



Opening Convocation
for the 75th Academic Year

Dedication of the
Arnold Guebert Library Expansion

September 6, 1995

CONCORDIA
College EDMONTON



In the name of Jesus

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (please stand)

Lift High the Cross

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| (Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name. | 3. All newborn soldiers of the crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
(Refrain) |
| 1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain) | 4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Raise us, and let your cross the magnet be.
(Refrain) |
| 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
(Refrain) | 5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (Refrain) |

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

PSALM 46

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.	Leader: The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.
All: Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.	All: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
Leader: His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures forever.	Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name.
All: He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.	All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding, His praise endures forever.
Leader: He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
All: He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.	The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Hallelujah!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Second Reading: John 16:19-24

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE MESSAGE

“Again, I Say Rejoice”
Rev. Richard W. Kraemer, President

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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| 1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
and still is ours today. | 2. Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all harm
in this world and the next! |
| 3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. | |

THE CONVOCATION OF THE 75th ACADEMIC YEAR

INDUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS

Barry Barclay; Coordinator, After-Degree Diploma in Environmental Health
Valerie Bishop; Coordinator/Counsellor Adult Basic Upgrading Program
Lee Elliott; Public Affairs Director
Ladislav Hala; Director of Computer Systems
Robert Heller; Assistant Professor of Psychology
Linda Nikolaj; Assistant High School Principal
Alberto Severini; Assistant Professor of Biology/Environmental Science
Linda Scott; Assistant Librarian, Education & Social Sciences
Eva Stang; Coordinator/Counsellor, Native University and College Entrance Program
Elizabeth Smythe; Assistant Professor of Political Science
Lynette Toews-Neufeldt; Reference Librarian
Mary Wagner; Human Resources Officer

PRAYERS AND DEDICATION OF NEW ALTAR

OFFICIAL GREETINGS

Honourable Jack Ady, Minister of Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development
Mayor Jan Reimer, City of Edmonton
Alice Hanson, MLA, Highlands Constituency
Dr. Henk Van Andel, President, The King's University College
Dr. L. Dean Hempelmann, President, Concordia Lutheran Seminary

(CHORAL ANTHEM)

Walter Heinemann, Chair, Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Canada
Ruben Kufeld, President, Concordia College Student Association
Rev. Dr. Roy K. Holm, Chair, Board of Regents

CONCORDIA HYMN

1. Concordia, thank God for thee,
your witness strong and true;
To burdened souls has brought release, through
God's great love, His power and peace
In the Cross of Christ, His only Son.

2. Concordia, we sing to thee,
College of Christ our Lord;
We stand as one beneath the Word, and will not
rest till all have heard
That Christ, the promised Lord, has come.
3. Arise and build, Concordia,
God speed thee to thy task,
To lift the Cross into the sky, that all may live and
need not die,
O Lord, help us thy love to share.

4. For wisdom, strength and pow'r of mind
we thank their Source, our God.
Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Spirit,
Three in one,
From all who fear and love the Lord.

PROCESSION TO THE LIBRARY DOORS

RITE OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above you heav'nly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

BLESSING

To God alone be glory

ARNOLD GUEBERT LIBRARY

In 1987 the College master plan for campus development underlined that rapid growth in student numbers and the achievement of degree-granting status demanded a vigorous approach to acquiring appropriate facilities. The new Robert Tegler Student Centre, completed in 1992, significantly improved the student learning environment of the College and was the first response to meeting the pressing need for additional space. Nevertheless, even before construction was completed on the Tegler project, the College had embarked upon strategic long-range planning for a second new building, designed to meet its future library needs. The existing Arnold Guebert Library was first named in 1972 in honour of a former distinguished professor of the College. By 1992 it was located in a building renovated to be a library which had formerly been known as Module I. It was this building which became an integral part of the vision which unfolded in the library expansion project.

On November 27, 1992 the Board of Regents approved in principle a vision calling for the construction of a library building to commence in the summer of 1994. The proposed expansion was to take place to the east of the existing library. The site was chosen to accommodate a building of 23,000 square feet on three levels with an elevator linking all levels in both joined buildings. The development plan indicated that some of this new space would not be required for library services for another two or three years. In the interim, two levels of the new three-storey structure would be utilized as much-needed classroom and office space until the next phase of the

Special features

1. Exterior appearance - the architect made great efforts to join the two buildings harmoniously while maintaining an appearance consistent with existing campus design.
2. Dual purpose - the temporary design of two floors of the building for other than its eventual function represents a creative approach to construction.
3. Information technoloy - significant efforts were made in designing the library to accommodate the latest in new information technologies in libraries.

College's strategic plan could be implemented. The entire building will be dedicated for library purposes at that time.

Guiding the Building Committee through many difficult design questions with much creative energy and patience was principal architect, Janusz Najfeldt. The Building Committee, which began meeting on July 21, 1993, completed its planning tasks from schematic to detailed design and sought formal approvals required to proceed by February of 1994. Responsible companies were invited to submit tenders by the end of March 1994 and Chandos Construction Ltd. was chosen to undertake the construction beginning in May of 1994.

However, before the successful contractor moved equipment into place to demolish two existing houses, dig a basement and prepare the foundation, a joyful groundbreaking ceremony was held on May 6, 1994. Many dignitaries and a supportive Edmonton community joined in celebratory anticipation of the building which was planned, and to thank God for the blessings He continued to bestow on the College.

Throughout the construction phase of the project which ended last winter, the library remained open though experiencing disruption due to noise and the necessary intrusive activities that must take place when two buildings are joined. With all work complete and the first phase of library occupation fully in place, we join today in the dedication and an official turning over of the keys. It is our sincere wish that the library will serve Concordia's students and the community of Edmonton well.

APPRECIATION

The College extends deep thanks to the many people whose generosity and dedicated work made this project possible.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rick Willie (Chair), Dave Eifert, Ted Holtby, Ed Klarenbach, Richard Kraemer, Larry MacKay, Norman Selman, Margaret Russell, John Woollard

ARCHITECT: Janusz Najfeldt

BUILDER: Chandos Construction, Ltd.

LIBRARY STAFF AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS

- Margaret Russell, Linda Scott, Lynette Toews-Neufeldt, Eileen Goodfellow, Heather Morrison, Ruth King, Ann Nelson, Eva Ervin, Anna Spencer, Elaine MacFarlane and Karen Lyons. Everyone willingly ventured into uncharted territory, and took on new roles and responsibilities in planning new facilities, programs and services. Their achievement provides a solid foundation for the future development of Concordia's academic library.
- Arnold Dyke, Director of Plant Operations and members of the maintenance staff.
- Dave Eifert, Ann Nelson and Margaret Russell for work on equipment and furnishing concerns.
- Ernie Ingles, Director of the University of Alberta Libraries, and his staff for encouragement to join and a welcome into the NEOS Consortium.
- Jim Stevenson for his expertise in directing the Library Automation Plan.
- Mindy Kettner for her assistance with interior design.
- Wally Steinbring for design and construction of special Circulation Services and Reference desks, and the display cabinet for the Library conference room.
- The Alberta Foundation for the Arts for the loan of Alberta art work for the enjoyment of library patrons.
- Concordia College Foundation whose members raised funds for the project: Ken Aberle, Gunnar Anderson, Iris Evans, Ronald George, Ken Haywood, Harry Hole, Ted Holtby, John Knebel, Frank Kobie, Kenneth Pilip, David Rentz, Robert Westbury.
- Lenders: Lutheran Church-Canada Church Extension Fund, which provided a loan to fund the project while pledges continue to be received.

DEDICATED GIFTS

- Library Carrels - Guebert Family and Concordia College Guild
- Display Cabinet - Guebert Grandchildren

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All names listed above and those donating up until December 31, 1995 will be included on a corian plaque to be unveiled in the Library at a later date.

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The President

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Speaker	President Richard Kraemer
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Pianist	Dr. Barry Bromley
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	Jean Runyon
Crucifer	Victor Morris
Torch Bearers	Leanne Toole
	Tara Bencharski
Choir	Dr. John Hooper, Director

Dedication of the Guebert Memorial Library

Presentation of the Keys by the Architect

Leader: Let the doors of this building be opened in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: May all who come here to research and to learn encounter also their Creator and Saviour who is the source of all knowledge and wisdom,

ALL: To you, O Lord, we dedicate this library extension.

Leader: May Concordia High School staff and students be blessed by your wisdom and love as they gather and learn here during this first phase of building use,

ALL: To you, O Lord, we dedicate this building.

Leader: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, by whose favour this extension to our library has been completed,

ALL: To you we dedicate this building.

Leader: O Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and our Saviour,

ALL: To you we dedicate this building.

Leader: O Holy Spirit, Source of Light and Truth, our Sanctifier and Comforter,

ALL: To you we dedicate this building.

Leader: Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, you have blessed us with your grace to be able to build this Guebert Memorial Library extension to your service and glory. We give to you what is your own that it may be consecrated to your name. Come, Lord, take possession of this place that it may be a workshop of your Spirit so that, being led by your wisdom, we may all be made wise to salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.