should try and get to at least once, because it is cool and the food is good, but due to the price and removed location, it probably will not turn into the “Thursday lunch spot” for you and your buddies.