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Asking Her Out

Life 'N STuff tackles an age old question: How to ask someone out.

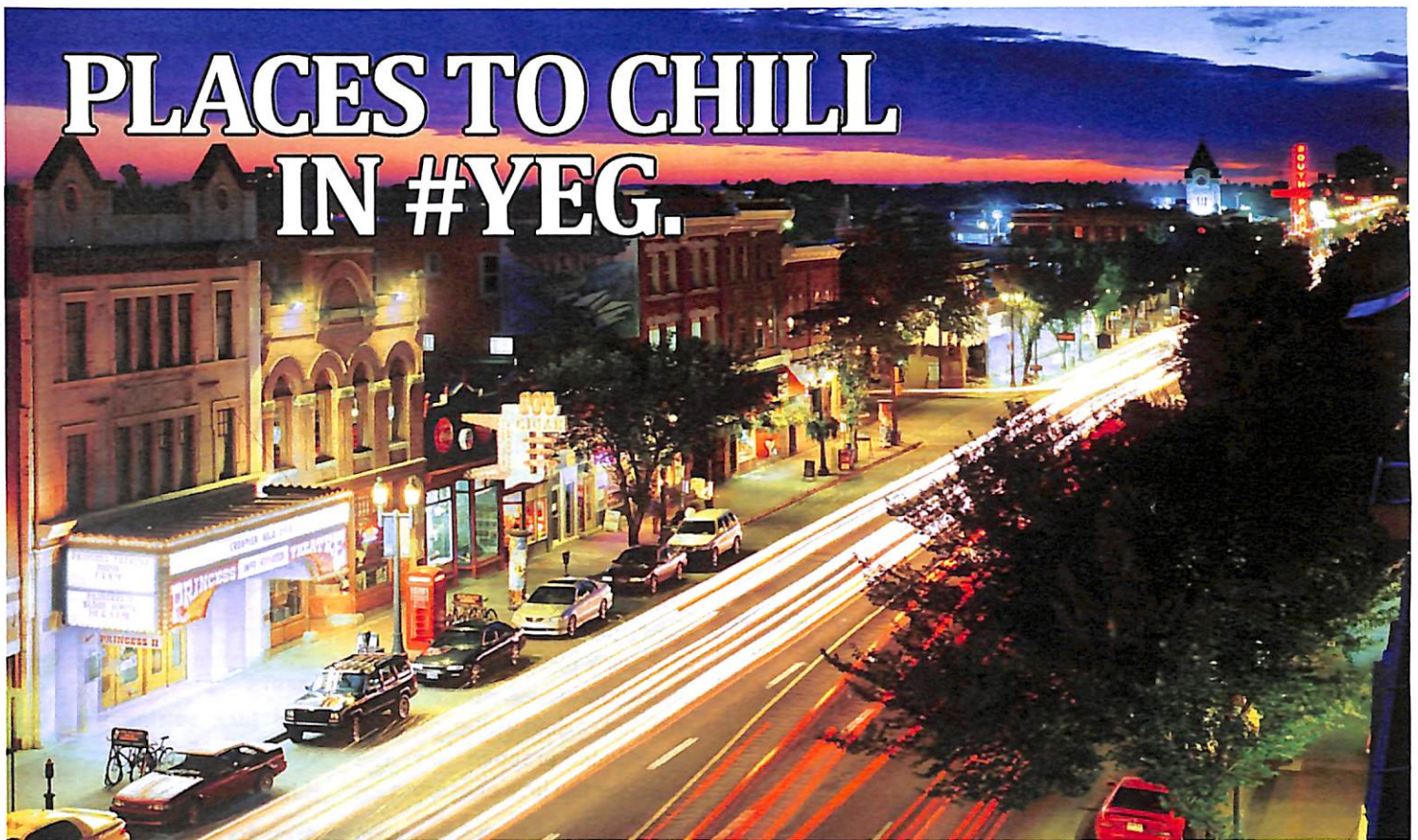


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PLACES TO CHILL IN #YEG.



Rachel Whipple
Entertainment

This is the time of the school year when we are all supposed to get serious about school work. Midterms, presentations, labs, and papers are about to consume our life, but

it is important to have some fun once in a while. Here is a list of some of my favorite weekend spots...

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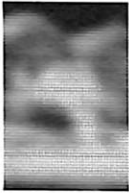
Comforting atmosphere, amazing drinks, great Indian food, and fantastic desserts. This cafe is vegan and vegetarian friendly; you can get

vegan butter chicken and vegan cupcakes (these are surprisingly good!). My go-to dish is the samosas: simple, cheap, and delicious. The chai lattes, iced or hot, are a must have pick-me-up. With three locations in Edmonton, you can always retreat to these cozy cafes. There is one in downtown on 102nd Street and Jasper

Ave, one on 109th Street across from The Garneau, and a new location on Whyte Ave, close to 104th Street. It's a great place to do homework, play chess, or just socialize with friends.

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ASKING HER OUT.



Life 'N.
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Writer

*Dear Life 'N Stuff,
Every day for the past three months I've had short encounters with a woman while at my hobby (please forgive the vagueness, I'm trying not to be found out). The encounters are short and don't involve talking but as you may have guessed I would like them to. I'm really awkward and it's hard for me to talk to girls, what can I do to strike up a conversation with her and maybe get her to go on a date with me? Also where would be a good place to go on a date? I haven't dated much if you can't tell.
-Awkward*

First off, embrace the awkwardness that is you. The easiest way to do that is to go in knowing that the possibility of rejection is always there, so the worst she can say is no. "No" won't kill you, "no" won't send you spiraling into depression, "no" will only mean that you have to move on and accept that this girl isn't for you.

Something I find that usually helps alleviate the awkward moments is having something in common. If you're both involved with the same hobby, which I assume you are given that you "encounter" each other every day, I would say that it's a good place to start. When you have your daily encounter be the one to strike up a conversation, she may be just as shy as you. I've found that the word "hello" or "hi" is a good place to start, followed quickly by a "how are you?" Remember, if you want to open communication between the two of you, someone has to take that first leap. I think you'll find yourself to be surprised how easy it will be to talk after the initial greeting; you do have your hobby in common after all.

Now this is where opinions will differ: asking her out. I would suggest a few, by that I mean 3, conversations at your daily encounters then ask her out for coffee. Others might say that you should jump right in and ask the other person out, or slow play it and wait for a longer period of time. With your issues talking to the opposite sex I'd say: too quick and it'll come out muddled, too slow and I feel like you may fall into a comfortable rhythm and not go through with it. As for asking her out I think that after three "encounters" it should be simple, remember the worst she can say is "no", to say, "So I was wondering if you'd like to grab a coffee later?"

I keep mentioning coffee, not sure if you noticed, that's because coffee is always safe, it may sound boring and cliché, but it provides a place where the two of you can talk and get to know each other. A movie does not provide time to talk. Dinner provides too many options for two people who don't know each other that well. Going to watch the stars may be a little too romantic for a first date. Again I have no idea what your hobby is, but maybe doing something that involves your combined hobby would be good for the two of you, just make sure there is time to talk and get to know each other. That's the most important part of the first date: getting to know the other person.

Another tip before I sign off: don't just talk about yourself, but don't just let her carry the conversation all on her own. It's not a bad thing to have questions prepped for the date, for the love of everything

good in the world don't bring cue cards, but having some things that'd you'd like to know more about the other person are fine to have sitting in the back of your mind to fit in when appropriate.

All that being said, I'm now wondering what other people's ideas about first dates are. Where do you go? How do you handle it? Do you not agree that coffee is the way to go? E-mail me and let me know. Remember my e-mail is bolt.lifenstuff@gmail.com or you can comment on The Bolt's website. Also remember that anything you send me can be published in The Bolt (other than your name and contact info).

Thanks for reading and good luck getting that date, Awkward!
-Life 'N Stuff

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a movie,
dinner at their place,
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TOP WEEKEND DESTINATIONS.



Rachel Whipple
Entertainment

[Continued from front page]...**Metro Cinema at the Garneau Theater**

Metro Cinemas, located in the old Garneau Theater, has an eclectic variety of great films with reasonably priced tickets and student discounts. They frequently have very fun themed film festivals. There is yummy popcorn, candy, and pop that is much cheaper than most movie theaters. A bonus is that they also serve beer (mostly local Alley Kat); yes, you can enjoy a cold one while watching a film. It's really a breath of fresh air from most movie theaters.

The Druid

This is a really fun place to be. It has a smaller dance floor, but it is usually packed and there are always really great people to dance with. They staff is friendly and fairly accommodating for a busy bar. They play fun dance music, with older favorites mixed in. Cover is only \$5, but drinks can get a bit pricey. They

have decent, regular bar food options that they do well. I like going there to dance and to meet interesting people.

Elephant and Castle on Whyte

This pub has a friendly and relaxing atmosphere; there are lots of university students and you can actually sit down and have a conversation. It is surprisingly relaxing compared to the crazy loud bars on Whyte Ave. They have a wide selection of beers and other great drinks. The food is always really good; I would recommend anything on the menu- the nachos are to die for! The waitresses and bartenders are always nice in my experience. This is a relaxing place to grab a drink with friends.

Concordia Sports Games

First off, it is free to get in if you are a student. Secondly, it's fun to see your friends crush other teams and supporting your school feels great. I remember watching my first Concordia Hockey game last November and I had a lot of fun. I won the half time puck shoot, almost lost my voice cheering, and Concordia won! The schedule

of all Concordia sports events is listed online and there are pamphlets you can pick up at the library's check out desk or at the Welcome Centre.

Blues on Whyte

Come out for great live music 7 nights a week! There is a new blues band that comes to play every week. Blues on Whyte is a great place to dance and socialize. The drinks are reasonably priced, but I don't think they serve food (if they do i haven't tried it). They also have a pool table and arcade games if you get tired of dancing your heart out.

The Next Act Pub

The Next Act is always packed... because it is that good! You have to try their amazing grilled cheese with bacon and thin apple slices that's served on perfectly toasted marble rye bread. Make sure to order it with either their amazing fries or soup or salad- it's all good. Afterwards, you can wash it down with one of their many unique beers. My favorites are Crabbie's ginger beer, Alley Kat's grapefruit beer, and a banana bread beer. The atmosphere is inviting and the staff are friendly and

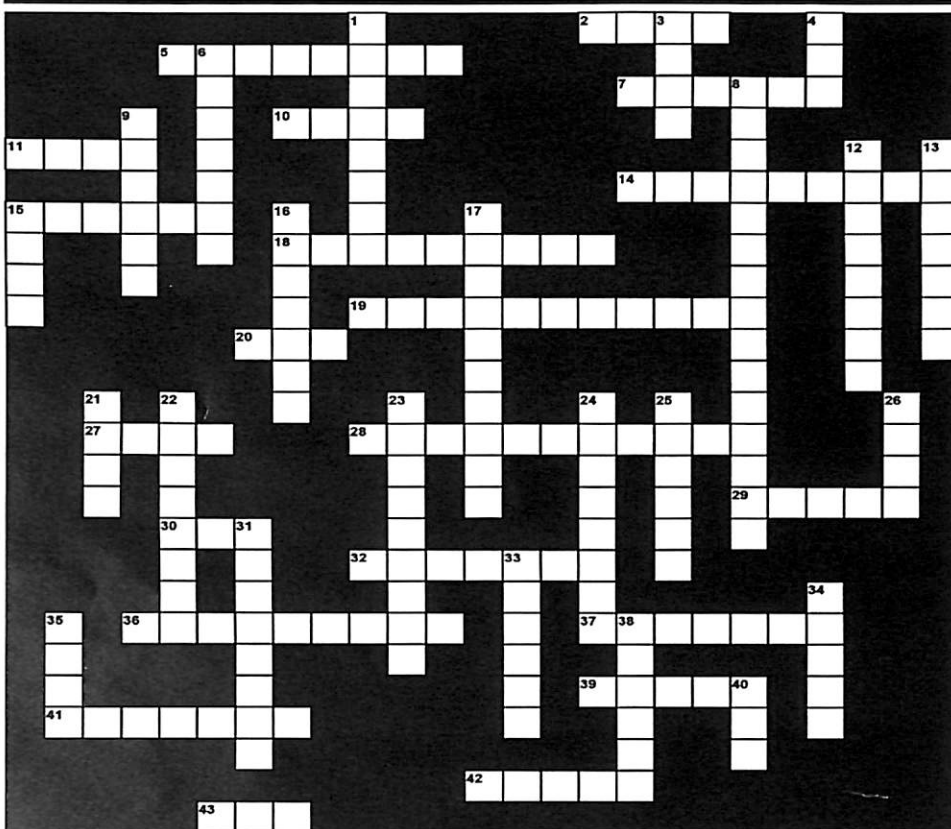
personable. They play great music (not top 40s) and you can catch games or old movies on their TVs. I love getting a bite here with friends; it is right off of Whyte Ave so it is great place to get your night started.

Bud's Lounge

The main attraction is karaoke Saturday nights; the more the merrier, so bring a big group and you'll have a great time! The food is served by the Albert's Family Restaurant kitchen next door, so it is all very basic diner and bar food. The dry ribs are pretty tasty, but I'd stick to simple things like poutine and fries. The drinks and prices are fairly standard for most bars. Some find the atmosphere a little less inviting, but it really depends on what night you go and how badly people want to sing. There is a pool table for those who don't sing, but the karaoke and the lovely karaoke hosts are the real reason to stop by.

I hope you find this list interesting, hopefully helpful, and that you remember to have a little fun this November!

FUN & GAMES



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FIGHT NIGHT: ROUND ONE!



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Gardecki**
Sports Writer

It's been an eventful couple of weeks for Concordia sports teams! The hockey team played two really close games with Red Deer; unfortunately our boys were unable to pull off the wins, losing by a heartbreaking point in overtime. On the 25th and 26th the hockey team faced off against Portage and decimated the Lac la Biche boys 4-2, and 4-1 respectively. Another awesome achievement occurred Friday the 25th in Lac la Biche as Jordon Hoffman earned his first ACAC hat trick! Congratulations Jordon, the first of many I'm sure! The Volleyball season opener took place the same weekend and unfortunately our Thunder was quelled by the Lakeland team's strong kills. Ladies power house Bailey Magnus made an impressive asset for Concordia, and I have to admit that it feels a bit odd to cheer for someone with the same name as you.



For today's topic I thought I'd mix it up a little with a short feature on UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) Haha mix it up a little...mixed martial arts... get it?

For those who aren't familiar with the UFC world; the fights consist of two fighters duking it out in the cage. Using a combination of different techniques such as Judo, Boxing, Jiu-Jitsu, Karate, and Wrestling to mention a few, the fighters battle against each other, mixing up their attacks, creating different combos; the goal being for either a knockout, or a submission. The point system allows for ten points per round, with the winner receiving the full ten and the loser 9 or less. If at the end of the fight each

player has been awarded equal amounts of points then it comes to a judge vote. There are 8 different weight classes ranging from flyweight to heavyweight and each has its own champion.

As a fan of the fights, I tend to pick favorites night to night. Of course, one might be swayed to follow the ranking orders and cheer for number one in their league. The popular one at the moment is a light heavyweight champion named Jon Jones. He's been in the fights since 2008 and after being crowned world champion in 2011, the youngest world champion I might add, he has been dominating his category ever since. I get a little heated when people insist that Cain Velasquez (the heavyweight

champion from USA) would definitely take Jon Jones' title. First of all, my lovely Jon Jones is 50 pounds lighter than Cain - that is a bit of an advantage. However, their fight styles are completely different! Jon Jones' takedown stats are much more impressive than Cain's - 95% to 75%. So although he doesn't have the brawn that Velasquez does, Jones has the strategy.

Well, although I could go on forever singing Jon Jones praises, and he is very nice to look at as well, I'd best be moving on.

Hope everyone has a wonderful week here at Concordia. Next fight night is Wednesday November 9th, check it out! Have fun, and don't drink and drive.

SECURITY OVER PRIVACY?



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Politics

On Friday, October 25th, the news agency "The Guardian" released a report claiming that the American agency, NSA (National Security Agency) tapped over 35 world leaders' phone numbers for monitoring. The sources of this report are attributed to the controversial Edward Snowden, who is known for seeking asylum from the United States, for he released several documents of the NSA that state how various citizens of the U.S., as well as, other individuals foreign to the state are being monitored. Ever since, public attention has been turned to the United States' attempts to survey people's private affairs, and has brought on to discussion whether this intrusion of privacy is legitimately justified.

But first of, where does this leave the US with its international relationships? Tensions have increased most definitely, especially after the German Chancellor Angela Merkel accused the American government for tapping her phone on Wednesday, October 23rd. Therefore, this has set the American government on difficult terms with its allies. However, the document obtained by "The Guardian" explains that the NSA

surveillance on world leaders asked for assistance of other officials in the United States to do so. As of October 25th, there is still no official statement by the United States' government in response to the allegations by its allies; for it is not just the German government demanding for an explanation.

The French President, Francois Hollande has also questioned the American government for surveying the phones of various French citizens, and the Italian Prime Minister, Enrico Letta demands for an explanation. So, despite the actions committed by the United States government, there is still no official statement; and nevertheless, it has stained its relationships with the European Union.

Setting world leaders aside, the reports provided by Edward Snowden state that billions of people worldwide are being surveyed by the NSA seeking for information on terrorism, politics, and economics. However, it suggested that the activities committed by the NSA increased during times of national fear in the United States; for instance: during the government of Richard Nixon at the height of the Red Scare (when the Western Democracies spread fear for the Communist Sphere of Influence during the Cold War,) the Nixon administration increased the activities of the NSA to ensure that national security could

be preserved. Other examples of these behaviours would be the controversial ideals of McCarthyism in the 1950's, where American citizens were under constant surveillance for anti-American behaviours and any sort of support for Leftist idealism. Therefore, these policies follow the pattern of attempting to consolidate national security at the expense of certain privacies of the national citizens of the United States.

In more recent American history, events like 9/11 and the Occupy Movements have raised the flags for the American government to follow up those practices to attempt and preserve national security. Certain policies like the Patriot Act have been enacted in order to address the recent issues that American society is dealing with. However, the question still remains: is it justifiable to intrude the privacy of citizens and other world leaders in order to consolidate national security?

There are several aspects to be kept under consideration, for in this particular case study, the American government is responding to its contextual fears and worries by enabling the NSA to survey people. And by understanding the contextual fears, it appears to be rational for it to respond in such manner. However, whether the fear itself is rational or not is the root of

the argument. For instance: conceptually the War on Terror suggests armed warfare against an abstract idea. In addition, the values of people's privacy and national security are very difficult to contrast, thus positioning the rationality of either response in a very delicate position.

In addition, Francois Hollande claims that it is common for governments to "eavesdrop each other;" however, the extent to which the American government is doing appears to be unreasonable. So, up to what point is it alright for a government to intrude privacies? With this perspective added, there are various perspectives to understand the degree of concern that the American government and its activities through the NSA represent for other international powers, but at the same time, it explains the common practice of espionage of international affairs. Nonetheless, the underlying values of individual privacies still remain, and these values conflict with the values of national security which represent the main concern that leads to the intrusion of privacy.

Ultimately, the activities of the NSA have only created greater tensions between the U.S. and its allies, as well as developing more concern for individual privacies.

THE FORTY YEAR CAREER.

An interview with Dr. Peter Prinsen.



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Education

I sit across from Dr. Peter Prinsen in his beautiful home. I've known Dr. Prinsen for a few years, but admittedly know little about his career. After exchanging pleasantries I suggest we begin with a bit of history, his favorite subject.

PP: I graduated from Calvin University in Grand Rapids Michigan in 1971. After graduating I returned home to Edmonton where I began my 40 year career in Education; I spent the first 32 years as a teacher, administrator and on the provincial executive for private schools. Most of my teaching and administrative career was spent in Christian schools. The last 8 years I worked in Professional Standards Branch with Alberta Education.

TM: Forty years and a PhD! That's quite the resume. If you could give any advice to prospective teachers what would you tell them?

PP: You have to like kids. I know everybody is supposed to love kids, but I am not sure all teachers like kids. I mean really letting their hair down, rolling up their sleeves and interacting with the kids. The best advice I can give any young teacher is to enjoy the students. Take time to laugh and appreciate all the fun that students bring each day. There are many challenges in the classroom, but if you take the time to laugh and get to

know your kids you will not find a more rewarding career. I also encourage teachers starting out in their career to spend time observing the actions and practices of other teachers, but not to mimic them. You have to gather up as much information as you can and find out what works for you. You will fail from time to time, but relax - it gets better with practice. The key is to learn from your mistakes and develop your own style

TM: You started in 1971 and left the class room in 2003, what would you say has changed the most since you began?

PP: Other than the photocopying technology, parents are very different now than when I first began my teaching career. I remember my first year teaching I kept a student after school because he was not paying attention in class. The next day I received a call from the parent and I don't mind saying I was a bit nervous. I wasn't sure what the parent was going to say. When I spoke with the student's mother she said I did not go hard enough on her boy that perhaps I should have sent him to the office for the strap.

Just before I left administration to join Alberta Education I suspended a student for having drugs in school. He had a pretty large amount so I assumed it was for resale. When I spoke with the mother she felt I was overreacting. It was just a little pot and he probably got it from his dad anyway. Some parental attitudes have changed over my 40 years and not all for the better.

TM: That's quite the change. Can you remember any moments in your career that touched you, or reminded you why you became a teacher?

PP: I have always thought Grade 8 was a tough year for students. In most schools they are not the oldest, but they are not the youngest either. They are the middle child of the school system. In my Grade 8 class there was a young man who struggled. He was very quiet and the other students did not interact with him. One day in class a student approached me and said the young man seemed to have wet himself. Sure enough when I went to see what was wrong there was a wet spot on his pants and puddles around his desk. I asked him if he wanted to go to the bathroom and very embarrassed he stood up and left the class. I did not even say a word and the other students jumped into action. They got paper towels and a mop to clean his desk and one of the boys brought him a dry pair of pants to wear. When the boy returned to class not one student said a word about the incident nor did they for the rest of the year either. Grade 8, as rowdy as they can be, showed me that day that there is a good side to all kids; even though they can be harder to handle, they're still people.

TM: Oh gosh, I must have something in my eye because I'm tearing up a little. Okay on to the funny stuff before one of us loses their professionalism.

PP: Oh I have a few funny stories. A sixth grade class in one of my schools decided they were going to throw a surprise

birthday party for their teacher. To make sure their teacher or another teacher for that matter didn't enter the room while they decorated, they placed a young man on guard outside the door. He was very polite and never had any issues at the office. As he was diligently guarding the door another teacher walked by him in the hall and asked why he was outside of the class. He panicked and said his teacher had kicked him out. The teacher other pushed him as to why he got kicked out and this is when the panic really set in. He blurted out the he told his homeroom teacher to "f*!@ off." Well, the teacher jumped into action and marched him to my office. When they arrived the teacher told me what had happened and demanded action. I assured her we would not tolerate this behavior and language. I had already been informed of the party but asked the student what happened. He blushed and began to tell me the whole story; when the teacher had approached him, panicked he'd blurted out the first excuse that came to his mind - "I told my teacher to f*!@% off." I tried not to laugh and asked him if that was really the best he could think of. He sheepishly bowed his head and repeated "I panicked." It was hard not to laugh, but we got a chuckle out of it for a long time. Kids are always full of surprises.

We conclude our interview and he wishes me luck with my journey into the world of education, I laugh and remind him that I still do not want to be an educator.

Status: Not a career for me.

STAYING ON SCHEDULE.



Nick Chevalier
Editor in Chief

The last month has been crazy. School, part-time job, my editor job, and organizing a charity event along with trying to maintain a healthy social life and I'm sure I'm not the only one out there with so much on their plate. So with that, this "Letter from me" is all about reminding you to schedule your time appropriately and making sure you don't burn yourself out. I know I'm stepping into Health and Fitness and Life 'N Stuff territory, but I feel like I'll take a different approach to the matter than either Mike or LNS.

Why bother reminding people about taking time to schedule their time? It seems like an obvious thing doesn't it? Well, sometimes we all need a reminder and unfortunately we don't always have someone who is there to remind us, but luckily I'm here for you! While school, work, and extracurriculars that add to your resume are great and they're important, not making time for yourself

can create bigger issues and lead to more severe problems. I've seen it happen and I'm not going to delve into the problems that can arise from not taking some time for yourself; I will try to give you some tips on how to stay sane while juggling everything else in your student life.

First off, small things can make a difference. I'm not a fan of group studying, but even studying with a friend who is studying something else can help add a little socialization to your life. I wouldn't suggest doing this all the time, especially if your friend doesn't have a lot to study or tends to fool around instead of concentrating on their work. Another tip that I've always given people is to stay ahead of their syllabus. Get an assignment that's due in two weeks? Get it done as soon as you get it. That way you have a ton of time to look it over and you'll also have time to attend events like CUCA Spooka (which was just this past weekend) or a Thunder athletic game of your choosing.

Study with family around. I don't know how many classes I've had that have said the best way to learn is to teach

and when you study around certain people, that's what happens. I know when I do this I tend to tell the people around me what I'm studying and reinforce the things that I'm learning about. I put this in a different category than studying with friends, because your friends, who are probably also in postsecondary, don't have the capacity to learn their subjects along with yours.

The most important tip is also the most obvious; keep a day planner, agenda, calendar or any other variation of a schedule. I know I'm guilty of neglecting to do this in the past; I've started out strong but faltered after two weeks or so of diligent planning. But technology makes things so much easier. Get a test date or submission date for an assignment? Add it to your phone's calendar. See a poster for an upcoming CUCA event that you'd like to attend? Add it to your calendar. It sounds redundant, but with all the things floating around in our brain: midterms, significant others, essay due dates, food, sleep, significant others; it's easy for things to get jumbled or confused and by simply putting all these dates into your phone you can avoid conflict and also see if you're

spreading yourself too thin.

Concordia puts on a lot of great events to alleviate stress and get you out and socializing with your peers. Not a fan of school events? Go out with coworkers from your job or volunteer position. Don't like them? Then find time to read a good book that isn't on any of your syllabi. I know for me, reading for an hour before bed or watching a show on Netflix before bed helps my mind unwind from a busy day and allows my brain to shut down. I know we're suppose to get a recommended amount of sleep, but for me I'd rather forgo an hour of that sleep to relax my mind and body before going to bed. That's just me though, everyone is different and has their own ways of dealing with the stresses in their daily lives, just make sure you notice when that stress is getting to be too much. Also remember that Concordia has services to help you deal with that kind of stuff, the school is here to help you.

Reading week is coming up soon so make sure you take some time for you and relax a little before hitting the books or heading to work.

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