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An Apology

I am deeply sorry for the oversight that was made by the CSA on orientation day. The tapes that we received from BMG Canada to give to the new students were happily received but we jumped the gun in rushing to get them to the students without first checking the cover graphics. We hope that the tapes were enjoyed otherwise and we are taking steps to ensure that future events that might contradict the mission of Concordia and the Students' Association goals within the Christian context will not be breached.

David Brooks
President, Concordia Students' Association

A Thank You from the Vice President



Many of you have approached me in the past seven days with your thoughts on the paper. I am grateful for all of your remarks. They have all been positive and this has the Blue and White Editors and myself beaming. Thank you for taking the time to contact us. I hope that you continue to do the same in the future. This portion of the paper is one of the tools I will be using to communicate with you for the next eight months.

If you have article ideas, please contact me or one of the editors. I encourage you all to take an active role this year in your student publication. The Line by Line box is located outside the CSA office, and is always accepting of your comments.

The first Friday of classes was a great day for the Editors and myself. We experienced the best turnout of potential writers in the past three years. Thanks to all who took part. I encourage those of you who are still considering writing for the paper to come to the next writers' meeting, or to stop by the offices to introduce yourself.

My door is always open as long as I am in.

-Sarah Hoffman



Cognitive Bias

By James Gordon

Since this is my first entry for this new column I thought I'd keep this one short. I hope to delve into topics such as the wonderful \$300.00 all of us tax payers over 16 are going to receive, scholarship monies and where they are going, the costs of text books, beer, ice cream and pretty much anything that pops into my head. If you have something you want me to comment on, contact me through The Blue and White and I'll see what I can do.

I would like to make this brief comment though. Last week, after my second day of classes I got home, tired and slightly grouchy. My answering machine had a message on it that my cat had been injured and was at the S.P.C.A. Being an animal lover owning cats, dogs, and fish, I raced to help my cat. Once I got there they told me they thought a car had hit him, he had bitten through his tongue and had dried scabs over his body. It cost me \$20.00 to get him out of the S.P.C.A. Then I raced him to my veterinary clinic and they told me that they couldn't 'squeeze me in today'. Heart broken and fairly annoyed I went to another vet who checked out my cat immediately. The news was bad. He had popped out his hip and most likely had internal bleeding. I knew the news was not going to be good but it stung nonetheless. The vet told me the operation required, medication and so on would be about \$800.00. Being a full time student (as you all understand) I have little to no spending money. So sadly, and it stills bothers me, I put my one and a half year old black longhaired kitten to sleep. It cost me \$40.00 for the vet to tell me I couldn't afford to save my cat, and another \$35.00 to actually do the act of ending his suffering.

My first submission is not a happy one. But it brings to light the unfairness of what occurred. If I had chunks of money to spend and \$800.00 wouldn't put a hole in my cash pile, I would have saved Bear (the cat) immediately. But, those of us who have not been blessed with bucks have to make sacrifices that really hurt sometimes. So if you are having a bad day today, just look back at my second day of school. Good luck in your studies, and God Bless.

CSA Elections

The following profiles of candidates for the Concordia Students' Association were submitted by September 13, the most recent Blue & White deadline. Please see the postings in Teglar closer to Election Day for additional candidate information.

Michelle Topolinsky, Education Rep

I believe my experiences this summer have helped me to become a strong leader. This summer I worked as the Education Students' Association President booking workshops as well as other internal and external activities. I also worked as the appointed Education Rep for the CSA. I believe that these two experiences have made my abilities strong. I know the responsibilities for the Education Rep position and I believe that this will make me a strong leader.

Sarah Kube, Science Rep

I am a chemistry major currently in the third year of a four-year degree (with minors in mathematics and biology). I maintained an honors GPA for the past two years while enrolled in a full course load. I also participated in many activities sponsored by the school; these include Christians In Action, chapel, supporting the various athletic teams, and attending the school-sponsored ski trip. I also represented the students of Concordia at several functions over the past two years, such as the highschool counselors' brunch, New Student Orientation, and the Exploratorium for prospective new students.

My years working as a martial arts instructor and as a math tutor have given me experience in leadership positions and my summers working as a camp counselor have enhanced and developed my teamwork skills and interpersonal abilities. I have good organizational skills despite the mess in my locker and a good sense of humor combined with a lot of patience from my two years living in residence. And believe me, anyone who has lived in residence for any length of time should be able to handle anything that comes their way.

Anjoli Mitchell, Graduating Class Director

I have had the opportunity to work as the Grad Director by summer appointment. This summer, I attended the Alberta Gift Show and have many great ideas for centerpieces and decorations. As well as having many great ideas for fundraisers, I already have one officially planned. *(The fundraiser will be an ITV Sportsnite, at Boston Pizza Capilano on Thursday September 28.)*

I also have valuable CSA experience as I was on the council for one semester last year. I learned about budgeting, planning events, and the inner workings of the council. Last year I also assisted the Grad Director with decorations, the setup of centerpieces, and ushering.

All of these experience qualify me for the position and I am more than confident that this year's graduation will be a great success.

ESA CORNER

By Jayne Florence

Isn't the first week of school always interesting? New people, new places and new pencils! So...many questions that can only be answered with time as the week evolves. Who will be my new professors? What will they expect from me? What new friends will I meet? Grrr...how much will my books cost me? The fears and the frustrations are limitless but yet some how exciting!

This year the ESA would like to commend Concordia for the awesome job they did with orientation this year and how effective it was with welcoming and reassuring the new students! Firstly we would like to state that the administration and staff were well prepared and organized to deal with any problems that seemed to arise with in the student body, they were friendly and offered all the help they could to individual students! Secondly, the CSA did a fantastic job at bringing enthusiasm to the day, David Brooks and Sarah Hoffman gave eloquent speeches, the "picnic" lunch was delicious and the skit was hilarious, especially the bookstore line up that couldn't have been timed better. Way to go everyone on bringing a new school pride to Concordia! It's going to be an awesome year and we are proud to be a part of it!

Well, ED Minors...the ATA cards have finally arrived and we will be delivering them to your classes by the end of the month!! However, feel free to come by and see us to get yours individually. We are located in Trailer Four and our office hours are open from 9-2. We will try and answer any questions that you may have!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 20 STUDY BUDDY SIGN UP DAY IN TEGLAR!

CSA REP SPEECHES IN TEGLAR!

SEPTEMBER 21-22 ELECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 27 STUDY BUDDY ORIENTATION DAY

SEPTEMBER 28 PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (10:40 - 11:10)

ALL WELCOME!

We are so excited to let you know that Michelle Topolnisky, our ESA President is running for EDUCATION REP. She has been working with the CSA all summer and is very dedicated to working with the team and representing all the Education students as best as she can! Way to go, Michelle...we are behind you 100%! So, remember to vote on Election Day, September 21-22!

Have a great year and don't forget, we the ESA, are here for you, always!

President's Corner

By Dave Brooks

It has been brought to my attention that many of the students are having difficulty with parking. It seems that many have received tickets and some have been towed. I decided that with a little research that I could come to a solution that the students would want. I was wrong; I do not have a solution that you want to hear but rather a solution that makes sense.

The school has grown from 1100 students last year to around 1400 this year that means more vehicles. The school was aware that growth in student numbers would mean additional parking was needed and have since worked out an arrangement with Bellevue Community League to use their parking lot at the same \$2.00 price tag we use in our own parking lot. This parking lot holds 156 cars. Up to now there have been roughly fifty cars parked in this lot. This means that legal parking was available when you were illegally parked on the streets. I am not anti-student but the City has decided that the parking regulations on the street are correct and that is unfortunate for us. If you insist on trying your luck and parking on the street, try east of the school over the bridge rather than west of the school as parking has less restrictions than the West. I don't like hearing about students getting ticketed and towed and I want to work with you to accommodate student needs but until we fill both the parking lots at the school and Bellevue we have very little negotiating power with the city.

P.S. I know \$2.00 a day is tough on all of us but considering the U of A, NAIT and Grant MacEwan are all over \$5.00 a day, we don't have it so bad.

From the Office of the PSA

Greetings new and returning Concordia students! As you may or may not know, Concordia has an association for students enrolled in psychology, either as a minor or major. The name is the Concordia Psychology Students' Association (PSA). The purpose of the PSA is to advocate for psychology students by providing guidance, information, and activities that will enhance the student's experience while attending Concordia. This year we hope to introduce a tutoring/study buddy program whereby senior students will provide first and second year students with help in their psychology courses. Of course, the service is open to senior students as well. To that end, we require volunteers who are interested in providing this type of service. What's more, we are planning on acquiring information on job opportunities available to students with a degree in psychology. Or if graduate school is your goal, we can provide you with information about different graduate schools, the dreaded GRE, and what it takes to get into the school of your choice (results are not guaranteed!). We also hope to host open discussions on psychological topics. Of course, the success of such activities depends on you, the student. So come visit us in the PSA office (in T-1). A membership can be purchased there for three dollars, and we would also like to hear what it is that you, the psychology student, want from your school. Best wishes for a successful school year.

-Greg Gorda, PSA President.

Your Horoscope



Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Do not purchase drinks from a vending machine this week. You will be sure to lose your money. Avoid the colour red. Lucky numbers are 2 and 3.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

You may win the lottery (if you choose the correct numbers). Use the money to purchase a publishing company and publish textbooks for Concordia students. Also buy a bank where you can store your exceedingly ridiculous profits.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Avoid showing off your dance moves in Tegler. The cards reveal a strange incident involving a bag of tortilla chips, a first year student and a crow bar.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Keep on top of your reading. A pop quiz will knock you off guard, but will help your grade point average. Avoid eating fruit in the cafeteria.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 20)

Take a leap, but don't forget to look both ways. Your parents may give you a surprise this month. Accept it graciously. Stop and smell the flowers, but beware of wasps.

Aquarius (January 21 - February 18)

You will meet someone new this month. Be nice to the people who work in admissions. They hold the key to your success. Buy a key chain.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

The answer to your life may be found in a psychology textbook. Try to buy a more 'experienced' one. Lucky numbers are 7 and 32.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Start on that essay. You will be too overloaded to finish it on time if you put it off too long. Save your pennies this week. You will need the luck they bring.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You'll run into one of your professors off campus. Impress them with your knowledge. Avoid long empty hallways and chemistry majors.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You will have a dream involving Richard from Survivor. Don't worry, it's just time for the reruns. Study instead of watching.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You may feel you are losing control. You probably are, but stay strong and keep on task. Don't talk to strangers wearing trench coats.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Spice up your social life by joining a school activity. They are cheaper than blowing your hard-earned money at the bars. Wear bright colours and keep your feet warm.



The Fringe in a Few Paragraphs

By Knighten Richman

"You have to see this!" a woman shouted to the crowd. She was holding a big, black-and-white picture of a topless woman wearing a gas mask and black tape over her nipples. In white letters, the sign said, "Cake". "The sexiest show at the fringe!" the woman proclaimed. Most people seemed to be avoiding her, then she spotted us. "C'mon, you guys," she said, "it's only ten dollars and you get to see two beautiful girls making out with each other!" My friends and I became giddy.

"What? Only ten dollars?" we asked, "Where do we go?"

She pointed us to the theater and then we all ran to a bank machine to get money.

Inside the theater we tried to get seats up front, but most of the front row was being occupied by little kids. "Are they old enough to be in here?" I asked, "they're like, ten!"

"I don't think it matters," my friend told me, "it's art."

So we sat down a little off to the side, which was disappointing because there was an orange mattress covered in orange sheets and pillows, center stage. The rest of the set was orange too, in fact, so were all of the actors costumes. Arranged around the stage were television sets which came on once the play started. The images on them were of a girl working out, doing heroin, reading Playboy, and doing laundry. This kind of had something to do with the plot. In between scenes, different David Bowie songs would play, which also had something to do with the plot. As the play went on, I got to see all kinds of things. People doing heroin. People killing or trying to kill themselves. I saw two girls make out and a guy dressed up as a girl make out with another girl. I also saw lots of heroin needles and I'm pretty sure the actors smoked a real joint on stage (fake props don't usually make that smell). By the time it was over, I didn't get the point of the show at all, but it was worth it for the ten dollars. Also, the main actress was someone I will never forget. I'm sure she is destined for greater things. She had the strongest presence on stage.

Anyway, the show ended and the lights came on. We all walked out to David Bowie's singing, "Ground control to major Tom..." and I looked over and saw the row of little kids that were sitting up front. Throughout the play I had seen them sitting there, mouths gaping open, completely silent, except for the occasional nervous laughter. Now, they were in a daze as they walked out of the theater. I'm absolutely sure those kids will never be the same again, no kid would be after watching a grown man in a dress writhe around in a bed right in front of them, kissing his female partner and saying lewd things.

Later, in the beer gardens, I was hit with a rush of "school girl" excitement upon discovering that the star of the play had walked in. She was sitting with the stage hands. I drooled at the thought of getting an autograph from her. When I finally got the courage I approached her table. She looked up at me and so did the rest of the people with her. I tried not to feel nervous.

"I loved the play." I told her, "I was wondering...would you sign this for me?" I offered her my picture of her with the gas-mask and electrical tape that I was given inside the theater.

"Oh my god!" she shouted, smiling, "This is my first time! I'm an autograph virgin!" Then she snatched the picture from my hands and started to sign it, happily, with her orange painted fingernails. "No one's ever asked me for my autograph before!"

"Thank you," I said, "Oh, I was wondering if you would like to come over to our table and have a couple of beers with me and then maybe come back to my place and—"

"Sure!" she said.

Soon enough, one thing led to another and the beautiful actress and I were soon back at my place.... I just happened to have a gas mask and some electrical tape in my closet, so—Just kidding, I made all that last stuff up. I just said 'thank you' and walked away from her table.

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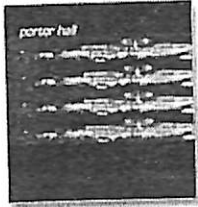
Music Reviews

by Darren Edgar



Porter Hall Ten Month Soundtrack CD Endearing Records/LP twentyfourseven recordings

The Tragically Hip is, by far, the most popular band in Canadian rock today. What most people have yet to realize is that they are also the worst band in the entire history of Canadian rock. Worse than Bachman Turner Overdrive. Worse than Chiliwack. In fact, The Tragically Hip were poised to be known as the worst band in rock and roll history until Blink 182 came on the scene.



Why am I telling you all this? Is it in hope that you will take all vestiges of your allegiance to crap rock like "The Hip" and throw them on the bonfire of bad taste? Partly. I would like it to be known however, that I do not believe in burning records or books or any other material that may be deemed offensive. The only exception being music that is so preposterously bad that it leaves one believing that it is some type of Russian torture technique left over from the Cold War.

Now that I have discussed the very worst that Canadian music has to offer, I believe that it is only fair to complement it with a review of the best band in Canadian rock today.

Porter Hall is comprised of four boys from Calgary who know how to rock. With their guitar-driven hooks and infectious melodies, Porter Hall will have you shaking your booty all around your living room. I have had this album for months and I still listen to it at least twice a day, to and from school.

From the opening chords of "Limo Roulette" to the album highlights "Art School Paper" and "Nothing is Convenient" you will find yourself singing along with the sweetest vocals since N' Sync! Porter Hall is the complete package and they have something to offer every kind of music fan. They know how to play and can rock out with the best of them-perfect for all the muscleheads. They can also look adorable while singing emotionally introspective lyrics (the girls are sure to like that).

I highly recommend you purchase the LP version of this album; not only does it come in limited edition clear yellow vinyl but it was also re-mixed and sounds considerably better than the CD.

Porter Hall is the perfect antidote for the current malaise in rock and roll. They are "right on time". Get this record and you will know what I mean. (Check out their website at www.endearing.com/porterhall/ and order their record from www.twenty-four-seven.net)

By a Thread The Last of the Daydreams CD Landspeed Records

I first saw these guys two years ago in Calgary at the All Rights Reserved "reunion" show. I had not heard anything about them so I was not sure what to expect. They proceeded to rock my socks off for a half-hour of incredibly powerful, and surprisingly melodic, hardcore.

The Last of the Daydreams more than upholds my impression of these guys as a great band to watch out for. With intricate guitar-work, an amazing drummer, and a vocalist who can switch from a seething rage to a tearful whimper at the slightest change in tempo, By a Thread have all the bases covered and are certainly an impressive band to see live. That is why I was so excited to finally get a copy of this album more than a year after I saw them.

With fist-pumping urgency and ear-shattering screams, By a Thread make their point all too clear on The Last of the Daydreams. A handful of "what went wrong" and "I'm in pain" lyrics may lead you to believe that this record is a downer but, quite on the contrary, it is a charging testament to the foibles of humanity. Feeling down in the dumps? Let By a Thread jump down your throat, smack you upside your head, and give you a rock and roll enema. You will feel better in the morning. (Check out their website at byathread.vancouverhardcore.com)



The Milwaukeees Missile Command CD Childlike Records



This album came to me so highly praised that I did not think that it could possibly live up to its acclaim. This is one time that I was pleased to be proven wrong. The Milwaukeees' debut album, Missile Command, is simply one of the best records that I have heard in ages. I have not been so completely blown away by a band since I saw Hot Water Music tear up the RKCNDY in Seattle last October.

With the major creative force in singer/guitarist Dylan Clark, a singular focus is heard throughout the record. That is not to say that it all sounds the same, far from it; the dynamic and tempo ranges are vast, going from raucous to lilting to gentle to frenetic. Plenty of unique chord progressions, off-beat drum fills, and driving bass lines make Missile Command a thoroughly enjoyable listen.

After hearing this album the first few times I was struck by how much Clark's voice reminds me of J. Robbins'; this is why I am not sure if The Milwaukeees really do sound like Burning Airlines or if it is just the resemblance in vocal styles. In any case, the title track and "Drink Soviet Champagne" are a couple of songs that will be firmly planted in any listener's head, just as they have been in mine. And the rocking "Cosmonaut" is reminiscent enough of an All Systems Go song that it has become my personal favourite.

I can tell that this record will be in heavy rotation on my stereo for a long time to come. And I eagerly await the release of their new EP on twentyfourseven recordings. (Check out their website at www.milwaukeees.com)

Fortunately for everyone in Alberta, all three of these bands that I have reviewed will be playing a few shows together at the end of the month. On Friday, September 29: The Milwaukeees from Asbury Park, NJ, By a Thread from Vancouver, Porter Hall from Calgary, Weights and Measures from Toronto, and local band Situation Critical will play an all ages show at Parkallen Hall (1104-65 Ave).

On Saturday, September 30: All these same bands will play an afternoon all ages show in Calgary at the Multicultural Center followed by a bar show at The Night Gallery.

Growing Up In the Face of Change.

Vanessa MacIntyre

September's here and that usually means Fall is also here. I can tell because the sweaters are coming back in fashion, the grass is dying, and the guys are sticking their butts up in the air more often (a pastime a.k.a. football). I think the sports channel mentioned that the hockey season was just around the corner. We get to see the Oilers again, and the hospitals get to see the broken noses, the black eyes, and the cracked heads. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Fall is definitely here. However, before we start with the yearly brain-drain, how about a moment of quiet reflection on the months since April?

Like a good number of you, I went to Spring school. I would have done Summer school but that was taken out of my hands by a sudden change of events that made me take a long, hard, look at my life. About the middle of May, I noticed a drop in my hearing. At first, I thought it was my hearing aid; it wasn't. The problem progressed to the point that I was struggling to hear and understand what was going on around me. On May 20th, I had a hearing test done and woke up to a harsh reality: I still had some hearing left, not a whole lot, but by legal definition, I was deaf. By July, I stopped wearing my hearing aid; I could no longer tell the difference between when I was wearing it and when I wasn't. The silence can get very lonely sometimes. I can't listen to Collin Raye belt out "Anyone But You" or Vince Gill croon "I Still Believe In You" anymore. Trying to get a job wasn't exactly a breeze either. I have very little experience and most jobs these days are customer-related. No one seemed to be willing to take a chance with me even though I was a hard worker.

John Michael Montgomery once sang "Life's a Dance." It's one of my favorites. The chorus goes,

*Life's a dance you learn as you go
Sometimes you lead, sometimes you follow
Don't worry 'bout what you don't know
Life's a dance you learn as you go.*

I realized that with my hearing, I was dancing a certain way. Now, because of the loss, I was going to have to learn how to dance a different way. The same goes for my dream. I had to take a good, hard look at it and I realized that while I adore kids, I would rather have them than try and teach them. Now, I'm going to take some sign language courses being offered twice a night at one of the local public schools. There's three levels and by the time I'm done, I suspect I'll be pretty good at signing. Then I'm going to up-grade my computer skills and become a paralegal secretary. It's what I'm good at and what I like doing. As you change the dance, dreams have a tendency to change as well. That's part of life.

A few of my friends once asked if they could have done anything to help me more than they already had. My answer? No, because what I was going through was something I had to deal with on my own. I had the support of my family, for which I am forever grateful, but there are some things one must do alone. One person in particular, a certain tall girl with brown hair whose favorite story was *The Tale of the Happy Prince*, which we did for our play analysis project, did more than she'll ever realize. At that particular time, I needed a friend, someone close to my own age of nineteen, to give me a poke, a prod, and a shoulder to lean on, and simply be there as a friend. She believed in me when I was having a hell of a time believing in myself. That was more important than anything else she could have done and I thank her from the bottom of my heart. In fact, I thank everyone who tried to help me. Thank you so much. Maybe we'll run into each other again someday.

Concordia Student Representatives Wanted!!

Roll up your sleeves, pitch in, and make a difference! Be a Concordia Student Representative. As a CSR you will meet tons of people, gain public speaking and communication skills, add lots of great experiences to your resume, and have a blast while your at it!

A CSR will present Concordia to prospective students and alumni through a variety of programs. A CSR may lead tours, write letters and cards, host social events, visit schools and be involved in the Student for a Day program.

For more information on how to get involved and make a difference in campus life, contact Crystal or Chris in the Admissions and Financial Aid Office at 479-9220 or visit us in Guild Hall, Room G202.



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Neo-Ranting of a Techno-Hippie

By Taz Dhariwal

As you age and progress through life, time, especially summer, becomes much shorter. It's funny though, when summer was only a mere two months, it felt like time had stopped. September was a time warp away. Nevertheless, now even with the four-month expanse, summer tends to transform from light years to a blink.

This summer was my summer of music. That was the main theme.

May: Mix Master Mike provided a great scratching mid-month snack. It took me a year but I got a second helping of psychotic maneuvers that I only had heard in my head. The sickness he infected the crowd was not to be silenced anytime soon. Noted by all those who got turntables this summer. There also was this show, Survivor, that caught my eye.

June: Sasha and Digweed. That was 32 hours of dancing, teeth grinding, and lots of humour.

July: Waking at dawn, and getting to bed before dawn. With that TV-based reality phenomenon called Survivor, I didn't get to patronize Wednesday 50-cent highballs as much as I wanted to. However, I did get to hang out with my heroes, Jurassic 5, in Calgary. That experience is an article for itself.

August came and went with a whimper. My only real highlights of the month were finishing my summer job and talking to Dave Grohl

from Foo Fighters while he was onstage during Summersault. I had a sign that said "Dave, I NEED TO GET ONSTAGE PLEASE!" It didn't work, but I got to chat it up with him during "Big Me." I ended getting kicked out of the concert because I chased after him. Chalk that one up to public drunkenness.

THIS JUST IN! Kyle Wells, a student at Concordia, has been chosen to portray his hero and idol, Stifler from American Pie and Road Trip, in a new TV movie being filmed in my pants.

Things that are over: The Budweiser "WHASSUP?????" thing, Retro 80's music, and Hootie and the Blowfish.

Now that we have a McD's and a Subway so close to us, why solicit the cafeteria? Well, we already know the dorm students are trapped by this, but for my sake, don't overpay for crud that'll just make your arteries harden.

Big Brother, the TV show. The biggest train wreck since New Coke.

And finally...

Who would win in a fight, Mr. T or the Borg?

That is all, for now.

Signed, but not really,

Taz

Small Report

Jeannette Gysbers, Editor-In-Chief



The weekend of September 10, I was privileged to be able attend the annual Concordia Students' Association retreat as a guest. Sitting in on the planning sessions and meetings, I was so impressed and inspired that I determined to write a little piece in this issue of the paper to let you all know what an enthusiastic group of people you have elected to this year's CSA.

The members came to the retreat with many positive ideas about how their council should run, as well as a plethora of great ideas for events for the coming year. A fired-up group of people comprise the CSA and I hope you take advantage of the many things they are planning for you!

In one of the sessions over the weekend, I gave a small presentation to the council members about The Blue & White and about the goals we have for this year's paper. I encouraged them to use the newspaper to communicate with you, the students. If you don't see this happening over the next year, take it up with your council members; you deserve to be informed!



CSA Members on their retreat, Sept 9-10

CONSIGNMENT BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all of you who made the Consignment Book Fair a great success! The amount of books sold this year set records. Keep in mind that it will be on again at the start of the new semester in January. All your books given in made the event possible and can make it possible again! The funds acquired will help with events throughout the year.

Thanks again!

Erin Payne,

Appointed Director of Fund Development

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE SEPT 21-22!

MISSING
SOMETHING???

Lost and found items
may be claimed at
Reception.
(Some sets of keys
already turned in.)



Nap anyone? Looks like these students are paying real close attention to the Orientation Day speeches.

Living Cheap

By Chantelle Chevrier



Welcome to another year at Concordia! It is time once again for everybody to get back into the swing of things for the school year. For those of you who did not have the pleasure of reading the paper last year, I would like to invite you to my world. A mystical world where most of your wants can be fulfilled at a fraction of the cost. This little blurb in the paper will quickly become your guide to my life of "Living Cheap".

As a fellow student I feel your pain, that is, the pain your wallet feels. Around this time of year we all must buy the necessities for school (Wal-Mart and Costco, I salute thee). Outside of Tuition, possibly the greatest expense is books. So for the first instalment of Living Cheap I will tell you all I know of the black market for books in Edmonton.

Firstly, the CSA's Book Buy Back is a great way to get books cheap and to get good money for your old books. This event is probably the easiest way to find books at a cheap price. The worst part is the line up and the frustration if you spent that time in line only to find the person in front of you got the last book you were looking for. All in all, a relatively good and stress free way to get cheaper books.

Another way to get books cheap at Concordia is to study that board by the cafeteria. This experience can be quite nerve racking. The prices are a little cheaper than the buy back but you have to work for it. First rifle through the million or so adverts and then tear off a couple hundred phone number flags and then get thee to the nearest phone! This can yield some of the lower prices but has much more stress involved than other means of obtaining that which you desire.

If you go to almost any second hand book store there is a chance of getting the books dirt cheap as well. These book stores pay squat for their books and in

turn charge you a nominal fee. This, as with the "Board of Books", has its problems. I have found that the employees of these stores get a little annoyed when you call up with a list of 5-10 books wanting to know if they have them or not. The best way to do this is go to Whyte Ave (where 75% or these stores are located) and set aside an afternoon to go book hunting. I strongly recommend WEE BOOK INN and SECOND FIDDLE. Both these stores are reputable and will almost always buy the books back at the end of the semester (these are especially good for those in novel courses).

Some of you are saying "pooh" to the used books idea (there is only so much highlighting and notes in the margin one person can take). So to you, I say this: www.chapters.ca. Last year I found all of my texts cheaper on this web site than anywhere new (including U of A Campus who tries to meet their prices). Most books ship over night and are WAY cheaper than any new book stores I've been into. If you have a chapters discount card (\$15) it makes your savings even greater. (Note to those who care: you usually save the \$15 and then some on your first purchase).

New books can also be found at other campus book stores, however the saving you will find elsewhere doesn't mean much after the gas it takes to get there.

I hope this has helped you and I look forward to delivering you even more deals and bargains next issue when we explore "Cheap Things on the Web."

Story Editor's Note



Note to Writers for the Blue and White: Please make sure you put your name on your floppy disk, so we can return them to the rightful owners. Also, disks are available to be picked up at the office of the Blue and White anytime after deadline.

Thanks,
Melanie Golding



Thunderstorm of Love

By Chris Ducharme

*The young man sits on the airplane.
Staring at the sudden beads of rain running down the window sill.
As he hear the cursed words draw forth in various languages,
The rare rigorous raindrops mirror reflections of personality.
This young man who sits silently with content,
Does so only by suppressing his tears with sleep.
No one ever told him he cries in his sleep,
Except for the facial expressions of others when had awoken.
Secretly confronted by his memories with Joanna,
The hurt penetrates deeply in his heart.
Even awake, he continues to cry,
And the taste of his tears prompts a reminiscence of their kisses together.
"What if I stayed?" he angrily asks himself,
What if he told her, "I loved you." He regrets in the depths of his thoughts.
Pain is only a word that sounds like pain,
But the echo of these cries come songs of healing.
The black memory box holds pictures of them together,
Creating unmeasurable sorrow.
He now learns that the only sense of happiness,
Is in the unsatisfying memories and photographs contained in the black box of his mind.
After collecting his thoughts,
The raindrops on the window have changed;
From the surface of his cheek, the cross light illuminates the disengaging of tears,
As he watches the dispirited movements of the raindrops on the window sill.
The plane accelerates,
Leaving behind all the depressed drops of water.
The beads of rain that once slid rigorously down the window,
Are now only a grasping mist that will evaporate at sunrise.*



The New Look of the Thunder

By James "Scutz" Scozzafava

The Concordia Men's Soccer Team returns this year from its most successful season ever and its first ever playoff appearance. In the face of a strong recruiting campaign by both NAIT and Grant MacEwan in the off season, Coach James "Scutz" Scozzafava spared no effort in his off season recruiting. New to the school are Sin Matic, a former professional soccer player in Germany, and John Westergaard, a well known and respected player in the province with numerous roles on Alberta's provincial teams.

"The talent and experience of these players is sure to have a huge impact on this soccer program, especially with John Pino, the all time leading scorer in the CCAA. As well, Toto Cabrera, the all time suspension leader in the CCAA is also returning to the team," states Coach Scozzafava. Also returning this year, is Sipho Sibiyi as team trainer and Sergio Maione. "Sipho is an asset both to the soccer program and to the school. I think most people are happy to see him back," added Coach Scozzafava.

Coach "Scutz" is most excited about the five youth rookies he was able to bring to Concordia for the upcoming season. They include, 20 year old Edmonton Driller goalie John Hawrelak, Alberta Under-21 players Marco Pellegrino, Steven Noel, Josh Little, and Steven Spencer. Coach "Scutz" had this to say on the new additions, "I was competing with many schools for the interests of these young men, who were the backbone of the Provincial Select Team for the last five years. I would have been happy to have gotten one or two of them, but to get all five players is exciting for the whole team and I know a few coaches in the ACAC who are not content with our gain."

The squad appears to be very talented as it enters what might be the most competitive ACAC men's soccer season ever. With several other key players returning, it promises to be a fun and exciting year for the Thunder. The team would like to welcome everyone to the games and appreciates all the support given.



ACAC Takes on the Oilers

By Dave Brooks

On Wednesday, September 13, 2000 an all-star team of hockey players from Grant MacEwan, NAIT, and Concordia assembled at the NAIT arena to take on the Oilers rookie team. The contingent from Concordia was made up of defencemen Eric Marquis and Hugh Gurney; forwards Brian Kondo, Shawn Pettigrew, Don Boyer, and Tate Locke, along with goalie David Genio. The game was well played and showcased the talent in the ACAC. Oilers GM, Kevin Lowe, was quoted as saying "The all-star squad were a very competitive bunch." This game allowed Lowe to have a good look at the Oilers younger players. David Genio took the net during the second period and was very impressive coming up with several big stops. He did not back down from any of the bigger Oilers, this was obvious when he planted his glove into one of their faces and started a skirmish. Tate Locke, another Thunder star, shone on the ice as usual. Reassembled with former linemate Cory Pecush, who left two years ago for Grant MacEwan, the two combined for several very good scoring chances. The final score was 7-3 but considering that the Oilers rookies beat U of A 5-2 on the weekend, the ACAC boys held their own. Coach Jim MacLean was quoted after the game as saying that he "was extremely proud of the showing Concordia made at the game and looks forward to the upcoming season."

Vancouver Bound

This year's Thunder women's soccer Team appears to be stronger than ever. Coach Diane Brennan has added nine new exciting players to balance out the team with eight top veterans from last year. Last year's team finished first in the ACAC north division, with a strong bronze medal performance at provincials. They also garnered an eighth place national ranking; the first Concordia sports team ever to ever be nationally ranked.

Coach Brennan feels confident that this year's team will be able to match last year's success, and could possibly advance further (Nationals in Vancouver). Some of the new players are much more experienced than the newcomers we have had in previous years. Many of them have competed at the provincial level and are quite seasoned for their young age. Coach Brennan hopes that with the veteran players' experience, the newcomers will be able to adapt to ACAC play quickly. Diane truly believes that "this team is a great group of women, whom I have tremendous respect and faith in. With the proper commitment, effort, and focus I'm sure they will have a great season." Catch them in action and cheer them on as they begin their journey to Vancouver!

~CONCORDIA CALENDAR: SEPT 19-OCT 3~

(we assume no responsibility for any missing deadlines/events; we've done our best)

DATE	EVENT/DEADLINE
Tue Sept 19	-Movie in Tegler: "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"
Wed Sept 20	-CSA Election Speeches
Thur Sept 21 Fri Sept 22	CSA ELECTIONS
Sat Sept 23	-Soccer v. MRC
Sun Sept 24	-Soccer v. SAT
SEPT 25-29 IS HEY, HEY, HEY CONCORDIA WEEK!	
Mon Sept 25	Peer Support
Tue Sept 26	Science Association
Wed Sept 27	Green Thespians Club
Thur Sept 28	Psych Association -GRAD FUNDRAISER @ BP's CAPILANO!
Fri Sept 29	Christians In Action -Golf (@ Concordia)
Sat Sept 30	Student Fees Due -Golf (@ Concordia) -Soccer v. GMC
Sun Oct 1	-Soccer v. NAT
Mon Oct 2	Grad Applications Due
Tue Oct 3	-Fireside: 7 pm, Tegler

*For more info on any of the above, see someone in the CSA offices



HEY YOU! HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR ON-CAMPUS EVENTS?!?

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WED, SEPTEMBER 27

(writers' meeting Sept 26, 10:40 am)

[Submit articles on disk (please provide a hard copy) or by e-mail. Save in Rich Text Format (.rtf)]

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A place to make anonymous comments

Try to be tasteful

Submissions are made in the blue box on the wall outside the CSA offices.

-The Blue & White reserves the right to not include submissions that are in poor taste and takes no responsibility for your spelling and grammar!-

Happy Birthday, Ras!

Carmen: Congratulations on the little bun in the oven!

Moda, I've got the body paint if you've got the time. -Cauchy

VOTE HAPPY MANDY FOR SCIENCE REP! =)

Where did Freed go and why isn't he teaching any 400 classes?!

Don't you think it's odd that as we age, women get facial hair and men get breasts?

Fashion Princess: Where can I get an Avon pen?

To the new guy taking Chem, Bio 108, and Eng w/ Horton: Thanks for coming to Concordia. You are the bright point in our day.
-CBF

Athletics is still looking for help with the hockey team. (Hey ladies, have you seen this year's team? Might be worth your while!)

What happened to JP that swears a lot? He's looking pretty good this year. Is it the new hair?

EB: I miss your loving embrace. Hold me, touch me, feel me. Make me feel like a man who has to wear his pen is around his neck. -D