Scott Keith and family take residence in Gamma

SARINA GRANT  CAMPUSS EDITOR

On Dec. 21, Scott Keith, Director of Residential Education, moved on campus in order to serve the Concordia community after hours. His wish, joy, along with their children Caleb, 17, Josh, 15, and Autumn, 13, also live in the Gamma apartment.

While managing all of the Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, and all of the things that go on in the residence halls, at its core, that's the job,” said Keith.

One of Keith's biggest projects was planning and establishing living-learning communities throughout Concordia’s residence halls. Lambda will become a global village where students involved in international affairs as well as international transfer students can live. Gamma will become a CUSi Bono community, serving as an extension of what CUSi does as a group. Kappa will be transformed into Wittenberg Hall, which will focus on keeping a Lutheran identity. Beta will keep its current Holos hall, which focuses on healthy living, in addition to creating a Wings Nest hall, which puts its focus on helping freshmen transition from high school to college life.

In addition, various facility members will be living in the residence halls to oversee operations. “All of the RA’s will still do what RA do, but the faculty and the residence halls will help determine what events are happening in the hall and assisting with making those events happen,” Keith said.

Keith has many reasons for moving his family to on-campus living. “The needs of the community don’t stop at 5 p.m. It’s become clear that more interaction with faculty and staff for the students is better than less, no matter who it is”, said Keith. He believes that students appreciate seeing that someone who works here still cares about their well-being, even after the day is over.

“With the Keiths living on campus, Scott will have the opportunity to connect and reach out to the student body in a positive way rather than just from his office. He will be able to always be present in the lives of the students, so relationships can be created,” said Courtney Ordaz, junior Holos hall RA.

“Last night was a blast! Nine boys, two girls, all gathered in my dining room. This is the best way to be in college! Social hour every night, no classes, unlimted friends, I get to cook and bake, play games, [and] am free to be Lutheran, pray, and worship with all these kids! My vocation IS this!” said Keith. “I'm able to see the students that are in need, students that aren't seeing you after hours.”

Keith has truly been a blessing to the RES department,” said Ordaz. “He has inspired the others around him to live and do their job to their full potential.

To meet Keith and his family, (and to grab one of his wife's cookies or a cup of hot chocolate), stop by Gamma 107 in lower quads.

Special Education credential program

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The increasing demand for special education professionals prompted Concordia's decision to offer a special education credential program that began Fall 2011. This program allows individuals to become a California Education Specialist with a Mild-Moderate Teaching Credential. The credential is most beneficial to work with students with special needs, such as learning disabilities, autism, and emotional disturbances.

"There is a need for special education teachers," said Dr. Ann McKellar, Associate Professor of Education. "The number of students with special needs has increased, especially autism." While the need for special education teachers has been rising, many people are unaware of how this credential can benefit them in their career endeavors. "It is a hidden gem. A lot of people don't know about it, and it's a high demand," said Heather Vermer, Assistant Professor of Education and Director of Student Teaching. "The goal right now is to get the word out about the program."

The special education program consists of 35 units of coursework as well as in-class, hands-on experience. "Concordia's approach to teacher education is different from other university, you would be doing much more research papers," said McKellar. "We have research papers as well, but what we emphasize in the teacher program is more time in the classroom; every semester, you are in a classroom making sure this is what you love."

The program is designed so individuals who are already out in the workforce can comfortably fit the courses into their schedules. "The fact that our coursework is offered in the evening is very convenient for working professionals," said Debra Baumgartner, Admissions Counselor for Graduate Teacher Credential Program.

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ASCUI’s big plans for Concordia

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Associated Students of Concordia University Irvine (ASCUI) has big plans for the University over the Spring 2013 semester.

One major project that ASCUI has been working on is “The Annual 3K Eagle Run,” an event put on each year benefiting various charitable organizations. Such organizations include the Paige Armstrong-Maltos Foundation and FIKISHA. “We’re able to serve organizations around our community, as well as organizations that developed within our campus community,” said Jamie Rivers, junior Communications Director. “It’s a fun way to serve and to spend your Saturday.”

“Last semester, ASCUI has new initiatives for the current semester. “As a team, we’re looking into different ways that our community can recycle on campus,” said River. “Students have brought it to our attention that they’d like to see more recycling, so we’re working with higher administration to introduce different recycling organizations to Concordia.”

“The spring semester comes the election of new officers. This year, we want students to be more involved with knowing who their student representatives are and getting involved in the voting process as well.” Wengel said. “Elections are going to be huge. I don’t really want this year to end—it’s so much fun—but we’re excited to see what next year brings.”

“We try to make sure that everything we do is rooted in Christ, is coming out of love, and serving what is best for the campus as a whole,” said Rivers.

This year’s retreat will feature a wide range of events, including leadership workshops, peer mentor sessions, and keynote speakers.

“Before the retreat, students will be able to engage in leadership building exercises that help them learn about leadership and communication styles,” said Christie Clark, Director of Community Involvement and Leadership Development.

“I think the leader retreat is one of the many ways that ASCUI is keeping the student population informed. “Last semester, we had the ‘leadership and things like that, so that students know what’s going on, what we want to work on, and some of the things that we have issues with,” said Breanna Wengel, senior Secretary. A major focus of the retreat will be on the individual and the group, gathering students to discuss their leadership and communication styles and think about their journey of leadership development,” said Clark.

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“From more information on the leadership retreat or getting involved with leadership on campus, stop by the CSLD office, or contact Christie Clark at christie.clark@cui.edu.”

IT department here for your computer needs

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LAYOUT EDITOR

Have you tried turning it off and back on again? Is it definitely plugged in? If you’ve answered yes to these questions, then it might be time to call IT. (“But don’t call before, they might get angry.”)

The Concordia IT department maintains the computer systems on campus. They are responsible for wireless Internet connection, Blackboard, MyRecords, Eagles email, library databases, computer lab computers, classroom computers, and the phone system.

For those who don’t know the difference between a reboot and a real boot, or for those who type google into the search bar to get to google.com, IT can be an invaluable resource. Even those with basic computer literacy can still need help sometimes. “We already have a lot of people that we work with to keep their computer efficient.” Wengel said.

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“This trip helps students become more aware of how they work together as a team,” said Krsty Fosuol, Director of First-Year Experience Programs and Initiatives. The two day retreat offers students numerous opportunities to network with current student leaders and learn about leadership opportunities on and off campus.

Students will be able to actively engage in leadership building exercises that help them learn about their leadership and communication styles,” said Christie Clark, Director of Community Involvement and Leadership Development.

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“Behind the scenes, ASCUI is working this semester on becoming more transparent, so that students can see and understand more clearly what we’re doing,” Rivera said. Hosting student forums are just one of the many ways that ASCUI is keeping the student population informed.

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The first Men's Volleyball season in Concordia history is in full swing, and the team has earned a 2-1 record. Although the Eagles were unable to overcome NCAA champion UC Irvine in their debut game on Jan. 2, the team showed significant promise and potential in taking the Anteaters to a fifth set. The men were unable to snag the win in their first match but gave No. 1 UCI a run for their money.

Since their debut, the team has played against UC Santa Cruz on two occasions, coming out on top both times. In their opening home match of the season, Dillon Auxier, junior, dominated the season, helping the team to a 3-1 win with a double-double. The Banana Slugs made adjustments and came out as a stronger team on Jan. 5, but the Eagles were able to stick to their game and finish off with a 3-2 win.

The team will face a few challenges this season because the program is in its first year. The Eagles have something to prove not only to other teams but also to themselves. “We just started playing together this year, and we have made a lot of progress thus far,” said Vincent Rodriguez, junior. “Being able to play together as a cohesive unit is very strong and unique.”

The season is “having a list of goals and a positive mind set” as an individual, many Track and Field athletes rely on these goals for motivation and achievement measurement, whether they strive to set personal records or master new events throughout the course of the season. Undoubtedly, with the support of the team and coaches, and with hearts focused on Christ, anything is possible for these athletes. “Everyone on the team has been working hard and looking great, and we are going to size up to be a very tough competitor,” said Bowen.

Grab your blankets and hot cocoa and support your Eagles in the Leonard “Blu” Blutreich Invitational against California Baptist University at 12:00 p.m. The Eagles’ next home matches will be on Jan. 19,2013. Be sure to go out and support the Eagles with Concordia spirit.

The team plans on carrying their momentum into future matches maintaining their focus and energy. Their next game is tomorrow against California State University-Northridge at 7:00 p.m. The Eagles’ next home match will be on Jan. 19 against California Baptist University at 12:00 p.m. and Springfield College at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to go out and support the Eagles with Concordia spirit.

The Concordia Basketball Update

Men

– Dakota Downs, senior forward, was selected as the first GSAC Player of the Week in 2013. He’s fifth in the GSAC in scoring and third in rebounds.

– The Eagles barely lost to Arizona Christian on Jan. 8 in their first GSAC game with a score of 82-84. This was the first time the two schools ever faced off in the GSAC.

– In their most recent game on Jan. 12, the Eagles fell to Hope International University 91-101, bringing them to 11-5 for the season.

Women

– Opposing William Jessup University on Jan. 4, the women earned a substantial win, burying the Warriors 72-62.

– They also won their second game of 2013 against Arizona Christian in a blowout, winning 86-54 on Jan. 8.

– The Eagles continued their winning streak against Hope International on Jan. 12 by a score of 66-58. The women currently have a record of 66-58. The women currently have a record of 66-58. The women currently have a record of 66-58.
The Music Department welcomes back Dr. Herbert Geisler, Department Chair of Music and Director of Music Activities, and Dr. Michael Busch, Director of Choral Activities, from their Fall 2012 semester sabbaticals. Dr. Jeff Held, Director of Instrumental Activities, will continue the second half of his sabbatical this spring while continuing to conduct Wind Orchestra and Sinfonietta.

Busch took his sabbatical with the primary goal of gaining a perspective change. It had been almost 20 years since he had sung in a choir, and from September to December, he performed in the semi-professional choral group Pacific Chorales, conducted by revered Artistic Director John Alexander. Busch sang in a two concert series with the chorale, performing the oratorio "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn. Interestingly, "Elijah" will also be performed for the Masterworks concert in April.

"Having more time just to read and think and do mundane things is much more energy as I'm coming back," said Busch. He enjoyed taking time to read Hemingway and Fitzgerald, and he attended several local choir groups to watch other directors' techniques. "Pursuing private lessons has me thinking a little bit differently about how to train the vocal instrument," said Busch. "I'm going to be bringing those ideas into the rehearsal room, and I'm anxious to see how that will work out.

"What a blessing it is to have a Sabbatical from our teaching, which is what the sabbatical is really all about," said Busch. "I remember having some teachers in high school that seemed like they were going off the deep end, and I was anxious to see how that will work out.

"Reducing my teaching load provides more chunks of time to pursue projects," said Held. "I am teaching myself how to work more efficiently and to share content faster, which allows me to focus on the important stuff—making meaning out of that content."

Held had also prepared for Beans Lunch Recital Series at Trinity Lutheran Church in Manhattan Beach, which took place Jan. 4. Held performed music for trumpet and organ. "It was very well-attended, and I was happy with the performances," said Held.

Held also completed work with a private coach at a conducting institute in Austin, Texas. He plans to attend another institute in June, but is still evaluating several options.

Dr. Geisler's sabbatical did not go quite as planned. "I ended up just barely catching up on normal planning, office management, and departmental affairs, so I really don't have much to report at this time," said Geisler. He looks forward to taking more projects before this coming semester. "I hope to return to the planned projects next summer, but maybe next fall there will be something more interesting to share.

Music professors back from sabbaticals

TAYLOR BUNDY STAFF WRITER

Get ready for the most exciting weekend at Concordia since the opening night of Till We Have Faces! Next weekend, Jan. 24-27, is when our talented theater department opens Footloose directed by Professor Lori Siekmann. It will be held on the stage at University High School. The showtimes occur on each day at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. With a few weeks left and that intricate of a set, Concordia's black box theater didn't stand a chance. Tickets are free for students and can be reserved at the box office or online. Visit https://www.cui.edu/AcademicPrograms/Undergraduate/Theatre/index.aspx?id=23017 for ticket reservation and more information.

Hey there, theater nerds!

Art History Perspectives

Artist Spotlight:

Chris Peterson

Chris Peterson rocks out at one of Matthew Hestyn's performances.

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HEROES HAVE taken the form of calm golden retrievers, comfort dogs. Originally, a team of 10 dogs was sent to Newtown, Connecticut, throughout the states, primarily Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. The dogs also frequent senior citizen homes, hospitals, and visit those with special needs. The program was founded in 2008 in the wake of the Valentine’s Day shootings at Northern Illinois University. Since then, teams of comfort dogs have made international and native friends along the way. She traveled around Australia beginning in early November. For anyone interested in taking part in the study abroad program, contact Faith McKinney or Dan Waite in the Office of Global Programs.

Sydney spends time in Sydney

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Sydney Parrish, junior, went to Australia last July on the study abroad program offered here at Concordia. This whole experience got started when her high school Spanish teacher inspired her to study abroad. Since her family had lived in the city for which she was named, leaving her curious about Australia, she “jumped at the opportunity” when the chance presented itself.

Parrish traveled in a group where she was the only one from Concordia and one of two coming from California. Although she traveled alone, she made international and native friends along the way. She traveled around Australia beginning in the middle of July and finally headed home at the end of November.

Her experiences in Australia led her to many different places. During her stint in the study abroad program, she traveled to Perth (where she was studying) in the state of Western Australia, Exmouth, Kangaroo Island, Ayers Rock, Sydney, Cairns, and the Great Barrier Reef. While at these various places, she enjoyed local activities. “The pub culture is very big here, so many nights were spent going out to the city or the tavern on campus with friends” (Australian drinking age is 18). We went to the gorgeous beach when the weather allowed,” said Parrish. “I lived in a suburb, so most activity was in the city, which is conveniently close.”

Out of all her adventures abroad, she did have one that stood out as her favorite. “I snorkeled in a beautiful bay in Exmouth, with a current that carried me over the reef. The area was beautiful, and it was my first trip really on my own.” Her group got to experience so many things that were vastly different from what they had been accustomed to. Although she had a lot of new and exciting experiences, she also had the opportunity to take classes and further her academic career while she was there. Interned in her fun adventures, Parrish had to handle her academic business and was registered in photography, indigenous Australian, Australian studies, and zoology. The classes were split into two sections, which were only once a week. First there was a lecture, then a tutorial. The lecture was the entire class enrolled in the course, while the tutorial was a smaller section. The class was divided for more direct attention and a longer time,” said Parrish. “I felt that this system put more responsibility on me personally rather than the professor and that it certainly needed to be copied for the large class size.”

Parrish was amazed with her decision to study abroad and encourages others to do the same. “The chance to experience a culture besides your own, and be immersed by living in it, was an amazing opportunity that I would advise to everyone,” said Parrish. The experience has made her eyes to see how others view our own country and to learn about a completely new one. “I have been inspired by living here to see more of the world and the benefits it holds,” said Parrish. “The lifestyle here is similar to my own, but there are significant differences that have made me consider my own path.”

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Indy exhibit will tear your heart out

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The Discovery Science Center is hosting an “Indiana Jones and the Adventure of Archaeology” exhibit from now until April 18. The exhibit features a collection of props, costume, and set models from the film series along with real-world ancient artifacts. Items such as Harrison Ford’s original costume as Indiana Jones, including his notable fedora and bullwhip, as well as the crystal staff featured in the fourth movie of the series, are scattered along the path. The exhibit appeals to a variety of age groups including children, teenagers, and grandparents.

Before embarking on the journey through the exhibit, each person is given a handheld multimedia guide that allows you to interact with the various pieces that are featured in the exhibit. As you walk along Indiana Jones’ footsteps, there are various numbered podiums. Scanning each podium with your multimedia device allows you to actively participate in the journey and gives you the opportunity to play multiple interactive games, discover various pieces of an artifact, and eventually put together your very own ancient relic. Each person gets to choose their own archaeologist name (mine was Indaetona Jones) and essentially journey alongside Indiana Jones on his multiple quests.

One of the most interesting and fun aspects of the exhibit was the various movie clips that are attached to the artifacts and props. Each item featured throughout the exhibit is labeled with a number. Typing each specific number into the multimedia guide connects you with a video clip, interactive video, or recording that explains the item’s significance and history in the film. “I liked that you could see all the behind-the-scenes work. It was amazing to see all of the original pieces from the movies,” said Marianne White, senior.

As your journey comes to an end, you come to a section of “Indy Interactions.” This section of the exhibit features various Indiana Jones related activities. These activities are generally geared toward children, such as the scavenger hunt box where you can dig for treasures. However, adults can also participate and enjoy some of the games. One of the most interesting activities is the estimation game in which you attempt to guess the weight of a replica of the artifact featured in Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark.

I highly recommend a trip to the Discovery Science Center for Indiana Jones enthusiasts and families with children. The exhibit is fun, interesting, and successfully interlaces technology into the overall experience. However, the price is a little steep for those of us who are not necessarily huge fans of the movie series. General admission, which is $15, is required before you can purchase additional ticket options for the Indiana Jones exhibit, which are an extra $10. Although I can indulge in my child side, and I enjoyed the remainder of the museum outside the exhibit, others might not agree that having to pay general admission in addition to the exhibit price is worth the overall cost.

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Pack your tissues for Les Mis

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