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Men’s Volleyball national champs

The men’s volleyball team earned themselves their first national championship in program history on April 20 at the NAIA Men’s Volleyball National Invitational. The Eagles defeated the Park University Pirates, who were previous-ly reigning champs, in a 3-0 match.

The team consisted of players who would be good to take a class with.

Dr. Melinda Schulteis, Professor of Mathematics, said, “This year, the competition was much greater. But I think having a Professor of the Year award made this his 34th year of teaching.

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Dr. Rod Rosenbladt, Professor of Theology, was voted CUI Bono Professor of the Year. Rosenbladt has been at Concordia since 1979, making this his 34th year of teaching. “From my perspective, Dr. Rosenbladt is one of the best faculty members at Concordia. He’s taught me a lot about theology, philosophy, the church, and the world in general,” said Mark Duerr, senior teacher for Rosenbladt. “I think I could find you a large number of people who would say the same thing.”

Rosenbladt is the sixth Professor of the Year, prior to joining previous award winners Dr. Rod Soper, Department Chair and Professor of Biology; Dr. Jack Schultz, Professor of Anthropology; Dr. Korey Maas, former Professor of Theology; Dr. C.J. Armstrong, Professor of History and Theol-ogy; and Dr. Adam Francisco, Professor of His-tory.

The award is strictly academic, said Dr. Daniel van Voorhis, Department Chair and Professor of History and Political Thought. “It’s not your favorite professor, it’s not the coolest professor. It’s the professor who embodies what a Concordia professor is: someone interested in the success of the student that is willing to try.”

The process of determining the Professor of the Year began with two days of preliminary voting, where students wrote down the names of their choices for the top three best professors on campus. This year’s voting diversity surpassed previous years, with over 50 different professors receiving votes.

Final voting gave students the chance to vote for one of the top five professors from the preliminary round. Along with Rosenbladt, the other professors nominated were Dr. Jacques-line Brown, Professor of History; Dr. Roberto Flores de Apodaca, Professor of Psychology; Dr. Mark Brightman, Professor of Biblical Languages and Literature; and van Voorhis.

“I think having a Professor of the Year award is very important,” said Rafael Ramos, junior. “We have annual awards honoring students, and it’s good that the professors get recognized for their hard work too.”

“Dr. Rosenbladt is a thinker—the way he studies things and teaches things—is more telling to him as a person.”

The award was voted on by the students, and the quality of work demanded was increased. Even if it was a second time, it felt like a first time,” said Chong.

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“Looking back at it, I’m very thankful that my faculty mentor encouraged me to compete this year, since I was originally very nervous to compete in tier one as a sophomore,” said Chong.

Chong beat out a tough field of competi-tors consisting of second place finisher Miskier Abate, junior, and Joseph Johnson, senior, who earned third place. Honorable Mention awards were presented to Rebecca (Baxton) Lott, ju-nior, and seniors Megan Greedam and Kristin Tiscianardi.

The tier two winner was Roberto Flores de Apodaca, freshman, with his project about “Re-forming the Electoral College,” mentored by Dr. James Bachman, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, who was a judge for this year’s poster session, as well as a supporter of the Academic Showcase event. “The University wants to encourage students to look more deeply into the subject areas that they may go on in, either in their work or for their graduate studies,” said Bachman. Students were able to present their projects using posters as visuals. “There were a number of pretty impressive presentations that I looked at,” he added.

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A surprising kind of love

Farewell Editorial from Editor-in-Chief, Emily Geske

When I look back at my four years at Concordia, I cannot help but realize how incredibly blessed I have been. Some ways are obvious, but I started thinking about how God chooses to bless us in more roundabout, even concealed, ways.

“And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Challenging classes. On more than one occasion, I believe I have gone legitimately insane for a brief period of time when trying to study. I have been blessed with a family that is extremely supportive and loving. I have been able to rely heavily on them during the toughest times in my life. I know what it’s like to be betrayed by a friend, to watch strong friendships fade over time, to feel completely heartbroken. At the time, all of these events seemed awful, but in retrospect, it’s almost comical how God has used them to provide me with friendships that are even sturdier and a feeling of independence that frees me to do literally anything. I can dream up God has made it obvious that he can turn pain into beautiful opportunities.

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until I read Trunk’s blog I was offended and completely against this notion. I am the exact opposite of all the alleged character- istics of Generation Y. However, after I contemplated the personalities and actions of the majority of my peers, I realized that these descriptions are an accurate depiction of my generation. Through these experiences, I have been able to rely heavily on them during the toughest times in my life. I know what it’s like to be betrayed by a friend, to watch strong friendships fade over time, to feel completely heartbroken. At the time, all of these events seemed awful, but in retrospect, it’s almost comical how God has used them to provide me with friendships that are even sturdier and a feeling of independence that frees me to do literally anything. I can dream up God has made it obvious that he can turn pain into beautiful opportuni-

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Talkin’ bout our character

April 23, 2013

It is no secret that the late 80’s-early 90’s had the tagline “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” as their motto. The generation before us grew up in the shadow of the cold war, the horrors of the Vietnam war, and the death of presidents Kennedy and King. They had to watch strong friendships fade over time, to feel completely heartbroken. At the time, all of these events seemed awful, but in retrospect, it’s almost comical how God has used them to provide me with friendships that are even sturdier and a feeling of independence that frees me to do literally anything. I can dream up God has made it obvious that he can turn pain into beautiful opportunities.

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Concordia’s team of four took first place in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) marketing and advertising competition held on April 12. This competition took place at the Lutheran Missouri Synod International Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

According to the LCEF press release, “The competition is an integral part of the students’ class grades, as they learn from the experience through the task as well as receiving judges’ feedback and videos of their presentations.” This competition also awarded cash prizes ranging from $5,000 for first-place to $750 for participating.

Each team had to create a 20-minute presentation of their plans, as well as participate in a 10-minute question-and-answer session with judges. “This year’s competition was heavier than last year,” said Carolyn Sherry, Assistant Professor of Marketing. “It was based on overall presentation of their plans, as well as participate in a feedback and videos of their presentations.”

This competition was over, and that’s the reason why we won,” said MacDonald and her colleagues found that 15% of college students in their study reported being bullied, and nearly 22% reported being cyber-bullied amongst others in the Concordia system.

Concordia Irvine’s LCEF team has time for a quick photo-op now that their project is finally finished!
She helps everyone out by showing example. “She brings this team closer when we are struggling. She took everyone under her wing and showed us the way to success,” added Feuerstein. “She has done a great job in the field and at first base. I have also never seen someone work so hard at everything she does.”

Merjano is also thankful for Jenna Jorgen Merjano and her teammates had positive remarks about their team. “She moved positions this year from second base to shortstop and has done a fantastic job directing the infield,” said Merjano. “She helps pick up players when they’re down. She never lets anyone hang their head on the field. If it’s just an all-around great athlete with a drive to get better every day.”

While some fantastic individual contributions have been crucial to the team, players are quick to point out that every player on the roster has been a key to this season’s success. Simpson and the rest of the team are very proud of the newcomers and their ability to contribute, especially the freshmen.

The team’s record and overall success has been and will continue to be a collective effort throughout the season. “I feel that everyone that has stepped up on this team when needed to help us win. We are all in this together, and it really has benefited us.”

The Eagles now must prepare for the Unafiliated Group Tournament featuring the GSAC and California Pacific Conference, which will be held Thurs.-Sat. on the Eagles’ field.

Both tennis teams head to Nationals

LAUREN HENRUX STAFF WRITER

The men’s and women’s tennis teams will compete in the NAIA National Championships to finish off their seasons in Mobile, AL on May 14-18. Both teams have battled back after difficult starts to their seasons. Their consistent hard work has earned the men a #10 rank with a 11-12 record, while the women hold a rank of #9 with a 9-11 record.

Although both teams have faced struggles throughout the season, they are striving to end the rest of their games strong. “We had a rough season this year in general. We lost two players during the semester and had to fight with injuries,” said Christian Wickenhausen, sophomore. “It was tough to say the least, but fellow, we are trying to do as good as possible at nationals.”

The men and women both competed at the conference tournament at Indian Wells Tennis Garden on April 11. The third seed men’s team was defeated by the #5 ranked Westmont Warriors in the semifinals of the tournament. The women’s team, seeded second, was upset by the #4 ranked Vanguard Lions. When the teams have faced difficulties, they continue to prepare for the close of the season. The teams have both adapted to their line-ups and know their strengths and weaknesses.

One of the short term goals for both teams is to successfully beat Westmont University. “Our matches against Westmont were extremely long and tiresome days,” said Megan Flenniken, freshman. “However, it doesn’t help them much even harder.” Competing against Westmont may be just the motivation that both teams needed. “We would like to beat Westmont. They are actually ranked in front of us, and we have lost to them even though we definitely do have the potential to beat them,” said Wickenhausen.

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Looseleaf Theatre Company just "As You Like It"

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The Looseleaf Theatre Company will be returning this summer under the direction of Professor Tony Vezner to perform William Shakespeare’s "As You Like It" at the Nelson Outdoor Amphitheater located on campus.

According to the theater department’s website, the Looseleaf Theatre Company is a "professional theatre ensemble that gives students internship opportunities in design, acting, directing, and tech where they can perform and learn alongside professionals in a summer stock environment."

Vezner believes this collaboration is an opportunity for Concordia theatre students to interact with local professionals, currently active in the industry. "It’s a valuable experience to go on students’ resumes," he said.

Two current students have major roles this year; playing lords and ladies, along with serving as understudies for some of the leading roles. This provides the students with a hands-on learning experience interacting with professional actors.

Current students and professional actors are not the only ones involved in the production. Audience members can expect to see some famous faces from past theater productions as well. "We had a number of theater alumni return last year and this year as well, which is always very exciting," said Vezner.

Nick Scotti, junior Assistant Director, has enjoyed working alongside professionals and has had an even greater experience learning to be a good director from Professor Vezner. The cast is comprised of 20 members who hope to continue with the company.

"I have loved working with Tony—that’s why I came back," said Brandon Kasper, actor. "Tony makes things fun and gives us the freedom we need to allow for a much more enjoyable experience, even though we are working hard."

Vezner is a working professional actor who was a part of the Company’s inaugural production last year and more than grateful performed Shakespeare’s "Twelfth Night." The company’s rehearsals are in full swing, with practices every day from 7-10 p.m.

This year’s rendition of "As You Like It" is based on the Shakespearean comedy and love story, but under the leadership of Steve’s son, Director of Worship Arts, the musical finale will feature talented Concordia performers of the past and present responding to the theme "My Story." The performance will feature video clips and upbeat contemporary music, while actor, Tom Chlopicki, is guiding the production in a way that is virtually unseen simultaneously. "It’s going to be fairly different in a really cool way," said Young. "All the performers are giving it their best shot!"

A ticket to this event will cost $130; however, many volunteers are needed to run such an important event. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Grace Saldana at grace.saldana@cu.edu.

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Jessica Abel, sophomore who is performing a role in the production, says, "It gives them creative freedom and trust."

Students choreographed many of the numbers, and in the end, every student had their moment to shine. "Our end-of-year dance concert was student-created," said Abel. "We worked hard to take our dance skills to a new level, but it was worth it."
When life gives you lemons... Celebrate!

When life gives you lemons... celebrate! The city of La Habra sizzles. Last weekend, the city hosted its annual citrus fair filled with rides, shows, and foods all in celebration of citric fruits. The fair ran from April 18-21.

The weekend was filled with fun events such as the bubble parade, bubble dance-off, and visits by mascot Limon the Lemon, the Van the Orange, and Huas the Avocado. According to their website, Limon is a Mexican-American lemon who speaks Spanish, Van the Orange enjoys shopping, and Huas the Avocado really likes fair food. Admission was free for this four-day festival that honored California's agricultural heritage. Pre-sale tickets were available online in order to obtain discount ride tickets to the fair.

The theme of the 2013 citrus fair was “Good Ripe Times,” and their slogan was that they were “celebrating life in La Habra.” The different events included a history museum of “Those Fabulous Fruits of the Fifties,” shopping, and bounce houses for little lemons under the age of five. Fruits” , shopping, and bounce houses for little lemons under the age of five. The city gets involved with this production by means of entertainment. At the festival, La Habra City school district concert band, La Habra Jazz Ensemble, and Hart Academy of Dance all performed. Other shows included a band called Legacy, Orquesta Cortez (a Latin salsa band), and Carlinca Jaz, an indie pop singer. These diverse performers made for a weekend of entertainment that a-peeked to every type of palate.

One of the rides included at the fair was a large swing set from Michael Jackson’s Neverland Ranch that played his music as a tribute to the late musician. An event that was sure to cause its contestants to puckers was called the “Ultimate Sweet & Sour Competition”. Those with a zest for competition would have enjoyed this eating contest, which awarded points to volunteers for eating the most lemons or oranges in the shortest amount of time on campus this summer, and $100 prize for the winner. Contestants were encouraged to “test their pucker power.”

The festival is sponsored by Pacific Community Credit Union, with supporting sponsors of Brio, Lady Bugs Environmental Termite and Pest Control, Big Lotz, Summerhill Homes, Cal-Domestic Water, and Southern California Edison. Radio Disney also made a guest appearance on Sat., April 20, with a booth hosting games, interactive entertainment, and prizes for the whole family.

Though you may have missed out on the 2013 Citrus Fair in La Habra, it is an annual event that will celebrate citrus for years to come. To learn more about the fair, visit their website at http://www.citrusfair.com. Orange you glad I didn’t make another lemon joke?

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ANNA STERN
STAFF WRITER

With North Korea's recent threats of employment of supposedly more advanced nuclear weaponry this past month, it has become especially evident that the world is no stranger to nuclear crises. North Korea has been issuing most daily threats against the US, South Korea, and Japan, claiming that they have the capabilities of carrying out pre-emptive strikes which could turn cities into "seas of fire." The North Koreans have conducted at least three nuclear tests since 2006, and their recent missile launchings have caused international concern and the need for drastic sanctions.

North Korea is currently developing long-range missiles, and the CIA has come to the conclusion that the North is, in fact, capable of making a nuclear weapon small enough to be delivered by a ballistic missile. Although North Korea's motives cannot be completely understood, it is believed that these threats are a result of the United States pushing for United Nations sanctions to discipline North Korea for its nuclear testing this past February, according to "The New York Times".

Another explanation for these threats could be that North Korea is seeking economic and food aid, which it has received in the past in exchange for promises, almost always broken soon afterwards, that it would desist from further development for promises, almost always broken soon afterwards, that it would desist from further development for promises, almost always broken soon afterwards, that it would desist from further development for promises, almost always broken soon afterwards, that it would desist from further development.

With North Korea's recent threats of employing the so-called "ultra-thrust" rockets, the United States is even more concerned about the threat of missiles that could be deployed to areas close to the US. The US has been increasing its military presence in the region in an attempt to "contain" the North Korean regime.

Currently, there are up to 6,000 military personnel stationed in South Korea, and the US has threatened to increase its military presence in the region if North Korea continues to threaten. The US military presence in South Korea is seen as a deterrent to North Korea's aggression.

In addition, there are concerns that North Korea may be developing a nuclear weapon that could be deployed to areas close to the US. This is a concern because North Korea has been increasing its development of nuclear weapons among such models of stability as Pakistan, and now Iran as well, it is no surprise that the North Korean threats are causing mixed feelings.

However, the feasibility of North Korea's threats have never resulted in much, but that all threats should be taken seriously and considered diplomatically or with military resources, if necessary.

The Obama administration's current policy concerning the North Korean situation is "strategic patience," which withholds negotiations, aid, or other concessions until the North Korean leader proves willing to negotiate.

The United Nations Security Council has now passed four resolutions targeting North Korea, while the United States has imposed heightened sanctions on the country. These sanctions have deeply affected its economy and will hopefully cause the country to come to the conference table instead of warring its weapons, whether real or threatened, around.
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After brainstorming for well-rounded singles on Concordia’s campus, a Courier-approved committee selected some of the school’s most eligible students.

Stephanie Ashton:
Major: Theology; with a Psychology minor.
Currently involved with music on campus.
Plans on getting her Masters degree after graduation or living in Brazil.

Interesting fact: “I am a morning person!”
Stephanie’s Type: A genuine guy who can be silly, but serious when it’s appropriate. He must make her laugh. She also has to like going on spontaneous adventures (like to the beach or Yogurtland) and watching movies. Blue eyes are a plus.

Stevan Cantero:
Major: Music Performance, with a minor in Accounting.
Stevan is the official Get Joel Stichler a Girlfriend club.

Interesting fact: “I would backdate my birth certificate if I could.”
Stevan’s Type: Someone who has an athletic physique, likes trying new things, is kind hearted, adventurous, a good cook, has an ambitious attitude, and who is able to teach him new things about life (colored eyes are a plus).

Levi Hamilton:
Major: Business-Accounting and Finance.
Levi is involved in SIFE, Delta Sigma Pi, and the official Get Joel Stichler a Girlfriend club.

Interesting fact: “I’m a very laid back person.”
Levi’s Type: Musician, who can be serious when it’s important. But overall, he is funny, and has a strong sense of humor.

Alex Lange:
Major: Anthropology.
Alex is involved in the LEAD program on campus and was also a part of the ATV II semester.

Interesting fact: He has unusually long arms that make for great hugs.
Alex’s Type: Precious.

Adrian Valenzuela:
Major: Communication with an emphasis in Music Comm.
Adrian is involved in the communication group on campus and used to be on the debate team.

Plans after graduation: Adrian plans on continuing his career with Apple and hopefully traveling to see some historical spots in America.

Interesting fact: He has a bouncy skip to his walk.

Lost in Translation: My Korean BBQ Adventure

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Let me begin by saying I come from a Southern family. When I hear the word ‘barbeque’, the first thing that comes to mind are ribs slippin’ with barbeque sauce, pulled pork, creamy cole-slaw, baked beans, and tea so sweet it makes your lips pucker. Having this mentality when going to Korean barbeque for the first time made my experience interesting to say the least.

We arrived at Gen Korean BBQ in Tuskin at 10 p.m. on a weekday and were told the wait was about 45 minutes. I was so shocked to see so many people waiting since it was fairly late to eat, but we only had to wait for about 10 minutes. As we were being seated, I could see that the whole place was completely packed. Our table was a booth with a huge grill in the middle, which was something I wasn’t expecting. I was then informed by one of my friends that we would be cooking our food.

Thankfully all the people I went with are experienced BBQ’ers, so I didn’t have to order anything except for my soda. It’s an all you can eat dinner, but you have to finish all the meat you order. If you don’t eat all of the meat, you will be charged extra.

Our meat arrived and was immediately thrown on the grill. It didn’t take very long to cook, and I finally got to try the main course! Everything I tried was flavorful; I particularly enjoyed the sirloin and chicken, while everyone else’s favorite was the brisket. As our waiter continued to bring us more and more food, one of the girls with our group recognized a waiter from her church, and she said he was going to bring us a “bomb treat.” He came back with large pieces of garlic in sesame oil and put it on the grill and told us to let it cook for a while. Let me tell you, he was right that garlic was ‘the bomb’.

Overall my first experience at Korean BBQ was delightful. The staff at Gen was friendly and helpful, and the food was delicious. I would definitely go back. My friends and I did all we can eat for $20 per person. Gen has various happy hour specials going on during the week, and it is open everyday from 11.30 a.m. till midnight, but they stop serving food at 11 p.m. For more information about Gen, visit their website at www.genkoreanbbq.com.