Double absence; student affairs shifts

Former Dean Vergara is no longer employed at Concordia.

MAGGIE DABBY ARTS EDITOR

On April 20, 2012, a team of six marketing students placed first in the Church Extension Fund marketing and advertising competition in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) held the competition at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod headquarters, and they extended invitations to each of the eight Concordia Universities in the nation. Concordia University Irvine’s invite was received before Christmas and accepted in January by Professor Carolyn Shiery, Assistant Professor of Marketing, who accompanied the group.

The competition was well organized with strict guidelines for the competing students to follow. “LCEF were excellent in their materials,” said Vergara. “They had a tight idea of what they wanted, and it was very hard to achieve. It was really similar to what an ad agency would face if they were competing for an account.”

The students who comprised this team of Business Marketing majors were alumni Kevin Black, Danielle DeWossett, Zach Fremes, Samantha Moyer, and Johanna Screnzino. “I, and Melissa Merrill, senior. Guided by Shiery, they returned with top honors. Concordia University St. Paul won second place, while third was taken by Concordia University Austin.

Competing against teams from Concordia University Austin, Concordia University St. Paul, and Concordia Chicago, Irvine’s team applied knowledge they learned in their school of business. The competition included knowledge from areas of market research, creative strategy, and financial budget, so each of the students brought different strengths to the team.

The competition was extremely professional, allowing the team to compete in a business setting. It was in a classic boardroom with high tech equipment and professional staging. “It gave the students a feel for what a real corporate setting would be and how to present at that level,” Shiery said. “It was one of the most professional competitions I’ve ever been involved in, and I’ve been teaching for over thirty years.”

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Monica Lum left Concordia to pursue new career opportunities.

LCEF competition: CUI are the champions

Concordia University Irvine will continue to participate in this annual competition as long as they are invited. If you are a Marketing major interested in being a part of the competition for next year, send an email to carolyn.shiery@cui.edu.

Derek Vergara, former Dean of Student Affairs, unexpectedly resigned on Aug. 9, 2012. Over the summer, Vergara worked closely with Michelle Lee, ’12 and former ASCCU Vice President, and Jeannette Gonzales, senior RA. “It was very unexpected, I had no idea,” said Gonzales. “I was really looking forward to him being around and mentoring me this year. He knew so much about the field of Higher Education and really invested a lot of time mentoring us.”

Vergara’s final initiatives were focused on improving diversity, as well as preparing the school for title nine accreditation. “We researched other campuses, both public and private. Our goal was to find things to implement to make others feel welcome,” said Gonzales.

In addition to Vergara’s leave, Monica Lum, former Associate Dean of Students, left her position at Concordia in exchange for one at Brandman University to pursue a career in Academic Advising. “Both of them worked very hard. They had a lot of initiatives that improved the school,” said Gilbert Fugitt, Dean of Students.

“Derek and Monica pushed people to their potential, which is something that the people who have worked under their leadership will certainly miss,” said Kristy Fowler, Director of First-Year Experience Programs and Initiatives, who worked closely with Lum. “Personally, working for Monica has been a privilege and something that I have grown a lot from. I’m very grateful for the opportunity that she has given me.”

The resignation of both the Dean of Student Affairs and the Associate Dean of Students has left the Student Affairs department short of two members who significantly impacted the student body and campus community.

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Editorial: Sticking to our roots

EMILY GESKE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This summer taught me many things, one discovery was that Africa has this mysterious feeling that it naturally resists outside influences. The people there are much more laid back, taking the time to enjoy life from the smallest of details to traditional celebrations. Even though with barely enough to sustain their own lives show such generosity to visitors, especially extending sincere friendship to complete strangers. Generally, they don’t require manners and fancy wardrobes in order to be content, in fact, the people I met were happy with what little they had because they knew that it was all a blessing from God.

It might have become obvious that this society I have described is overall similar to modern American culture. In a country where money determines how successful one is, a loosely approach to everyday life is discouraged. Society abhors by more that insist must be micro-managed through precise scheduling with the hope that not a minute will be wasted. As a people overall, Americans tend to be individualists, not sharing personal information with neighbors, but instead confiding in a close group of friends while keeping everyone else at a safe distance.

The more I saw of East African culture, the more I came to recognize ways in which some of these Western ideals had started to infiltrate that society. Whether this was the fault of foreign travelers or natives with the misconception that they needed to change, I began noticing things I didn’t expect: Western clothing, fast food joints, and American music to name a few. It saddened me a little that some of these people felt like they needed to fit in an American definition of success, because each of their countries was beautiful to me for the very reason that it was un- like my homeland.

I worry that the same type of assimilation is occurring in Concordia as of late. When I first came to this school three years ago, one of the aspects I enjoyed most about it was its uniqueness, especially in relation to other private, non-profit colleges in the area. Sure, Concordia had privacy hours, but in comparisons they were generous. A set of governing rules was in place, but the pervading theme seemed to reinforce the fact that we have freedom in Christ. There existed a balance between right and left hand kingdoms, a marriage of Law and Gospel. Unlike other colleges, Concordia’s regulations didn’t seem like rules imposed for the purpose of forcing “correct” living. Good works flowed as a result of one’s faith rather than as a means to prove one’s faith to everyone else.

Now, however, the atmosphere seems to have shifted somewhat. I know everyone has different opinions regarding the new alcohol policy, but I’m not referring to that. I’m talking about the identity of the university as a whole. I fear that the focus has become too Law-centered. Concordia is changing its foundations to transform into something that I’m not quite sure I want to it to be. Martin Luther brought up a valid point when he warned, “Do not suppose that abuses are eliminated by destroying the object which is abused. Man can go wrong with wine and women. Shall we then prohibit and abolish women?” Though this quote singles out alcohol, the same concept applies to any freedom that can be abused.

Colleges is the time to establish an identity based upon the truths you hold to be true. Mission should not force themselves to become athletes. Countries in Africa should not make themselves adopt American culture as their own. Concordia cannot allow itself to become a carbon copy of every other Christian University. We need to preserve our unique quality—knowledge in our freedom through Christ—to make it the best school pos- sible. Once we figure out how to do that, we need to work unceasingly to make sure Concordia stays rooted in the right tradition.

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Dear Concordia Eagle,

Welcome to the 2012-13 academic year! I am honored and humbled to be the new Dean of Students and to have the privilege of working with you. I would like to thank you for what is happening at CUI this year, such as the Care Minster pro- gram with AbbeyWest. We are also committed to continuing building the learning communities, such as CUI Bono, Helos House, and soon, the Global Village. God has greatly blessed CUI with wonderful students and a dedicated faculty and staff. I am confident this will be the best year in the history of Concordia University Irvine.

My role on campus will be to engage students and find out how to properly meet your needs while navigating your educational journey at CUI. I will be working with the Director of Student Conduct, discussing ways in which to educate and help our students make better decisions. I am eager to build relationships with various departments throughout campus and mentor students when appropriate. Admittedly a Social Media novice, I intend to become more engaged in Twitter and e-mail newsletters when working with students and parents. I want to be relevant and transparent to the students, working with them through their journey at CUI.

Focusing on the greatest part of my calling is the wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our student body, whether it is through chapel, Bible studies, devotionals, one-on-one meet- ings, lunch, etc. I consider this to be paramount in my role, and I feel incredibly blessed to have this opportunity. With that, I want to say you are all in my prayers and I am excited to have each of you at CUI. Please let me know how I can be of service to you. My door is always open.

In Christ,
Gilbert Fugitt
Dean of Students

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Get to know the new faces on campus

**Name:** Prof. Rachel Hayes
**Teaching:** Core Theology and Core Philosophy; those are two subjects I love and look for -...adrenalin boosts for nearly three decades.

**Name:** Prof. Jim Kunau
**Teaching:** Elements of Art, Drawing 1, Painting 1, Designers.

**Name:** Prof. Jeff Mallinson
**Teaching:** History and Literature of the Old Testament and Hebrew.

**Name:** Prof. Sara Morgan
**Teaching:** Teacher credentials classes that focus on special education.

**Name:** Prof. Glenn Fluegge
**Teaching:** Thirteenth-century c.i.e, Core Theology, Historical Theology, and courses in the CMC "hometown." I was born in Boulder, Colorado, but my formatative years were spent here in Orange County.

**Name:** Prof. Timothy Schumacher
**Teaching:** For the moment, I'm not teaching any courses. My primary task is to work on the development of a new "Mik in Education: Educational Technology" program. When that's up and running next year, I'll be teaching courses within that program.
Women's volleyball enjoys perfect pre-season

DAITON LAURENCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's volleyball team has started the season strong with an 8-0 pre-season record. The Eagles are currently ranked second in the nation after suffering a tough loss to University of Texas at Brownsville last season. However, the team is focused on the road, looking forward to building off of last year's strong season.

With only one addition to last season's roster, the Eagles started the season with a familiar lineup. The roster is filled with players who can transition quickly from defense to offense, creating uneven matchups in each game. "This team is a special one," said Brooke Marino, senior captain. "We're so close [last season], we tasted it. Now we have a little more fire."

The experienced Eagles are secure that they can compete with any team at any time. "We have a lot of leadership roles and we really expect more from each other," said Brooke Marino, senior captain. "We're so close [last season], we tasted it. Now we have a little more fire."

Confidence and enthusiasm echoed through many of the team members. Playing the 2011-2012 season together allowed the Eagles to become more experienced together as a team so they could play as a single unit. "We're like a big family. Other teams have been a lot of fun for us, said Brooke Marino, senior captain.

The men's team ended their previous campaign with two tough losses. This recent memories provide motivation for this coming season. The Eagles started pre-season with two scrimmage against UCLA (NCAA Division II) and Cal State LA (NCAA Division II).

When the team travelled to UCLA, they played as if they had to prove themselves. UCLA had been ranked second in the division, but the Eagles came out and put on an excellent showing with a goal by Christian Ramirez, senior, and a goal by Jhony Garibay, senior. During their time at Cal State LA, Gould was able to test their defensive skills against a strong team. "As a team we have more juniors and seniors now," said Gould. "We have a lot of leadership roles and we really expect more from each other."

The Eagles started their season with a strong win against the West Water Polo Club from 1983 to 2006, head coach of the men's and women's swimming and water polo teams at Santa Ana College from 2005-2010. Conceding the first game of the season for the men's team will be on Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the University of La Verne. For more information about the water polo team and Wright, visit the athletic page on the Concordia website. What makes a team so dreamy?

Kyle Borcherding
Staff Writer

The Olympics captivate the attention of sports fans around the world, and the U.S. is no different. They provide us with the exciting opportunity to watch a wide variety of sports, most of which are not as popular in the States. It is especially exciting to be able to see everyone rally behind their country.

For me, one of the most intriguing sports to follow this year was not an obscure one. Of course, I watched the women's water polo team take gold for the first time ever. I tuned in to see America's gold medalists win yet another gold. And I'm sure Michael Phelps' extraordinaire accomplishments, making him the 23-time Olympic medalist (18 of them gold). However, despite these and many other compelling stories, I found myself most interested in the筑球场, the Olympic Village, and the U.S. Olympic Committee's broadcasts of this matchup. But until I see them in person, I could only guess at the reality of it all. I had a dream to watch this matchup in person.

With stats like this, the comparison is inevitable, but is it possible that they are better than the Dream Team? The 1992 U.S. Olympic Men's Basketball team is likely the best group of basketball players ever to take the court at the same time. In the first year that professional players were allowed to enter the Olympic Basketball tournament, the Dream Team, which included members of past Olympic teams, took home the gold medal. The team was put together by a group of legendary basketball players that included Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and Wilt Chamberlain. This team is considered one of the greatest basketball teams of all time, and many believe that it was the best team ever in professional basketball.

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Artist Spotlight: Gretchen Sheetz

Called to harp

Usually when I push my instrument around campus, I receive comments such as “Wow, that looks like you're hauling around a refrigerator!” or “Do you wish you played the flute?” Contrary to such popular beliefs, however, I do not wish I had picked up the piccolo eight years ago.

A different instrument caught my eye, an instrument with a history stretching back to ancient Mesopotamia (yes, I did get to do research on it for a COME paper). With roots steeped in folk tradition and mythology, the harp is something incredibly unique, and I am privileged to play it.

At the age of ten, I attended a Christmas Eve service at my grandparents’ Lutheran church. I noticed an intricately carved wooden instrument in front of the sanctuary, and I whispered to my mom, “That’s a harp, right?” The sounds emanating from the harp continued throughout the service, and I sat in the pew utterly mesmerized. I don’t think I said anything in particular, but by the way my eyes were transfixed on the harp all evening, my mom gathered that I was interested. Afterwards, we talked with the harpist. She suggested that I continue taking piano lessons for two years before I started studying harp, seeing as piano provides essential theory background and a well-rounded musical knowledge.

Two years later, my mom asked if I still had a desire to learn harp. My answer was an emphatic yes. Playing the harp opened up a wide range of musical opportunities. After just one year of study, I was already requested to play background music for a Christmas party. Soon, I began playing for weddings, and my sophomore year of high school presented me with my first orchestral experience. I loved it all.

This is Held’s eighth year teaching and first time going on sabbatical. He is taking his sabbatical in two parts: half this semester, and half during the spring semester. As a result, he is able to continue to conduct two orchestras. “The most challenging part is honoring my sabbatical because the orchestras are growing and changing,” said Held. “It’s not something to turn my shoulder to.” He has already traveled to Austin to study at a conducting institute and will return to the campus service Lifepoint in January. Finally, he will be changing the structure of the online Experience in Music course from a 1.5-unit class to a three-unit class.

Three of the five professors in the Music Department being gone this semester, no classes have been cut. The classes have been distributed out, and several of the adjunct professors have picked up additional classes. “I feel it would benefit them to open up their mind to other things,” said Matt Abramsky, sophomore. The department has 23 adjunct professors who teach private lessons. Some of the adjunct professors are recent graduates, and this will be their first opportunity to teach a class. “We have many excellent, multi-talented adjunct professors,” said Held. “The department will grow because someone else gets to do it and find new or better ways to do things.”

Dr. Martin Jacobson, Associate Director of Choral Activities, will lead four choirs this semester: The Concordia Choir, The Master Chorale, Men’s Chorus, and Women’s Ensemble. Dr. Busch will be returning in the spring semester to continue his choral direction with the Concordia Choir and the Master Chorale Jacobson, however, will be conducting these during the fall in addition to teaching the Music Department’s Beginning Conducting. “It is really fun because I get to work with students I don’t normally see,” said Jacobson. She will be in charge of preparing the music, scheduling performances, and planning the Christmas concert. “There are tons of details, but I’m enjoying preparing for it. The process is energizing.”

This semester, Music Department Chairman, Dr. Herbert Geisler, Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Michael Busch, and Performing and Visual Arts Division Chair, Professor Jeff Held, will be on sabbatical. Every seven years, teachers are given the opportunity to go on sabbatical to work on larger projects, travel, or research. “It helps teach us about the strengths we have to get at better things,” said Held.

This is a List of Full Length Album

Boys & Girls

This band’s first full-length album is easy my favorite album so far in 2012. The sound they give off reminds me of days of good old-fashioned southern rock. With a bluesy sound, great riffs, and fantastic choruses to sing along to, Boys & Girls really gets a 4.5. Lead singer Brittany Howard brings a lot to the table with her deep, soulful voice, giving a not so normal sound to a band with a female singer. The album presents itself with a rough sound, perfectly matching the feel of the beats and tone of the album. This 11-song album has a few standout tracks that I could listen to on repeat for days on end. “Hold On” and “You Ain’t Alone” are my top two favorite tracks, perfect for relaxing, getting pumped up, or really anything in between. “Hold On” has a fantastic chorus to sing along to, coupled with a beat that forces you to move to the sound. “You Ain’t Alone”, on the other hand, is what I would consider to be the most chill song of the album; it’s definitely the slowest and most relaxing. It’s one of those songs you would put on after a long day of school, where you just need to sit there, do nothing, and relax. Overall, this album is amazing, and I would recommend it to absolutely anyone. As I said before, this is my favorite album of the year so far, and by the end of the album, I’ll most likely remain the best of anyone. If you are sick of hearing songs about sway and want to hear something good, check out Boys & Girls by The Alabama Shakes.
Aurora Shooting

MAGGIE DABBY  ART EDITOR

On July 20, 2012, a mass shooting occurred at a Century 16 movie theater during the midnight screening of “The Dark Night Rises” in Aurora, Colorado. While most heard about this huge incident that happened over the summer, not many are aware of what has happened since the tragedy.

James Eagan Holmes, the sole suspect of this massacre, is said to have entered the theater through an emergency exit he had propped open, released tear gas into the audience, and opened fire on the crowd with the multiple firearms in his possession. During this tragic event, 12 people were killed and another 58 were hospitalized. Ten of the victims died at the scene and two later in the hospital. The victims who were killed ranged in age from 6 to 51 years old.

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Holmes was apprehended in the theater parking lot shortly after the shooting. He was arrested without resistance but claimed that he had booby-trapped his apartment with explosive devices. Police evacuated the buildings around his apartment. A law enforcement official said that a Batman mask was found inside. On July 24, Bale showed up at the Medical Center of Aurora unannounced and spent over two-and-a-half hours visiting with the victims there. During that weekend, Bale released a statement saying, “Words cannot express the horror that I feel. I cannot begin to truly understand the pain and grief of the victims and their loved ones, but my heart goes out to them.”

The evening following the shooting, a candlelight vigil was held at the sight in Aurora. This was the deadliest shooting in Colorado since the Columbine High School massacre in April of 1999, and with 70+ victims, it is the largest mass shooting in the history of the United States.

Since the tragedy, Holmes has appeared in court several times, the first being three days after the shooting. He wore clothes that his friends described as being dazed and unaware of his surroundings during the first proceeding on July 23. At the trial proceedings, the people who were involved in the incident are trying to rebuild their lives.

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Memorable mission moments

This summer, many Concordia students had the opportunity to participate in mission trips to several countries. Here are some of their most memorable moments.

Vietnam, Alicia Harger

Working to build a sport field for an elementary school in the rural Phu Tho province, I got a chance to play with some of the students. Using chalk, I would draw a picture and write an English word under it. Then a student would write the word in Vietnamese. I learned how to say flower: hoa. Then one of the teachers joined in. He drew a water buffalo and wrote a word in Vietnamese under it. The whole group laughed when I wrote the long English word. This work was incredibly inspiring to me. Because of this trip, I hope to become an English teacher in a foreign country after I graduate.

Hungary, Jordan Mayo

On the last day of high school camp in Hun-gary, all the campers huddled together as close as they could while the counselors surrounded them. The counselors held hands with outstretched arms and began to sing a blessing upon the campers. At this point, we all knew that camp was at its end, and began to sing a blessing upon the campers. At the close to Shout every Thursday evening. This blessing means so much more to me now because I have come to understand the importance of these friend-
ers as we sang it over them. This moment is one of the most powerful things I have ever experienced in my life. The language barrier prevented me from understanding most of them, but their passion gave me chills. We went down there to serve and help them, and yet it was their faithfulness, humil-
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China, Stephen Puls

Tony Vraner, Professor of Theatre, led a group of eight graduates including myself on a service-
learning trip to China in July. With the assistance of his two children, Ben and Olivia, our team suc-
cessfully led over 100 students through an academic summer camp at Buena Vista Concordia Inter-
national School (BCIS), the institution at which Ashley Turner, ’11, is currently employed. BCIS, a leuthian school under the Hong Kong synod, will be entering its second year of enrollment and is unprecedentedly the first international school in China to be authorized to allow Chinese citizens to attend its classes. Our experience exposed us to the diversity and cultures of individuals with different cultures and lifestyles, transforming our ideas and ideas.

Costa Rica, Kayla Chancy

We had a prayer meeting one night with the people of the church we visited in Costa Rica, and it was the most powerful thing I’ve ever experienced in my life. The language barrier prevented me from understanding most of them, but their passion gave me chills. We went down there to serve and help them, and yet it was their faithfulness, humility, and pure joyfulness for God that inspired and touched my heart.

Banter with Canter

Josh Canter, junior, asked ASCU President Elyssa Sullivan, currently participating in mine school activities, to share facts about her personal life in order to give the student body a better understanding of their fearless leader.

Did you know:

• Lived in Las Vegas, NV, from ages 4-13, then moved to Bakersfield, CA
• Desert girl, but prefers the fall season over summer
• Lakes it cold (but not as cold as winter)
• Grew accustomed to the smell of Bakersfield but despises Fresno’s smell (and their bad drivers)
• Cow tipping is frowned upon in Bakersfield, so she would never be caught dead doing such a thing
• “God closed all other doors,” forcing her to come to Concordia
• Would rather see a theatre production than an orchestral concert
• Her Instagram followers have reached triple digits!
• Walking in May but she will still stick around another year to finish her Teaching Credential
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Questions of the Year: If you could be any type of fruit, what would you be and why?

Sullivan would be a Pomegranate for five reasons:

1. Sweet but tangy
2. Can only handle a little bit at a time
3. Messy
4. Compartmentalizes things
5. Most of the time no one knows what to do with it

Try your hand at cracking this Biblical cipher:

KYPV NZCC JFRI FE NZEXJ CZBV VRXCVJ; KYPV NZCC ILE REU EFK XIFN NVRIK; KYPV NZCC NRBC REU EFK SV WRZEK.

Decode This! Hint: Look for commonly occurring letters and words.
Bourne reborn with Renner

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The Bourne Legacy well continued the Bourne franchise, featuring exciting chases, superhuman feats, and political drama. The plot tied in the previous movies, featuring returning characters and mentions of Jason Bourne himself! This however, may have been confusing for a viewer who has never seen the original Bourne trilogy before. Jeremy Renner makes an excellent addition to the Bourne franchise. He’s believable in his role, has great chemistry with his co-stars, and is a refreshing change to Matt Damon.

The movie follows Aaron Cross, a participant in the same government program to create super soldiers. However, Cross most likely seems to want customers to enjoy their unique culinary experience. Initially, the meal will likely seem to want customers to enjoy their unique culinary experience. Initially, the meal will likely face a slight delay. Due to the restaurant’s popularity, there will probably be a short wait before being seated. (I recommend trying to snag a table in the bar area because of the open seating).

The menu includes signature dishes such as the Peanut Butter and Jealousy Burger and the Thanksgiving Burger. It also contains many different sandwiches, salads, and other dishes including two different types of patties, including a veggie patty for our herbivorous friends and a Foi Beef patty for those who like it hot. As you scan the menu, the combinations of pure deliciousness seem endless. Though everything on the menu sounds and looks mouthwatering, I cannot confirm the deliciousness of the entire selection. What I can confirm is that the signature 50/50 patty consisting of 50% ground beef and 50% ground bacon will satisfy both your hunger and your taste buds.

The prize is pretty reasonable—most of the burgers are around $10. You know you’re going to get the bang for your buck when you see how much the burgers are. They’re topped and completed with their many ingredients, they are so huge you need to be held together by a steak knife.

To top the meal off, the menu features a variety of unique desserts. Slater’s offers an assortment of milkshakes, including the normal flavors like Maple Bacon! But hey, if shakes do not tickle your fancy, you could always try 50/50’s Famous RACON Brownie. Yep, you read it correctly, a Bacon Brownie.

Slater’s has two other locations; one is in San Diego and the other in Huntington Beach. If you’re enjoying an original meal unlike any other is your thing, this place is sure to make all of your desires come true. So head on down and get your burger on!