

# THUNDER SPORTS

## Women's Soccer: #4 in the Nation

by Scott Bancarz

The 2015/16 ACAC Athletics season is well underway and every Thunder autumn sports team with the exception of Curling has already been engaged in some combination of league or exhibition play.

Topping the headlines in these early games has been the Thunder Women's Soccer team. With two more wins over the October 3rd,4th weekend, the Thunder Women's Soccer team are 6-0 and just one win away from first

place. In the CCAA (Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association) rankings that were released on September 29th, the Concordia Thunder Women's Soccer team

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fourth nationally, and now with two more wins under their belts, are looking to advance even higher on the national stage. The Thunder have been prolific scorers on offense, led by explosive rookie Jaida Stasiuk and two-sport athlete Shyanne Walton; and rookie Goalkeeper Selina Verkland has provided the solid defensive backstop the team has been searching for. With just 4 games left in the regular season – including two against the powerhouse Oaks – the Thunder have all but taken an ACAC playoff spot and will hopefully be on the fast-track to the National Championships.

## Cross Country Breakout

The Thunder Cross-Country Running team is also having a breakout season. Building up the program from just 3 'walk-

on' athletes in 2009-10, the 2014-15 ACAC and CCAA Coach of the Year, Matt Normenton has created a nationally recognized program that currently has 15 athletes, including 9 seasoned veterans, constituting full 7-member teams in both the Men's and Women's divisions. In the three ACAC Grand Prix events this season, the Women's team has finished second overall in two of the meets and first overall (a Concordia Women's XCR team record) at the October 3rd Grand Prix event held at SAIT. On the Men's side, two back-to-back first place team finishes at Grand Prix's and a second place finish on October 3rd has the team on a solid footing to make a Gold Medal run at the ACAC Championships which will be held in Lethbridge on October 31st. In fact, both teams are in contention not only

to 'medal' at the ACAC Championships, but like the Women's Soccer team, are also poised to make a run at the CCAA National Championships which will be held on November 13th-14th at St. Lawrence College in Brockville, Ontario.

## The Rest

With both the Basketball and Volleyball regular seasons set to jump off on October 16th, the busy autumn sports season will see all but two of the 12 Thunder sports teams in action by the end of November. Thunder Athletics would like to invite all of our students, staff and faculty to come out and support our Thunder teams. Remember that admission is free to all Thunder events; all you have to do is show your student or staff card and come on in and cheer on the Thunder!

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## ELECTION 2015



## DON'T FORGET: VOTE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

In the 42nd election in Canadian history, we are faced with the unique challenge of having to decide between three clear front-runners. Normally, the election seems to boil down to two parties; however in this tight race there are three legitimate contenders: Conservatives, Liberals, and the NDP. The Green Party is often overlooked, but has also made headway in the past two elections. Could this be their time to become a major force on the political scene? Will Harper continue his reign, or will Trudeau or Mulcair become the party in power? On October 19th, ensure your voice is heard by casting your vote to the party who most aligns with your values as well as your vision of Canada. Election coverage inside, and plenty more online! Be sure to do your democratic due diligence and vote; make a difference.



**ENVIRONMENT:** COMMITTED TO REDUCING CANADA’S EMISSIONS BY 30 PER CENT BELOW 2005 LEVELS BY 2030

**ECONOMY:** REDUCED SMALL-BUSINESS TAX RATE TO NINE PER CENT FROM CURRENT 11 PER CENT BY 2019; HAVE REDUCED CORPORATE TAX RATE FROM ABOUT 22 PER CENT TO 15 PER CENT

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS:** INCREASE NATIONAL DEFENCE BUDGET TO THREE PER CENT STARTING IN 2017, TOTALLING \$11.8 BILLION OVER 10 YEARS

**REFORM:** INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE CANADIANS’ APPROVAL IN NATIONAL REFERENDUM BEFORE FIRST-PAST-THE-POST ELECTORAL SYSTEM COULD BE CHANGED

**SOCIAL ISSUES:** INTRODUCE “FAMILY TAX CUT” FOR COUPLES WITH CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 TO SPLIT UP TO \$50,000 OF INCOME

**TAXES:** INTRODUCE A NEW, PERMANENT HOME RENOVATION TAX CREDIT

**OTHER:** PROVIDE \$500 MILLION TO BUILDING AND RENOVATING SCHOOLS ON RESERVES.



**ENVIRONMENT:** ACCELERATE GREEN INFRA-STRUCTURE, ENSURING MOST OF CANADA’S ENERGY COME FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES BY 2025

**ECONOMY:** ESTABLISH A FEDERALLY-FUNDED GREEN VENTURE CAPITAL FUND TO SUPPORT VIABLE SMALL LOCAL GREEN BUSINESS START-UPS

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS:** REALIGN DEFENCE SPENDING TO INCREASE EMPHASIS ON DISASTER ASSISTANCE; SHIFT FOCUS AWAY FROM NATO “WAR MISSIONS” TOWARDS UN PEACEKEEPING CONTRI-


BUTIONS  
**REFORM:** ELIMINATE CURRENT ELECTORAL SYSTEM, AND CONSULT THE PUBLIC ON THE STYLE OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION BEST SUITED TO CANADA

**SOCIAL ISSUES:** BAN UNPAID INTERNSHIPS  
**TAXES:** INTRODUCE A CARBON PRICE THROUGH A CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND SYSTEM



**OTHER:** RESTORE CANADIAN PUBLIC SCIENCE AND THE ROLE OF EVIDENCE IN OUR DECISION MAKING

# ACAC STANDINGS

## MEN’S HOCKEY STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	PTS
 NAIT	4	4	4	0	0	0	21	5	8
 UOFA-AUGUSTANA	6	3	3	1	0	2	18	12	8
 SAIT POLYTECHNIC	6	3	3	2	0	1	21	21	7
 RED DEER COLLEGE	6	3	3	3	0	0	26	16	6
 CONCORDIA	6	3	2	3	0	0	18	28	6
 KEYANO COLLEGE	4	2	2	2	0	0	14	17	4
 PORTAGE COLLEGE	4	1	1	1	0	2	9	12	4
 MACEWAN UNIVERSITY	6	1	1	3	1	1	19	19	4
 BRIERCREST COLLEGE	6	1	1	5	0	0	14	30	2








## WOMEN’S SOCCER STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
 NAIT OOKS	7	0	0	21	39	3
 CONCORDIA THUNDER	6	0	0	18	16	3
 GPRC WOLVES	4	3	1	13	10	18
 KING’S EAGLES	1	4	1	4	4	21
 KEYANO HUSKIES	0	5	3	3	2	10
 AUGUSTANA VIKINGS	0	6	1	1	3	19

## MEN’S SOCCER STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
 KEYANO HUSKIES	8	0	0	24	34	3
 NAIT OOKS	6	1	0	18	26	3
 CONCORDIA THUNDER	3	3	0	9	14	13
 KING’S EAGLES	2	4	0	6	6	20
 GPRC WOLVES	2	6	0	6	4	26
 AUGUSTANA VIKINGS	0	7	0	0	4	23

## MEN AND WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS








TEAM	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	0	0	0
 GPRC	0	0	0	0	0	0
 THE KING’S UNIVERSITY	0	0	0	0	0	0
 KEYANO COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
 LAKELAND COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	0	0
 NAIT	0	0	0	0	0	0
 UOFA-AUGUSTANA	0	0	0	0	0	0



# THUNDER SPORTS

		MEN'S BASKETBALL		
OCTOBER 8	U GREAT FALLS (100)	CUE (55)	8:00	U GREAT FALLS
OCTOBER 9	MONTANA TECH	CUE	7:30	MONTANA TECH
OCTOBER 10	MONTANA TECH	CUE	4:40	MONTANA TECH
OCTOBER 11	CARROLL COLLEGE	CUE	3:00	CARROLL COLLEGE
OCTOBER 17	CUE	GPRC	8:00	CUE
		WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
OCTOBER 7	MSU — NORTHERN (72)	CUE (31)	7:00	MSU NORTHERN
OCTOBER 8	RMC (88)	CUE (48)	6:00	MSU NORTHERN
OCTOBER 9	U GREAT FALLS	CUE	2:00	MSU NORTHERN
OCTOBER 17	CUE	GPRC	6:00	CUE
OCTOBER 18	CUE	GPRC	1:00	CUE

## MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	NORTH DIVISION	GP	W	L	POINTS	PF	PA
	CONCORDIA THUNDER	0	0	0	0	0	0
	GPRC WOLVES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KEYANO HUSKIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	KING'S EAGLES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	LAKELAND RUSTLERS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	NAIT OOKS	0	0	0	0	0	0
	UOFA-AUGUSTANA VIKINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	NORTH DIVISION	W	L	POINTS	PF	PA
	CONCORDIA THUNDER	0	0	0	0	0
	GPRC WOLVES	0	0	0	0	0
	KEYANO HUSKIES	0	0	0	0	0
	KING'S EAGLES	0	0	0	0	0
	LAKELAND RUSTLERS	0	0	0	0	0
	NAIT OOKS	0	0	0	0	0
	UOFA-AUGUSTANA VIKINGS	0	0	0	0	0



**ENVIRONMENT:** INVEST \$100 MILLION IN CLEAN TECHNOLOGY PRODUCERS TO TACKLE CANADA'S MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

**ECONOMY:** INVEST \$200 MILLION/YEAR IN A NEW INNOVATION AGENDA TO EXPAND SUPPORT FOR INCUBATORS AND ACCELERATORS

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS:** RE-ENERGIZE COOPERATION ON REDUCING IMPEDIMENTS TO TRADE AND COMMERCE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES

**REFORM:** REPLACE THE CURRENT FIRST-PAST-THE-POST SYSTEM

**SOCIAL ISSUES:** INTRODUCE CANADA CHILD BENEFIT. GIVING 9/10 CANADIANS MORE THAN UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM

**TAXES:** CUT THE MIDDLE CLASS INCOME BRACKET BY 7% AND INTRODUCE A NEW TAX BRACKET OF 33% FOR INCOMES OVER \$200,000.

**OTHER:** LEGALIZE, REGULATE, AND RESTRICT ACCESS TO MARIJUANA



**ENVIRONMENT:** REDIRECT \$1 BILLION A YEAR FROM FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES TO INVESTMENT IN THE CLEAN ENERGY SECTOR

**ECONOMY:** REWARD SMALL BUSINESSES BY LOWERING THE TAX RATE FROM 11 TO 9 PERCENT.

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS:** INCREASE CANADA'S FOREIGN AID TO 0.7 PER CENT OF GROSS NATIONAL INCOME(CURRENTLY 0.24%).

**REFORM:** REPLACE THE CURRENT SYSTEM WITH A MIXED MEMBER PROPORTIONAL SYSTEM

**SOCIAL ISSUES:** CREATE A MILLION CHILD-CARE SPACES FOR OUR KIDS AND CAP FEES FOR PARENTS — NO MORE THAN \$15 A DAY.

**TAXES:** INCREASE INCOME-TAX RATES ON CANADA'S LARGEST CORPORATIONS

**OTHER:** PLEDGE TO PHASE OUT INTEREST ON STUDENT LOANS

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		HOCKEY		
OCTOBER 3	CUE (2)	SAIT (4)	7:00	SAIT ARENA
OCTOBER 10	GMU (3)	CUE (4)	8:15	OT
OCTOBER 16	PC	CUE	7:00	BOLD CENTRE
OCTOBER 17	CUE	PC	8:15	CLAREVIEW
OCTOBER 23	UAA	CUE	7:30	ENCANA ARENA
		WOMEN'S SOCCER		
OCTOBER 3	UAA (0)	CUE (3)	2:00	UAA FIELD
OCTOBER 4	CUE (3)	UAA (1)	12:00	CUE FIELD
OCTOBER 17	NAIT	CUE	12:00	NAIT FIELD
OCTOBER 18	CUE	GPRC	12:00	CUE FIELD
OCTOBER 24	TKU	CUE	2:00	KING'S FIELD
		MEN'S SOCCER		
OCTOBER 3	UAA (2)	CUE (4)	4:00	UAA FIELD
OCTOBER 4	CUE (3)	UAA (0)	2:00	CUE FIELD
OCTOBER 17	NAIT	CUE	2:00	NAIT FIELD
OCTOBER 18	CUE	GPRC	2:00	CUE FIELD
OCTOBER 24	TKU	CUE	4:00	KING'S FIELD
		WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
SEPTEMBER 26	UAA (3)	CUE (1)	7:00	
OCTOBER 2	NAIT (3)	CUE (0)	7:30	
OCTOBER 16	CUE	KC	6:00	CUE
OCTOBER 17	CUE	KC	3:00	CUE
OCTOBER 23	LAKELAND	CUE	6:00	LAKELAND
		MEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
OCTOBER 10	PBC (0)	CUE (3)	12:00	
OCTOBER 10	PC (1)	CUE (4)	2:00	
OCTOBER 16	CUE	KC	8:00	CUE
OCTOBER 17	CUE	KC	3:00	CUE
OCTOBER 23	LAKE	CUE	8:00	LAKELAND



# BUSINESS

## Election Business

by Emma Bott

The Canadian Federal Election is happening on Monday, October 19th. Elections affect every dynamic of Canadian Society. Governments don't just have to think about how their policies affect individuals, but also businesses. If a government makes policies that are hard on businesses, these businesses may pull out of having operations in Canada and go to a country where they don't have these restrictions. This negatively affects the economy. When the economy is bad, who do we blame? The government; if they want to stay in power, they must keep businesses and people happy. Each party approaches business differently.

Let's start with the Conservative Party. They have generally been considered as one of, if not the most, business-friendly political parties in Canada. Over the summer, Stephen Harper announced that the Conservative Party's plan is to save the money and time of

small business owners. One of his methods for doing this is lowering the taxes for job-creating businesses.

The Conservative Party is all about tax-credit cuts, which are business friendly. Let's take a minute to discuss foreign workers. The Conservative Party has revised the foreign workers program to make it a "last resort", as they take jobs away from the Canadian population. However, in many cases it seems that foreign workers simply take the jobs that Canadians are unwilling to fill. For example in my hometown of Fort Saskatchewan various fast

food restaurants, such as Tim Hortons and A&W have had to close early due to shortage of workers. At various horse racing tracks across Canada, such as the local Northlands Park, there is a shortage of grooms to take care of the horses. Woodbine Race Track is the biggest in Canada and one of the biggest in North America is hit very hard from the lack of foreign workers. Many horse trainers have decided to stay in the United States because they are able to get their Mexican

and Jamaican grooms there. In today's economy there seems to be many fast food restaurants, hotels and similar establishments that are advertising for jobs or are closing early due to lack of staff. This need for employees is something that the Conservative Party seems to ignore.

Liberals are business friendly, but not as much so as the Conservatives. Justin Trudeau has stated that small business tax rates should be lowered, but cautioned against lowering them too far.

The Liberals plan to fix the temporary foreign worker program by making sure efforts are being made to fill open positions with Canadians first and then bringing in temporary foreign workers. When it comes to the oil and gas industry, Trudeau and the Liberals are pro-oil, but they stress that from an environmental perspective, the practices should be cleaned up.

The New Democratic Party are not as small business friendly as the Conservatives or the Liberals. Thomas Mulcair, like Harper, plans to lower the small

business tax from 11% to 9% within two years.

When it comes to oil, they too believe that it is an industry which needs to clean up its environmental practices. The NDP wants to create a path for foreign workers to become citizens. This can be seen as a way of increasing our workforce.

Now, you may be wondering how these government policies on business affect us as students. They may not affect us now, however as we evolve from the student life, we'll be entering the workforce where these decisions have a direct impact on our lives.

The CMC is having a bake sale on Friday October 30. Our annual networking conference will be Saturday February 6 at the Derrick. This is a great opportunity to network with business professionals within your emphasis. Lastly, keep checking your email for a survey asking what you want for apparel. To get updates on what the CMC is doing keep checking our facebook, twitter, linkedin or our web page. If you want to get involved or have any questions, email us at [cmc@student.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:cmc@student.concordia.ab.ca).

# POLITICS

## Xenophobia, Barbarism, and the Other in Canada

by Simone Elaine Polo

Once again, we are going to dwell into another historical and etymological assessment to revise our current issues of power. Today we are going to look at the repeated formation of the Other in the discourse of Canadian politics. Our context for this particular issue is brief: "Conservative candidates Chris Alexander and Kellie Leitch said during a news conference in Ajax, Ont., that in addition to a tip line, a Tory government would establish an integrated RCMP task force with units in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal to step up enforcement of the Zero Tolerance for Barbaric Cultural Practices Act, which received royal assent in June" (CBC).

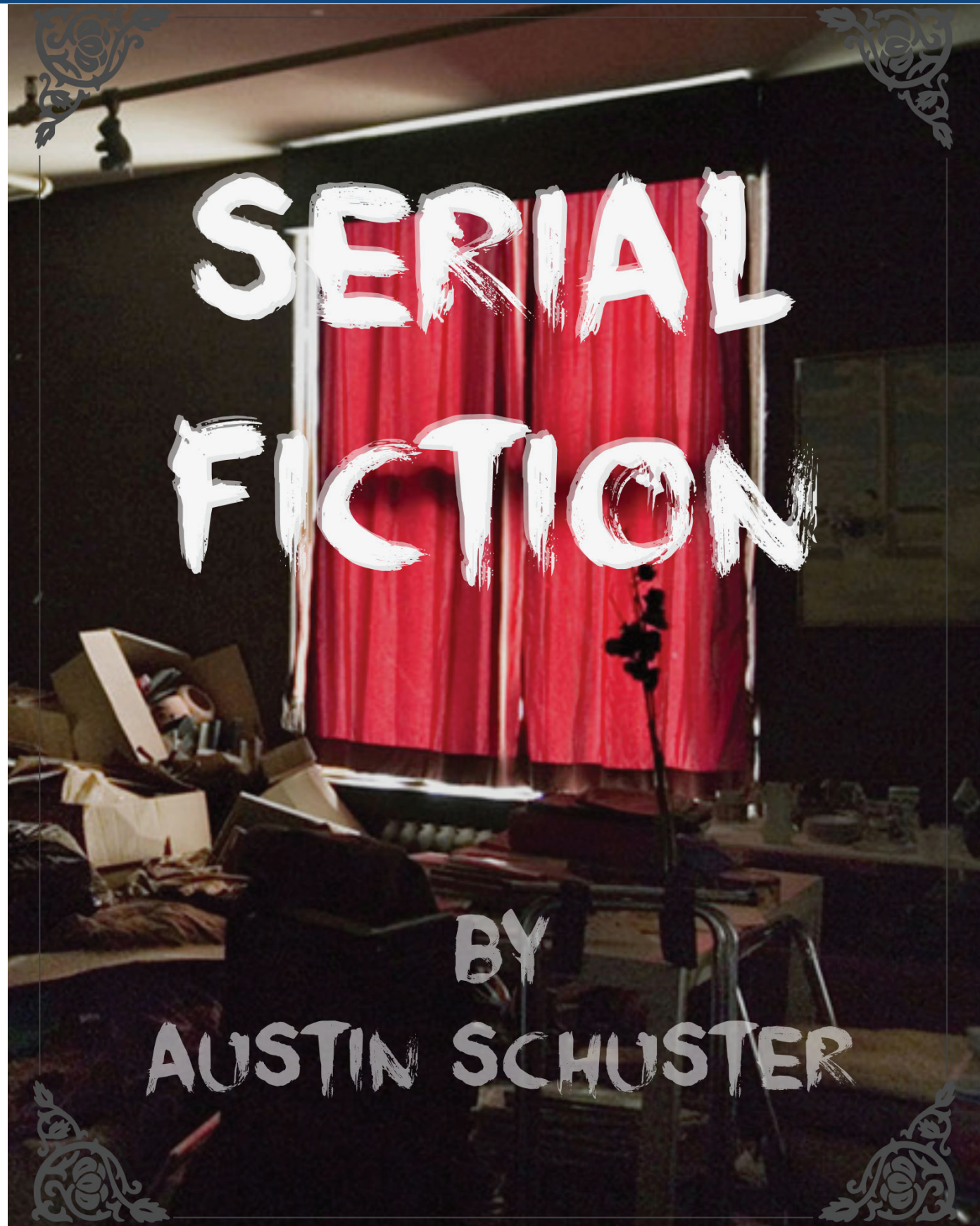
What we are interested with is the concept of "barbarism." It is, in fact, a very loaded term that originated from xenophobia in Ancient Greece, and it continues to play the same

social rhetoric as it did back then. In Ancient Greek, the term "Barbaros," from where we derive "barbarism," referred to "people who talk funny." The basis for this concept was in relation to the order found in "Kosmos," which referred to the perfect unity of the balanced creation of the universe. In ancient cosmology, Greece was thought to be at the center of the flat-surfaced world; and as one got farther away from the center, one would be coming closer to the edge of the world where "Aether" is located. Aether was conceived to be godly air, a powerful substance which is dangerous for humans – a kind of hallucinogenic in its alleged effects. Because of the Aether being dangerous for humans, and because Greece was allegedly located in the middle of the world, those who weren't Greek, who lived closer to the Aether, would be considered to be out of their mind, so to speak. Barbaros were those who were affected by the Aether; thus, in order not to be exposed to this substance, Greeks tried to stay home where there was cultural familiarity. In this regard, the Ancient Greeks portrayed those who spoke foreign languages and exhibited different cultural

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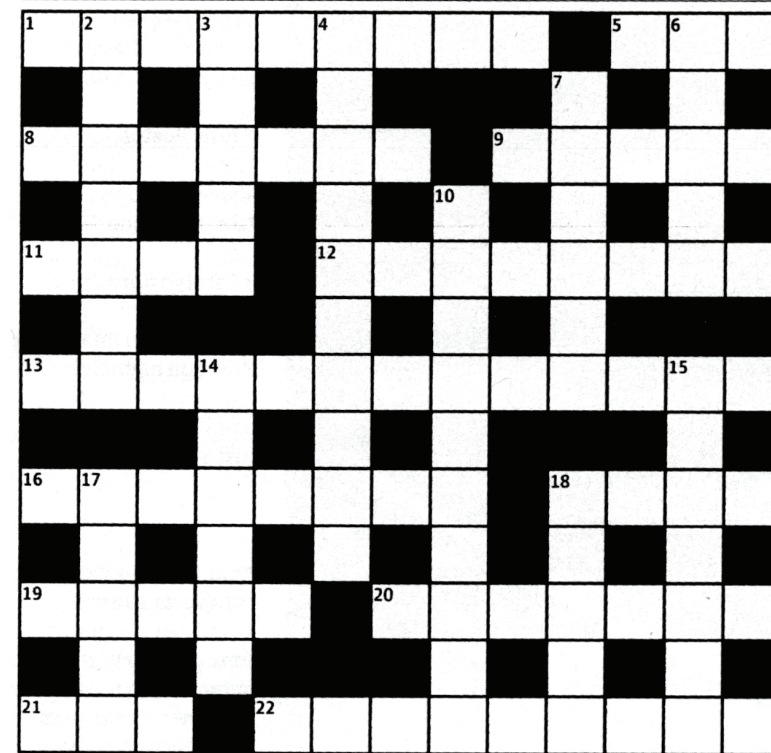
behaviours as people who were not even capable of having "rational thought." The Ancient Greeks constructed an Other based on what they were not, thus, to further reinforce what they conceived to be culturally intelligible, or "sane." This concept of the Other, or the formation of Alterity, is found in societies that perceive themselves superior to others even to this day – as Jean-Paul Sartre would argue, the Anti-Semite and the Jew is an example of this relationship of forming the Other; the Anti-Semite thinks himself to be exemplar of humanity, thus making the Jewish person less than that. Similarly this is found in cases of sex and gender, as Simone de Beauvoir has argued in The Second Sex that woman has been conceived as Other than man for millennia – humanity is man (ex. mankind), woman is Other; or in the case of race, as Franz Fanon has argued in Black Skin, White Masks that the black person has been made Other in colonialism – humanity is white (ex. Eurocentric narratives), blackness is Other. And with the use of the term "barbarism" in Canada, we encounter another attempt of xenophobic coercion from the Conservative Party – Canada is this thing that embodies what is most human, everything else that does not follow that exemplarity is less than human. The question we need to ask is "Who will define what is 'barbaric' and what is not 'barbaric'?" Chances are that the person making the definition of "barbarism" will take their own culture as the model of what the Canadian citizen should follow. And thus, we return to power as prohibition, regulation, and restriction, for the Conservative Party is trying to enforce power over what is deemed culturally fine and culturally barbaric without any understanding of the weak rhetoric they are performing.





# FUN & GAMES

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD, BY SY



### Across

**1/7 down** A ..... ,  
1962 novel by Anthony  
Burgess (9,6)  
**5** The ... Who Loved  
Me, 1962 novel  
by Ian Fleming (3)  
**8** ..... Eco, Italian  
author of The Name Of  
The Rose (7)  
**9** Eva ..... , Hitler's  
mistress (and later his  
wife) (5)  
**11** ..... , the business  
school of City  
University, London (4)  
**12** Smokey ..... ,  
Motown musician and  
producer (8)  
**13** Sir ..... ,  
Elizabethan aristocrat  
known for introducing  
tobacco to Britain (6,7)

**16** ESPN website  
dedicated to global  
cricket (8)

**18** Rock musical by  
Jonathan Larson based  
on La Bohème (4)

**19** ..... Dickinson,  
American poet  
(1830-1886) (5)

**20** Mr ..... , the object  
of Jane Bennet's  
affections (7)

**21** Molecule encoding  
genetic instructions  
essential to life (3)

**22** Alaska's most  
populous city (9)

### Down

**2** Brazilian dance  
form (7)

**3** The game at which  
Magnus Carlsen and  
Nigel Short excel (5)

**4** On The ..... ,  
1954 film starring  
Marlon Brando about  
corruption in New York  
harbour (10)

**6** ..... Press, publishers  
associated with  
leftwing theoretical  
works (5)

**7** See 1 across

**10** See 17 down

**14** Mr ..... , the first  
in the Mr Men series  
of books by Roger  
Hargreaves (6)

**15** Root used in  
energy drinks and  
thought to promote  
yin (7)

**17/10** Russian owner of  
Chelsea FC (5,10)

**18** Who Framed .....  
Rabbit, 1988 movie (5)

## CROSSWORD



## SUDOKU

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	1			6			7	
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	9			4			2	

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

WEEK 1: "WE ALWAYS HEAR ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF DEMOCRACY, BUT THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY OF IT IS PARTICIPATION" -WYNTON MARSALIS

WEEK 2: "I HAVE NOT FAILED. I'VE JUST FOUND 10,000 WAYS THAT WON'T WORK."

— THOMAS A. EDISON



# FASHION FLASH

## Fall Accessories

by Brianna DeSouza

Since my last few articles have been about what clothing pieces are in this season, I thought I would now introduce you all to some key accessory pieces that do the double duty of pulling that outfit together and keeping you warm this fall. Even though we are all upset about the weather getting colder and colder, we can take comfort in the right accessories to help keep us warm. One of my absolute favorite accessory pieces has to be blanket scarves. They are big and cozy and will most definitely keep you warm during these crisp, cool mornings on your way to **THE BOLT**<sup>14</sup> school. They come in a variety

of styles as well; there are knit scarves, plaid scarves, scarves with a little bit of fringe, or even just a simple solid colored scarf. They can be paired with any outfit, from super casual to a little dressy. I love to incorporate these 10 accessories into my outfits. The blanket scarf is a great blank canvas for some of your fall accessories. If you even feel like taking a quick nap on the couches in the basement library. We all know how important sleep is especially with midterms around the corner. And what goes great with a nice warm scarf but a pair of nice warm mittens. Mittens are the next accessory piece that both add to your fall style and keep your hands warm. I just



can't get enough of these warm and comfortable fashion pieces. Now mittens are perfect for this time of the year and with Edmonton weather pretty much up until April. They too come in a variety of styles and colors and are cute when matched with a flannel shirt, not to mention they are perfect for the perfect fall look down in the river valley. A pair of mittens could go with your outfit and can spice up your outfit in all the right ways. I like to pair a nice toque or a beanie with a pair of ankle boots and a leather jacket to bring it all together. All three of these accessory pieces: the scarves, the mittens, and the different hats make for an absolutely adorable fall outerwear look.





**Free Hot Chocolate**

The CSA Mental Health Team is providing hot chocolate around campus in support of Mental Health.

**October 14th**

- In Tegler from Noon-1pm

**October 15th**

- Library Basement from Noon-1:30pm
- Ralph King Althetic Center Room CE308 from Noon-1pm

She spoke of a woman dressed all in black who stood behind the house with the rock shattered windows. A lie no doubt, nevertheless I visualized it with distinct vividness. The old house was in our direct view on each jump of the trampoline. We played there all the time, saw it every day. The first door we tried to enter was sealed shut, the steel wires wrapped around the door an endless amount of times, making it impossible for our little hands to pry open. We decided to take the risk of getting caught entering into the front door of the sealed off farm house that we were warned against. Why? It was dangerous, they had said. The floors were caving in and it was filled with farm chemicals. Of course, we didn't believe them. There must have been another reason. A reason they weren't telling us.

The three of us had been speculating all afternoon about the secret reason until we had made the decision to discover it for ourselves. My gut was tight with anxiety, my brain cold with growing terror. I was the youngest, and naturally if it were up to me we wouldn't be going inside, but my brother and cousin were itching with curiosity. So, like

many other times in my life I reluctantly followed others on an adventure.

The front door opened far more agreeably than the side door, and although it was daylight the inside of the house had a distinct essence of dilapidation that managed to scare me. Something about its holes in the floor and the rotting ceiling, the ancient house stank of decay. Debris hung in depraved conjuncture from the ceiling, stained brown and musty from the rain, slowly eating away at the building which appeared to be seconds from collapsing. "We'll be safe if we go on the planks." She said. This made my gut tighten even more, if we couldn't guess where the planks were, we'd be at risk of falling through the floor, into a place just like the upper floor only with the absence of light and the presence of unyielding and cryptic darkness. We could see into



the basement abyss through the holes in the floor. The family had supposedly hired someone a few weeks earlier to remove an old piano from the house. An exceptionally large hole in the living room floor proved that such a chore had failed to be completed.

Once we reached the stairs my heart skipped a few beats. The descent looked dizzying in my young mind, when in reality it was no more than ten wooden steps descending onto a dirt floor. "You have to go down first since you're the scarest." My brother told me. The stairs complained under my weight. My brother was close behind. Once at the bottom I peered into the darkness. I was half expecting to see that woman my cousin had spoken of, the one she had allegedly seen behind the house while throwing rocks one day. Her malevolently calm expression against the grey

backdrop of the early evening fall sky, the tree branches equally as black as her clothing and aura, a queer and morbidly aged version of the Mona Lisa that I can still visualize to this day. The holes in the ceiling drenched shelves in a conservative light. Arranged in rows extending to the far wall, farm chemicals, like we had been told.

The basement had surely been repurposed as a storage area, and nothing more. The anxiety seemed to lift from my shoulders, as I ignored the parts of the basement that I could not see. Satisfied with only going to the bottom of the stairs and not exploring any further, we went back up and continued with our day, and the speculation ended.

But when we climbed into the backseat of our vehicle later that night, I distinctly remember turning my head back to the house at the bottom of the hill. The house was dark inside, but my imagination stabbed at my adrenaline response at the thought of that decaying Mona Lisa watching us leave through those broken **THE BOLT**<sup>7</sup> windows.



# STUDENT LIFE

## Our Silent Superhero

by Peter Fourlaris

This week it was my absolute pleasure to have the opportunity to interview one of the most important and underappreciated members of the Concordia family, Mr. Andrew Sterne.

**Peter Fourlaris:** “Tell the readers a bit about yourself, what is your job title here at Concordia?”

**Andrew Sterne:** “I’m the director of security and custodial services. Security provides access control, that’s basically giving authorized people access to rooms that they may need access to. 95% of security is service oriented; we provide services to help people out basically. Typically security is access control, sometimes it can involve first aid; we have quite a few first aid incidents each year. We also have a large amount of lost and found items, typically at the beginning of the academic year, and then maybe again in the wintertime. Security also monitors the security cameras, deals with incidents such as theft, or concerns over an individual’s behaviour. Custodial services is probably a bit more straightforward, it’s cleaning, and ensuring the campus is clean on the inside, that it’s maintained throughout the day.”

**PF:** Two weeks ago

**Concordia** had an “Active Shooter Drill,” what was the intention of

the drill, and are you pleased with the responses it got?

**Sterne:** Yes. The intention of the drill was to help people become better prepared if they ever face a really unlikely event such as an active shooter anywhere in their sphere of life. Until you test someone in this skillset, until you’re tested, you might not know how you’re doing in that area. The purpose of the drill was partly to test them, and partly to motivate them to get training and take it seriously, and learn how to respond in this situation. Overall I was pleased with it, especially when I take into account that it was only the second Active Shooter Drill we’ve ever done, so we’re still in the learning phase. There’s improvements that can be made, but that’s natural when something is relatively new.

Overall most people understood the need for it, and why we are doing it. If the least it did was to help people think of what they would do in that situation, then it’s positive. I’m not trying to scare monger; it’s more about the preparation, and hoping you never need it, it’s a little like first-aid or CPR training, you do the training and hope you never have to use it.”

**PF:** Will there be more drills like that one again in the near future?

**Sterne:** “Possibly. This is one of those things that has to be organized, it’s not just up to up to

me if another drill happens, for instance, senior administration definitely needs to be on board with it. We’ll see next year what happens.”

**PF:** Do you have any recommendations for students/staff on what they need to improve upon if this situation were to ever actually happen?

**Sterne:** I would recommend, if you haven’t taken training in the last year or a half to take it. I provided two lunchtime sessions hoping that many people would be available to go, but overall it wasn’t well attended. By and large I think the drill went well, but some people were unsure of what to do, and if they had attended the training it would have been clearer as to what they should do. It is still a chaotic situation, but having had the training and practice, you could have a better and quicker reaction. With training you are likely to choose the better options, and I say options because there are of course more than one.”

**PF:** Do you have any general advice for students regarding safety on campus?

**Sterne:** Trust your intuition, and this is not just on campus but in your everyday life, if intuitively you sense that something is not right, you’re probably correct. It’s not always about your own safety, sometimes you might be observing a friend who is having difficulties in life, you might think that something is not right, trust your intuition. And if you’re uncomfortable to support that friend yourself, then get help. One of the things we have here

at Concordia is a behavioural support intervention team. That team’s purpose is to intervene when people have troubling behaviours, it’s for the well being of the campus as a whole, but also for the individual.

**PF:** In all your years at Concordia, what has been the funniest thing you have seen happen on campus?

**Sterne:** Some of the Halloween outfits that people have worn before have been really funny. I remember people dressing up in Star Wars regalia and stuff like that, or some really interesting outfits, like someone wearing a box pretending to be a box of tissues. Being around young people with a lot of enthusiasm lets you see some funny stuff occasionally.

**PF:** What is your favourite hobby away from work?

**Sterne:** Hunting. I don’t go very often, but once in a blue moon I get to. I go to a place called Deadwood, which is about five hours north from here. I mainly hunt deer.

Thank you, Mr. Sterne for a fantastic and insightful interview. And on behalf of all students and staff on campus, thank you for doing such a great job ensuring the safety and well-being of all of us on campus. Finally, if you, the reader, have anyone in mind that you would like to see featured in one of my articles, you can send in your requests to me. I can be reached through my email [pfourlar@student.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:pfourlar@student.concordia.ab.ca) or via twitter [@PeterF\\_94](https://twitter.com/PeterF_94).

# CAMPUS DISH

## Bad Habits

by Checkpoint Charlie

Throughout my post secondary experience, my friends and I have struggled to shake off bad habits from semesters past. We continuously seem to run the gauntlet of horrible academic decisions. This process is most destructive and prevalent at the start of each new school year. Students appear to have the preconceived notion that things will always work themselves out naturally and positively. So long as you believe in the cause, you might be rewarded down the line with a solid C+ with little



to no studying. Unfortunately, this is only seldom the case.

More often than not, we end up scraping by with a less than stellar GPA. But why do we choose to do this to ourselves time and time again? Do we enjoy putting ourselves through sleepless nights worrying about fast approaching midterms? Are we too wrapped up in our own social and extracurricular lifestyles? Do we have more fun dicking around and sleeping on campus than actually studying? The answer to this last question is most certainly yes. Below, we will look into some of the most detrimental scholarly speed bumps which I have encountered during my time at Concordia.

Two semesters ago I made a huge mistake. It was late August and school was fast approaching. I’d say it was three days before the start of class. I had repeatedly been told over the past year that I needed to start watching HBO’s Game of Thrones. Up to this point, I had never watched the show. Regardless of my nonexistent HBO life, I decided to tackle the first few episodes before school started. By this

time, the series already consisted of 4 deranged seasons. By the time the first week of school had passed, I was seriously hooked on the show. I crammed all 40 episodes in before my first mid-term exam showed up. Please keep in mind that these episodes are basically an hour each. This wouldn’t be the last time that a television series heavily affected my study routine.

The following semester, I was gifted the complete Entourage box set for Christmas. This could go down as the best gift of all time, but that’s besides the point. Recognizing that the movie was scheduled to come out the following summer, I quickly settled in and began re-watching all 8 seasons of my favorite tv show. Once again, this ended up occupying most of my time between January and February. It’s very easy to fall into this type of a routine. We tend to easily convince ourselves with lame excuses and “only two episode” promises. Currently, I find myself in a Seinfeld vortex. The saga continues.

Another rough habit to control is napping. I have become a habitual napper thanks to Concordia. I usually end up taking a serious five once I get home

from school. This five’r can easily turn into a long winded ordeal. Not only does this disrupt your study schedule, but it can also wreak havoc on a healthy sleep schedule. I’m not a doctor, but whenever I end up napping late in the day, my nighttime sleep struggles. I usually lay awake in bed wondering why my short nap 3 hours earlier made me less sleepy for my actual scheduled sleep time. That is a deep thought process to say the least.

The last bad habit we will discuss today is in regards to weekends and ultimately, liquor. The beginning of a new semester usually translates itself into one big party. In the opening weeks of school, we usually get tied up visiting and drinking with friends at other institutions, corresponding to falling behind by the second week of school. In addition to this, a formidable hangover is always a strong catalyst for proficient procrastination.

Hopefully we can all straighten ourselves out before Halloween rolls around, so that we can use that weekend to procrastinate a little more. Thanks for the attention. Stay safe.



# TECHNOLOGY

## Phone Review

by Nicholas Clark

Technology is great. You love technology, I love technology. It's in our pockets, in our schools, in our homes, it's everywhere. The only problem is, there's so much of it that we can't have it all, so we have to choose. What do we buy? In this column, I'm going break down the newest tech for you. Hopefully this will help any of you out there thinking about upgrading to make the best choice for what you need. We'll take a look at one topic a month, broken up over two articles in some way or another, be it pros and cons, or simply one product versus another. So without further ado, let's dig into our October topic: Smartphones.

There are a lot of arguments out there over which cell phone is best, but the fact of the matter is that there is no single phone that suits everyone's needs. It's up to you to get the one that helps you 'do you' the best. We all know Apple and Android; however, there are other options that may suit you better, so this issue is all about the competition. Windows, Blackberry, Ubuntu; these are the name's we're going to cover here today.

I'm sure most of you know that Windows made a mobile OS a while back during the Windows 7 era. You probably never gave it a second thought. Rightly so; it

wasn't great. However,

Windows mobile has gotten a couple upgrades since then. The first one is the refined live-tiles

system: they let you quickly view information about certain applications without having to open them. You can view subject lines on emails, current weather and more just by looking at tiles. The other big benefit to using a Windows phone is compatibility with other Windows devices. You can link whatever devices you have with Windows on them all together with your Microsoft account. That means you can save settings and files on one device and pick up right where you left off on another. It's like when you start binge-watching a show on Netflix on the couch, then flop onto your bed, throw your show from your tablet to your Xbox and continue watching on the big screen, but with everything. All that being said, I do want to give you a fair representation of these phones. Windows mobile does have something of a big sticking point: app selection. There aren't nearly as many apps developed for the Windows phone as there are for other OS, so if you're a big phone gamer, maybe it's not for you. But, if you're more of a productivity type, there are plenty of apps for you to work with.

Next up, BlackBerry. As much as the name – for misguided reasons – seems to cause people to turn up their noses, BlackBerry is still very viable, especially with their updated BB10 OS. It's pretty much just a more elegant version of Android. Black-

Berry 10 is nice and lightweight so you don't need a powerhouse phone to run it smoothly, which generally speaking brings the price down. Plus, they have all the expected smartphone functionality now, like having a more developer-accessible app store and a touchscreen. BlackBerry world of course still has all the made for BlackBerry apps you've grown to love (whatever those are), but beyond that, you also have access to the Amazon app store and third party app stores like One Mobile Market. These new digital storefronts have come to BlackBerry thanks to its open design and ability to run APK files – Android's app file extension. This let's you use Android apps within BlackBerry without the high price of a Samsung phone. The open design also allows you to use your phone as an actual productivity assistant, much like a PDA where you can store files and access them through a coherent file browser. It's also Canadian! Now for the bad stuff: you can't use iOS apps, and typically the lightweight design of the OS means that any phone running it won't be much of a powerhouse. And hey, it's a Canadian company.

Now the one you haven't heard of: Ubuntu. Ubuntu's mobile OS is fairly new to the world. You can't actually buy any phones running it in retail stores yet, however you can order them online, or upload the free OS on your current phone. So here's what it's all about. Ubuntu is based on something called "Scopes", which let you create your own home screen. For instance, there is a Scope

for "Nearby" things that shows you whatever you set to appear based on your location. You can even filter results based on mood. Now before this starts to sound like a sponsored advertisement I will admit, many aspects of this are not really that revolutionary, and maybe a little gimmicky but hey, what isn't? Much like BlackBerry 10, Ubuntu mobile is a relatively lightweight OS, so you don't need tons of power to run it, but if you install in on a Samsung, you'll likely be very pleased with the sudden blazing speed. Now the ugly. Ubuntu mobile has its own app store right now, so you won't be able to play Fallout Shelter or Boom Beach on your new phone just yet. You also won't be able to use most of the other apps you're used to because they likely haven't been developed for Ubuntu yet. However, the good news is that Ubuntu is Linux based, and as such is open source, meaning pretty much anyone willing to invest the time, can develop for it. I'm sure it won't be long before many of the major apps you use get ported to Ubuntu. This of course, also means you can make your own apps without too much trouble, so if you're a Linux fan, give it a go.

So there you have it; a pretty good showing by the competition this issue. Hopefully it gave you something to think about for when you get around to choosing your next phone. Be sure to check out the next issue of the Bolt to see what happens when we pit Windows, BlackBerry, and Ubuntu against mobile super-giants iOS and Android.

# LITERATURE

## Dystopian

## Fiction-

## Taking the

## World by

## Storm

by Adrianna Blitterswyk

The world of reading is much like the world of fashion, new fads and styles come and go with the changing seasons, as do trending literary genres. Let it be science fiction, vampires, or fantasy, popular genres in entertainment literature come and go. While some may digress in saying that the vampire genre is still vibrant and as bloodthirsty as ever, it has taken a back seat to the world of Dystopia.

Dystopian fiction has taken the world by storm. This genre illuminates the nature of undesirable worlds through the portrayal of perfectionistic societies and their inevitable upheaval. These utopian societies' address the extreme imperfections and misconceptions of human nature, leadership, conformity,

and the overall meaning of life. Authors and readers alike are enthralled by the utopian societies portrayed as indirect metaphors to our own world. Taken with a grain

of salt these vast utopian worlds allow readers to determine their own opinions on the aforementioned imperfections and misconceptions of the world in which we live. Ally Condie, best-selling author of the "Matched" Trilogy states that "The beauty of Dystopia is that it lets us vicariously experience future worlds- but we still have the power to change our own," evoking the prominence dystopia plays as a thought provoking tool to ensure our own world does not meet the same demise as those depicted in best-selling novels.

Many may say that dystopia is entirely apocalyptic. In a sense this genre does demonstrate the ending destruction or aftermath of a misled world but it also shares other aspects of humanity that reel the reader into its grasp. In popular dystopian novels like the Divergent, Hunger Games, Giver, and Maze Runner series, there are parallel plots and



characters that help aid in the destruction of a world or its rejuvenation. Take for instance the novel "Divergent" written by Veronica Roth, where the protagonist Tris slowly discovers disturbing information about the leaders of her society. Along her journey in search of truth Tris also finds friendship, love, sadness and confidence in her ability to take life into her own hands. Many trending dystopian novels exemplify the resilience of the individual through the portrayal of a hero or heroine as they work to determine their world's origin, and their own self-worth.

Hence, if you are interested in reading a heart wrenching novel that keeps you on the edge of your seat at the turn of every page, a novel in the dystopian genre might be for you. Novels such as "The Giver" written by Lois Lowry, "Divergent" written by Veronica Roth, and "Blood Red Road" by Moira Young

are only a few of an endless expansion of books available that can capture and harness your understanding of an unstable world and cause you to reflect on the true meaning of life. Once you've read a novel of the dystopian genre you'll never turn back. This genre can open your eyes to a whole new world and hopefully entice you to continue on the expedition of reading.

When a novel has the power to create thoughts in a reader, those thoughts can be turned into actions to better the world in which we live, while at the same time providing an uncanny outlet of entertainment. Through reading we can realize how "The two most important days in a person's life..." are the days... they are born and the day they find out why" (Mark Twain) so that we can also become the heroes and heroines of our own lives. Keep on reading Concordia!



Managing the Campaign

by Kayle Sieben



On September 30, I had the unique opportunity of interviewing Christian Idicula, a local man who is front-running the campaign for the Liberal candidate, Randy Boissonault, in the upcoming federal election. Christian provides us with a unique, behind the scenes perspective of being a campaign manager.

**Kayle Sieben:** How does one become a campaign manager? What education or work background helped you get here?

**Christian Idicula:** In this particular case it wasn't necessarily the work background, it was actually more of the personal relationship with the candidate. In terms of my work

marketing/communications and a finance background. I would say the marketing background and the skillset of taking complex ideas and crunching them down into very understandable pieces is probably more of what I've had to rely on, because I don't have any formal political science background.

In terms of how I became the campaign manager, it was actually very organic. I've known our candidate for almost 13 years. He went through the process of debating if this is what he wanted to do. We had the conversation ongoing for some time, and when the mayor got elected (Don Iveson), because we both had volunteered, we both learned and were able to absorb. We enjoyed it, and were able to view interesting ways of approaching things. We got to the end of that, and the mayor had won, and we looked at each other and I said, 'So what do you think?' and he said "Yeah. I could do this." So I said "Well I'm on board to help out," and that's pretty much how it started.

**KS: What did you like from Don Iveson's campaign that you've incorporated to this one on the federal level?**

**CI:** There were a few things

we committed to off the top; one was to create a campaign that people enjoyed being a part of, and that's tough because you're talking party politics where that sort of surrounds the individual unlike civic politics. It's also tough because it will be 2 years within a couple days of the election, so it's hard to maintain momentum for that long period of time, and it's volunteer-run, except a few people who are technically staff.

We knew that if people enjoyed being part of the process, it would make it easier to not be frustrated by the challenges.

One thing that's not usually taken into account is leadership styles. Our leadership style is different than the others, and that doesn't resonate with everyone off the top. But one thing that has come out as true is that there's a bit of a generational change, and that is something that we really liked about what happened at the civic level. It happened in both Calgary and then Edmonton. That sort of generational change notion: that there's a group of people ready to step up and take on leadership roles and take on challenges was an important piece for us.

**KS: What would you say was your biggest success as a**

**campaign manager so far?**

**CI:** [Laughter] Well ask me after the 19th, depending how things go! I think the thing I feel happiest about is what we've been able to create with our team.

I was fortunate enough to have a good team of people who are hard-working and committed to both what we're trying to do in the larger sense, and also here personally with Randy. We have this diverse group of people, who, for the most part are new to running a campaign. They all come from diverse backgrounds and are invited to bring their experience, skillsets and professional backgrounds to the table. So every day is a learning experience. We make mistakes, but we're energetic and determined enough that we can move past it and learn what we need to do next time.

**KS: How do you identify which of your candidate's qualities you'd like to highlight?**

**CI:** This will probably sound completely odd. The way I approached it was kind of like the way I approached the brand of marketing that I used to do. The first thing was to understand what it is we're dealing with, which depersonalizes the candidate a bit.

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Like when I used to do brand marketing, I would first focus on understanding the brand, the company, the product, and all those sorts of things. So if you take that basic framework and tweak it, you're getting to know the candidate. You get to know their resume, their personal stories, who their friends, family, and colleagues are. I had the advantage of knowing Randy for a long time, so we had a lot of the same network.

There are two branches of campaign managers, ones who come in to help out because they've been told to or hired to, and then there's the ones who know the candidate personally.

The angle I took was to have a clear image of who this person was, because I needed to make decisions on things like speeches and content, what's on or off the table, which events to attend, all those types of things. You're making these decisions on their behalf, so you have to know

the person well enough to know what makes sense. What's the right voice, tone, and delivery? You have to build a level of trust, and they need to trust that you know their story, you know who they are. So when you make a decision you're confident they won't have to worry about it. You're basically attached to the candidate.

**KS: What would you say is the biggest difference between civic and federal campaigning?**

**CI:** I've volunteered on all three levels in different capacities, whether it's door-knocking or communications or fundraising. The biggest difference is the party politics. Party politics, party brand are all pieces of the puzzle. When you look at the platform, you're trying to figure out 'how do I place this into the proper context.' We're constantly looking at the platform; how do we translate that for people here? We have to figure out the parts of the platform that folks need to hear about based on what we've heard from various communications to show them how 'this will help you.'

**KS: On your about.me page you state "Never Idle," so what do you do in your spare time? Is it fun and games or is it business as usual?**

**CI:** Well for the last two years, whenever I'm not working or with my family I've been on the campaign. I actually refused a lot of other volunteer activities in favour of doing this. In large because doing this was more out of my own personal motivation to see my candidate elected, because I believe that he is one of those people that should be in government. He's smart, motivated and very much involved in the community. He's someone who is an advocate, who will stand up for our city. I would be proud to see him on the national stage. I dedicated all of my spare time to doing that.

Aside from that I've got two small kids who keep me busy. That's really it, when I'm done this, I'm sure I'm going to find other things to fill in the vacuum of time. I still enjoy business, and I love being in the business world so I'm sure I'll find something else on that front. Or maybe a

volunteer thing or two.

**KS: Bonus question: Any plans for post-election?**

**CI:** (Laughter) Immediately post-election, other than the teardown, I'll be taking off a little bit of time. Afterwards, it's back to work. But it will all depend on what the outcome is. The natural question would be 'would I run his next campaign,' and the answer is 'I don't know.' I would certainly be involved in some way, shape, or form. One of the things I actively tried to do when starting this was to essentially develop my way out of a job, which has always been my attitude towards anything. To create a team where one or more people can take over for me. I've always believed in having a strong team. The bigger picture was always to get more people engaged. You only get generational change when that next generation steps up. I want everyone on my team to be able to either step into my role in the next campaign, or help other campaigns across the city.