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Orientation Issue

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My Summer Vacation

Andrew Hoffman

Do you remember the first day of school in grade three? It was exciting to see all your friends again... but everyone is whispering to each other that the meanest teacher in the whole school is teaching your class this year. You and your friends go into the class and pick desks, not sure about what is going to happen. Then the teacher walks in, says hello, and then does the worst thing your eight-year old mind can imagine; she tells everyone to write a short story with the title "What I did on my summer vacation."

Immediately, everyone in the class freezes. Half of the class can no longer remember anything that they did over the summer, including the 'frog incident' at grandma's that nobody will ever forget. The other half of the class is frozen because they remember *everything* they did over the summer, and they don't know if it's going to be as good as the first half's.

After thirteen years, I think it's time for me to finally confront my fear. So, this is what I did for my summer vacation:

I spent the past summer finding out that what I give as advice isn't worth pen and paper. It is ironic, then, that I am now working for the school paper, n'est ce pas? Fortunately, the job of your Blue & White staff is not to tell you what we think, but rather to show you what you and your peers think. So, in keeping with that general philosophy, here is something that I learned over the summer from people in your situations:

For the first years: one of the most exciting discoveries of the last few decades in terms of physical science is that black holes aren't actually black. They glow. If you didn't know this, and you wanted to, I hope your major is physics.

For the mid-years: Opium was used by the Romantic poets to stimulate creativity. I recommend (as an effective substitute) denying yourself food for three days, donning a linen robe and asking yourself (and the people around you) "What if things were different?"

For my fellow graduates: You may have realized recently that you know nothing. It's all right; you don't have to worry. Uncertainty prevents you from stagnating as you grow older. Just don't let your questioning make you complacent.

I hope you all have a wonder-filled year.

Concordia Career Services--Information For Students

FREE COFFEE!! Drop by the Career Services Office, fill out an information form. You will receive a coupon for a free coffee at the kiosk--until September 23rd.

At Career Services, students can access information and support in regards to:

- Career & Educational Planning
- Making Career Decisions
- Job Search
- Resume Writing
- Portfolio Development
- Preparing for Interviews
- Tracking Labour Market Trends

The Career Services Office and Resource Centre are in the Library (Rm # L265). To book an appointment with Career Services, go to Student Affairs (Rm # G212) or call 479-9244/ or email dorothy.ritz@concordia.ab.ca

Note the following schedule of career events and workshops. The first one is on September 8th. All students are welcome.

CAREER SERVICES EVENTS FOR CONCORDIA STUDENTS 2005-2006

EVENT	DATE AND TIMES	LOCATION
Making Career and Educational Decisions	Thursday, September 8 th , 2005 3:00-4:00 pm	CSA Meeting Room
Where are the Jobs? How to Track the Work Market	Wednesday, September 28, 2005 3:45-4:35 pm	CSA Meeting Room
Researching and Applying For Graduate Study or Professional Programs After Concordia	Thursday October 13, 2005 11:10 am-12:25 pm	CSA Meeting Room
How Do I Decide What Kind of Work I am Suited To?	Wednesday, October 26, 2005 1:00-1:50 pm	CSA Meeting Room
International and Volunteer Opportunities Fair-chat with presenters to explore options	Wednesday, November 2 nd 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Tegler Centre
Researching and Applying For Graduate Study or Professional Programs After Concordia	Wednesday, November 16, 2005 2:50-3:40 pm	CSA Meeting Room
Career Forum--Alumni Guests Share Their Career Experience With Students	Thursday January 12 th 2006 4:00-5:30 pm	TBA
Career Fair-chat with employers and, or possible educational programs after Concordia	Wednesday February 1 st , 2006 10:00 am-2:00 pm	Tegler Centre
Exploring International Education or Employment	Wednesday, February 15, 2006 11:10 am-12:00 pm	CSA Meeting Room
Job Search Tips and Techniques	Tuesday, March 7, 2006 12:35-1:35 pm	CSA Meeting Room
Developing Your Resume and/or Portfolio	Thursday, March 23 rd , 2006 2:00-3:00 pm	Library Conference Room
Interviewing-for jobs or for further education	Friday, April 7 th 2006, 1:55-2:45 pm	CSA Meeting Room

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First Day by Andrew Hoffman



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Uluru Magic

by Bonnie Ross

Uluru...

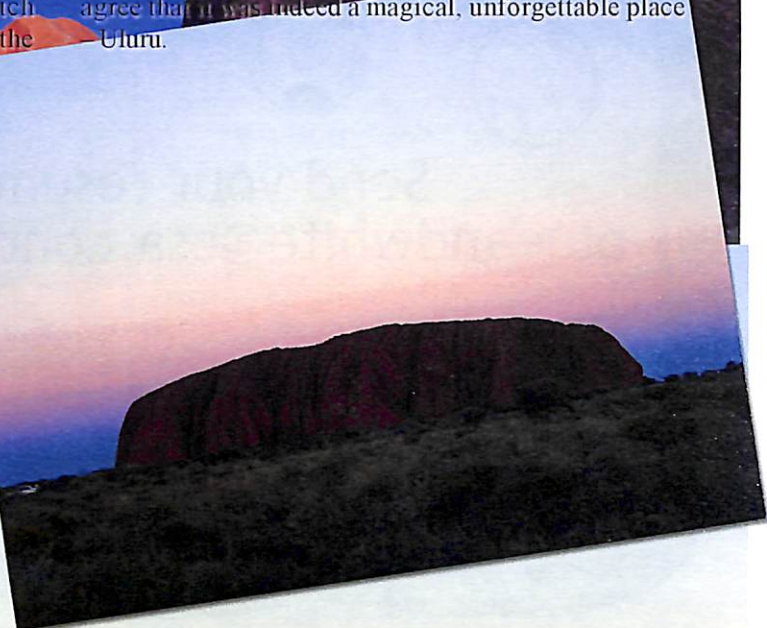
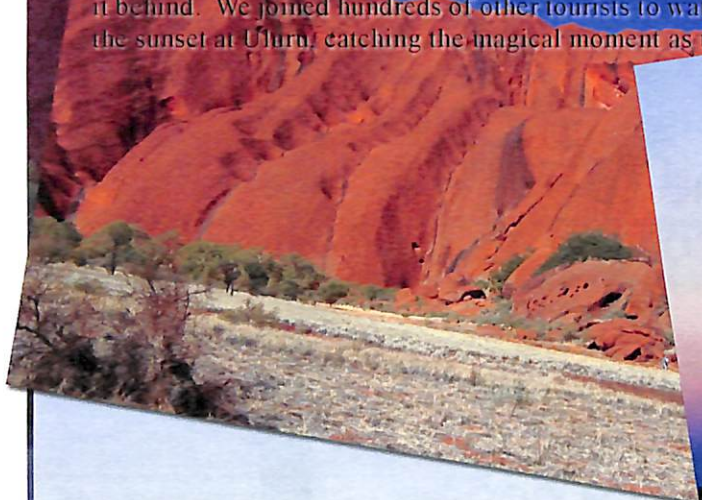
The word conjures up images of a big red rock, aboriginals, and spiritual things. There's something magical about Uluru, formerly known as Ayers Rock, which draws tourists from all over the world and has made it the "heart, soul, and centre" of Australia.

I didn't have any plans to see Uluru when I went to Australia. I figured it was just a rock and it was way out in the middle of nowhere. Then I got a job near Alice Springs, and decided since I was out there I might as well see this famous rock. I joined a tour of Uluru and discovered that the rock is a magical place.

I spent several hours watching Uluru through the windshield or rear-view mirror as we approached it or left it behind. We joined hundreds of other tourists to watch the sunset at Uluru, catching the magical moment as the

rock reflected the sun's last glowing rays, and then became a dull shadow against the sky when the sun had set. We heard only a few of the stories about the rock, for the aboriginals have many more they don't tell to tourists. I hiked the 9-km walk around the rock while others in our group tackled the arduous climb to the top; either exercise gave a good perspective of Uluru's size, and made it mind-boggling to think that, like an iceberg, most of it lies under the ground.

I still remember the feeling I had when I first saw Uluru, a feeling that stayed with me as I walked around it and watched it at sunset and sunrise. Its size, stories, and colour make it special, yet there is something more to it that makes every person I talked to about it agree that it was indeed a magical, unforgettable place Uluru.



Share your travel adventures and advice! Send your story and pictures to: blueandwhite@csa.concordia.ab.ca