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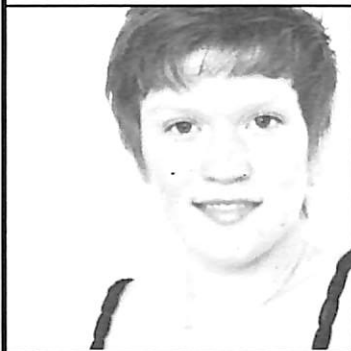


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From The Spinney Chair

by Brittni Carey

Happy last week of October! Lots has been going on in the Blue & White office, behind the scenes and all that. For one thing, as you may have noticed, we've had a change of staff: everyone say hello to Alexandra Bennett, our new Layout Editor! Though we are saddened to no longer have Christian Whitty with us, we wish him all things Apple-y and delicious. We've also had a fair number of submissions from you Concordians out there - thanks to everyone who's contributed art or feedback! I really encourage all you sentient beings out there to respond to what you've

been reading. One of the amazing things we have in this country is free speech, and besides, university is supposed to be about engaging in ideas, isn't it? Speaking of ideas. The theme of this paper is Trick or Treat, and it was inspired by a box of Halloween candy. Isn't it strange, the places from whence we get our ideas? So, visit wherever you get yours from and send them to bw.concordia@gmail.com or drop by our CSA office. We love your art and comments, we truly do.

7 Ways to Defend Your Money From Things that go Bump in the Night

by Sara Campos-Silvius

Goblins, vampires, and Saw 5 (or 6? who knows anymore?): this time of year we like to be scared. But your monthly bank balance is one thing that shouldn't make your hair stand on end. Here are some simple tips you can use each day to save your hard-earned money.

1. Take your own coffee

If you spend \$3/day on coffee (and you probably spend more for your creamy frothy caffeine fix) you could save over \$1000 a year. A year!

2. Skip the gym

If you really love the weight room and the eye candy, stay; otherwise, you can walk, run, bike ride, follow a yoga DVD in your living room, go dancing, skating, tobog-

gating, or play soccer with your friends all pretty much for free.

3. The public library – not just for third-graders

You can borrow DVDs, CDs, and of course tons of books for a \$12 yearly fee. Can't afford it? The Edmonton public library accommodates everyone and will waive the fees.

4. Student banking

Why are you paying monthly for transaction fees? Lots of banks have free student banking – be sure to ask.

5. Thrift stores are your friend

Lots of clothes, shoes, boots, house wares, knickknacks and other stuff mingled in with the neon blazer from

1985 and cassette tapes for 99 cents. Yes, cassettes.

6. The car

Do you really need the car? Really? Try car-pooling or catching a ride with family and friends to both save money and cut down on pollution. Take transit when you can.

7. Buy used textbooks or textbooks online Seriously, check out Amazon for your textbooks and you could save a TON. Maybe you could use the school library's copy too depending on the edition – it requires you to plan ahead for your study time, but it could definitely pay off.





Sexy Costumes Are Not That Appealing

by Allison Compton

I love Halloween. Besides Christmas, it's my favourite holiday. I really enjoy shopping for the decorations and choosing a costume for the spookiest night of the year! I went to do just that over this past weekend and noticed a trend that really annoys me. Almost all of the costumes for women are eroticized. Some women use Halloween as a chance to dress inappropriately and nobody can say anything about it. You can be a sexy nurse, police officer, or librarian. Not to mention, all of your favourite childhood fairy tale characters have been sexified for your viewing pleasure. You can go out as a sexy Red Riding Hood, Little Bo Peep, or Alice in Wonderland.

Now, I'm a feminist and I believe in a woman's right to wear what she wants; but really a firefighter who wears 5-inch stilettos and

a skirt that barely covers what needs to be covered seems more to me like objectification rather than empowerment. The worse part is that the costume company has the audacity to charge \$60 or \$70 dollars for these costumes as well.

While I was in the women's costumes aisle at one of those big Halloween distributor stores, one girl was reading my mind and mentioned, "Everything is sexy this and sexy that." I agreed with her and mentioned my predicament, "I'm doing student teaching right now and I can't find any costume I could wear in front of kids!" We laughed about it and we both came to the conclusion that we weren't buying into it and were going to make our own costumes this year. Such a great idea!

Does anyone else think this "sexy" costume trend is ridiculous?



How I Came to Realize the Relationship Between Chapel and Brussels Sprouts

by Alexandra Bennett

A few weeks ago I attended chapel for the first time. Over my semesters at Concordia, I was often encouraged and invited to go to chapel, but I never felt compelled to go. My lack of interest in chapel had to do with a few things; the first of them being that in my first year I had unwisely forgotten to schedule myself a lunch break (a novice mistake) and chapel time provided a wonderful solution. It was also my experience that church gatherings were most often somber affairs, something I am not interested in, juxtaposed by the fact that all the people I knew regularly attended chapel were entirely too happy and nice (being somewhat cynical, I felt awful in

comparison). But most of all, I was really uncomfortable taking part in something so different and personal.

Along with this reluctance to go to chapel came a reluctance to take the mandatory religion classes. I somehow managed to escape enrolling in one my first year, but the administration eventually caught up to me, which is how I found myself sitting in an intro religion class for the first time this semester. This class has blown away my every expectation; in fact, it is very nearly the exact opposite of what I had imagined. With that in mind, and a deadline for the B&W fast approaching, I

decided to give chapel a shot.

A couple of days previously, I had asked a chapel-going friend of mine to be my chapel chaperone. Maybe I'm a wimp, but I didn't really want to go it alone. I think the worst part of trying something new is that feeling of not knowing what you're doing. I hate it when it's blatantly obvious I have no idea what's going on: not sitting or standing at the right times, not knowing the words or the tunes of the music. Then again, I'm not at school because I already know everything.

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How I Came to Realize the Relationship Between Chapel and Brussels Sprouts

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When I arrived I couldn't see my friend, and I was alone, at the back. As I expected, I didn't know when to sit or stand, nor did I know the words and tunes of the music, but it was alright. Nobody looked at me funny, and since I had lucked out and picked a day when there was no actual sermon, I wasn't pushed too far out of my religious comfort zone. I'm still not totally sold on attending on a regular basis, but I might consider going again someday (for those of you who can identify somewhat with my position, I would highly recommend starting with a Friday, which is what I did).

I've realized that this experience isn't really about going to chapel (something I have to admit was totally blown out of

proportion in my head) but about being open to discussions and ideas I may not be too keen on. When we were younger, my mom would often tell me and my brothers that we had to try something at least once, and when we did, she would say that we had to try it again, because nothing is the same twice. While I seem to recall that my mom was referring to brussels sprouts, this motherly wisdom applies to lots of things. I feel encouraged to find something I'm not too enthusiastic about, be it chapel or a particularly nasty green vegetable, and try it once, try it twice, and try to see the other side (thanks mom, I finally got it). Knowledge doesn't necessarily have to mean agreeing with something, and if we were willing to experience and understand the other side of whatever it might be, imagine what we could accomplish in our world.

Trick Or Treat! The Halloween Quiz

by Sara Campos-Silvius

Trick or treat! Test your knowledge of things odd & creepy with our Halloween quiz

1. Match the international vampire myth to its name and country:
 - a. this vampire appears in the form of a kindly lost old man who is allowed to stay overnight at his helpful victim's house. He then sucks his host's blood in the night
 - b. this vampire must be buried at a crossroads to prevent it from returning to attack
 - c. this vampire uses an antenna growing out of its nose to siphon its victim's blood

1. ogoljen; Czechoslovakia
2. incus; Vietnam
3. abchanchu; Bolivia

2. What Edmonton hotel more than a century old was the site of a murder and is considered haunted to this day?
 - a. the Westin
 - b. the Strat
 - c. the Fantasyland Hotel

3. What popular fantasy book was the most challenged/banned book in America from 2000 – 2009 according to the American Library Association?

- a. His Dark Materials series (Philip Pullman)
 - b. Harry Potter series (J.K. Rowling)
 - c. The Wizard of Oz (Frank L. Baum)
4. What is the one of the most prolific haunted places in Canada?
 - a. The Chateau Lake Louise in British Columbia
 - b. the Parliament building in Ottawa
 - c. the Plains of Abraham in Québec
 5. Today Halloween is a secular celebration, but it is historically associated with:
 - a. an ancient Celtic New Year festival
 - b. a traditional Roman Catholic festival honouring saints
 - c. a Mayan mid-year feast day
 6. Hollywood.com lists the top-grossing horror movie of all time as:
 - a. Jaws (1975)
 - b. Paranormal Activity (2009)
 - c. The Sixth Sense (1999)
 - d. The Exorcist (1973)
 7. Stephanie Meyer, author of the internationally successful Twilight book & film series, is an observant:
 - a. Evangelical Christian
 - b. Roman Catholic
 - c. Mormon

8. Which play must never be mentioned by name inside the theatre for fear of bringing calamity upon the production?
 - a. The Crucible
 - b. MacBeth
 - c. Grease
9. Mary Shelley's classic horror novel was originally titled Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus. Who is Prometheus?
 - a. the Roman god of creation
 - b. the Titan who stole the secret of fire from the gods
 - c. the boy who flew too close to the sun
10. The only woman to be hanged in Alberta was executed by the state in what year for what crime?
 - a. 1915; the arson of her neighbour's farm
 - b. 1898; as an accomplice in a plot to blow up a railway line
 - c. 1923; the murder of a police constable

Answers revealed on the back page...



A Call in the Night: Our Hero, The Rock - Installment # 3

by David Supina

The third of our weekly installments of David Supina's serial novel, Our Hero, A Rock. If you miss an installment (yeah, right!) you can catch up on David's Blog: <http://ourheroarock.blogspot.com/>

"Aaaaahhh! Talking rock! TALKING ROCK!" Rose shouted, dropping the rock and diving onto her bed, using her covers as a shield.

"Yes, well, it was your idea. I can't say I'm fully used to being able to talk yet, but I would like to move, if we can get going." The rock was very brusque.

"What... are you...?" Rose asked, one eyebrow scrunched, the other eyebrow reaching.

"That's a good question, which there is a very good answer to, and has an even better reason why I can't tell you. Now, if you would please pick me up, I would like to be able to move."

"Move...? You're..." Rose uttered, her mouth twisting.

"A rock, yes, we've established that. And you're a little person. You don't hear me screeching every time you move or speak. Now, can we get out of here? I'm rather limited at the moment."

Rose's heart returned to normal. The talking rock, for the moment, did not appear like it was going to hurt her. She had heard that shifty eyes were a tell, but... it was a rock.

"Okay," she said, carefully picking up the rock. She looked it over for a moment, but... it didn't seem to have one. "But you better not hurt me."

"Of course, I mean you absolutely no harm," the rock said soothingly. "Now, go to the window and jump out."

"What?" Rose uttered faintly.

"That came out wrong, my dear," the rock said quickly. "I mean, expel yourself from the immediate premise to the exterior of your house through that opening."

"You mean jump." Rose said, her heart beginning to pound again.

"Well... yes," said the rock. "But I liked the way I said it better."

Rose was very afraid, but she didn't know how to win an argument with a rock, so she decided to take another look out at the liquid night.

"Watch," said the rock, and suddenly, the stars burst into multiple colours, and swirled around like fireworks across the sky. A few of them came down and landed, tiny, glowing. "What are they?"

"What you would like them to be. Eat one."

Candy, Rose decided, as she popped a particularly sparkly green one in her mouth before immediately dropping her jaw, the star sliding out. She quickly caught it, and stuffed it back in.

"It's my absolute favourite," her large smile seeming to wash away her dour look. "BOILED ZUCCHINI!"

"Umm... yes!" said the rock, a little slowly. "It's whatever you would like it to be. But that's only the beginning."

"Really?" Rose's heart was racing, for once, not with fear.

"Yes. What is your name, dear?"

"It's Rose."

"That's a pretty name."

"Not really. Everyone says that, but they really like Daisy. They're just trying to be nice..."

"Don't worry about that right now, Rose. Just jump out and think of the one thing you would like to do more than any other."

"It's not safe."

"Sometimes, the rules change, and you have to risk it."

Rose didn't know what to do. If the stars could turn into glowing boiled zucchini, then what was there to do but...

She shut her eyes, told her brain to shut up, and jumped out the window, and felt... falling. Quickly.

"Think of what you'd like to do!" cried the rock, still in her hands. "Quick!"

Time slowed. What did she want to do? There was nothing, she was going to fall and get hurt, and she would never be happy or popular or liked like her sister or even do something magical like...

"Fly," the words escaped her lips in barely a whisper.

And suddenly, she was soaring, the whole world slipping underneath. The lights from the street lamps whizzed by as she felt a rush of a warm wind envelope her.

And for the first time in a very long time, Rose laughed. She laughed without stopping. She laughed at all the jokes she had heard but didn't seem to think were funny, at all the fun things that she had done with her sister and thought she hadn't liked, but most of all, she laughed because for the first time she could remember in her young life, she was purely happy.

To be continued...



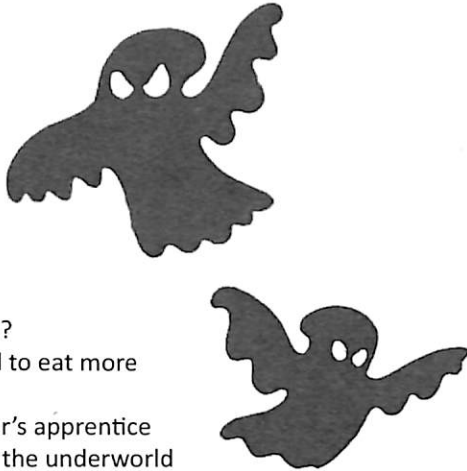
Answers from the Halloween Quiz

Answers:

- 1 a = 3, b = 1, c = 2
- 2 b
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 a
- 6 a
- 7 c
- 8 b
- 9 b
- 10 c

How did you do?

- 0 - 4 : you need to eat more brains, zombie
- 5 - 8 : a sorcerer's apprentice
- 9 - 10 : ruler of the underworld



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- Bottles
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BY DEJAN MIŠOVIĆ

GOD IS IN MATHEMATICS
AND GOD IS AN EQUATION:
THE EQUATION OF DOMINATION,
PROBLEM SOLVING AND INSPIRATION -
HE WILL BRING US TO THE RIGHT DESTINATION.

HE IS BRINGING SALVATION
AND DELETING THE BLACK HOLE
HE IS THE LIGHT THAT TURNS
BLACK DARKNESS INTO DAY
HE IS THE HOPE OF OUR PRAYERS.

I DO NOT NEED A WEAPON:
AK47, MISSILE, OR SWORD
I HAVE MY LOVE, BELIEFS,
AND MY LORD.



"PIRATE DUCK" BY GRAEME HEAD