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WHO AM I AND WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Scott Lyons: that is my name. It is important for you to know that because I am now the new Editor in Chief of this paper. I am a third year student with a Sociology major and have been involved with the CSA and this paper for most of my time here on campus. I took this job to, among many things, create a paper that will increase student interest and involvement in it. This is no small task. I feel that after looking at the problems associated with this paper I may be attempting something that cannot be done! The reason for this seemingly impossible task is that after discussing this paper with many of you students I have found that EVERYONE IS A CRITIC and NO ONE WANTS THE SAME THING for the paper!!! So then, after turning white with fear and drinking a big mug of“water,” I am starting a plan to hopefully reach a solution.

I wish to see more submissions by students.

To accomplish this I am initiating two things with the consent and help of the two (wonderful) coworkers I have on staff with me on the paper. First is a writing contest for each issue that will reward the best submission with \$20 for their



effort. Second, we will be awarding two \$10 prizes to reporters who will report on Concordia events. In addition to this I can offer free press passes to plays, movies, and media events to any one of you who would like to attend if you would just like to write an article on it. Please talk to me if you are at all interested in any of this.

There is much more I wish to do so please

keep reading and listening! I would really like to hear your feedback on the paper and any ideas you may have to better meet your expectations and needs. Thank you for supporting YOUR paper by reading it. I hope to pay you back by making it better for YOU.

Scott Lyons,
Editor in Chief

Christian Life Week Feb. 2nd - Feb. 6th

Come and check out the awesome events that we have planned for this semester's Christian Life Week.

Chapels Feb. 2-5 We have recruited Pastor Koebernick all the way from Parksville to hear his message about our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

A special praise chapel will be held in Tegler by Sojourn Fare on Feb. 6th!

Tues, Feb 3rd- Murder Mystery Dinner

Thurs, Feb 5th- Scrap booking class

Fri, Feb. 6th-7th- 30 Hour Famine and Concert!

(see inside for more info on all of this!)

STUDENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Students in university tend to dream about their future. What lies beyond the walls of Concordia? Where are the opportunities after graduation, and where do they find connections? I have struggled with these thoughts myself. I have sought advice from those who have been in the game many years longer than myself. I took on a project millions times larger than me, then I fell. I hyped, and talked, and promoted; I thought this project was a 'sure thing,' but in life there are no

guarantees. I learned something in the process: stick by those who believe in you, win or lose, and through conflict and obstacles be loyal to the people who give you a lift you up.

I have learned that Concordia University has something special, something that many competing institutions lack. The students at Concordia support each other and have blind faith in a fellow student who has little or no

experience. That is pretty special. I have not been here for very long, and I have tried many different things. I have tried and I have made mistakes.

But now, thanks to the students at Concordia I have found a soft place to fall, limitless networking opportunities, bright smiling faces, and a future of promise, loyalty, and above all else, honesty.

This one lesson I have learned, and I want to pass it on to others who might

be wrestling with a dream. Go for it! Win or lose, pass or fail. Put yourself out there and let people see you in the face of rejection, then smile. Go ahead and call me crazy, because in the end I still believe that good girls finish first.

By: Christine May

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MOVIE REVIEW: ALONG CAME POOLIE

I will never eat mixed nuts at the local drinking establishment again after viewing the new Ben Stiller/Jennifer Aniston offering "Along Came Polly," which stormed theatres on January 14th. In the movie you have Reuben Fefter (Ben Stiller) who is a risk manager both at his job and away from the job as he will only partake in anything once he knows the risks of the situation, which is why his marriage seems like such a sure thing: His new bride Lisa (Debra Messing) is like a computer printout of an ideal mate for life. But it doesn't work out that way in "Along

Came Polly," a movie where a lot of things don't work out, including, at last, the movie itself. On the second day of their honeymoon in St. Barts, Lisa cheats on Reuben with a muscular scuba instructor (Hank Azaria), and Reuben is forced to return to New York crushed, betrayed, and alone. When he meets Polly (Jennifer Aniston), an old middle school chum, he doubts they can be happy together (assessing the risks, he sees the two of them as totally incompatible), but to his amazement they are soon involved in a neurotic but not boring relationship. The

problem is that their relationship (and indeed Reuben's entire array of friendships and business associations) is implausible, not in a funny way but in a distracting way. We keep doubting that this person would be acting this way in this situation. What kind of a risk assessor is Reuben if he *knows* he has Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and nevertheless goes on a first date with Polly to dinner at a North African spice palace? Yes, his dinner gives the movie the opportunity to launch one of those extended sequences involving spectacular digestive and regurgita-

tive adventures, but we're aware it's a set-up. As Stiller himself classically demonstrated in "There's Something About Mary," embarrassment is comic when it is thrust upon you by accident or bad luck, not when you go looking for it yourself.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Of the Polly character, it can be said that the risk of her ever falling in love with a man like Reuben is a very long shot. What attracts her? His personality? Low self-esteem? Workaholism? His inability to engage spontaneously with fun? She's a free spirit who lives in one of those apartments that look like they were inspired by a Concordia student's messy apartment. Her favorite occupation is salsa dancing, which for her approaches virtual sex, especially with her favorite partner Javier (Jsu Garcia). Reuben, uncoordinated and inhibited, is jealous of Javier until he signs up for salsa

lessons, which could have been funny, but are not. There isn't a lot in the movie



6.75-16 Polly Prince (LINDSEY ANNISTON) joins Reuben Fuller (BEN STILLER) for lunch in the new apartment building their architect (John Hamburg, Along Came Polly). Credit: Tracy Stewart. ©2009 Universal Studios. All Rights Reserved.

that is funny. I did like Philip Seymour Hoffman as Sandy, Reuben's best friend. He's a former child star, now reduced to having strangers tell him how amazed they are

several gag jokes that Ben Stiller is famous for in his movies. But overall it was an enjoyable waste of an hour and a half and is a good view for you and your partner if you are looking for a romantic laugh. I will give it 3 out of 5 stars. (Universal Pictures, Run Time 1:30, Rating PG-13)

By: Jon Dowell

SOJOURN FARE COMING TO CONCORDIA!

EXCITING NEWS!!! Concordia is hosting a Christian band from the United States on Feb.6th. SOJOURN FARE will be here in Edmonton on Thurs. Feb. 5th and have asked if they can participate in the 30 Hour Famine! Please come out to support them and enjoy a night filled with good friends, fellowship, and great music! This event will take place at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at Student Services and Blessings. For more information please see Sandi (CSA) 479-9213 or Kristine den Boon. Invite everyone and let's give them a real Canadian welcome!

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WHY IS THERE ORDER?

Why in this universe do we have order? Whether embodied in the order of universal laws of science (whether discovered or undiscovered) or in the order of human behavior... Why is it there, or even IS it there? Are we constructing order for ourselves to protect ourselves, to make ourselves feel safe?

Maybe indeed there is no order; maybe all is chaotic and random. Considering that the idea of probability and chaos is so emphasized in most of the theories of our origins and existence, then it would make perfect sense that from our chaotic beginnings we have come to a chaotic present.

However, this idea is an inherent fallacy, as how could one use rationality and continuity to prove chaos, the antithesis of such? If chaos held true hold over our uni-

verse, then no reason could exist, nor could continuity. True chaos is inherently flawed by its innate qualities.

By this reasoning then, we could only be of order. Order is the only possible reason for existence. But if order is the only possible reasoning, then there is no possible way of 'probability.' Probability would merely be a synonym for 'unknown factors and forces.' If order is in place in the origin, then it must be existent everywhere and every part of our life must be ordered, from behavior to gravitational fields and even to atomic theory.

Again I ask, "Why is there order?" In the end I can only come to one conclusion. There is an eternal Being who 'is' Order. This eternal being must be the reason all order exists. Unless there is an Eternality we are again reduced to probabilities of exist-

ence, which basically means probabilities of order. As order is inherently not probabilistic, they are antithetical to one another and cannot therefore be used to explain one another's existence. If probability is true and right then order does not exist. If order does not exist, either there is non-existence, which seems to go against our most basic assumptions, or there is chaos, which as shown before is impossible. By that reasoning, to stay true to our most basic assumption, that of existence, we must discredit probability and adhere to order. If we must adhere to order then we must also adhere to an Upholder of order. That is why I believe there is order, because there is an Upholder of order...

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL, NUTBALL

I recently ran down the hallway in guy's dorm, my arms stretched out, and my eyes wide, shouting that I found Nirvana. My poor friend from Evansburg stared at me as, at the top of my lungs, I tried to convince the world to follow me. That's not the first thing of this kind that's happened to me. There've been several instances this week of things that seem a little... extreme. Often involving cafeteria food.

After calming down, I have decided to tell the rest of the student body that I'm fine. Really. For those who know me, I grant that at times I appear to have lost my mind. For those who

don't know me, you might have thought I was off my rocker to begin with. After thinking about my current mental state, I realize that I haven't lost my marbles after all. Rather, I've given them a leave of absence. I've gone nuts. Absolutely bonkers. Crazy. Insane. Remember Hannibal Lecter? Yeah. That's me. Except without the whole cannibalism thing.

Of course, the feeling may be from the butter tart I was eating while I was yelling about my enlightenment. I was choking on it for a couple seconds on my way out; not long enough to totally cut off the oxygen to my brain, of course. But the tart itself was old

enough to be the grand-daddy of the tarts I ate at Christmastime. Mom, as good as she is to me, sent some goodies along with me at the beginning of the semester. I just haven't touched them until recently. I don't know what kind of hallucinogens y'all use in your own family recipes, but mamma's sure got a kicker in those cookies. I was going to try and eat them across the whole semester, but I just ate the last one. Sorry to those of you who wanted magic shortbread.

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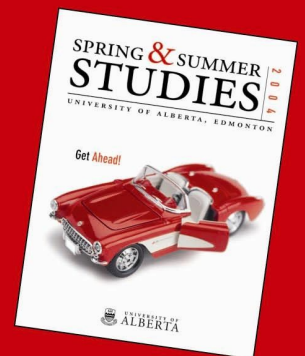
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Life: A Musical Review

Hello there friends and fans of the Theatre and the Arts...

For those of you who didn't get a chance to come and see the Musical review on the weekend of January 16th thru the 18th, let me tell you!!! You missed a great show!!!

The show was a total success and a great deal of fun for both the audience and those involved. The GTC managed to raise a pretty sum of money that will now be used to better the Drama department here at the University, thanks for your support!!! J

Here is a picture of the Cast and Crew of the show... enjoy!

Sincerely

Wendy Durán

GTC Secretary



Scrap booking classes: Do you have tons of pictures just lying around from Christmas, summer, and vacations? Well, here is the place to put those memories back in order. Karen Lyons, a Creative Memories consultant, will be hosting two scrap booking classes in Tegler. The cost is only \$5 and you will receive all the materials to work with and a \$5 gift certificate.

Jan. 29th at 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Feb. 5th at 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! Just bring your pictures!

MADNESS

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Although this has happened before, I usually lose it at the end of a semester. Not that I'm complaining. The pleasant detached feeling makes daily stress a lot easier to deal with. I've even been able somehow to get back on track with my homework. I'm starting to think that I don't need sleep after all. Think about it. That's bloody eight hours of just lying around! And the best part is, nobody else is doing anything at 4:00 a.m. I can dance to Prozac with impunity!

There have been many interesting thing that make me think I'm unhinged. I can't stop myself from talking anymore. It's remarkably like demonic possession, except without the adverse side effects of being without a soul. The babbling comes in handy when my profs want an answer in

class. Of course, I'm usually wrong. There are some disadvantages to leaving your cognitive functioning at the door.

It's also like being in a carnival, with those fun mirrors that make you look all stretched out 'n stuff, except I'm on the wrong side of the mirror. And from way up here, you all look like little ants!

I think the biting people might be a part of it, too. That'd be my first guess. I'd also like to apologize to all the people who find my hygiene (or lack thereof) offensive. Only pity my roommate. And if you see someone hands deep in a Styrofoam container of fettuccini, painting his face with marinara sauce, simply keep walking and talking. I always remember to wash afterward. I think that now that the food in my beard and hair has begun to mold, I might get a haircut too. I'd also like to let you know that the guttural sounds I make are not intended to be rude.

Usually, my vocabulary is broad enough that I can speak without having to search at length for a word. But the sporadic and intermittent bursts of emotion that accompany my state of mind often leave me at a loss. Combine that with a compulsion to express myself at all times, and you get the occasional irrepressible scream.

Being a dramatically inclined person, odd behavior is usually accepted from my sort. So far, I've been getting by pretty well unnoticed. But I think they're about to find me out. So I figured I'd write and tell you before they cart me away. They're just jealous anyways. They don't want me to thwart the system like I did last time. I think I'll go hide in the Congo again. It's not so far. Or join the CSA.

By: Andrew Hoffman



You heard about how fun it was last semester, and you've always wanted to do it... well, now's your chance! L.A.M.B.S. is hosting a **SECOND MURDER MYSTERY DINNER!** Right here in Tegler on Feb.3rd at 6:30 p.m. for only \$7.00! This semester we will be doing a circus theme in which participants will come dressed up in character. There will be a buffet style meal and a night full of mystery and excitement. For tickets see Student Services or the kiosk in Tegler. Did you do it??

DROP IN INTRAMURALS!

Volley Ball Drop-in Intramurals every Monday from 12:30 to 2:00 in the CUCA Gym.

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PLEASE NOTE: ON FEBRUARY 11TH, PARKING WILL BE AT A PREMIUM AS SEVERAL GUESTS are COMING FOR THE CAREER FAIR. If you cannot find a space on the parking lot on campus, Concordia students may also park on the Bellevue Community Centre parking lot (across the street from Concordia High School on 112 St). Remember that a parking pass is also required on the Bellevue parking lot. There is a machine to purchase a pass on the Bellevue lot.

IF I WERE PRIME MINISTER...

There was a scholarship this last summer that asked for an essay on what you would do if you were Prime Minister. I sat down one day, while I was traveling across Canada, and e-mailed the following story to myself. It was a combination of a thought I had and an attempt at applying for the scholarship. I never finished the thought. After re-reading it, I realized that I had a solid thought that I never followed through with. Maybe I should be Prime Minister after all.

If everyone lived to be forty, would people live their lives differently? A question like this provokes deep thought in the mind of a dreamer. As a current national standard (thanks to Ontario switching to the 12 Grade system) a person wishing to graduate from high school with a diploma would spend 47.5% of their life in school (excluding those joyous toddler years, irrelevant to the progress of society). The unfortunate fact is this time frame does not include the education that seems to be required to get a job in this fast paced society.

In a country with increasing population and thus increasing competition for jobs, post secondary education seems to be required in order to receive an adequate job that would allow one to live at or above the poverty line. A simple certification in many varying fields would require another two years. A full bachelor diploma would require four years, a master's degree would require six years, and a doctorate eight years. That would imply that one wanting a career with a

job adequate to keep above the poverty line would require 52.5% to 57.7% of their life simply preparing themselves to provide for themselves. And yet this does not take into factor the increasing problem of student debt.

Now one considers a 21 to 23 year old person who has

hoppers than ants, because the grasshoppers would all know that the ants aren't going to make it through the winter anyway, so why save that food? Now one considers those that went for higher education and became teachers, professors, and doctors. These dreamers

2001 was 37.6. Meaning that half the population was younger than 37.6 and half the population was older than 37.6. And due to the growing age of the 'baby boomers' there is an increasingly older population in the work force.

So why is there so much debt? Why are so many people living on welfare? Why are there so many people who are living like the grasshopper when this country needs ants? The answer lies in the education of the youth in Canada. At some point we as a country have failed to inspire the citizens of Canada to look to the future and live life to the fullest now in order to make it better tomorrow; and in some cases education in itself has become unattainable.

The key to a stronger and more prosperous Canada is educating the citizens of Canada about how the country works and making the

individual feel personally responsible for their own lives and their own roles in the making of our country. If it wasn't for the Canadian people, Canada would be a beautiful place, and it would be full of Americans. A country is nothing without its people, and an uneducated people is a loss of Canadian assets.

Our people are like a gold mine, we have simply been harvesting the gold found in the entrance of a cave and because it is so plentiful, we never dig deeper to find the gold that has fallen through the cracks.

Canadians need to ask themselves when they became players in their own lives. And Canadians need to be taught that they always have been in control of their own lives and that their lives make Canada.

By: Sean Wood



Above: Sean Wood and Leanne Hoiland swinging the night away.

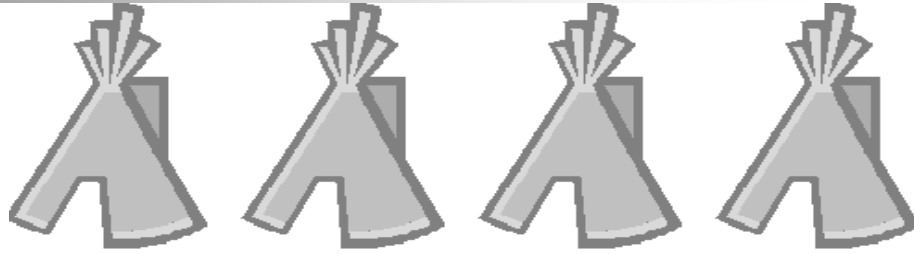
spent 52.5% to 57.7% of their life working towards providing for the rest of their life, now ready to complete their goal but starting with a debt of \$20,000 to \$50,000; a person with no home, an education, a debt, and in this fictional daydream, less than half of their lives left to live. Does this sound logical? If everyone lived to be forty would everyone take this much time preparing, or would they spend more time living?

One would imagine that a large portion of society would live "in the now," focusing more on the enjoyment of today than the preparation for tomorrow. In this scenario welfare recipients would most likely go up in numbers. There would be more grass-

would become instantly important and almost immediately rise in the ranks of seniority (considering their predecessors would become deceased more so given the circumstances). Those that chose this path would obviously be recognized by their society as even those living "in the now" would require medical assistance at some point in their life.

In this scenario the stresses of increasing population, health care, and anti-smoking campaigns would be nonexistent, considering a very large majority of government cost in these areas is a result of the needs of an older populace.

The simple truth is that according to Statistics Canada, the median age in Canada in



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Have you ever skipped a meal and gotten that rumbling feeling in your stomach? Most of us get that a couple of hours after eating, well, at least I do. Have you ever wondered about the people in third world countries who maybe get to eat once every two days? Have you ever wondered what that would feel like? Starving so much that your stomach is basically eating whatever insides it can? I know that this sounds vulgar, but it's reality.

This year we are doing a 30 Hour Famine right here on campus, Feb. 6th& 7th. Come join in a night filled with fun while helping people around the world battle world hunger. The famine itself starts at 8:00 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m. the next day. There will be games, movies, a concert, "bigger and better," even karaoke! For more info see Kristine den Boon, or Sandi (CSA) 479-9213.

The Back Page

THE SO—CALLED MEANING OF LIFE

The meaning of life: what does one say about the meaning of life? Wait, first, what is the meaning of life? Before you can answer the question you have to get the version of Monty Python's The Meaning of Life out of your head. Okay, now back to the topic. Well, the meaning of life has more than one definition. Life is the property or quality that distinguishes living organisms from dead ones; manifested in functions such as metabolism, growth, reproduction, and response to stimuli or adaptation to the environment. Or life is ...etc, etc. But what is the bigger picture of life, the actual meaning of why we were put on this earth? Now, many people have their own opinions on the topic, and I'm not saying I'm right, I just have my own views and thoughts.

It's true; life does pass us by in the blink of an eye. So personally I want to know why I'm here on this earth before it's too late. What's the point of it all? What's the point of life? We were born, we live, we die; or should I put it in more detail? We were born, we grow up, we go to school, we get a job, we have kids, we grow old and then we DIE. What difference does it make what we do with our lives if we're just going to die and be forgotten anyways? Are we here to learn about why we are here? Well if that's the case I guess I missed that class, because I still don't know. What's the purpose of our being here? Is it to earn tons of money or find love only to lose both in the end? What is the world filled with? I'll tell you; it's filled with love, happiness, hate, war, pain, sorrow, luck, bad luck, etc, etc. Is it humanity's destiny to know where or what our final destination is? Well that's great, it's a wild goose chase; it's probably easier to find the Holy Grail or the Fountain of Youth than to figure out where we go in the end or what happens. I started this article with a point, but somewhere along the way I lost it; I don't know the meaning of life, and if I did I'm probably too young to know what I'm talking about. So if someone out there knows all the answers please get a hold of me, I'm dying to know!

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By: Natalie Morpurgo



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