



**INCREASED TESTING FOR BSE**

**Ottawa** - Agriculture Minister Bob Speller is increasing the number of cows Ottawa will test for BSE, announcing Friday that he will spend \$92.1 million over the next five years on the program.

The money will eventually allow for 30,000 slaughtered cows to be tested each year for signs of mad cow disease, Speller said after a cabinet meeting.

A day earlier, Speller had promised the government would test 8,000 cows a year, up from the 5,500 that were sampled in 2003. That will still be the number tested in the first year.

Brian Evans, chief veterinarian for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, says the testing will give a true picture of BSE in the country.

Evans says the testing will focus on the four D's:

- cattle that demonstrate signs of the disease

- downer cattle
  - cattle that die on the farm
- cattle that have to be destroyed because of serious illness.

As well, a sample of healthy, older animals will be tested.

Pressure has been growing on the federal government to have every slaughtered cow tested for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, in a bid to convince Japan, South Korea, Mexico and the United States that Canadian beef is safe.

Those countries continue to ban Canadian imports, after the discovery of two BSE cases originating in Alberta.

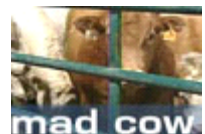
About 3.5 million Canadian cattle were slaughtered in 2002, the last good year for the industry. However, BSE appears only in cattle over 30 months of age, and most of the beef eaten in this country comes from younger cows.

As well as announcing the

new money for BSE tracking, testing and surveillance, Speller spoke of his looming trade trip to Japan and South Korea with beef producers and exporters.

He said he wants to show decision-makers in those countries "exactly what it is we're doing here in Canada and asking them as to what it is we could be doing better to help get Canadian beef into Japan."

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## TRULY WAKING UP

In response to “Waking Up To Growing Up” and “Response to Wake Up Call”

I would like to thank the two students who responded to my article “Wake Up Call.” I hoped that I would get a response. Both of these students took the time to write a response on what they believed. I apologize if I happened to offend them. Constructive feedback like theirs is needed for every issue that is brought to the students’ attention.

When I wrote the article, I was venting some of my ‘pent up anger,’ as Cool Kid stated. I was just upset that so many kids who have paid good money for a good education were wasting it by disrupting classes and

insulting teachers. When I said not to talk negatively about anybody, including teachers, I was addressing those few who think it’s funny to talk about harming others. I was not talking about those who have genuine concerns about the teaching ability of their instructors.

I admit that the two statements of ‘don’t dress to impress’ and ‘don’t act cool’ were somewhat uncalled for, but all I meant was that people had to be themselves and did not need to buckle under their peers’ impression of cool.

I realize that we are all adults here, and that means that we should bring up issues that upset us and that we should respond to them. I was not offended

by these two responses; in fact, I was glad that they are exercising their rights to respond to issues. Thank you for bringing to my attention the points that I should not have included or should have elaborated upon.

Jennifer Jewell

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## 30 HOUR FAMINE & CONCERT

This event is coming up at the end of Christian Life Week in February. It will be starting Friday, February 6 at 8:00 a.m. and goes until Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. As of right now, we only have one activity planned for Friday night. This is a fundraiser for the mission trip which will be taking place during Reading Week. Sandi and I have arranged to have a group called Sojourn Fare from the United States to come up and do a concert. Tickets for the concert will be

on sale soon, so watch for posters around the school, and in the meantime, check out their website at

[www.sojournfare.com](http://www.sojournfare.com). After the concert we will be coming back to the school and hanging out here – watching movies, playing games, and sleeping if you want! Saturday we’ll have a great meal



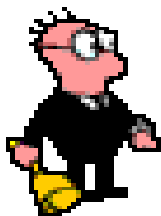
when the 30 hours are up.

Last year we raised \$700 with only 13 people. With twice as many people already signed up for this year’s Famine I hope we can at least double the amount of money we raise!! You can e-mail me at [kdenboon@csa.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:kdenboon@csa.concordia.ab.ca) for more information, to sign up, or if you have any ideas for activities Friday night into

Saturday morning. I don’t have sponsor sheets yet, but they should be here any day. Just check at Student Services or talk to Sandi or myself to see if they are in yet.

Just think about it – Don’t refuse to do nothing.

- Kristine den Boon



## NEWS FROM THE ESA!

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you had a relaxing vacation and are ready to hit the books once again here at Concordia. The second Education week is quickly coming upon us and the ESA has many things planned for you, the student body.

One of these events is the ATA seminars on Wednesday, January 28th in A314 (the choir room).

The seminar topics that are being offered are as follows:

6:15-7:00 p.m. – Dealing with Parental Harassment

\*\* Break \*\*

7:05-7:50 p.m. – Teachers and Teacher's Assistants: Respective Roles

\*\*Break\*\*

7:55- 8:30 p.m. – Professional Issues and Liability

Refreshments will be provided during the breaks. This is totally free and very beneficial information to up and coming teachers. We are pleased to open this seminar to all students, including those in the after degree.

It would be ideal if you could RSVP to me by January 16th if you are coming so that I can get final numbers to the people running the workshop. If we don't have enough people, then I will have to cancel the workshop.

The ESA is always looking for new members and will be holding an information day in Tegler after reading week about our positions. At this time students can ask questions and apply to be part of the new executive.

Watch the halls and the ESA bulletin board for more Ed. Week events coming January 26-30.

I hope to see many of you there!

Chandra Robertson, ESA President

## BE A PART OF YOUR GRAD!

If you would like to be on the Grad Committee or would just like to volunteer to help out with grad this year, please phone Matt Hamilton at 919-3148.



## GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Hello Everyone!

I would like to remind you about this scholarship opportunity and make you aware of the application deadline that is fast approaching.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada is offering Canada Graduate Scholarships to universities across Canada. The CGS Master's program offers twelve-month awards valued at \$17,500, and tenable at recognized Canadian universities, to students who intend to pursue full-time studies at the master's level in a discipline supported by SSHRC.

Please note that Concordia has been allocated one nomination for this scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- not be under SSHRC sanction for financial or research misconduct;
- have achieved a first-class average (GPA of 3.5 or higher) in each of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent;
- register by September 2004, for the first year of a master's program in the social sciences or humanities at an eligible Canadian university that includes advanced research training (as defined in program eligibility below) or have completed, by September 2004, no more than 12 months of full-time study or equivalent in such a program; and
- have completed all the requirements for the bachelor's degree at the time of taking up the scholarship.

Note: Students in a qualifying year or "make-up" year of study are not eligible to apply. All previous studies at the master's level will be included in determining eligibility.

Program Eligibility:

- completing course work in research methods and/or statistics appropriate for the discipline or field of study;
- acquiring knowledge and experience sufficient to assess and interpret research and scholarship in the field, and;
- demonstrating the ability to conduct original research by the completion of a major research paper or project.

\*APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID OFFICE (G202) BY: JANUARY 16, 2004

Application forms and complete information regarding the SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship can be obtained from their website at: [www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca). Information is also available at the Admissions and Financial Aid Office (G202).

Sincerely,

Linda Nollski

Financial Aid Advisor

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### MISSING!!!

The Blue & White received a disk with a great article on it—but no name!! If this is you, please let Kristine, Melanie, or the mailbox know who you are so we can print the article in the next issue.

**SO THEY FOUND SADDAM. WHO CARES?**

Over our wonderful Christmas break something happened: the Americans actually found the person they were looking for, so they didn't have to start another war to divert the world's attention away from their ineptitude. Saddam Hussein was living in a hole in the ground, right where one of his confidantes said he would be.

This could become some terrific rant about how stupid Bush is, how war is unnecessary, how we should rise up against the American threat to world peace. However, over the holidays something in me was just too bloody tired of all the media garbage that is shoved down our throats daily to do much more than

turn off the television and leave it alone for three weeks.

The terrorist war thing was really getting to me, and over holidays I just couldn't care less what Saddam's laundry looked like to the soldiers.

Instead, I enjoyed my family. I appreciated the fact that my brother, who is in the army, flew from Quebec to be with us at Christmas. I spent time with my husband, making our home look beautiful for Christmas. I went to work with a smile so

that the kids that couldn't go home for Christmas had some joy. I had fun in the snow. I let the dirty war fall far into the back of my life.

Because frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.

Melanie Samaroden  
*Layout Editor*



Above: Godiva sniffing out the front yard



**Puerto Vallarta for reading week! Get tickets today from your CSA! \$1250 taxes included.**

Hello there fellow Thespians and lovers of Theatre and Music! We, the leaders of your GTC, hope that you had a great holiday break and wish you nothing but the best of luck this semester. We have been really busy, however, planning and organizing a Musical Review which will be performed right here in the Auditorium on the weekend of January 16<sup>th</sup> thru to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Come and see the many stages of life: the trials and tribulations, as well as the fun moments it can offer. Each stage is portrayed by talented members of the Concordia Community. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The cost, you ask? We are having a "Silver and Paper Collection." So bring your friends and family and come support the Arts! See you there!

Yours,

Wendy Durán

G.T.C. Secretary

Show times:

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.

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Until now, I had often ignored reading this chapter from the beginning and just focused on the last verse. But tucked right in the middle of the chapter is a little nugget of truth that I had never noticed before. "He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young" (Is. 40:11). When I fall down and am weak, He will give me strength to go on. It isn't always the strength of a soaring eagle; it is often the strength of being safely led and carried by the Gentle Shepherd, Who loves me far, who I am. He will never let me get lost in a mire of despair and weakness but will pick me up and help me to continue on and rise back up to heights of soaring eagles. What a reassurance of love!!

I will soar on wings.  
Soar, soar, soar, fly away,  
Like the eagle.  
Soar, soar, soar.  
Come and fly with me.

~ Kristine den Boon  
*Story Editor*

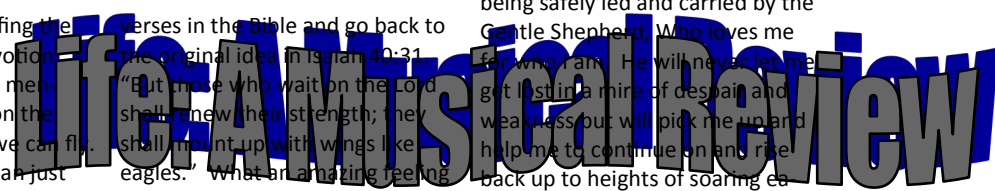
## EAGLE FLIGHT

A few days ago I was surfing the Internet and found a devotion about flying. The author mentioned that by focusing on the dream and having faith we can fly. But there is more to it than just that. Many of us are afraid to step out and take that leap of faith, and we can only soar with the eagles when we have put our trust in God.

Reading this devotion made me want to reread one of my favorite

verses in the Bible and go back to the original idea in Isaiah 40:31. "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles." What an amazing feeling this is – to be on top of the world and feel that I can make it through anything that is hurtled my way. But then I thought of the times when I come tumbling and crashing to the ground and feel as if I will never be able to get up.

And I will hope in the Lord,  
He'll renew my strength.



THE ESSENCE OF LIFE

Ever play TriBond®? What does the Spirit Mars Rover, a 28 page Alberta Government report and the Middle East have in common? Well, TriBond Enterprises isn't going to be using my question any time soon (it is more than a little obscure), but the answer is that luscious liquid, the elixir of existence, water.

Space.com has this to say: The first indications of the geologic makeup of Spirit's surroundings could support theories that liquid water persisted on the surface of the planet during its ancient past, providing an environment conducive to life.<sup>1</sup>

BBC quotes Former Israeli Water Commissioner Meir Ben Mier as saying "I can promise that if there is not sufficient water in our region, if there is scarcity of water, if people remain thirsty for water, then we shall doubtless face war." BBC then has the balls to make the remarkable claim that "by 2025, 48 countries will be severely short of water and half the people on earth will not have access to clean supplies."<sup>2</sup>

So what, we live in Canada right? Not if you believe all the research the Alberta Government has had to accept as true. Ever hear of "Water For Life," Alberta's strategy for sustainability. Likely not, because it is a issue most Albertan's and even North American's are

mentally unprepared to contend with, just like global warming and, until it literally invaded our province, Mad Cow.

*Boring Numbers*

Alberta holds only 2.2 percent of Canada's fresh water. We have around 1000 lakes, whereas Saskatchewan has 94,000, Manitoba has 110,000 and Ontario has 250,000. Industrial and commercial activity account for about 53 percent of ground water and 15 percent of surface water usage. The other major water users are municipalities and irrigation/agriculture. Also, believe it or not, Alberta has hydroelectric generating facilities that are capable of producing five percent of Alberta's energy requirements.<sup>3</sup>

But for now, hey, it's pretty good. I wouldn't dare drink water out of a river like my dad did on his farm. Oh, and the kitchen faucet isn't safe either - unless you have a Brita®. Still, for the most part we can remain oblivious to the suffering those infomercials keep telling us about and, for the most part, that suffering has endured outside our borders. I used to groan when I head the cliché "Global Village," but it is true; the second hand smoke, disease, and pollution from other continents, countries, and provinces (oh yah, and our own industrial strength smelling backyard) is coming to get us.

That old adage my Dad used to tell me is true to you reap what you sow.

Get informed about the state of your province. Take an interest in our future. Water (and a plethora or other nice things we take for granted) might become luxuries if we don't get our heads out of the clouds and involve ourselves in issues that, come to think of it, we do care about.

-Anonymous

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/spirit\\_egress\\_040109.html](http://www.space.com/missionlaunches/spirit_egress_040109.html)

<sup>2</sup>[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/764142.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/764142.stm)

<sup>3</sup><http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/docs/infobook.pdf>

<sup>4</sup>[http://calgary.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=ca\\_water20032803](http://calgary.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=ca_water20032803)

Alberta's water supply is decreasing so fast that there will be huge political fights over its usage, a University of Alberta researcher warns.<sup>4</sup>

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## Opening Up The Box

“Every dreamer dreaming in their  
dead end job  
Every driver driving through the  
rush hour mob  
I feel it in my spirit, feel it in my  
bones  
You're going to send revival, bring  
them all back home”

At a worship gathering in Tegler just before Christmas, a student spoke to a crowd of less than twenty about revival. She explained the revival that had begun in her school back home and the patience and prayer needed to bring such an idea to life in any community. Then she mentioned briefly the change that needs to take place before revival can occur, a change in the hearts and minds of those praying for revival. She may have left this point unexpanded on purpose; trying to keep

the group comfortable by not pushing their ideas about faith and evangelism farther than they could accept, but that complacency is not what revival is about, frankly that is not what Christianity is about. God does not call us as His servants to accept His love, grace and mercy and to remain in that spiritual place, where we are comfortable, forever. Instead, He calls us to lives of never-ending growth and change and challenge. But so often in the fast-paced, ever-changing world that we live in, we as Christians find comfort and solace in the place where we were first introduced to Christ, and, instead of breaking down barriers and challenging our faith, we sit idle in the comfort of our often childhood experience and belief in God. And in doing so, we ignore the fact that God calls us to step out of our comfort zones, our denominations, our traditions and liturgical spirituality. So many times we are afraid to let

God move in our lives, schools and communities, so we put Him in a box, whether it is through liturgical prayers or stifled worship, and place limitations on His work, not only in our lives but in our school as well. These limitations lead us to forget that He is all-powerful and limitless, and too often we forget that we need to give Him everything in our lives so He can move in each and every part. It is here, in our personal relationships with God, where revival truly starts, in opening all our little boxes and hideaways to Him, breaking our traditions and boundaries and letting God move freely in our lives. And in doing this, He will not only revive us personally but He will work through us to revive our school as well.

-Anonymous



I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show. ~Andrew Wyeth

### NEXT ISSUE

We need your articles about wintertime or anything else you have on your mind. E-mail to [blueandwhite@csa.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:blueandwhite@csa.concordia.ab.ca) or put your disk in the box outside of the CSA offices. The article deadline is **January 23**.



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