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THE CONCORDIA COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY PRESENTS
THE 28TH ANNUAL PROFESSOR R.E. FUGLESTAD MEMORIAL LECTURE

"The Health of Our Rivers: Reflections of Our Culture"

Presented by Dr. Luther Aadland '79

7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009
Centrum, Knutson Campus Center

Dr. Luther Aadland is a river ecologist and fluvial geomorphologist, a scientist who studies the landforms created and shaped by rivers and streams. He has nearly 30 years of experience in river restoration, including work for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on the Whitewater River, the Pomme De Terre River and the Otter Tail River. Other projects include stabilizing a riverbank along Interstate 94, creating a habitat for smallmouth bass and other species while at the same time protecting the interstate from eventual collapse.

Aadland has also designed numerous fish passages in Minnesota, including conversion of the Red River’s Midtown Dam to rapids. The dam had previously caused at least 19 drowning deaths, as well as blocked fish migrations. Aadland’s new Rock Arch Rapids design eliminated the hydraulic roller, restored fish passage and provided a safe environment for people. Since its completion in 1998, no one has drowned at the site.

Aadland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Concordia in 1979, followed by a Master of Science degree in zoology from North Dakota State University, Fargo. He earned a doctorate in biology from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

The Fuglestad Lectureship was established in 1982 in memory of R.E. “Ed” Fuglestad, who served the Concordia College biology department for 43 years.
Fuglestad Lectureship

“He gave his students a vision, he excited their imagination, he nurtured and prodded them on. But above all, he gave them a deep sense of humanity.”

— Concordia Alumni News, summer 1981

R.E. “Ed” Fuglestad joined the staff of the biology department of Concordia College in 1927. He retired in 1970, completing an outstanding 43-year teaching career.

In addition to his many other duties, Fuglestad was the adviser to premedical students. Upon retirement, he could boast that 187 of his students had entered medical school. Throughout the years he maintained a keen interest in all of his former students and kept in touch through correspondence and in his travels across the country.

Fuglestad died in 1981 at the age of 80. The following year, the R.E. Fuglestad Lectureship was established with funds given in his memory.