

The world would be
a better place
if we could all learn
to
Love our Neighbor

Welcome To ...



Concordia opens its doors

President's Message

by President R. Kraemer

Welcome to Concordia! You have become a part of an academic community that appreciates the importance of learning. In the coming year I am sure that you will be challenged to do the very best in all of your courses. During the recent years we have witnessed a veritable information explosion in almost every area of human knowledge, and we continue to be stimulated by the opportunities that exist in the classroom to share new insights and to integrate all that we learn so that it can become a part of our lives. At the same time we appreciate the opportunities we have to get to know each other. I have been at

Concordia for almost twenty years, and I continue to appreciate a warmth about this place. It is not unusual to hear the words, "may I help you?" as you enter an office or when you appear to be perplexed. I invite you also to catch the spirit of Concordia. As you take in the friendly atmosphere, we invite you also to become a part of it. Make the most of every opportunity you may have to participate in activities and events that are meaningful to you. Enjoy the time that you are with us. You who are returning students, I am sure, will understand what I am talking about. With this article I would also like to welcome you back. The year

ahead will be a special one for all of us; for on October 31, Concordia will be seventy-five years old. We have planned a number of special anniversary events that will take place at that time and throughout the year. Take time during the year to appreciate the rich heritage that is ours at Concordia university collage of Alberta. Ours is a University that is grounded on a faith that has been made real to us in Jesus Christ. In Him is the secret of all our caring. Welcome again, and may you have a very good year!

To

All the Students of Concordia University College

by Tony Wong, President, CSA

Allow me to quickly get past the obligatory welcome message and get down to the nitty gritty. As the new blood around here, you can contribute unique and new ideas to Concordia, and you as an individual can make a difference to the school. However, most of us have the attitude of "Why bother? Someone else is going to do it even if I don't." Perhaps this is true, but sitting on the sidelines is not as much fun as being a player in the game, either. As a member of society, many of us must realize that in order for us to even have a community, a certain degree of altruism is expected from all of us. There are many ways to give, from charitable donations to volunteering, in your community, workplace, or school. It is interesting to note that the moment you start to get involved is the moment you truly start living. There is a certain satisfaction in getting the job done right, or being the person who helps out when a hand is needed. Feel free to get out and join clubs such as the Mature Student's Association (MSA), or the Blue & White, Students in Action For the Environment (SAFE), Thunder Hockey or the Business Students Association - get

out there and make your mark! Determination and enthusiasm can easily overcome inexperience. In fact, many of us here today sat exactly in your spot one short year ago. Just one caveat... You will find that the rewards do not just come from pay or direct physical rewards. In fact, much of the work you will do can be tedious and strictly on a volunteer basis (meaning little or no pay), and much of the blood, sweat and tears will go unrecognized by no one but those who are in the same boat as you. So where's the big reward? Well, perhaps there isn't any big reward, or the big reward comes from other people benefiting by what you've done. I guess the motivations for why people get involved are as many and varied as the individuals themselves, but you only know how much you enjoy it by trying. Of course, as president of Student Council, my door is always open, unless I'm not there, in which case someone else's door should be open, for any concerns or questions you might have.

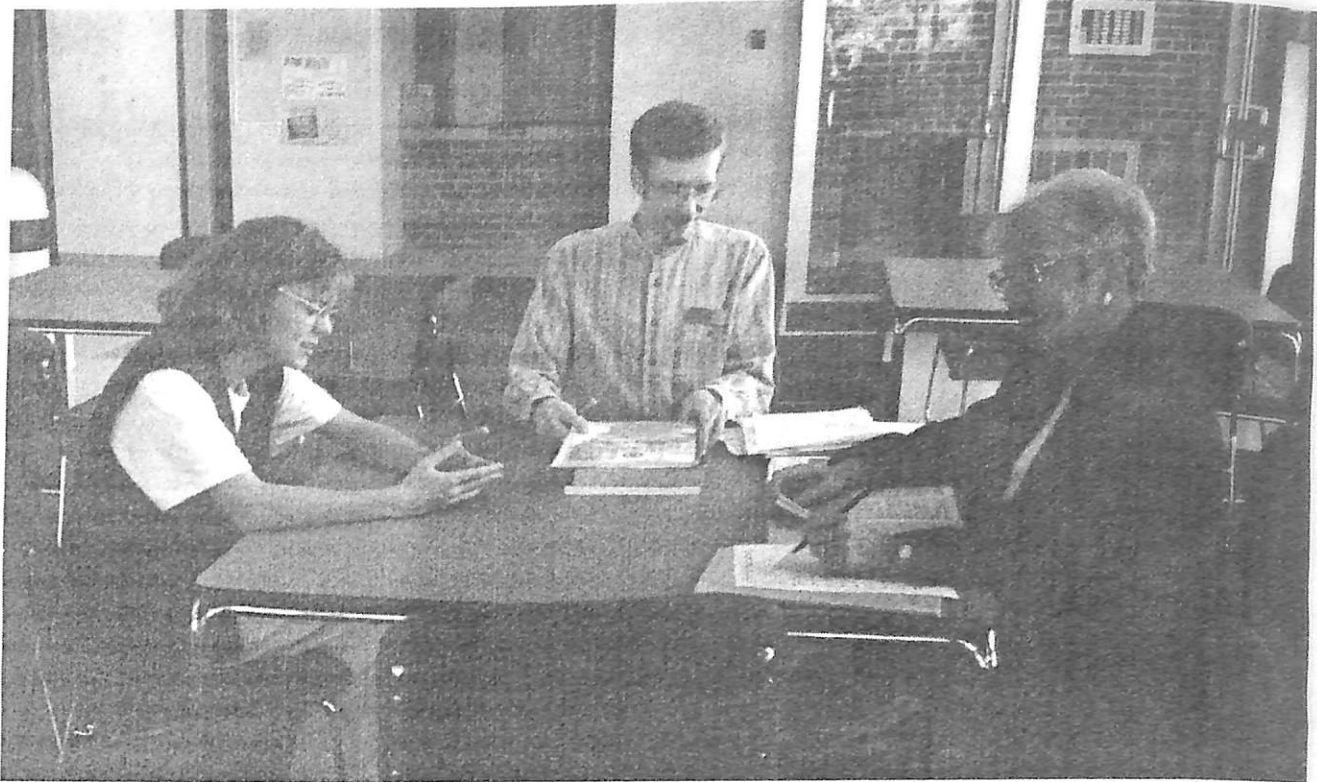


It won't be quiet for long

Tadpole's Tales

by Peter Dry, Editor-in-chief

Let me begin by saying it is unfortunate to see you here at Concordia, because if you are here you are not out there enjoying the fresh air, the hot sunny days and sleeping in. As Editor-in-Chief of the *Blue and White*, many articles have crossed in front of my eyes, all of them containing the same words and phrases, "welcome", "good luck" and "enjoy the year". The truth is that now that you are a student of Concordia you will not have the opportunity to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine without taking a book, or be able to go for a night out without feeling guilty for neglecting your studies. This summer I was in England and I met a lady of great stature, intelligence and great age. Her saying throughout her life was that all of the things you do in this life are experiences. Some of these experiences are good and to be repeated numerous times, but others are to be learned from and never to be done again. But, whatever the experience, there is a choice to be made initially to do one thing over another. So remember that you are here because you want to get an education, and you have picked Concordia over the other institutions because you want the experience here. Unfortunately, as our experience here begins, the woman I spoke of earlier, my Grandmother Lillian Phyllis Dry, had her experiences on this earth end on June 14/1996 at the age of 104 years. Her secret to life was that she kept herself involved. I can assure you that at Concordia you can keep more than involved with all the activities on campus. Again enjoy the sun while you can (if there is any).



The Registration team takes a much needed rest

The ESA needs you

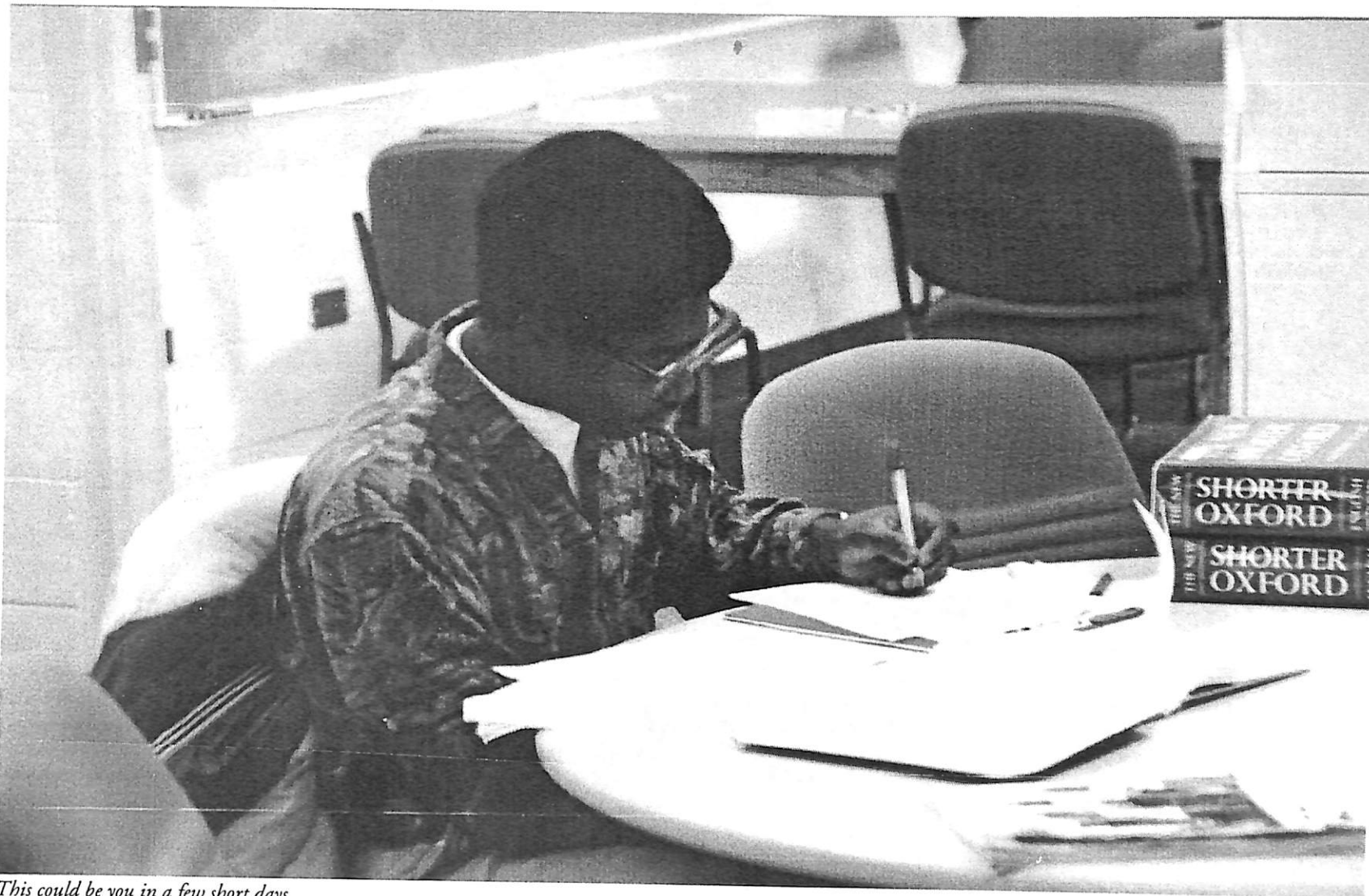
The Education Students Association is a student run local of The Alberta Teachers' Association. The purpose of the E.S.A. is to promote the professional development of the education students here at Concordia. The E.S.A. needs executives for the 1996/97 university year. If you are interested in serving in this capacity Please contact Dr. Bernie Potvin, office (G315) or phone 479-9277. The positions available are:

- Vice President Internal
- Vice President External
- Vice President Social Activities
- Vice President Office Management

V.P.'S MESSAGE

by Jason Gariepy

It is a pleasure to roll out the red carpet and welcome all the new and returning students to Concordia. This year my foremost priority, as vice-president is to ensure that each student has a fulfilling and rewarding experience on our campus. Our student council has already begun to organize and promote exciting, entertaining, and enthusiastic events tailored to your needs. Since I represent you, one of my personal goals is to speak to as many students as possible. The quality of life on campus is directly proportional to your input. I cannot stress enough that my mind, ears, and office door are always open to your suggestions and feedback. I would like to conclude with a short quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil." I am confident that the Students Association will respect your needs and enforce your rights as students. If there are any questions or concerns about the quality of the events or environment of the school, see me, I am here for you.



This could be you in a few short days

Athletes, Sports Fans and Civilians.....

by Sarah Holland

Welcome to yet another year of "higher education". Since you are new students to Concordia, I'm sure you are just 'itching' to start classes. As September 4th (or D-Day as I like to call it) rapidly approaches, we look with hope towards a new year in sports. Now to begin.

I'm Sarah, the sports Editor for the *Blue and White*. Since I'm a returning student and I played volleyball for Concordia, I know a bit about the sports scene. The Thunder teams include: Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Golf, X-C running, Badminton and Swimming. All are female/male except hockey (is that too obvious?) The athletic big guys are Bernie Masterson and Jim Maclean. They both can be found in the P.E. trailer, just follow the smell of hockey equipment. If anyone is interested in participating, please attend the tryouts in September, everyone is welcome. Playing is fun, *Stress-relieving* and good exercise. If playing is not your thing, then how about being a fan? Athletic supporters are very important. (insert your own supportive pun here) Fans are a great motivational device for athletes, they are also greatly appreciated. It does not take much time to attend a game, and it's fun and easy to watch (which is good after a day of sleeping through lectures and socializing through spares). Seriously though, please try and support the Thunder teams. If you have any comments questions, or

complaints please come by the *Blue and White* office and one of our friendly knowledgeable staff will help you (and thank you for shopping at Safeway) Good luck to everybody and I hope to see you at some of the games this year.

Empty chairs

by Peter Dry

Here we are at the start of a new school year. This means that there are numerous empty positions in organizations thought the campus. The *Blue and White* is not an exemption to this rule of staff loss. The *Blue and White* needs certain positions filled so that we can produce a fun informative paper. We need general contributors, Photographers, cartoonists, members of the reality team and an entertainment editor. Working on the paper is a fun experience and it looks good on a resume. So if you have a creative touch, like talking to people and would love to have an intravenous drip of caffeine, then you are a perfect candidate for one of the positions I have mentioned. After all we are all here on this planet to try different things so give this a try.

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LIBRARY OR CYBERARY?

by Lynette Toews-Neufeldt

For many people the word *library* conjures up the image of a building full of dusty old books where not much happens. First-year college students are often surprised to discover that Concordia's library doesn't fit this stereotype. Instead of a room with a card catalogue and stacks of aging books used only by diehard academics, they find a place bustling with students checking the online catalogue, searching the CD-ROM indexes, and viewing magazine and encyclopedia articles that have been brought up onto a computer screen with the touch of a key. With so much media hype about the wonders of computer technology and the wealth of information available in cyberspace, you might start to think that the *cyberary* has replaced the library. While it's true that computer technology has resulted in an information revolution, paper information sources still have a lot to offer, and can be more authoritative than the sometimes questionable information posted on unregulated computerized information sources like the Internet's World Wide Web. Consequently, Concordia's library staff haven't tossed out all the books and paper magazines just yet. Instead, they've taken a more balanced approach to integrating the old and the new by using computer technology to improve students' access to the information in books and magazines and to supplement rather than replace the existing storehouse of information in print. Computers have had a major impact on the way post-secondary students do research. Technology has greatly increased students' information options, but it has also complicated the research process. Any psychology student who does a search on the *PsycINFO* database for journal articles on a broad topic like schizophrenia, for example, soon discovers that high tech research tools can give them more information than they want or need. This is where the development of good searching skills and critical evaluation skills becomes crucial to academic success. Students need to be prepared to spend more time refining their searches and evaluating the information they find. Developing these skills takes time and effort, and often requires assistance from the librarians who staff the Reference Desk. If you keep the following tips in mind you'll be well on your way to academic success:

Start your assignments well before they're due, and remember to budget time to analyze information, not just gather it.

Clarify any questions you have about an assignment with your professor *before* you begin your research so you don't waste time gathering irrelevant information.



Lynette is ready to help

A WORD FROM THE DEAN!

by Wayne Stuhlmiller, Dean of Student Affairs

Welcome—or, welcome to Concordia! It is good to have you as part of the Concordia community. We are looking forward to an exciting year on campus—new course options, new majors and new minors, a new after-degree program in Education, and the anticipated construction of a new athletic complex and facilities for the high school. Concordia's commitment to excellence in education is, first of all, a commitment to you, our students. However, the best programs and the finest facilities are only worthwhile if they translate into student satisfaction and success. Concordia promises to do its best for you. As students, you expect the best. Expect an education—a real education! Expect more than grades and credits; expect to grow, to stretch, to work through and struggle with new ideas and expanding horizons, new perspectives, new perceptions. If this year is to be an educational success, you will look back on this as a year of growing rather than simply a year of accumulating credits of completing a degree. So, here goes! It will be an exciting year. Hang on! A few suggestions: Work hard! Get to know your profs! Transform information into working ideas! Be open to different ideas and opinions—discuss them! And if the going gets tough, talk to someone—your prof, a counsellor, Dr. Hammermaster, our counselling psychologist, or myself. We are here for you and to help you make this year the best ever.

What An Experience

by Dallas Harris

It may seem like you've heard this a million times by now, but welcome to Concordia! If this is your first year you may not know what to expect; don't worry, there's always someone here to help you out. And if your coming back you already know what's in store for you. However, if this is your first year, then read on. You are in for the experience of a lifetime, because of the unique atmosphere on campus. It's obvious that this campus is small, but that's only in a physical sense. The emotional and spiritual aspects, however, are much much larger. There's lots of things to do and learn here, as well as many different people to meet. You will learn knowledge and skills to carry you into your careers, and the friendships made here may last you for the rest of your lives. What you are in for this year is a great experience, and what an experience it will be!

A Christian University?

by Warren Steckelberg, Campus Chaplain

Many students first coming to Concordia are unsure what it will mean that Concordia is a Lutheran, and, therefore, Christian school. To some that can seem like a scary proposition. To others it can seem like a refuge. After being here for a semester or two nearly all agree that what is noticed on a day to day basis is an openness and acceptance of one another. What we want to see happen is students of all backgrounds finding here an educational community in which each student is personally cared about. Students coming with a committed Christian faith should find many opportunities to exercise and share their faith. Those coming with

other beliefs should find Concordia to be a place where understanding of other faiths is fostered. Every one of us may well wish all others would share our most vital and profound beliefs. Yet, along the way we all need to be good neighbours to each other. That can be a scary experience when it begins to challenge some of our own assumptions and beliefs. But it is also a most rewarding and enriching experience, as our understanding of God's world and its people is broadened and deepened. At Concordia University College, we really do try to be all things to all people. An impossible task? Maybe. But we do also truly believe that with God all things are possible; and it sure is fun to try.

Food for Thought..

As your education begins let me warn you of the stomach monster. Often this stomach monster will drive you to the basement of the Highlands campus where you will meet the challenges of a mean sub, a zesty pasta sauce or a huge short order. In the corners there lurk hot entree choices and soup. And don't be fooled by the salad bar that innocently stands in the center. Look around many things are still peering at you. To conquer the monster you must digest a challenge but do not worry, as a strong minded student you have 150 days (approx.) to conquer your monster! Don't waste time
Bonjour from the Cafeteria Staff



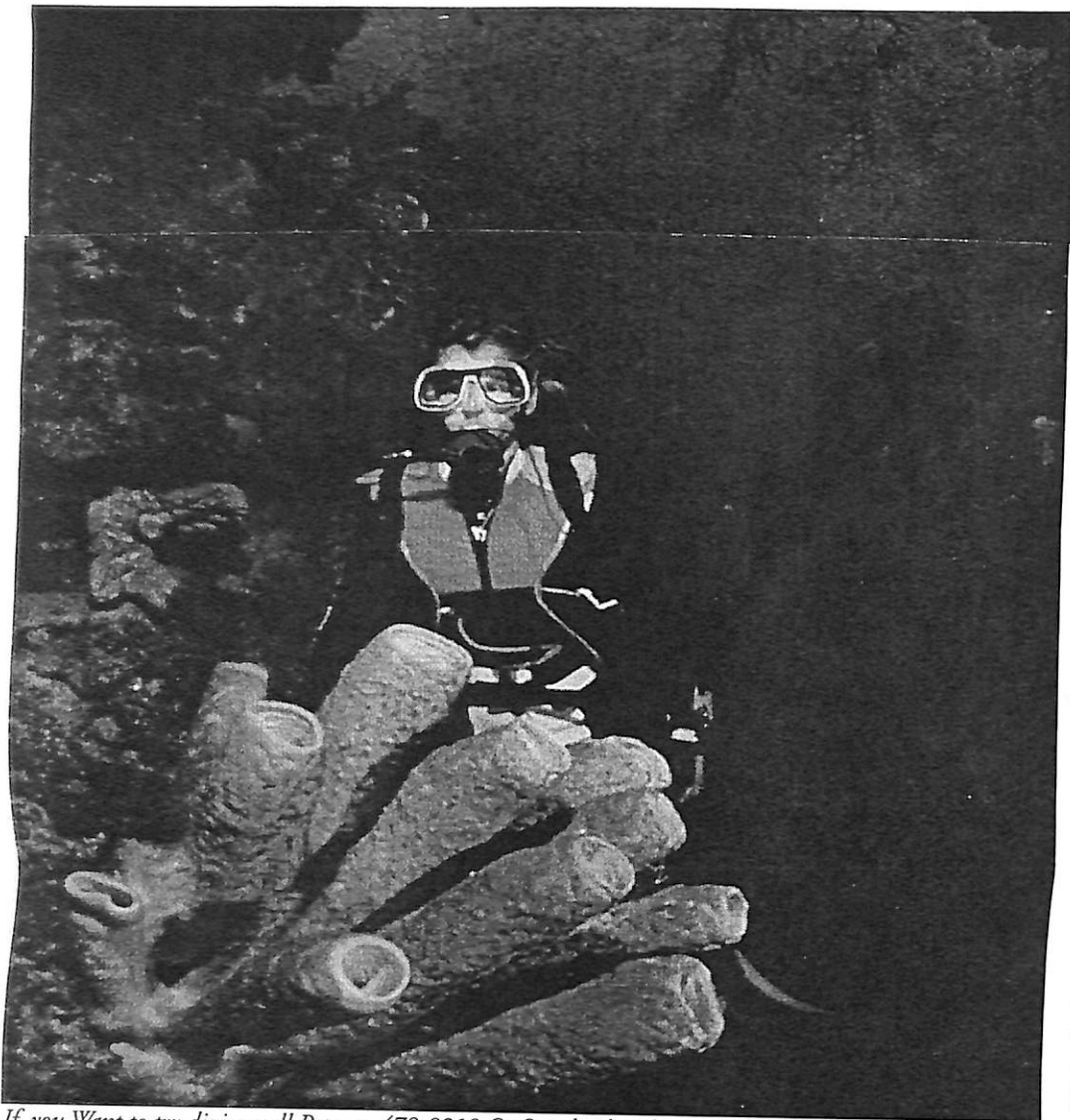
Roasters- Check us out, upstairs in Tegler we are not chicken

The Olympics

by Charles Weaver

Personally, I thought that the best coverage of the Olympics was not so much the events, but rather CBC's use of Peter Jordan. His reporting of the action around the Olympic village, in the streets, and all around Atlanta and Georgia was hilarious and a relief from the pro-American coverage and their exultation over their athletes, we had to bear. The Americans remained true to form by turning the Olympic ideals into a money-making enterprise. The U.S., in preparation for the games, spent enormous amounts of money to relocate vagabonds, druggies, and the homeless to other parts of the States to clean up its image. This paved the way for the money-making moguls to move in and set up their own pavilions for the sole purpose of profit. The Games certainly provided the means to pad their pockets just that little bit more. When coverage of the competitions in the Olympics is secondary to the dollar report, you have to wonder what the IOC was thinking when it awarded the games to the city of Atlanta. It amazes this writer that organizers of the Olympics had their heads up their —! when awarding the games to Atlanta, knowing that the States are profit-oriented and that the allure of the almighty dollar is what inspires, not the spirit brought by the athletes who compete. In the future, perhaps the IOC will take the necessary steps to ensure that the number one priority is to ensure that hosts of the Games are committed to the true spirit of what the Olympics stand for, athletic competition.

Peter Jordan, wherever you are, thank you for the relief, thank you for your wit, and most importantly, thank you for bringing us those moments that relegated U.S. coverage out of the medals. Hey Peter, how appropriate that your K-car convertible was compacted, trashed and laid to rest in an Atlanta junkyard, symbolic of the American coverage of the Olympics.



If you Want to try diving call Peter at 479-9219 Or Stop by the Blue and White office.

Sloth

by Kathleen Edwards

At this moment, one of the seven deadly sins is tearing the very fibre of our society into shreds. And it is happening in our own living rooms, family rooms and bedrooms. The deadly sin I am referring to is sloth. It is an escalating social time-bomb which can be recognized by the following classic symptoms: running home to catch that "once only" episode, not accepting phone calls during the favourite show, never going out on a particular night because of your special show, and finally, always being able to come up with amazingly witty excuses for the aforementioned excuses. Friends fans, ER followers, Baywatch advocates and Seinfeld enthusiasts should all take precautions to prevent or cure themselves from this idle sin! Watching television does not increase your intelligence - it is a mindless activity (it should not even be called an activity). It only perpetuates your own demise, as you experience life vicariously through various personas. But, alas, a painless remedy is right at your very finger tips (that is, if you can free them from the remote control for a few minutes). The prescription: getting out and away from the hypnotic television screen and experiencing your own reality - not someone else's. Following this advice, individuals can experience real life by visiting Whyte Avenue and studying the Bohemians, by people watching at parties (if you ever get invited to one), and with any luck, you could meet someone as "stimulating" as ER's Dr. Green, or as beautiful as Antonio Banderas!!! Much to my friends' chagrin, I refuse to sinfully waste time watching television. I prefer to socialize on Whyte Ave. or see a movie - even if it means that we spend a little more money. If we do not take action against this idleness, as Seinfeld says, we will soon see people being fed intravenously as they sit in front of the t.v. set, endlessly.

Dreamland

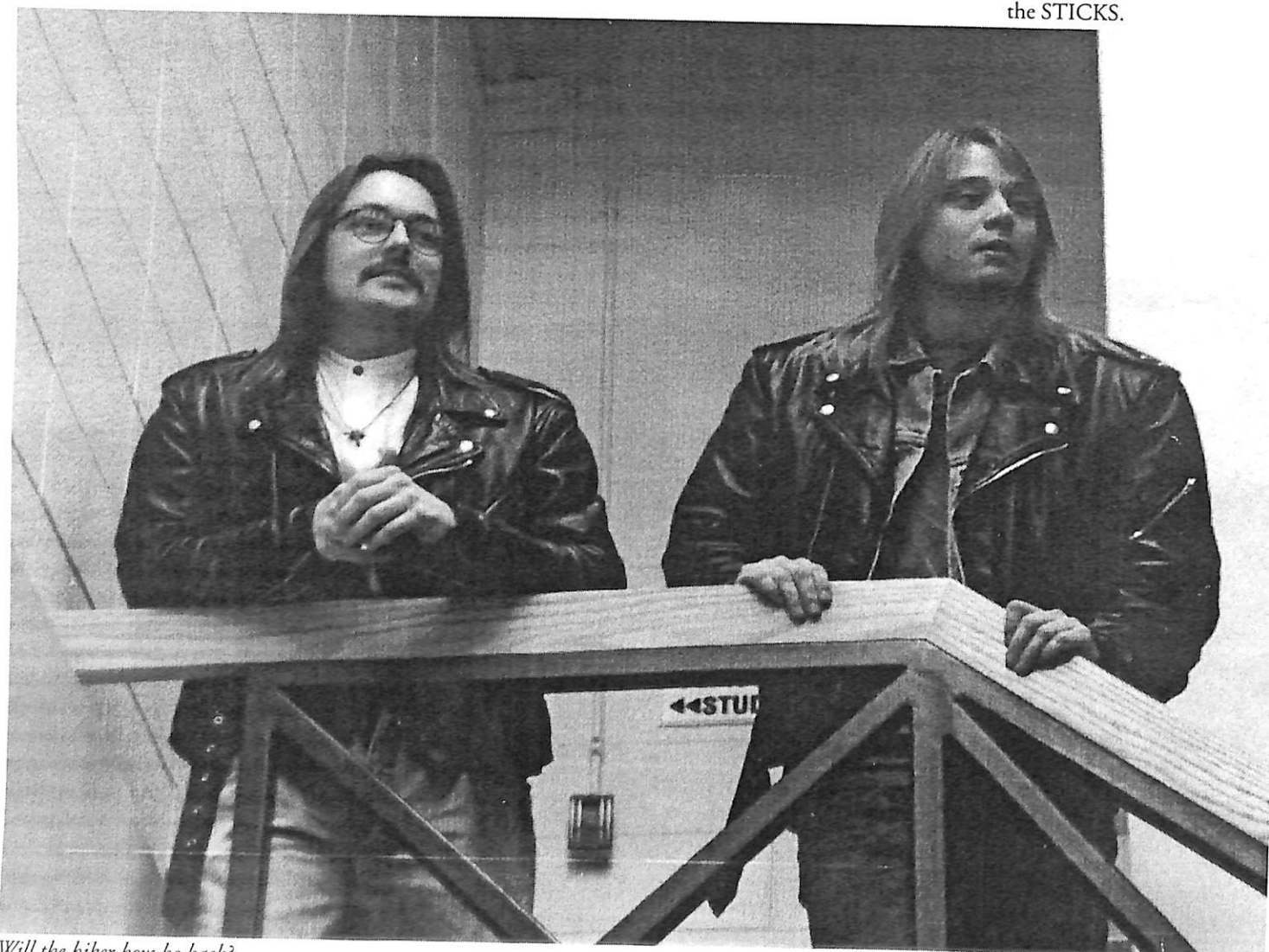
by Mark Cross

Empty-headed gone to slumber
 living breathing human lumber
 sleep has come and echoes through
 gone to someplace somewhere new
 enter realms as old as time
 speak in verse speak in rhyme
 nothing matters to anyone here
 try to stay away from fear
 subject to no type of reason
 blending into any season
 colors fade into one
 voices beckon you to come
 nothing found nothing lost
 there is no price there is no cost
 music played with random thought
 trapped in chaos you are caught
 morning comes to chase away
 fading dreams into the day

FOR RENT...FOR RENT...

Are you looking for accommodation for the school year? There is a HOUSING REGESITRY BULLETIN BOARD on the north wall as you enter the cafeteria. Also, a list of accommodation available in the area surrounding Concordia is available at STUDENT SERVICES, OFFICE 212. The list includes basment suites, apartments, houses, as well as room and board situations.

FOR RENT...FOR RENT...



Will the biker boys be back?

Line By Line

TONY,
 REMBER LAST YEAR'S MISSION.
 WELL NOW YOU ARE IN A POSITION
 TO EXTEND THE MISSION, GOOD LUCK!
 GREEN HORNET.

Sunny
 THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD FREIND, WHEN I
 NEEDED ONE THE MOST.
 LOOKING FOR MRS RIGHT

Lobster
 I BROUGHT SOME SPECIAL HOT CHOCLATE BACK
 FROM MY TRIP. YOU HAVE TO TRY IT AND: GET
 SOME SLEEP.

E-MAIL MAN
 To the Bug collector
 THANKS FOR THE UNIQUE MESSAGE IN THE
 SUGESTION BOX.

STRESSED
 Sahrah
 DO ALL THE COUCH CUSHIONS REALY HAVE TO
 BE THE SAME WAY AROUND
 THE MOVING MEN

Ruben
 YOU HAVE DONE ALL YOU CAN HERE NOW IT IS
 TIME TO MOVE ON. WE WILL MISS YOU. GOOD-
 LUCK, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY PREZ.
 YOUR MECHANIC

IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE YOU WISH TO SEND TO
 SOMEONE, PLEASE DROP IT IN THE BLUE BOX
 OUTSIDE THE BLUE AND WHITE OFFICE AND
 KEEP IT TO 3 LINES

Where am I?

by Sunita Sabhaney

Wouldn't you like to know. I am not at the Highlands campus and nor at the Breamar campus. They have stuck me out in the STICKS! Goldbar campus as they are calling it; is located at 10537-44St. A ten minute drive by car, forever by the bus. What's there???? Well the Environmental Health After Degree is there, and so am I. Keep looking for me and my articles on the STICKS.