A Chronology Prepared for the Thirties Colloquium of July 1985

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Year | Event |
| 1917 | United, Hauge and Norwegian Lutheran Synods merge, resulting in a merger of Park Region Luther College of Fergus Falls and Concordia College |
| 1923 | Sixty-five acres purchased (East Complex and Athletic Fields occupy it now) |
| 1925 | Dr. J.N. Brown succeeds Dr. J.A. Aasgaard as Concordia’s president |
| 1926 | Endowment campaign begun. It reached its goal of $500,000 |
| 1927 | High school department (Concordia Academy) discontinued |
| 1927 | Concordia receives accreditation of the North Central Association |
| 1927 | College buys 5-6 blocks of adjoining land to extend the campus ($55,000) |
| 1929 | (Oct. 29) Stock market crash precipitates the Great Depression of the Thirties |
| 1929 | College receives accreditation of the National Association of Schools of Music |
| 1929 | B.M. degree granted. College purchases Dakota Conservatory of Music, Fargo. |
| 1929 | College purchases farm (3 miles SE) to supply Concordia Food Service. Radio programs of the Thirties: Major Bowes, Lone Ranger, Kate Smith, Charlie McCarthy, Orson Welles and his “War of the Worlds” |
| 1930 | Movie: All Quiet on the Western Front |
| 1930 | Fire destroys Moorhead Normal School main building including their library |
| 1930 | Concordia receives All-American rating |
| 1930 | Concordia Band takes summer trip to Yellowstone Park |
| 1930 | Greater Concordia Association is formed to encourage regular annual donations |
| 1931 | Plans announced for new library and gym. Juniors and seniors pledge $125 each. (That size pledge has the value-equivalence of more that a 1985 C-400 pledge) |
| 1931 | Concordia graduates 103, largest class to graduate during the Thirties |
| 1931 | “Hymn to Concordia” and “Concordia Forever” songs are introduced (Enrollment 431) |
| 1931 | Cobber basketball and football teams gain MIAC championships |
| 1931 | Eleventh year of National Prohibition is observed in a chapel program |
| 1931 | Name of yearbook changes from the “Scout” to “Cobber” by student vote |
| 1931 | The first five issues of Herman Monson’s Concordia College Choir Series published |
| 1931 | The fortieth anniversary of the founding of Concordia College is celebrated |
| 1931 | The College Board announces plans to go ahead with the new gym (Depression prevents) |
| 1932 | Of candidates for the Depression-rare teaching positions, 62 percent are placed |
| 1932 | Park Region Luther College of Fergus Falls closes |
| 1932 | Concordian editorial: Why not some student speakers in chapel? (Enrollment, 413) |
| 1932 | Concordia College hosts national Lutheran Students Union convention |
| 1933 | (Jan.) Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany |
| 1933 | The Women’s Missionary Federation establishes circuit Concordia scholarships |
| 1933 | Germany and Japan withdraw from the League of Nations |
| 1933 | (March) Franklin D. Roosevelt succeeds Herbert Hoover as USA president |
| 1933 | The Collegian, Concordia literary publication started (Enrollment, 434) |
| 1933 | Bank closings are frequent. Treasurer carries checks to the bank twice a day |
| 1933 | Prof. Holvik discredits Kensington runs stone writing; begins his own research |
| 1933 | Editorial: How do you spend Tuesday evenings? (Attend LBI Bible lectures) |
| 1933 | Tree oration is given by Osborne Kolden |
| 1933 | At church-college choir concerts held in churches where local custom disapproved of applause, approval is often expressed by waving the concert program or standing |
| 1933 | The Concordia Band, directed by J.A. Holvik, plays at the Chicago Worlds Fair |
| 1933 | Faculty suggests pay cut. Board responds with 25 percent cut. (But throughout the Depression the faculty is paid promptly-no IOUs, vouchers, warrants, etc.) |
| 1934 | International Relations Club is started. Placement, 80 percent. (Enrollment, 420) |
| 1934 | Cobber football team wins championship in MIAC |
| 1934 | Concordia debaters start Red River Valley Debate Tournament |
| 1934 | Forty percent of the students are employed part time |
| 1934 | On burning homecoming bonfire material of a neighboring college, Carl Holm is quoted in the Concordian. “It’s wrong.” Others agree. Some say, “It’s a prank.” |
| 1934 | Concordian editorial: Literary societies make the Homecoming parade possible |
| 1934 | Open house held in Men’s Dorm one Sunday afternoon |
| 1934 | CC is granted chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, honorary forensics fraternity |
| 1934 | The new Moorhead Armory (6 St. &3 Ave. S) is frequently used by Concordia |
| 1934 | Concordian editorializes on the abuse of keeping classes overtime |
| 1935 | Carl Tiller steps down as Concordian editor after three years in that post |
| 1935 | Concordian editorial: Are FERA jobs worthwhile? (Inefficiency? Dishonesty?) |
| 1935 | Ninety percent placement (Enrollment, 450) |
| 1935 | Group of 200 tours Norway with the Concordia Band in 1935 |
| 1935 | Roller skating in the Gym becomes newest recreational activity for Cobbers |
| 1935 | Concordia Christmas Radio parties begun: held in 200 communities |
| 1935 | Prof. Herman Nordlie’s history seminar tour Europe during the summer |
| 1936 | Nearly one half of CC students work part time (Enrollment, 485) |
| 1936 | Concordian editorial: Students demand right (1) to disagree with a teacher, (2) to have input on curriculum decisions (3) to be represented at faculty meetings and (4) to request hearings before the college administration |
| 1936 | Anna Jacobson matriculates, attends, writes exams, passes, and is buried … |
| 1936 | Campus development plan is approved by the College Board |
| 1937-1939 | Undeclared war between Japan and China continues |
| 1937 | Russian violinist Jascha Heifetz appears in Moorhead Armory on CC Lyceum Series |
| 1937 | Concordian editorial comment: It is not necessary to stand if the national anthem is played on radio sound system in the dining hall during meals |
| 1937 | Cornerstone of Fjelstad Hall laid |
| 1937 | Book published: “With the Concordia Band in Norway,” by K. Robert Korstad |
| 1937 | Pastor Fredrik Schiotz resigns from Trinity Church |
| 1937 | Concordian editorial: The Gym should be open to students Saturday evenings |
| 1937 | Concordia takes stand against legalizing liquor in county option vote |
| 1937 | Editorial: Do more “writing to the editor” than you have been doing |
| 1938 | New Art Department enrolls 46 (Enrollment, 523) |
| 1938 | Marian Anderson, Negro contralto, sponsored jointly by CC, MS and Amphion Chorus |
| 1938 | Germany invades Austria. England afraid of invasion, says Prof. Nordlie |
| 1938 | Cobbers begin enlisting. Placement, 97 percent |
| 1938 | Concordian: City official asks students not to cut through the cemetery |
| 1938 | Fjelstad Hall completed, cost $200,000. Home Ec Building completed |
| 1939 | Concordia Choir sings in Orchestra Hall, Chicago (Enrollment, 523) |
| 1939 | Crown Prince Olaf and 83 seniors receive degrees at CC’s Royal Commencement |
| 1939 | C.B. Ylvisaker: We believe some day Concordia will take its place among the foremost educational institutions in the country |
| 1939 | Movies: Wuthering Heights, Wizard of Oz. Faculty decides hazing is taboo |
| 1939 | (Sept.) World War II begins. U.S. proclaims neutrality |
| 1939 | The CC Alumni Association asks the College “to cancel all pledges to the College by graduating classes of previous years in order to remove a situation partly to blame for alumni’s inactive role.” |
| 1940 | Gosslee house purchased. 1940 movie: Gone With the Wind. (Enrollment, 522) |
| 1940 | President Brown is made a knight of the order of St. Olaf by Norway’s government |
| 1944 | Enrollment, 449. 1945, WW-2 ends. 1945 enrollment, 616; 1946-945; 1947-1121 |
| 1946 | Cobber Hall and 18 duplex housing units for Vet. Student families completed |
| 1947 | Brown Hall dormitory completed; also new heating plant unit. Football field moved |
| 1947 | Biology-Chemistry Depts. Have a new building. (Temporary-for 20 years) |
| 1948 | Enrollment reaches 1277, then recedes for a couple of years as GI’s graduate |
| 1950 | That year 256 Cobber seniors were graduated |
| 1951 | Construction on Memorial Auditorium-Field House is begun. Girders collapse |
| 1951 | Sixtieth anniversary of founding of Concordia College is celebrated |
| 1951 | Dr. J.N. Brown retires from the presidency at age 68 after 26 years of service |
| 1951 | Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, age 45, is installed as president of Concordia College |