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### **Native Awareness Day**

Hi! My name is William Ortland. I am an Aboriginal student enrolled in the UCEP program here at Concordia College. In some ways, I am very similar to you. I have never seen or even heard of many of these events that took place at our Native Awareness Day. It was very much a learning experience for me.

The various events that you may have seen throughout the day were coordinated entirely by my fellow classmates. We began the day with a Pipe Ceremony in the UCEP trailer, with Elder Carl Quinn. The women and men participants formed a circle. Carl Quinn, a pipe holder from Saddle Lake, conducted the ceremony. He did not sit apart from the rest of us; instead, he was part of the circle; it seemed that he was there only to provide guidance. He even told a joke or two. He spoke the prayers in his native language, Cree. I do not know the words but definitely received a message; his tone was reverent. He was very respectful of

those in the circle; he did not place his traditions over anyone else's.

Public events began at 10 a.m. when John Ritchie (UCEP) introduced Carl Quinn, Vice-president Rick Willie, and guest "North of 60 " star Jimmy Herman, who all spoke to an unfortunately noisy audience. He spoke not only to the Aboriginal students, but to all the students, to provide inspiration for everyone. He gave some of his personal history and travels for our benefit, something to use and learn from. Napoleon Rivetti, a magician, tanner, and a pipe holder entertainer, is breaking new ground, showing that there are many opportunities out there for the Aboriginal people. The Traditional Dancers and drummers received a lot of attention and a lot of comments, such as " Fantastic! ", "Awesome! "

A traditional teepee stood outside Tegler where bannock (baked by almost every class member) and tea and coffee were served throughout the day. After lunch, magnificent Native dancers thrilled everyone, and then, following tradition, gifts were given to the staff, the entertainers, and members of the audience. These were to honour you, our guests, to thank you for your attendance and respect that you extended to us throughout the day.

There is a lot of ground to cover. The crafts and displays, the food, the bannock and tea were all an integral part of Native Awareness Day. It gave a chance to view a small part of what being Aboriginal is all about. Some over-all comments were as follows: "Informative ", " Interesting ", " I would like to more ". Many were seeking affirmation of things that they have learned about our culture.

In my opinion, it was a fantastic show, one that will long be remembered. Each and every one of my fellow classmates is to be congratulated, and I give them my deepest thanks for their help in answering some of my questions. If even one of you had not been there, the day would not have been as special as it was to me.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.
I will praise the Lord all
my life;
I will sing praise to my
God as long as I live.
Psalm 146:2

Psychiatry is the care of the id by the odd.

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## OPINIONS

# Sixth Annual Concordia Auction

Friday, February 10, 1995
The Westin Hotel
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Dinner, 7-8pm
Silent and Live Auction, 8-10pm
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#### Dear Mr. Whelan:

In response to your article "The New Age: Lesbian Feminism", I felt it necessary to enlighten your antiquated attitude towards women. To start, Mr. Whelan, might I suggest that if you are going to present a written piece for all to view, that it at least be well written. Even the Enquirer at least pretends to have facts backing up their articles, of which yours sorely lacked. Also, "mindless rhetoric" as you so eloquently put it, is your forte, not feminists. In fact, ignore the word "rhetoric", your article contained none. that shortens the phrase to "mindless." We have now reached the full description of your article.

Now that it is agreed that we have an empty slate to educate, please allow me that opportunity. It boggles an educated person's mind that there are still people who feel that women should not be allowed to have the same rights and privileges that men take for granted; that they should not have the right to education; freedom to marry or not; the right to have children or not; the right to equal pay for equal work; the right to feel secure in their own homes, communities, streets, work places; the right to say no to unwanted male advances; and the right to voice opinions. What, Mr. Whelan, in this list do you object to?

A true feminist of the 1990's, (contrary to what the TV shows you obviously watch say), is perfectly aware that men need to be a part of the process towards securing and maintaining women's justifiable and legal rights. If the process at times appears that feminists hate men, please don't be offended, Mr. Whelan. It is the crimes of some men that we hate, and the system that allows these crimes to continue. If you need to ask what crimes, you are in the wrong century and don't deserve to call yourself a "modern man."

As to your method of combining feminism with lesbianism gee willikers, Mr. Whelan, I'm so hurt.

So, Mr. Whelan, the next time you wish to write on feminism, please do some good constructive research. Even if you still disagree I'll listen - if you present a well written argument.

It is your right to have a different opinion. However, it is not your right to be abusive and hateful towards women.

Carolyn Walton

#### **Lecture**

Newman Theological College presents the Anthony Jordan Lecture series March 17 and 18. This year's speaker is Reverend Richard McCormick who will speak on *Moral Theology in a Changing World*. To receive a brochure, please call 447-2993.

#### The Male Feminist (a.k.a. Personist)

In response to Sean Whelan's article, "The New Age: Lesbian Feminism" (Jan. 16, 1995), I would like to express a few adversarial comments.

I find Mr. Whelan's discourse to be extremely parochial and antiquated, one that continues to promote the maintenance of a male-dominant society. Perhaps his bashing of feminism is grounded in Ariston III.

is grounded in Aristotelian philosophy, for Aristotle himself writes: "The male by nature is superior, and the female inferior; and the one rules, and the other is ruled; this principle of necessity extends to all mankind... the lower sort are by nature slaves

and it is better for them as for all inferiors that they should be under the rule of a master." No wonder feminism exists.

No doubt, Oprah, Sally, and Shirley are guilty, at one time or another, of presenting to the public, topics, which are irrelevant, insignificant and perhaps out-dated. However, in all fairness, Mr. Whelan could have included commentaries on the likes of Donahue, Rivera and Williams and their topics which are as abundant in media excretion.

"Nazi Germany, Communist Russia," please Mr. Whelan. The comparison of Lesbian Feminism to the atrocities that occured during the above eras, is insulting. Whatever fears you may have about women, you can rest assured the feminist movement is not interested in

waging war. That strategy is usually a male solution or decision.

Personally speaking, I cannot wait for the day when proponents of misogyny become a discovery for paleontologists. Their extinction (misogynists) can't come soon enough. Hopefully, attitudes like Mr. Wildele will be be a discovery for paleontologists.

fully, attitudes like Mr. Whelan's will be buried with them.

To each and every woman (feminist or not), I would like to make it "Perfectly Clear", that the process will be slow, but efforts are being made to inspire a new ideology of Personism. This ideology aspires to eradicating male domination and creating a new society grounded in egalitarianism.

"Equality for all."

As for Mr. Whelan, GOOD LUCK MRS. WHELAN WHEREVER YOU ARE!! Charles Weaver

#### EARLY REGISTRATION IS COMING YOUR WAY SOON!!

Watch for the 1995/96 Early Registration letter which will arrive in the mail soon (be sure to let the Registrar's Office know if your address has changed). We encourage you to plan ahead for next year. If you have any questions with regard to your degree checklist - or if you would like to pick one up - feel free to stop by and see us for academic advising in the Tegler Centre at any of the following times:

Thursday, Feb. 9 10:00-1:00p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 12:00-2:30p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 10:00-1:00p.m. Wed., March 1 1:30-3:30p.m.

The Early Registration letter will inform you of the dates available to sign up for a registration appointment. You will receive your 1995-96 Concordia Calendar, timetable, and registration information at that time. After you have read through the material, you can come by the Tegler Centre for some academic advising. The times we have set aside for that purpose are as follows:

Thursday, March 9 12:00-2:00p.m. Monday, March 13 11:00-2:00p.m.

Happy Registering!

#### **Tidbits from Around The World**

A woman in New York has requested that doctors remove sperm from her dead husband. The man died after the police allegedly applied a choke hold. The woman intends to undergo invitro fertilization. The D.A. is examining the case against the police officers and charges are pending.

In Stockholm, Sweden, customs officials had their hands full when a routine body search revealed 65 baby snakes hidden inside a woman's bra. . .which she was wearing at the time. The woman has been charged with smuggling. When asked why by squeamish reporters, she said that she had wanted to start a snake farm.

"Dumb and Dumber" dropped to #4 at the box office, but still managed to rake in almost \$10 million. Go figure. Strong showings were "Legends of the Fall" with heartthrob Brad Pitt, and "Tales from the Crypt Presents Demon Knight" with that scary dead guy.

A New York company recently recalled pacemakers because one of the connecting wires has the possibility of breaking. The wire was installed in about 42,000 of the units, but only 1500 are being actually being recalled. The remaining 40,500 have already been implanted and there are no plans to recall them. Ooooops!

Prediction #1 for 1995...a New York pacemaker company will be the target of a major lawsuit.

Professional hockey is back. So what! It is difficult to feel sorry for either side in the dispute, but the winners may have had nothing to do with the ice. It has been a very nice winter for all of those couples whose lives are normally being interupted at this time of year by, HECOOOOOOOCRES!!!"

A thief has stolen a 3 ft. long, 27 lb. battle axe from a display at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. This is the second theft to occur in the past month, and both occurred during regularly scheduled evening visiting hours. Unfortunately, there were 240 security guards on duty at the time who did not see anything. Officials are now in the process of beefing up the security.

Finally, the government of Finland has passed a law that requires 40% of government committee members to be women. 39% of the parliament is female. Surprisingly, the greatest opposition has come from women who are concerned that the quota will exclude some experts on the basis of sex.

These are just some of the stories that I found around the world these past two weeks. Until next issue. . .I am Paul Beckett

#### Demon Knight

Remember when you were young and reading those horror comic books under the covers, scared out of your skin? Well, now you can do the same on the big screen!

Tales From The Crypt presents its big screen epic: Demon Knight.

A classic tale of the eternal struggle between good and evil unfolds in the movie theaters. The Collector is sent to collect the last key to opening the gates of Darkness, and only one man stands between eternal darkness on earth.

However, this movie is not all gore, it is an intelligent tale, showing the seducing power evil has and to what lengths it will go. The struggle continues as each character tries to resist the power and what the consequences are as a result of their choices. It also show the power of good, as this tale starts from the time of Christ all the way toward present time, and the continual struggle between good and evil.

Demon Knight has some of the elements of the schlock horror of the fifties, but is overall it is a better than average movie. I give it a B average.

Mark Steidl

#### THE NEW AGE: IDIOTISM

There is a new ISM in town and a fine definition of it is last issue's author of 'New Age: Lesbian Feminism". What a fine demonstration of how the human mind can go to waste. This is definitely someone who needs to get a life. After wading through all of the refuse I'm sure he calls discourse, the author has clearly presented only one valid point: he's very bitter. Give us a break from your self-pitying ranting and raving, your egotistical self righteousness and discuss something of more importance than your need to vent. Your theory on Lesbian Elizabeth Arthurs

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#### Letting Albertans Air their Views

Albertans can now express their views on how the debt load can be reduced through the new opening of a 1-800 number in Alberta. This number will give citizens a chance to let their opinions be known on debt reduction and on what the government should reinvest in our province.

In the television address by Premier Klein, he stated that "Albertans have the greatest stake in our plans to secure a debt-free future for our children and our province." He wishes to hear "from as many people as possible about their ideas on how we begin to reinvest in a secure, deficit-free province."

Premier Klein also outlined the changes that have been made to education by this government. The new changes that have taken place now is that there is a new credential that is being piloted by colleges. This credential, The Applied Degree, combines the formal academic instruction with accredited work experience as well.

Furthermore, the government has responded to Albertans ideas about more parental involvement and education decisions being made in schools. The change that has occurred is that the government has moved to school-based management, where most of the decisions are made by principals, teachers, parents and the local community. The government has also legislated school councils to give parents greater roles in education decisionmaking.

Premier Klein further mentioned the new goal in education will be to make sure

that students will receive the quality education that they need by focusing more on the student in the classroom, and less on excess administration. By 1997, the governments goal is to see that the education system will have more funding in the classroom, and also that the funding is shared more equally across the province, more roles by parent and community in the education system, and greater accessibility by students to schools and more accountability to parents, students, and taxpayers.

The new number that has been setup to hear citizens concerns across the province is 1-800-883-5551. In Edmonton, the number can be accessed locally by dialing 427-9999. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., for the hard-of-hearing, a number has also been setup, this is 427-9999.

When was the last time you heard someone walk into a room and say, "God, I feel great today. I think I'll go out and grab the world in my teeth and shake it into confetti. Do you feel this way too? Great! Let's catch the next flight to Tibet - there's one leaving at nine." Never, right? Now, when was the last time you met someone and the conversation went like this: "I've been feeling like —— lately because of my awful home life/school life/apartment/debt/job, or the fact that my awful, socalled, might-as-well-be girlfriend/wife/boyfriend/husband is bothering me - but at least this Xanax/Prozac/Zoloft keeps me from sticking my head in the microwave." Answer: everywhere. Without a doubt, today it is in to be chaotic, mean spirited, gutless & cruel so that people can show off their wonderfully adept

social skills to others. And the people who complain about humankind are these types of great individuals.

As a result, misery and depression has become Canada's most crippling disorder and no one cares. The last couple of years, I've noticed a decline in civilization. There have been too many people I have met, who have treated me and many others I know with an absolutely abhorrid unacceptable manner of behavior. These Mr. Know-It-All, condescending, nose stuck way up on Mt. Kilimanjaro treatment of each other, must end. Yes, times are tough right now for everyone including for my family and I. But hey, I'm feeling okay about my life. I've got upcoming interviews for my prospective career, and it wasn't because of affirmative action programs or relatives, and the 49ers finally

beat the world champion Cowboys.

Therefore, are you miserable, rude and politically correct? If so, then go away and sulk on your own until you're ready to be remotely nice to someone. Healing never begins until those involved admit they not only have a problem, but that they ARE the problem. Therefore, I have a few simple rules you should follow, that is, if you actually want to be respectful towards your fellow human beings:

1) Get over yourself, you're not that interesting. 2) Throw away your anti-depressants. 3) Change jobs 4) Move 5) Buy new clothes 6) Get a haircut 7) Forgive your parents 8) Get a dog 9) Quit reading horoscopes and Ann Landers. 10) Get on that 9 p.m. flight to Tibet seats are still available.

**Edmund Wong** 

The final stretch is on! With only a couple of games left in the regular schedule, the Concordia Thunder are trying for the best finish possible, given their disappointing season. Last Friday they squared off against the Augustana Vikings, and ended up losing 4-3 in overtime to the league's whipping boys. While it was nice from one perspective to see Agustana win its first games of the season, it was nonetheless disappointing that it was the Thunder that were the victims. Perhaps it wasn't the fact that they lost to Augustana, but the way they lost, twice giving up a two goal lead to let Augustana back in the game, and then giving up a cheesy goal lat in the third period to tie it up, and then the lack of anyone in front of goalie Brad Guzda to pick up the rebound to an Augustana player who whipped it past the sprawled goaltender. But Monday was a totally different story. Perhaps with a little sting of embarrassment riding in the back of their minds, the Thunder came back to the AgriCom

#### **SPORTS**

last Monday with vengeance in their blood. But by no means was the game a blow-out. Before a surprisingly lively crowd, the Thunder quickly went up two goals in the first, only to have that lead eroded. But the Thunder remained resilient, and tough. The Thunder's Trevor Pasika showed that he would take no more pushing around as he went toe-to-toe with the Viking's Mike Olsen. While Trevor didn't get the decision in the tilt, he held his own admirably, considering he had a broken hand going into the fight. With the score tied at four a piece, the Thunder kept cool and collected, which paid off when Augustana took a late penalty which resulted in the winning Concordia goal by forward Kyuin Shim. Sensational left-winger Mirsad Mujcin popped in the emptynetter to put the game away for good. But the story on defence, as usual, was the goaltender Brad Guzda's superb

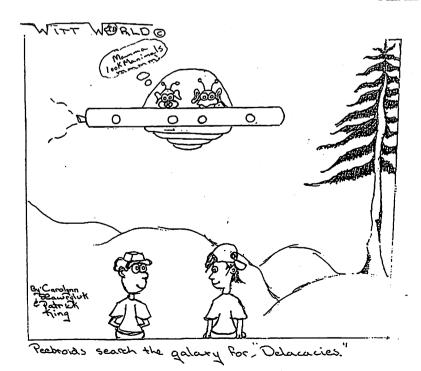
performance. Guzda, playing with a broken finger, faced over 60 shots while surrendering just four goals. To sum up the winning factors for the Thunder, coach Jim Maclean noted that they converted on more of their chances, something that was absent last Friday, and their resilience. The Thunder's next home games are the 23rd and 25th of February, so if your in town for reading week, get out to the AgriCom and make some noise for YOUR CONCORDIA COLLEGE THUNDER!!

Mark Peebles Hockey Correspondent

#### Thunder Hockey Home Games

Thusday, Feb.23
Red Deer College at
Concordia
7:15pm at the Agricom

Saturday, Feb.25
Augustania at
Concordia
7:15pm at the Agricom





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