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Guide dogs receive training on Concordia University's Campus

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Each year, Concordia University's freshman class brings to campus new goals, challenges and perspectives. This past year's class brought all these things and more. They also brought with it dogs-two to be exact. Freshman Ashley Packard and Mieke Buesseler are both volunteer "puppy raisers" for Guide Dogs for Blind, Inc. and requested that they be allowed to train their dogs on campus.

Mike Buessler was the first to apply for this special consideration. She and her brother had been sharing the reasonability of raising a guide dog at home. When she enrolled at Concordia she wanted her dog to live in the residence halls with her parttime, Buesseler appealed to the campus Life Committee and made sure her fellow residence hall residents were comfortable with the situation. "Having a dog live in the residence halls was a new experience for Corcordia,"

Remarks Glenn Smith, Dean of Students. "The training has worked out remarkably well though and has taught us how to adapt for future students who have dogs as companions. As the first trainer to



bring a dog on to campus, Buesseler had to educate campus on how to react. "Education is an on-going process everywhere, not just on our campus. People have to learn that theses dogs are different then pet's. they are in training." Ashley Packard agrees. "Most students are excited to see the dogs when we come to class. Over the months they have learned to ask permission before petting them. It is tough because I am sure they miss their own dogs at home." Packard is no stranger to raising guide dogs. Her 8-week old golden retriever,

Rollo, is her sixth trainee since she began volunteering for the organization in middle school. She moved to Portland to attend Concordia and to work for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. "Being able to bring Rollo on Campus to class allows me to broaden his socialization training," remarks Packard who lives in an apartment off-campus. "It is important the guide dogs be exposed to as many real-life setting as possible so they are comfortable when they graduate from the program." Rollo

Juneteenth is a reason for black celebration

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As "Juneteenth," the oldest celebration of the end of slavery in America, is observed nationally on June 19, members of the African-American leadership network Project ask African-Americans 21 everywhere to take time to celebrate the progress they have made and independence they have achieved. New statistics compiled by Project 21 show tremendous gains made by the black community that merit recognition.

Juneteenth marks the day - June 19,

Hettleman, who is organizing a

21 member Morning Sunday Juneteenth observance in Baltimore, Maryland."

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will remain with Packard, and with Concordia until he reaches 14 months when he moves on to the next phase of his training at the guide dogs for Blind campus in Boring, Oregon. Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. offers blind people enhanced mobility through the unique skills of dogs that are developed, cared for, and trained by a professional staff and nurtured by dedicated youth and adult

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volunteers. This non-profit are enriched by relevant, practical organization charges no fees for its services and exists through the generosity of donors and the support of volunteers like Packard and Buesseler. Founded in 1905. Concordia University is a model university with four centers of academic excellence in management, arts and sciences, education, and theology. Its professional programs

experiences within an environment that encourages the development of Christian values and an attitude if service among its students. Concordia is a member of the Concordia University System, a national network of ten Lutheran colleges and universities who are developing a model in collaboration and distance learning.

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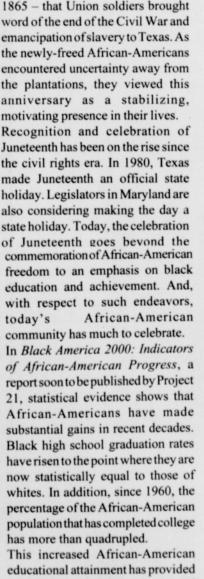
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the foundation for higher salaries and higher employment rates for black Americans. Between just 1985 and 1997, for example, the median A frican-American salary rose by over 44 percent. The economic independence this progress has given the African-American community provides the means to continue to work towards absolute racial equality.

Although absolute racial equality does not yet exist in the United Staes, celebrations like Juneteenth show how far hard-working black Americans have come during the last several decades. It also shows how such goals are attainable through continued determination and freedom. "Juneteenth is the continuation of America's liberation movement which started with the first shot of the Revolutionary War and ended with Juneteenth,"said Project

