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CUW Plans To Start '03-'04 School Year With A Bang



The fireworks extravaganza has been widely dubbed as "The Mega Big Bang".

Concordia. The department of Student Life announced Monday that they plan to open the 2003-2004 school year with a bang. "The opening weekend should be a blast compared to previous years," proclaimed Student Life P.R. person Anne Schozkowski. "I mean what did we have the past few years? A small cookout? We forced the freshmen to play some stupid 'ice-breaker' games that we pulled out of an old psychology book and then everybody had ice cream, met their R.A.s, met their roommates and went to bed trying to forget the stupidity of the day. This year will be different. Much different. You're gonna like it. Oh yeah, you'll love it."

Schozkowski then announced that this year's events will include the world's largest display of fireworks, which will be launched from a boat on Lake Michigan. Daytime activities will include a multi-band concert similar to those seen at Super Bowl halftimes. There will also be all-you-can-eat grilled chicken, corn on the cob and a host of other refreshments. Added Schozkowski, "The beer will flow like wine."

When asked where the money is coming from to fund this wonderful opening ceremony, budget clerk John Brototla said, "Well, we did raise the tuition now didn't we?"



School officials expect a similarly sized crowd to pack the makeshift grandstands along the lakeshore

New Assoc. Vice Pres Vows to Improve Undergraduate Education; Capture Leprechaun

Mequon. Welcoming students this year is a new face, the University's recently named Associate Vice President, Sarah Ann Coleman. Coleman brings in a new set of priorities to the job, as she hopes to refocus the University and usher



Sarah Ann Coleman: CUW's new Associate Vice President

in a new era of success.

In her speech at the start of Welcome Week, Coleman said, "I really appreciate how far past presidents have come but I see much work to be done. Hey you in the third row, yeah you, Shorty, are you a leprechaun? No? Sorry, I saw you were short and wearing green, just figured I'd check it out. And what about you, that tall guy sitting next to him. You're one of them giant leprechaun's, aren't you? No? Blast you Lucky, you evade me again!"

When asked how she plans on going about these monumental tasks, Coleman reported, "You know, I'm a real go getter. I've got the list of my priorities and I'm just going to plug away, making sure to finish one before I move on to the next. First and foremost, of course, is proving to all the skeptics out there that leprechauns exist, and that they are solely responsible for the existence of deliciously addictive Miracle Whip® sandwich spread and Pennzoil. Perhaps I'll lure them to the university with my new 'Leprechaun Affirmative Action' plan. Then I'll also prove the existence of Santa Claus, Iraq's WMD's, and a song by Nsync that doesn't suck. The undergrad thing is somewhere in the top 4/5's of the list."

Also notable on the list, ranking higher than improving undergraduate education at the University, is "implement all-unicorn public trans- See LEPRECHAUN, Page 2

Admissions Office Says "Outlook Good" for Freshman Class

Luther Hall. Every August, the Admissions Office at Concordia issues a press release on the projected academic achievement of the incoming freshman class. "We've been in a slump for the past two years," said the Secretary of Admissions Affairs Jane Redbouch. "Last year we had 'Outlook Not So Good' and the year before was even worse. It was 'Concentrate and Ask Again Later'."

The Admissions Office had been coming under heavy pressure because of the poor forecasts. Most experts believe, had it not turned around this year, the administration would have called for reform. As it stands, the current method

for predicting good academic work is on shaky ground, but it appears it will have at least one more opportunity to work its magic next year.



Admissions spokesman denies allegations that they use a Magic 8 Ball to create their forecasts

Weather Report: A Few Warm Days Followed By Weather That Will Make You Wish You'd Never Been Born



Matthew Moriarity: Weatherman

Wisconsin. So you want to know what the weather's gonna be like. You want to defy the laws of time and peer into the future to catch a glimpse of what will be going on in Wisconsin throughout this school year.

Are you sure?

My friend, I've seen the future of weather and it is not bright and sunny. Nor is it warm and comforting. There are things ahead that will chill your bones and freeze even the stoutest of hearts. I am sad to report that the outlook for Wisconsin's weather, specifically the weather that will pass through the Concordia campus is as follows: There will be a few warm days fol-

lowed by weather that will make you wish you had never been born.

Enjoy your brief moments in the sun. Sad to say, they will pass over you like the shadows of roaming clouds, disappearing forever into the mists of memory. All that lies ahead is misery and gloom: the sky will be gray for weeks on end. It will start getting dark out at about 3:30 in the afternoon. Then the snow will come and consume everything. It won't be nice, friendly puffy snow, the kind that makes the world look like Christmas. No, I am saddened to report that it will be evil snow: the kind of snow that attacks you as soon as you set foot outside, the type of snow that aims for your eyes and your nostrils. Before and after the snow there will be horrible freezing rain and sleet and hail and they will beset themselves upon you if you dare to leave campus. In those times you will cry out in regret and wish you had not wasted the precious warmth of summer on work, TV and soda. Oh how awful it will be for commuters in those days when the roads are little better than ice-skating rinks and the wicked clouds brood and conspire in the heavens....**Continued**

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 portation" at number 13, "beat Zelda on original NES" at 56, "quit this awful job and take better one at Ivy League school" at 89, and "build world peace machine" at 245.

"My initial designs show that the world peace machine will be fueled by sacrificed virgins and Lucky Charms," reported Basil White, a colleague of Coleman "so catching that leprechaun will really help with that. Especially if he hasn't met any lady leprechauns yet."

Annual Spider Infestation Scheduled For Early to Mid Autumn



Spider Infestation Leader Shelob the Biter: "We mean you no harm. Just let us spin our webs and we promise we won't bite."

CUW. According to Concordia Pest Exterminator Anthony Kripper, Concordia's hallways will once again be overrun by spiders this year, most likely beginning sometime in either early or mid Autumn.

"There's really very little I can do about it," Kripper said at a press conference held strategically at the end of Stuenkel hallway near the Art rooms. "Last year I sprayed the spiders with every available insecticide, but it seems that natural selection has killed off the spiders that are vulnerable to those poisons. The spiders that survived the sprays are nearly invincible."

Kripper was then asked if he could employ the pest extermination method known as 'mass squishing'.

"Possibly. Possibly." Kripper responded, "However it would take enormous amounts of time and manpower. I would have to work overtime and of course, that isn't it the budget. Also, you gotta understand that these critters lay hundreds, sometimes thousands of eggs at a time. To be perfectly honest, the 'mass squishing' method is like trying to put out a forest fire by spitting on it."

Concordia Secretary of War, Randall Vince says that if the problem grows out of hand, his troops will provide aid, but also that he doesn't think things will be all that bad. "This happens every year," Vince told our reporters, "And yes, sometimes, for a while it seems that spiders are on the verge of conquering strategic locations. Yes, they have more troops than us and they are armed with poison sacs and biting jaws, but in the end, they all disappear and I'll tell you why. When their food supplies dwindle, which they always do, the spiders resort to cannibalism. I've seen it a hundred times. Don't lose any sleep over it."

Vince deflected further questions and said he wasn't even worried about the huge spider that hung from his office window.

"Actually," Vince said licking his lips, "maybe we're looking at all of this the wrong way. Spiders are an excellent source of protein. I was just letting that one there ripen."

Four Dads Are Extra, Extra Proud of Their Daughters



Heidelberg Parking Lot. As another school year begins four dads want their freshman daughters to know just how much they will be missed and how much they are loved.

"Tasha," said a dad who identified himself only as 'Pops', "you know how special you are to me and how much your mother and I will miss you. I wanted you to know before you spread your wings and fly off into college that I am extra, extra proud of you."

"Katie," said another dad, operating under the pseudonym of 'Da Da', "babycakes, I don't want to embarrass you, but I just wanted you to know that things aren't going to be the same around here when you're gone. I'm extra, extra, extra proud of you. I'm even prouder of you than Pops is of Tasha. Don't forget to write."

A third dad, known only as 'Your Old Man', said he is extremely proud of his daughter, Julie. He says he is so proud that he will film his daughter moving into her dorm room and put it on his 'I am proud of Julie' website. "Julie. It's Your Old Man here. I love you honey. If things ever get too hard for you just

ask Your Old Man and he will send you money. You see, Your Old Man is so proud of you that he will do anything in the world for you. I've filmed your entire life, sweetie, and I will be watching it with tears while you're away. Just don't forget about Your Old Man. He loves you. And by the way, he is far prouder of you than that fool Pops and that weakling 'Da Da'."

Although 'Your Old Man' was very proud of his daughter, Julie, a fourth dad, identifying himself as 'Daddy Guy' says if pride in his daughter were money, he would be swimming in it. "Lisa," said Daddy Guy, "you know I'm more prouder of you than any of those other buffoons that claim to be fathers. In fact I will prove it to you, baby. I think us dads need to have a little brawl to show once and for all who is most proud of their daughter!"

The four proud dads proceeded to get into a fight that got them permanently expelled from Concordia.

Following the fight, Daddy Guy had only this to say. "I'm so proud of you Lisa Kimberly Davidson. So, so proud. You'll always be daddy's little girl."

