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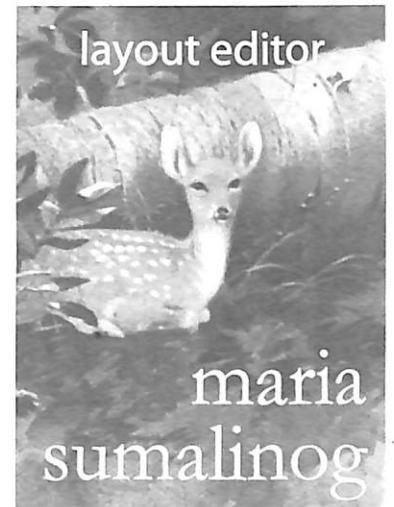
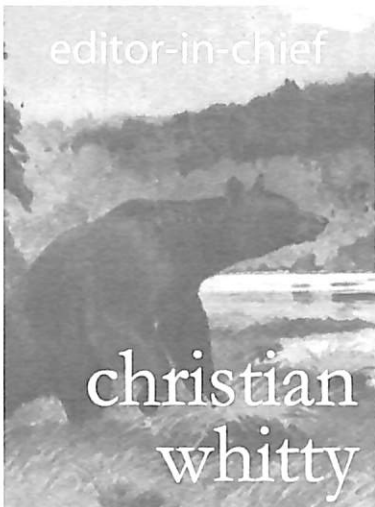


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# forum: a giant social experiment

written by Bobbi Belsek

I have always thought that one of the purposes of a newspaper was to encourage dialogue between people. I want this paper to be a forum for such discourse. So to accomplish that end, I hope to publish a question in each edition of the paper and then print some of your answers in the issue that follows, of course, on a regular basis.

So what is the question to start all of this off? Hmm, that is a very good question in and of itself!

"Why do we go to university"??

I would like an answer to the above question. It has stumped me for quite a while now. I hope to try and understand why we put ourselves through what a good friend of mine can only describe as a, "socially accepted form of torture."

So if you think you have great, intelligent, philosophical, existential, mundane, or just plain comical answers to this question, PLEASE feel free to e-mail us and look for your answer in the next edition of the Blue & White.

Finally, in case you need a little bit of prodding to get off your seat, remember this is your newspaper. Portions of your

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just might publish your answer in the next edition of the paper. If you have a question you would like to see answered, you could always e-mail it to us and perhaps we'll see if we can reach out to the readers for an answer. ♦



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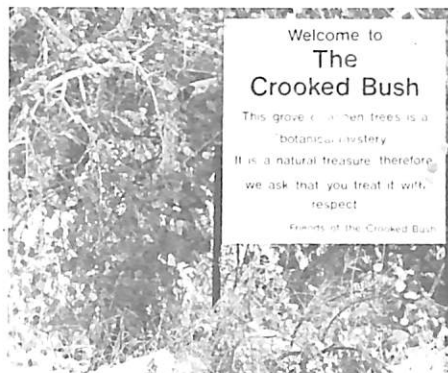
# alien pee and crooked trees

written by Brandon MacLeod

Are you tired of staring at straight trees? Want a little more bend in your life? How about taking a walk through the Crooked Trees of Hafford, Saskatchewan? This fifty square-foot bluff of mostly aspen trees, situated in the middle of a farmer's field, is like no other on this earth. In fact, rumors of its origin are out of this world. The trees themselves have the color and texture of a typical aspen, but straight up and down they are not. The moment the wood sprouts from the dirt, each individual aspen embarks on its own wild, roller-coaster-like journey. Behold the trees, twisting and turning in any which direction, weaving in and out of fellow curvy aspens, some even finding their way right back into the dirt. Weird and wild stuff indeed. What makes this bluff even more of an oddity? The fact that only ten paces away the other trees in the area grow as straight as trees.

So by now you must be asking: why are the aspens crooked in the first place? Well here is the most interesting but, least likely true, response I encountered on my journey through rural Saskatchewan. According to several local farmers and a general store keeper, some years ago, a UFO landed in the field adjacent to the present site of the crooked trees. Following their long journey from who knows where, the extra-terrestrials disembarked from the UFO, one after the other, each alien proceeded to urinate on the bluff that was to become the Crooked Trees of Hafford and thus the special soil for the trees was irrigated. It's anyone's guess as to how the trees actually came to be Crooked Trees, but my guess is the UFO story is a little far-fetched.

Whether or not alien pee creates crooked trees could be debated for days and is



something I want no part of. My goal was to simply inform you that not all trees are straight and there are crooked trees out there just waiting to be visited. Despite the Crooked Trees being hidden 20 km off the "main road," which can hardly be called a main road, with no signs or directions until you reach the final road, which is even less of a road than the first, where finally you reach the sign, which doubles as a warning "road not suitable in all weather" while also



directing you down the very same climactically unsuitable road it first warned you about. All that for crooked trees!? Well worth it.

For more information on the Crooked Trees of Hafford email me at: [bmacleod@csa.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:bmacleod@csa.concordia.ab.ca) or check out the book Saskatchewan Scenic Drives. ♦

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRANDON MACLEOD

# a real dope when it comes to pot

written by Brandon MacLeod

Personally I have never seen, touched, smelt or dealt marijuana and I would like to keep it that way. This comes especially after seeing what it does to your mental capacity, which I will get to in a second. Despite my non-association with mary-jane, as Cypress Hill likes to call it, I am well aware that you cannot legally have it out in public. If you and your weed, as the hip kids say, are out in public and are spotted by a police officer, you are more

than likely going to be arrested. Before today, I used to assume that even pot-heads, as teachers like to call them, had the brain power to hide their drugs from the police, but I guess I was wrong. It was almost too easy for police in Lebanon, Ohio to arrest a guy for marijuana possession. This goof ball, as I like to call him, got so high that he walked into the local munchie shop, somehow not noticing the police cars outside or the police officers

inside. However, it was not being high that got him arrested. What got him arrested was the baggy full of weed stuck directly to his forehead. Reports say that the man was unaware as to how the bag got there and managed to remain stuck to his head throughout his journey. My guess is because he got high, and Afroman would melodically agree. ♦

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## the twilight series (or mending your broken heart by breaking your bones)

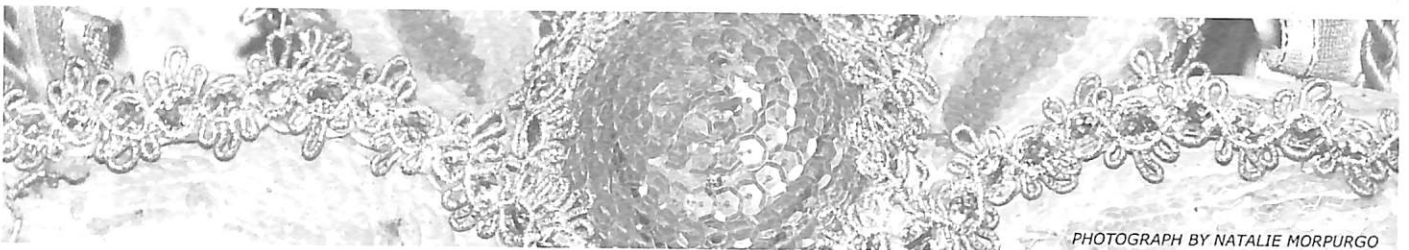
written by Natalie Morpurgo

I don't know about you but I've had the absolute misfortune of experiencing the worst movie of last year. You may have heard of it or also had the misfortune of watching it as well. This movie is entitled *Twilight*. I'm sure you know the general idea of the story: clumsy, silly, obsessive, lovesick high school student, Bella, falls for spooky, ghastly, sick-looking, danger boy, Edward. Bella ends up falling for Edward who is, yes indeed, a vampire! Boy, she can pick them can't she? Anyways, after experiencing love and danger they seem to live happily ever after... That is, of course, until the next installment of this putrid series. The next film is called *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*. In this new movie, "veggie vampire" Edward tells sweet, innocent Bella that she just doesn't "belong in [his] world" and that "this will be the last time [she'll] see [him]." Oh, and he warns her, "not to do anything reckless." Okay, with that being said, what did we learn from the first movie? I'll tell

you. We learned that women, as everybody is well aware of by now, always fall for dangerous heartbreakers. Those poor nice guys really do finish last when women are falling for vampires. However, in this new upcoming sequel, a movie that is based on a modern day *Romeo and Juliet* type of story with vampires and werewolves thrown into the mix, Edward (our *Romeo*) breaks Bella's (our *Juliet*) heart. Bella's world crumbles and she decides to be "reckless," as Edward puts it. She accomplishes this by throwing herself into dangerous, life-threatening situations, including driving a motorcycle much too fast and oh, not only falling, but jumping off of a cliff into the cold, rough waters below. She does all of this to lure Edward back into her life. So basically, if you want to break it down, Bella tries to kill herself to get the guy that broke her heart to come back to her. What is this telling our young, impressionable women? Let me fill you in on this one. It's saying that when you

get your heart ripped out of your chest you shouldn't mope around for a couple of days and get over it. Why would you do that when you could physically hurt yourself and hope Mr. Heartbreaker notices and comes back around? I personally don't know why women would want to be with a man who only hurts them or causes them to hurt themselves. Now, maybe I'm just being old. Afterall, I'm only 26 years old, and hey, it is just a movie, but if you stop and think about it for a moment, the younger generation must see something like this and think that's what they're supposed to do in such situations. Getting your heart broken, of course; not being threatened by vampires! I think there is something seriously askew when Hollywood glorifies something like this.

Tell me what you think by e-mailing me at: nmorpurg@csa.concordia.ab.ca. ♡



PHOTOGRAPH BY NATALIE MORPURGO

## plan b written by Karen Leonhardt

*"Be like the bird that, passing on her flight a while on boughs too slight, feels them give way beneath her and yet sings, knowing she hath wings."* - Victor Hugo

Or, put another way, "Always have a plan B."

I cried more than once on my way home during my first few weeks as a grad student. I felt completely lost. It was as though I had ended up not only in a different school, but on another planet. I didn't speak the language. I didn't get the jokes. Punchlines such as, "...I don't mean that in the Hegelian way!" were met with snorts that I later recognized as cynical grad student laughter. Everyone else seemed so confident. Our introductions went like this: "I'm Matthew, and I'm studying the role of irony in the diasporic writings of [blah, blah, blah]..." When it came to my turn, I chimed in, "I'm Karen, and I can't find the photocopier." I was convinced that

everyone knew so much more than me, and that they all knew exactly where they were going.

By my third week, I began to see the flaws in this way of thinking. Two things changed for me. First, I discovered that everyone was as terrified as I was. Even Mr. Irony was just as convinced that his fellow students were smarter, better, and more likely to get the big scholarships. The second thing that changed my perspective was a conversation I had with an old friend. He was in his second year of law school, after spending several years as a variety entertainer. I asked Nikolai if it was true what I had heard about the tremendous pressure of law school. He said that he had observed the effects of it everywhere: students who went so far as to sabotage the work of fellow students to get higher grades, and so on. He confessed that, unlike the rest of his class, he had never been greatly affected by the

pressure to be Number One. His reason was simple: he loved being a variety entertainer. If things didn't work out at law school, he would simply go back to being a clown.

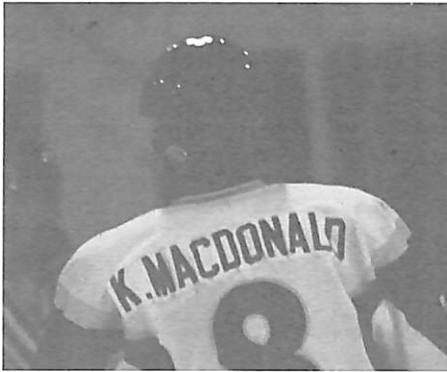
All lawyer jokes aside, Nikolai was on to something. He had a plan B. He had not "put all his eggs in one basket" as the old saying goes. I immediately began to make a list I called, "Things I Could Do If I Quit School Today." I was good at retail sales. I could still type. I had loved working as a front desk clerk in a hotel. I included a few things that I had never tried, but that I thought were cool, such as "driving a train." When the list grew to more than a hundred entries, I knew I was fine. I learned a valuable lesson: when we aren't desperate to hold onto one particular view of our lives, we can be (far more) stress-free. Lawyer or clown. There is always a plan B. ♡

# thunder athletics

<http://athletics.concordia.ab.ca/>

## q&a with thunder hockey team captain kyle macdonald

written by Tanmeet Samra



**TS: What do you feel you can bring to the team this year for a successful season?**

KM: I plan on doing whatever I can for this team to be successful, continue to score goals and be offensive, but I want to be very strong defensively as well. I want to be accountable to my team in both ends of the rink.

**TS: If your teammates were to describe you in a couple of words, what would they say about you?**

KM: Well, that's probably a question you should ask my teammates. I'm pretty confident they would be positive things. I'm great friends and get along with everyone on this team. It's really what has made coming to Concordia such an enjoyable experience.

**TS: After a tough loss, how do you prepare yourself for an upcoming game?**

KM: Losing always sucks. Any competitive athlete hates losing. I've played enough games now to know that you can't dwell on the losses, but you can learn from them. I will usually look back on a loss and think about what I need to do differently for the next game.

**TS: What makes you a good Captain for the Thunder?**

KM: I think that's another question you should ask my teammates. I think I'm an easy guy to get along with and I'm personable. On the ice and in the room I'm very vocal; sometimes maybe too vocal. I work hard in games and practices and try my best to lead by example. I was very happy to be named team Captain, I am just going to continue being the same person on and off the ice. That's why my teammates and coaches chose me to begin with.

**TS: Who would you say is the hardest team(s) to play against in the ACAC? Why?**

KM: I've only played for one season, so I've only played each team 4 times, not including play-offs. Mount Royal gave us the most trouble last year. They are a very fast team and they seem to capitalize well on their opportunities. SAIT is also always a great game. They're well coached and are very good at playing their system.

**TS: How do you handle the stress, if any, between hockey and school?**

KM: I don't really get too stressed out usually. Our hockey schedule is very accommodating to final exams and our professors are also very helpful. If it does get kind of rough during a week of midterms and practices, you just grind it out. It's only going to last a week.

**TS: What would you consider your greatest strengths and weaknesses to be?**

KM: I would say some of my greatest strengths I bring to the team are my shot, my understanding and ability to adjust to the game plan or strategy, and my leadership. My weaknesses, or what I need to work on would be my quickness, foot-speed, and my board play.

**TS: What does your typical game day routine consist of?**

KM: It's a lot different now than it was back in Junior. Friday games are usually wake up and have a decent breakfast, head to class. If we're

on the road usually I'm packed up and ready to go right from school to the bus. If we're at home I'll come home, make some pasta and then head to the rink about 2 hours and 20 minutes before game time.

**TS: What motivates you?**

KM: My motivation changes from week to week or game to game for the most part except for the main motivation which is why we all play: to win the championship. Extra motivation on top of that changes for me. Sometimes it might be because the team we're playing might have beat us the last time, or done something to leave a sour taste. Sometimes it's just self-motivation because I might not have played very well the game before. Sometimes it's because I have certain family or friends watching.

**TS: What sports teams are your favorites? Why?**

KM: Oilers are my favorite team for hockey. I grew up in Northern BC and they were the team my Dad took me to watch 3 or 4 times so I always kind of liked them, and since I've moved to the city there is just no way I can't be a fan. Baseball, I always pull for the Jays, NFL, I like the Eagles, and I don't follow any other sports well enough to have a favorite team.

**TS: Any role models?**

KM: Growing up my idol/role model was always Steve Yzerman.

**TS: What is the biggest lesson you've learned that you can take off the ice with you?**

KM: Playing hockey has taught me lots of things that I will take and keep with me forever. Working as a team, performing under pressure, dealing with adversity/stress, being accountable... there are a lot of things, I wouldn't be able to pick one single lesson. ♣

PHOTOGRAPH BY IAN ROWLETT

## Thunder Tie With Cougars

written by Tanmeet Samra

Over the weekend, the Concordia Thunder took on the Mount Royal Cougars for a home and home series. Both the Thunder and Cougars took one win each from home. The first game which was played at Concordia was decided by one goal after a 2-2 tie after the first two periods. Netminder Justin Cote made 32 saves and with goals from Matthew York, Andre Herman, and Kyle MacDonald, the Thunder won at home 3-2. The second game of the series was played at home for Mount Royal where the Cougars snatched a 5-2 decision. Captain Kyle MacDonald put two goals on the scoreboard in the first two periods, which proved not to be enough. The Cougars had one more goal in every period than did the Thunder. With a 1-1 record over the weekend, this puts Concordia in a four-way tie in the conference for first place with SAIT, Mount Royal, and Augustana. The next games scheduled for the Thunder are a home and home series with Grant MacEwan, who currently sit in last place with a 0-4 record. Also as a side note, Kyle MacDonald currently is the goal-scoring leader in the ACAC with six goals in four games played this season. ♣

## Thunder Soccer – October 18, 2009

written by Tanmeet Samra

It seems as if the trend in being number one in goals has also made its way onto the Men's Soccer team. James Senior is in first place in the North Division and tied for first overall in the ACAC for eight goals scored in seven games. The Men also had a 1-1 record this weekend, which included a 3-1 loss to NAIT and a 2-1 win over Grand Prairie. These were the final games the Thunder played for the season, which puts them at second place in the division with an 8-2-0 record and one point behind the leaders, NAIT. The ACAC championship is set for the weekend of October 23-25. The Thunder ladies also wrapped up their season this weekend with a 1-0 win over NAIT and 0-0 tie with Grand Prairie. This puts the Women in first place in the division with an 8-0-2 record. The Women's championship is scheduled for the same weekend as the Men's, which will be played at Mount Royal University. For the Women's team Alesha Weicker is tied for first place for league leader in goals with ten goals in eight games played this season continuing the trend of her fellow Thunder. ♣



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## CASA MESSAGE

written by Mallory Anderson,  
CASA President

My name is Mallory Anderson, Second year BA student. I am writing as newly elected President of Concordia's Aboriginal Students Association. This year I hope to make the association better known on campus. Often times many people say to me "I didn't know we had an Aboriginal association." Well we do and we are 35 strong this year. You probably already know that we are the host for our annual round dance held in the Tegler center during the month of March. Well this year it is going to be better! We are hoping to fundraise up until that point. So with your support we can host the most amazing ceremony on campus! Which you're all invited to by the way! As we get closer to the date we will be posting signs as well as wrapping up our fundraising! So as President of CASA, I invite you to join us if your interested! We use the third floor Hole Academic center classrooms for our meetings and they are usually held on Thursday's at lunch time. So far this year we kicked off the fundraising by hosting a cheeseburger sale in the tegler! This was a great success! So thank you very much for your support! We look forward to seeing you all at our Halloween fundraiser!

Ay-Ay! (that means thank you in Cree)

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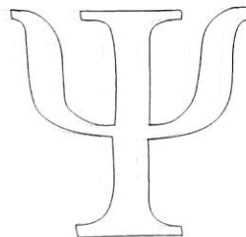
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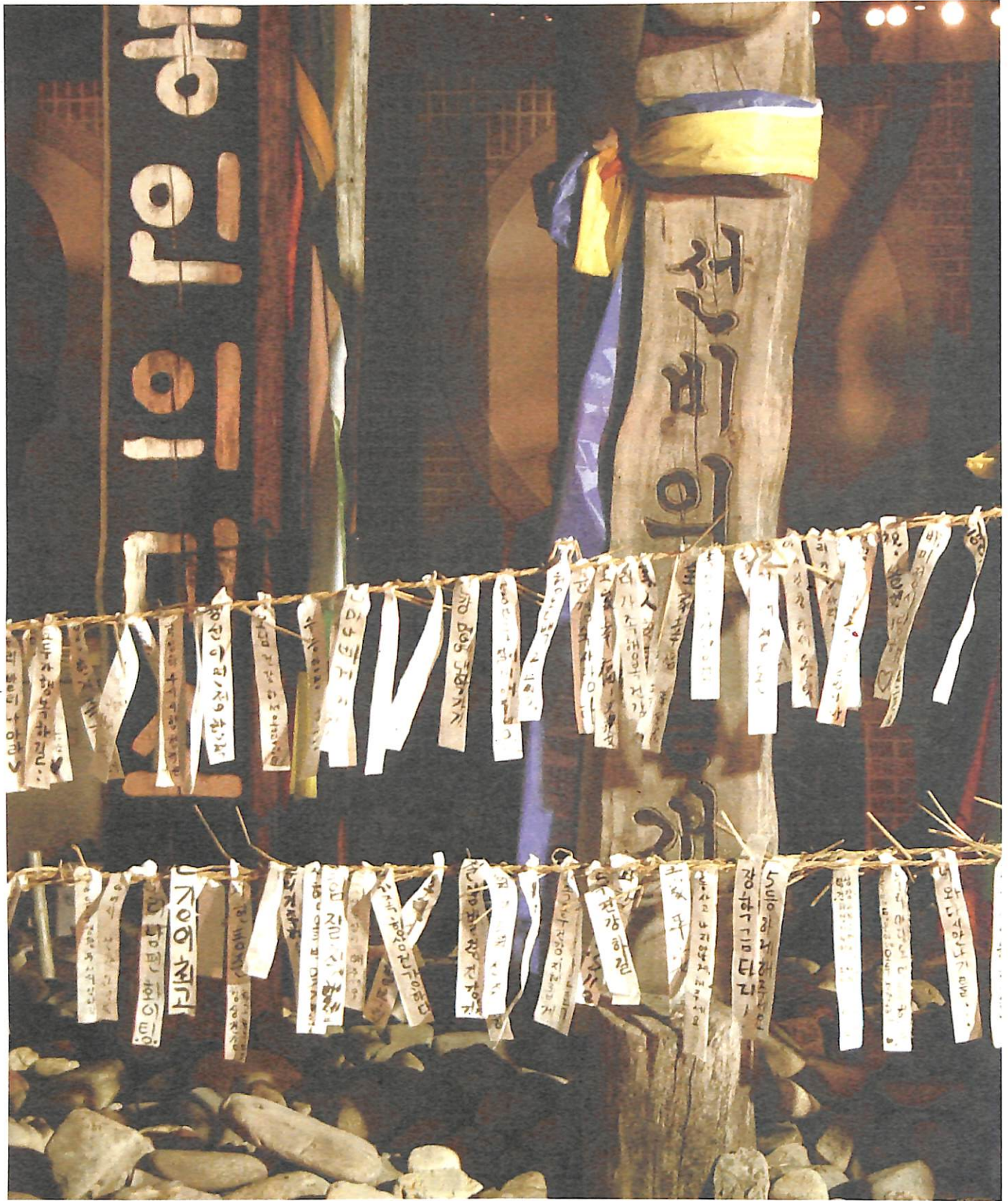
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## Are you ready to let your inner musician out?

Get ready, because November 23rd is our chance! The Music 490 class will be hosting MUSIC EXPLOSION in Tegler. The time of this event is from 10 until 3. On this day, there will be booths of local businesses and organizations ready to answer all of your musical questions. As well, featured groups from Concordia and artists from around the city will be providing musical enjoyment. Make sure you come out for the jam session and be eligible for one of our fabulous raffle prizes. There will also be a Rock Band competition for your inner rocker enjoyment. Come out and explore a day of MUSIC EXPLOSION.



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