

"Among most Canadians there is little eagerness to explore the varieties of Canadian life, little awareness how much variety exists, or what a peril that variety is, in time of crisis, to national unity."

-E.K. Brown, 1943

HIS-STORY

by Kathleen Edwards

History "... is a search for the truth" which, to Dr. Gow, Associate Professor of History at Concordia University College states, "deals with human beings over time." History is change over time; whether the change be social, economic, military or political. You name it, history encompasses it. Historians need to investigate every available source to uncover the many mysteries, questions, and concerns society has about the past. Perspectives on reality range in this discipline. There is no one right answer to be found in the historian's investigation simply due to its non-empirical nature.

Analyzing information and picking out the germ of what is being said can be a challenge. Professor Gow states that, he, at one time, condensed a 685 page document into a one page summary. This challenge involves the synthesizing and analyzing of various documents and arriving at a concise interpretation of its text.

The skills students acquire when they concentrate in history, are much the same as in any liberal arts program. These include skills which are usually emphasized in junior level courses like communications and research and planning. In the senior seminar level courses students usually

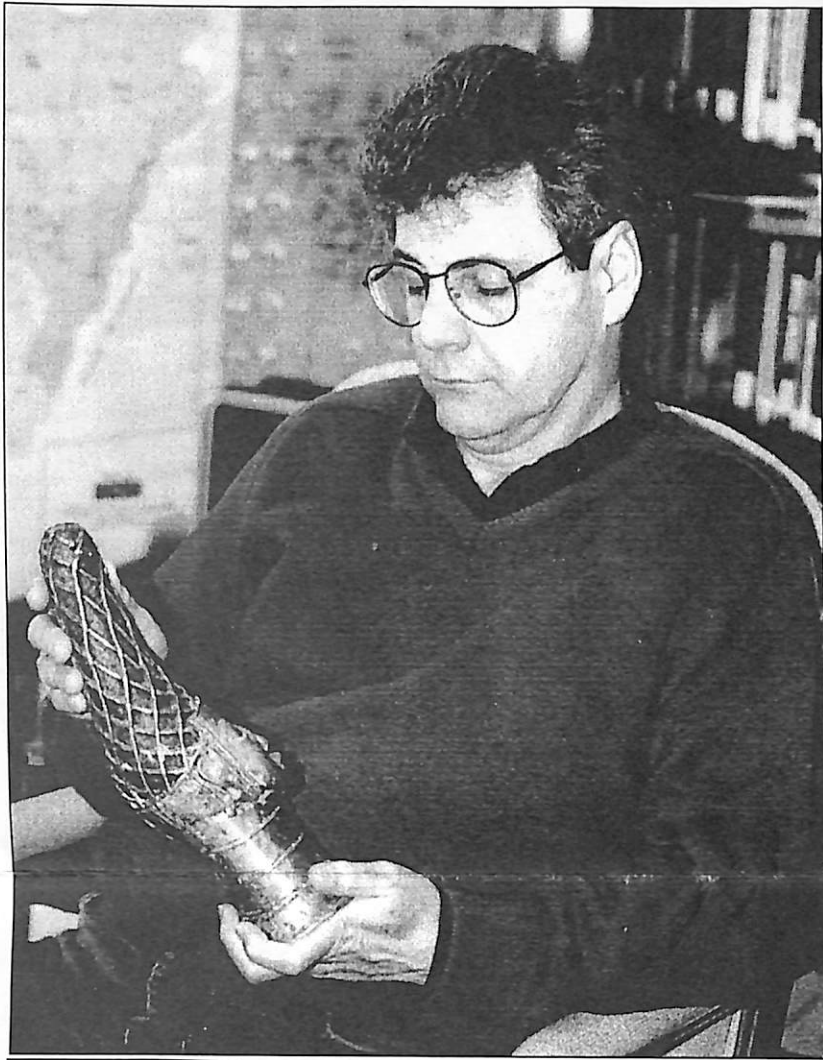
acquire skills in human relations, organization, management and leadership. These senior level seminars are great for fine-tuning the students' skills in presentations and public speaking (skills which are used in job interviews).

For students who are currently enrolled in History 415 (Applied History), or for students who are planning on enrolling in it, and who maintain an average grade of seven (or above), are eligible for summer employment with Historic Sites. Historic Sites hires history students to work at various historical sites within Alberta. Students can find themselves working at local sites like the Archives and the Ukrainian Village. These successful candidates will be prepped for their summer employment on various particulars pertaining to their posting. Outside of Edmonton, there are other probable employment locations for the industrious student, like the Frank Slide area. This summer employment can prove to be invaluable to the students' historical experience and insight.

As for employment after graduation, students find jobs in various fields and capacities such as business, politics, journalism, historical sites management and museum curator.

Graduates are also successful in law, education and public administration. Professor Gow states that students who find the field exceptionally stimulating and aspire to do graduate work, will around the year 2000, see some professors retire at the college and university levels. However, projecting the future demand of expertise in a particular area of history is like "betting on a horse race." In this way, it is best for the aspiring historians to go into the field of study which they find most interesting.

Dr. Bonar Gow, Associate Professor of History earned an Honours History Degree (University of Alberta), PhD (Dalhousie), Post-Degree Professional Programme (Victoria), MEd (Mount St. Vincent). Truck driver, bartender, labourer, welder, cattle hand and air craft mechanic are only a few of the many occupations Professor Gow has experienced. Not only does he possess a spectrum of skills, but also a variety of experiences travelling abroad. He spent time in London, Madagascar, and several other countries in Africa prior to his arrival at Concordia University College in Edmonton. Always approachable, enthusiastic, and professional, Professor Gow, is recognized by students as one of the university's instructional "Gems."



Dr. Gow reminiscing of days past in Africa.

A SOJOURN OF PROMISE

by Catherine Scott

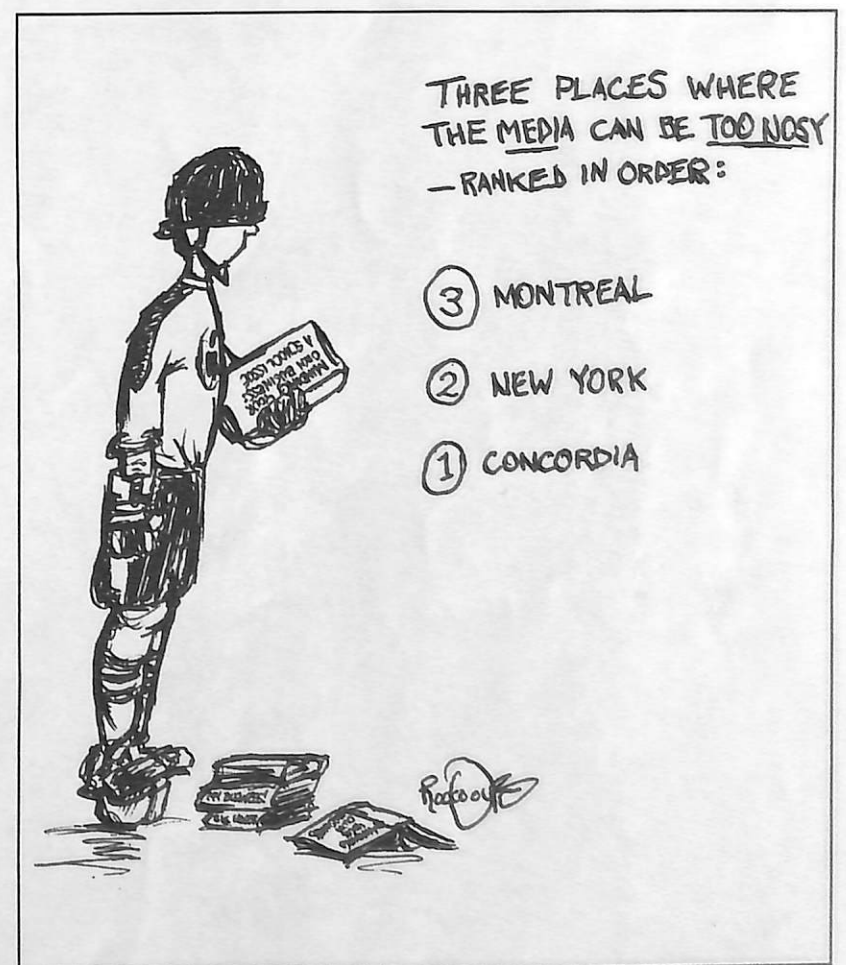


I have always been fascinated by other cultures and I am finally getting the perfect opportunity for an experience that will be unlike any I have had before. I am planning a two month trip into south Chad for the rainy months of June and July. Chad is a land locked country bordered by Libya, Cameroon and the Central African Republic; it is one of the economically poorest, as well as most underdeveloped countries in the world. It has been stricken with a

bloody history of factionalism, caused largely by the reversal of the traditional balance of power under French colonialism. It is hard to resist a country that has this description included in its travel article. Warnings to the traveler in the capital city of N'Djamena include: "Don't walk on the same side of the street as the Presidential Palace by day or anywhere near it at night or you will be shot". However, I am lucky enough to not be staying anywhere near the Presidential Palace, as I will be stationed 200 miles to the south in Babalem. The advantages gained in terms of personal safety from ammunition are to be weighed against the high incidence of disease and the fact that Babalem barely exists to the outside world. It is a small, scattered community that is based around a 250 bed mission hospital run by Dr. Philippe Schmidt. This hospital serves a large area and people are often trekking in with their sick children to see the overworked medical staff. There are no phones, no post office and the only communication to the more modern world is through short wave radio. The main food staples are rice and maize, which is what I will be surviving on for 8-10 weeks this summer. In order to travel to Chad, I must first receive my Yellow Fever and Cholera shots, as well as obtain Malaria pills from my doctor. This seems like a lot of hassle and hardship

for little in return, yet I think that this has the potential to be one of the most interesting and meaningful experiences of my life. I will be put to work as a volunteer in whatever capacity the staff require and I will be expected to speak French fluently for the duration of my stay. This is one of the main reasons that I am interested in this African country over several others. I spent 12 years in French Immersion and I can finally reap the rewards of my blood, sweat and tears-merci beaucoup. I am looking not only to improve my French skills, but also to spend time reevaluating my own life. The agency that is arranging for my stay is MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) which runs missions all over Africa. The minimum commitment is for two months, which is due in part to the fact that they only fly into Babalem once a month. Needless to say, my friends and family are now convinced that I am a lunatic. However, it is my personal belief that one must seize the day in order to lessen regrets in the future. Furthermore, I am confident that after my stay in Babalem, I will be unlikely to take for granted the benefits and privileges which are a part of living in this great country of Canada. I hope to return with new insights and viewpoints regarding the world and my own self...and hopefully to return minus any parasitic invasions! CARPE DIEM!

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Familiar Places

by Charles Weaver
Editor in Chief



The year is winding down, and some of us are looking at times ahead, leaving part of us behind, and soon

to be in the amiable position of recalling campus memories. The time spent here at Concordia has been uplifting and full of exciting moments.

I remember the first day I came to Concordia to find out if I would be accepted into its community. I was so nervous. Being a lot older than most students my mind was filled with the thought of being shunned and avoided; much like one would if he was a carrier of the plague. Sitting in Tegler lounge, on a bright fall day, with Dale Lehmann, I was immediately put at ease. His time and conversation with me convinced me to start my application. Thanks Dale. Immediately, I rode home and began the paper work. After spending some time with staff members from the Registrar's Office, my courses and times were settled and school began.

Many times in life we experience moments of awkwardness. But, that first day in English class the most awkward I had ever felt. Everyone was young and I felt so out of place. I wanted to slither, discretely, along the floor and out the door, never to be seen again. Instead, I waited for

class to end then slowly made my way out of the classroom. I had a two hour wait for the next class and no place to hide. Each time I would look at someone's face my mind took over and my anxiety rose. Did I make a mistake? Maybe I don't really belong here. Will I be accepted by the student population? All kinds of dreary thoughts. The days passed and life as a student began to take place. Yet, every day brought a new experience and sometimes a new friend. Three years have passed and now my thoughts are not of fear, but of sadness, as I will soon leave campus life.

Concordia has given me an education, comfort when I've been stressed out, and confidence as I prepare for the days ahead. The strength of Concordia is its ability to teach you not only by way of the book, but also, by providing a campus life filled with community spirit. This spirit is built on the interaction between the students. Yes, there are times when life is not so sweet here at Concordia. There are times we all go through when classes, essays, and days seem so demanding. Yet, it is during these times when friends on campus come through. They are there to console, offer help, and most of the time, to get you through the crisis. I can recall days when individuals like Debbie, Monika, Leonel, Clint, and numerous others were there to pick up my spirit when I was unbearable. I remember moments spent with Dr.

Leske when I had questions about my spirituality, and with Dr. Jayachandran when I had doubts about my ability as a student. Thanks go out to so many individuals, Kyle, Pam, Cheryl, Cindy, Darrell, Judith, Matthew and so many others who have made me feel welcome here at Concordia.

Unlike some, I chose to participate in the community around us, and can only suggest to new students to do the same. By doing so, you will not only improve the quality of your own life, but also, the quality of life around you. Sometimes your participation will demand a lot from you, yet, the rewards from your involvement will make you a better student and a better person. You will discover so much of the potential dwelling inside you. When your turn comes to reflect on your time at Concordia, you will be proud of your contribution and effort to the continuing spirit of Concordia College University of Alberta. And, by doing so, you will truly understand what the spirit here on campus is all about.

There are so many talented people on campus who continue to sit in the background. My hope and wish is that these individuals will make the decision to cast their fears behind and step forward with new ideas and innovations. Time to think less of what the community can give, it is time to think more of what you have to offer. Don't waste your talents, get involved.

The Americanization of Canada

by Tony Wong
Assistant Editor



Everyday, we seem to be inundated with news, sports, facts, factoids, infoclips and other assorted news bites. This

preprocessed, prepackaged, spoon sized, sugar coated and easily digested information seems to pass right through us, giving us maximum exposure to the world around us. Some of us embrace this type of exposure, others reject it. Either way, very few among us question the quality of the sources.

As immediate as CNN is, it still does not show how each journalist, cameraman, director, editor and publisher affects our perception of the world. We do not question our ability to see and hear things, to perceive critically, but how many of us are aware that the video camera, however marvelous a device, is but a one dimensional affair? We may see victorious images of American soldiers in Iraq, Haiti, or Somalia, but when do we get an opportunity to see the other side? Where is the balance, our "healthy dose" of skepticism?

What Canadians get to see is the American perspective on the world. Unfortunately, this has an insidious

side effect upon us, an effect that we may not be on guard against. This is the Americanization of us. Just as the old adage admonishes that "you don't know anyone unless you've walked a mile in their shoes", we are experiencing what the Americans experience everytime we turn to the many American channels for news, entertainment, and education. Not only are we walking a mile (kilometer?) in American shoes, we are using those shoes wherever we travel. In effect, we are becoming Americans.

The reason why I'm choosing to write this editorial now is because of the cutbacks to the CBC. "Mothercorp.", as it is affectionately known, provides Canadians with a view that holds Canadian interests at heart. What happens if Pat Buchanan becomes the next U.S. president. He likes the idea of a divided Canada, so he can scoop up the west and the maritimes. He believes the world's longest undefended border shouldn't be undefended. What happens to american television programming then?

Some people believe that the information age has come a'knocking on the door. Too bad they're wrong. It has already pounded down the door and now it's sitting in your favorite chair, drinking a beer. American beer.

C.U.B.A. Guys and Girls

by Andy Yuen

Concordia's newest and one of its most interesting organizations has been the business association, C.U.B.A. - Concordia University Business Association. The business association renamed its organization after their first inaugural general business meeting January 30, 1996. It was a long awaited meeting in which a new president and two new energetic executives were voted in. The then C.C.B.S.A. - Concordia College Business Association had already gone through some turmoil within its executives and had become inactive all year long and was given an ultimatum by the Concordia student body to show some good works.

An overthrow or coup by C.U.B.A. with a new president, namely seemed apparent to those unaware of the internal struggles of its executives. C.U.B.A. has since its restart or rebirth has in the last three weeks sponsored three events. A Financial Seminar Feb. 16/96, Businessman John Ramsey Feb. 26/96 and Banker Mar. 1/96.

The financial seminar sponsored by Canada Trust were on topics of savings, budgeting, credit, investment risk and diversification.

Mr. John Ramsey gave a brief presentation and discussion. As a successful businessman, owner of Weber Motors and President, CEO and Chairman of Ramsey brokerage firm he discussed day to day operations of business as it relates to finance and banking needs. He lectured on banking from a businessman's point of view noting the importance of a banker partnership relationship in which a businessman must have their banker understand their business operation.

Robert J. Normand gave a very informative presentation on consumer banking and industry regulation.

Normand an executive banker, heads the retail and commercial operations of 28 branches of the Bank of Montreal in the Edmonton and surrounding areas. He showed how banking has changed at the branch and consumer level, forecasting the internet will replace banking over the phone. The industry is now more competitive with Credit Unions, Co-ops, and Trust Companies. According to Normand bank branches are becoming more of a retail store compared to the genteel ways of banking of our parents. In the credit industry the largest lender of money to consumers are companies like G.E. and Ford Credit. Prior to the 1970's banks were not involved in Mortgage lending and selling of investments/securities. The lines of demarcation between banks, investment firms, mortgage and insurance companies are becoming less and less defined.

One of C.U.B.A.'s events this

month will be information supplied by Capital City Savings on Credit Unions in the Financial Industry.

The objectives of C.U.B.A. is to sponsor not only events for business students but for students of any discipline as they are aware each discipline is becoming more diversified. Business operating in contemporary society ranging from genetic engineering to environmental impact studies to any kind of research have monetary and political overtones.

C.U.B.A.'s most ambitious project is the gathering of an exam registry for all subjects to be in place by finals.

C.U.B.A. encourages students to submit their ideas and comments. As C.U.B.A. president, I would like to thank present staff for their efforts and welcome any new students who wish to join the Association.

Guess the Prof...



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Kufeld Offers Insight

by Pres Ruben

With the arrival of the month of March, most Concordia students are probably getting ready to hit the panic button. Papers are due and those dreaded final exams are right around the corner. For the CCSA, March means more than papers and upcoming finals. March means elections and a preparation to vacate these offices which have become home to us since the summer so that we can make room for next year's council. I strongly encourage any interested students to run for council, and those who are interested can stop by any time if they have questions. Serving on the CCSA has been a very rewarding experience. The work this year's council has done has been exceptional and I will certainly miss it. The many hours the council has put in at the college have been more than worth it and I would like to express my gratitude and admiration to every member of the student council.

In the past few years at Concordia, once March rolls around, the student council basically stops operating. This council does not feel the same way. We will still have a few on-campus events coming your way this month as well as one or two more off campus activities we hope you will

take the opportunity to participate in. Coming soon is our 1st annual 8-ball challenge at the High Run Club. It will take place on Saturday, March 9th, with a minimal \$3.00 entry fee. First prize will be \$100, second prize \$50 in A&B Sound Gift Certificates and third prize is \$25 in Gift Certificates. I'd like to encourage one and all to attend, as it's going to be a very entertaining evening.

At this time, I'd like to wish all Concordians the very best of luck with their papers and with their studies and I hope finals go well for everyone.

Ruben Kufeld
President - CCSA

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE NEEDED ASAP

Anyone interested in serving on the march elections committee, please see ruben at the ccsa office asap. Duties include manning the polls on election days and ensuring that all candidates in the elections conduct themselves according to the college's campaign rules. Members of the committee will be paid an honorarium for their efforts, but we need volunteers immediately.

Look On The Bright Side

by Dallas Harris

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The Agony of Mirth

by Julius Valerious Noet

*A green giant lilliput
Surrendered his dream
To grow up big
To invent a time machine.*

*A tired child
Will not go to sleep
Lost in unheard sacred cries
His spirit lost its feet.*

*The dark burgundy sky
Keeping the clouds tight
Not letting the rainbow fly
Put a lock on the door of the sun.*

*Dear friends lost and gone
Cover their false eyes
Feed on the ashes of life
Praise each wonderful lie.*

*The magnitude of the spell
Suppresses the kind light
Destroys the blind darkness
Produces stone cold surprise.*

*Strange face in the mirror
Hiding behind a smile
Aware of the senseless security
That is hugging him from behind.*

*Hard blowing wind of emotion
Crushing all in its path
Makes sure there is constant motion
Channeling change through us.*

*Feeling of mock laughter
Crawling, swallowing me
Letting me climb up higher
Killing all that is in the past; a past to be.*

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Interesting but disturbing stuff on the Internet

by Cheryl Price

Have you logged on yet? If you haven't, try to check out the ever time consuming Internet. I finally signed up and was disgusted when I started to browse. I clicked on NewsGroups, thinking it was actually news stuff. Wrong!!! It listed pornographic web sites and other odd things. I'm not against pornography in any way but it enter my mind, WHO IS READING THIS ##%#@%! How many kids out there have slipped through the sloppy security and viewed it. One page was listed as pedophilia.com!! If you're as shocked as I am welcome to the club. Prior to seeing this, I thought the Internet was a sane place, but I've change my mind.

I'm not trying to advocate censor-

ship, as I don't agree that the Internet needs to be censored. The Internet revolution has gotten way too left of center. In my realization of this, it has increased my awareness of the dangers to the young people of the world. Some restrictions on pages on pornographic material need to be legislated, even if I am over 18 and know that it's pointless s@^%\$. I hate to think of the people creating these pages, whoever they are, they need a real job.

Enough of my complaining and on to the proper things I found while surfing. There was the Quentin Tarantino page, that Pulp Fiction addicts (like me) waste time discussing the light in the suitcase. It was hilarious to read some of the absurd com-

ments on the website, but to watch Pulp Fiction 12 times is absurd (I did, did you?). There was the Central Africa page, which was useful for my research. The Paramount page wasn't tremendously exiting until I came across the BRAVEHEART page (<http://www.braveheart.com>). There was the beatles page where I took a tour of the band's Liverpool roots. Not exciting but it wasted a few hours....

I highly recommend the Internet, it's gross, addictive, expensive and a fun time waster. Be careful in your surfing area as you may be shocked and disgusted, but it also may provide you with a chance to locate your beliefs on certain issues. Have fun surfing...

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Well there appears to be a spiritual force moving on the Concordia University College of Alberta campus this semester. With Eutychnus Society, Prime Time, and the Spiritual Life Committee...the what? Yes, that's right, the Spiritual Life Committee is once again in full swing at Concordia. The Committee has met a few times now and we have some pretty cool stuff coming in the near future. If there are people who would like to join the Spiritual Life Committee, or just want to come and see what its all about you are welcome to join us eve-

ry other Thursday at 12:00pm in the CCSA conference room. The week of March 4-8 is Spiritual Emphasis Week. The Chapels are interesting and other things are happening during the week, as to what they are come and see!!! Now some of you may think oh, it is that religion stuff again being shoved down our throat. Well I challenge you to come to these chapels and take as much or as little home as you want.

In Christ,
Mark L. H. Just

So, the "Jobs of the Future" Have No Future

by Shayla Huber

Once again Alberta is being slammed with more cuts. This time it's personal! In the Edmonton Journal, Saturday, February 24, Tom Arnold reported that over the next three years, the Alberta Environment will receive a 27% cut in its budget. This means we will see the loss of over 500 jobs, and increases in fees for business(it's about time), and as usual the consumer.

Next prediction in the article was that Man, and the environment will suffer a loss of \$164 million dollars in the budget by 1998/99. Amongst a variety of other cuts in different departments, \$18.5 million dollars worth of subsidies will be axed from the Swan Hill Waste Management Plant.

I cannot describe how sad I am to hear that the field I have worked so hard to be in, will be suffering the

hardest budget cuts over the next three years; more than any other department in Alberta. You see, I don't really mind not being employed after I graduate. What is really a grim picture is that my existence will be in an extremely polluted province.

For the record, and please correct me, if I am wrong, but isn't the plant in Swan Hills the only one to handle hazardous waste in the West? Also,

doesn't it service industries all across Canada? If this is so, I'm afraid the smell might be the least of our problems then.

Far be it for me to lay any blame on our outstanding, and sometimes upright Premier, but, when is this insane cutting going to stop? Uh, Hello?... Call me obtuse, but how will Albertans pay taxes if we have no jobs? It's funny how naive I am; once

I believed that I was somewhat secure in this province since Klein was once the Environment Minister. Strange how a person changes priorities once they reach another dimension in the political arena. How quickly they lose sight of their beliefs.

Unfortunately, when beliefs are compromised someone or something is affected. This time it is the environment.

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WHAT IS FOOTBAG?

Footbag is a sport that consists of a small 'bag' and is played with the feet. Difficult concept, isn't it!!? Actually, there are many areas of which footbag can excel, since there are many different events that are used competitively, with each including style, creativity, finesse, agility, coordination, patience, flexibility, dexterity, rhythm, control, and satisfaction.

More commonly known as the 'Hacky Sack' (a brand name of footbag put out by Mattel Sports in the 1970's), footbag is now the fastest growing foot sport in the world.

The idea of keeping an object off of the ground, without the use of hands (or table) has been around for many centuries. Children played with oranges and grapefruits in order to keep themselves occupied during the day, which became a challenge (and daring) to keep the fruit from smashing on the ground (since Mom would become upset from the waste of food).

This intense sport, may seem pointless at first, until you try it. Believe me when I say "it's addictive". If you attempt footbag there are 3 simple rules of 'footbag etiquette' to play:

- 1) When starting a 'kick', ALWAYS hand toss the bag to a participating player. then you must use any part of your body EXCEPT for your hands to try and keep the bag in the air, or active. NEVER toss the bag to yourself unless you are by yourself.
- 2) Never say 'Sorry', for even the pro's drop the damn thing.
- 3) PEACE THRU PLAY &

HAVE FUN!!! Learn from others around you, and do not be afraid to try new tricks.

(Note: Some players do not appreciate other players whom pick up the bag with their feet. Some of the freestyle bags become quite expensive,

The number of times one can kick a bag consecutively without dropping the bag. Only allowed to touch below the waist, ie. no body touches (except in the beginner classes)
 - doubles footbag consecutive -
 The number of times two players can

- doubles timed consecutive - you figure it out!
 - doubles distance one-pass consecutive (and timed) - self explanatory
 - 1-Up-5-Down - Two players attempt to keep the footbag airborne as long as possible. Players start by kicking one time each, then two times, three times, and working up to five kicks each. Upon reaching five, players work back down to one using the same system.

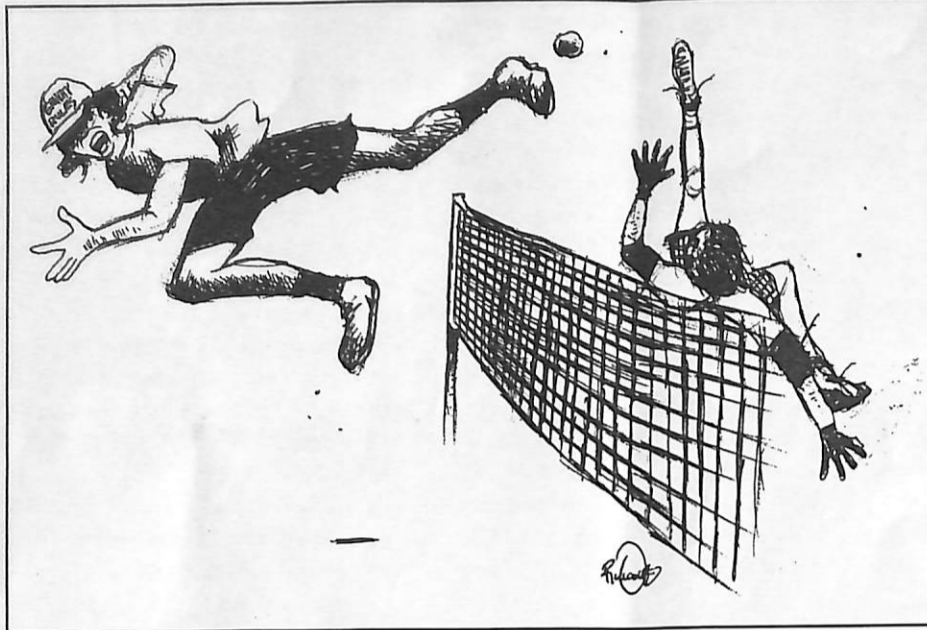
use their creativity, control, 'stalls' or 'delays', 'pinches', unusual surface areas (sole, calf, sternum, butt, etc.), and whatever else they can conjure up to 'show boat' their talents. The pro's tend to display such agility and foot speed to literally have the spectators 'drop their jaws'. Freestyle is unique, for everyone has a different style, and it also displays endless creativity. Doubles freestyle (four legs with usually one bag) is also something to see, since many hours of practise and determination are set to choreograph a 2-3 minute routine that is performed to perfection.

Best of all, the footbag fits in your pocket, can be played anywhere, is a social event, and when not competing, you can have a smoke in one hand, with a beer in the other, while playing the game with your feet.

For those that are interested, there will be a footbag demonstration put on by the non-profit Style'n'Stuff Footbag Organization, Friday, March 15, in the Tegler Center from noon until 3:00 pm. Come and see some of Alberta's best Netbag players. We ask everyone (and all) to bring your footbags to participate, and most of all, HAVE FUN!

P.S. No beer is allowed on campus!

Happy Kicking!
 P. Constantin - Director of Style'n'Stuff Footbag Organization



and picking the bag up with the feet may cause the footbag to tear. This may be fine for the inexpensive, durable SIPA SIPA, but not for the pricey, delicate freestyle works of art.)

Footbag is a game where all levels of ability can play, since there are many areas of the sport in which one may decide to conquer. Areas include:

- singles footbag consecutive -

kick a bag consecutively, with one person allowed a maximum of 25 kicks to oneself, before they MUST pass to their partner.

- singles timed consecutive - Given a time limit of 3-5 minutes (pending competition), the number of times one can kick a bag consecutively, with penalties of minus 5-10 kicks (pending) per drop.

foot court. In singles play (one person per side of the net), is allowed a maximum of two hits. In doubles play (four persons on the court, playing two-on-two), three kicks are allowed per side and the players (teammates) must alternate contacts. The court is divided down the center to form four equal serving quadrants. Freestyle Footbag is when one can

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MSA Mumbblings

So you are probably wondering, what exactly is the Concordia MSA? Well, contrary to popular belief, the MSA is not the Moldy Seniors Association nor is it the Mostly Senile Ancients. No, the acronym MSA stands for: Mature Student Association. We have kept a low profile for most of this year so we thought it was time to let you know what we've been up to. We have almost forty members and are always on the look out for new vict... ums, sorry, members. In February, we held a workshop and during Reading Week we saw the play "Rough Justice" at the Citadel. After the performance, we sauntered over to the Bistro Praha for coffee and dessert. It was such a great evening! If you missed it don't worry, another evening is being planned once school is over. Some upcoming activities include: a movie marathon in March, shooting pool on April 21, and a May date is tentatively set for a family picnic. Please note: You do NOT have to be a Mature Student to participate, all activities are open to all Concordians. If you can't make it to one of our Monday Drop Ins for coffee (in the CCSA conference room between 10am - 1pm then check out the bulletin board by the change machine to find out what's going on!

A Class Act...



Photo by Cindy Oxley

Dr. Harald Tomesch, also known as Reverend Tomesch, is one of our religion profs. Seen roaming the halls, Dr. Tomesch has a reputation as a prof who cares. He loves to play the piano and his favourite music is jazz. He plays a mean keyboard. To relax Dr. Tomesch likes to work out 2 or 3 times a week.

Lost and Found
 Several watches, one grad ring (MALE), one other ring (FEMALE).
 Come to Reception Desk

Phil's Musings



Filth Pig

Ministry
Warner Bros. (1996)

What can I say about the latest release by none other than one of our old time favourites, Ministry. Well, they've definitely changed their sound to more chunkier bass riffs but the vocals have pretty much remained the same, but what do you expect from Al Jourgensen, the man who as he gets older is trying to maintain his hardcore redneck image or Depeche Modes (taking a shot at Ministry's album, *With Sympathy*). If your expecting fast anarchic rhythms and drumming don't bother here because she ain't no *Psalm 69* and don't get me wrong, it's still a good album but the shift will take some getting used to. The best track would have to be *Brickwindow*, but I'm not going to tell you why. In short the album is average, the best song will still remain a mystery to you and if I was going to buy another album of strong industrial mayhem I would check out 1000 Homo DJs. Put that in your pipe and smoke it...

Root Down EP, Sure Shot EP

Beastie Boys
Grand Royal (1995, 1994)

Here are two singles from one of my favourite bands and if you're unable to read the band name in the header please stop reading now because I'm going to have a lot of big words in this article and I don't want to get you confused. First, let's do the *Sure Shot EP* because it came before the *Root Down EP* chronologically. Here we have 7 tracks, 4 of which are actual remixes of the song and the rest are specialty tracks. The remixes are good, but not great, the only one which really drew my attention was the *Large Professor Remix* because there is more stuff going on than if you conceived of Rambo driving a zamboni. The rest of them could use some work but they are all still comfortably average and shouldn't be too much of a disappointment. The extra track note is *Mullet Head*, a song which follows the same line as *Heart Attack Man* and *Tough Guy*, two songs from *Ill Communication*, their latest

full length release. The other two special tracks are not as good but still provide a modicum of entertainment. Switching now to the *Root Down EP*, we have 10 tracks, of which 7 are from their live tour in Europe in the winter of 1995, and we all know that live recordings are not as high quality recordings as an album, so don't expect too much out of them but what I did like about them was they actually give you a feel of how they perform live, with performances full of energy and leaving you wanting more. Out of the remaining three tracks, one of which is the LP version of *Root Down* the only other one of note is the *Free Zone Mix* which is spectacular and creates a morose kingdom in which you the listener is the king. At this point, I'm at a loss for words so I leave you with the approximate diameter of my nipple: 2.4 cm. Bye Bye Birdie!

Strawberry Fields

Directed by Alan Dither

An amazing documentary style adventure of a vacationing spot somewhere in the middle of Sweden where all the characters arrive in complete mystery but end up in an unforgettable adventure. The character Nathan (played by John Ssaeguh) begins this unforgettable folly by stopping for two female hitchhikers (played by Marry Fngeredwell and Cynthia Cuminin). After several brief conversations in the car which are exceptionally written and well choreographed (praise for our fine director), they continue on down the road. They eventually have a flat tire and it begins to rain. After several other scenes of pure indulgence they give up the car and find their way to an abandoned church. Unfortunately, it's really not too clear how or why they really went to the church because the subtitles go by way too fast, and some

of them match the background of the screen, rewinding it twice still gave no understanding of the situation. OK, moving right along. In the church they find a book of the black arts called the "Artusamak", which they find grants them some special powers over the body and mind. The rest of the movie continues with our characters practicing these special powers on each other, and in every room as well, and I must admit the cinematography is just stupendous, very detailed with nice close ups and panoramic shots that even would make Stanley Kubrick proud. An interesting thing of note, all the special effects were done on an Amiga and they are really fantastic and add to the atmosphere created by the church. I think the only significance to the title is a small plot of strawberry coloured flowers in the church courtyard. Oh well.

Sloth

by Kathleen Edwards



At this moment, one of the seven deadly sins is tearing the very fibre of our society into shreds; and it is happening in our own living

rooms, family rooms and bedrooms. The deadly sin I am referring to is sloth. It is an escalating social time-bomb which can be recognized by the following classic symptoms: running home to catch that "once only" episode; not accepting phone calls during the favourite show; never going out on a particular night because of your special show; and finally always being able to come up with amazingly witty excuses for the aforementioned excuses. *Friends* fans, *ER* followers, *Bay Watch* advocates and *Seinfeld* enthusiasts should all take precautions to prevent/cure you from doing this idle sin! Watching television does not increase your intelligence - it is a mindless activity (it should not even be called an activity). It only perpetuates your own demise as life is merely experienced vicariously

through various personas. But, alas, a painless remedy is right at your very fingers tips (that is, if you can free them from the remote control for a few minutes). The prescription: getting out and away from the hypnotic television screen and experiencing your own reality - not someone else's. Following this advise, individuals can experience what real life is by visiting *White Ave.* and studying the *Bohemians*, *people watching at parties* (if you ever get invited to one) and with any luck you could meet someone as "stimulating" as *ER's* Dr. Green, or as beautiful as Antonio Banderas!! Much to my friends' chagrin, I refuse to sinfully waste time watching television.* I prefer to socialize on *White Ave.* or see a movie - even if it means that we spend a little more money! If we do not take action against this idleness, as *Seinfeld* says, we will soon see people being fed intravenously as they sit in front of the television set, endlessly.

* There are permissible exemptions to the rule: Thursday night television like *Friends*, *Sienfeld*, *Fraiser*, and *ER*.

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 - 2-Copcat
 - 3-Waterworld
 - 4-Virtuosity
 - 5-Usual suspects
 - 6-Nine Months
 - 7-The Net
 - 8>Showgirls
 - 9-Clueless
 - 10-Dolores Claiborne

New Movies out Soon

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THUNDER ATHLETICS

13,000 OILER SEASON TICKETS IN 24 HOURS, I GUARANTEE IT!

by Matthew Cassie
Sports Editor

Yes, 13,000 Oiler season tickets in 24 hours that's how many I could sell. Now I know you're thinking, this guy

spent a little too much time in the sun over reading week. OK, so maybe I'm exaggerating just a little, but if you and the rest of Edmonton saw what I saw in San Diego you would be lining up in droves to buy Oiler Season tickets. Remember 13,000 season tickets is the magic number the Oilers must sell by May 31, to qualify for the seven million dollar subsidy which will keep NHL hockey in Edmonton. So what was it that I saw in San Diego that turned the thought of an Oiler Exodus from a municipal crisis into an absolute bloody nightmare? It's called the West Coast Hockey League and believe me they are being generous calling it a hockey league. For those of you that have not heard of the West Coast Hockey League allow me to enlighten you. The WCHL is a professional, no, lets call it the never drafted but will play for food and 50 dollars a week instead of retiring with dignity league. The WCHL consists of six teams two of which are in Alaska, nuff said!

I always try to make it a habit to take in a professional sporting event in every major city I go to, so while in San Diego I thought I would contin-

ue the tradition and seek out a pro show. Now I remembered that San Diego had a team in the International Hockey League, a well respected minor professional league, called the San Diego Gulls. So I grab the Yellow Pages and sure enough there it is, "San Diego Gulls Hockey Team WCHL". WCHL? What the hell is that I ask myself. I call the number and a friendly lady advises me that

hockey game is a hockey game right, besides us canucks love the game not the level. She advises me that the next home game is Friday night against the Reno Renegades, and don't worry she said, "there will be LOTS of tickets at the door."

So Friday rolls along and like any cold blooded Canadian on game day I can't wait to get to the rink. Six o'clock I depart my sea side condo,

sounds like two \$5 radio shack specials set to an AM station that have been hung from the roof. Oh well I think, "don't be to critical after all you are used to the NHL and this is after all the minors."

The puck is dropped and immediately the 6400 hockey crazed Californians begin cheering and chanting. Despite their lack of knowledge of the rules and traditions of hockey, do not

watch the beginning of the second period and then I see it, there is no hitting in this game! I just about fall out of my chair thinking in Canada even 12 year old kids hit. I mean this is a fundamental part of the game man. I think to myself what would Don Cherry say about this. "Alrights den, all yoose kids at home listens up; dat aint real hockey downs there. If theys aint going to hit and beat up da skater den it just aint real hockey." As a somewhat knowledgeable hockey fan the whole game just frustrated me. Every break out ends in a winger just dumping the puck in to the corners, blind passes are about 20 feet off target, and Gulls defenseman Bruce Shoebottom constantly has trouble making the transition from forward to backward skating, a basic skill required of most defensemen beyond the novice level. Bruce's player profile claims that he used to play for the Boston Bruins but as I watch his skating ability I'm thinking that old Bruce may have told a little white lie to the Gulls PR. people.

The point I am trying to make is that NHL hockey is without a doubt the best hockey league in the world and I know that goes without saying. What concerns me is that lots of people I talk with think that Edmonton would be fine without the Oilers and that a minor league substitute would do fine. Well think again, even the IHL is not as fast and hard hitting as the NHL. Starting in September the Edmonton Ice of the Western hockey league will begin play and provide Edmontonians with the best Jr. hockey league in the world. So for those who want to spend \$8 to \$10 on a ticket the Ice will provide lots of bang for the buck, but Edmonton does not need two \$10 dollar shows and minor league hockey just will not cut it here. True, the IHL is a good minor league but there is no guarantee that they would come to Edmonton and we may be faced with the prospects of becoming the next expansion site of the West Coast Hockey League. So if the Oilers want to sell 13,000 season tickets in 24 hours all they need to do is invite the WCHL to play an exhibition game in Edmonton. I guarantee that after that poor display of hockey 13,000 tickets in 24 hours would not just be an absurd statement but a reality.



the Gulls of the IHL have moved to Los Angeles, but don't worry she says, "we still have P R O F E S S I O N A L hockey". Boy, that was a bit of a stretch! She said that the Gulls had been resurrected in the WCHL. So I think OK, "I AM CANADIAN", so a

hit the freeway, drive to stay alive, and miss the arena turn off; by the time I get a chance to turn around I'm practically in Mexico, but finally I arrive and park my car. The parking lot is just a big party as people are getting "primed" for the game next to their cars. Big deal I think, we do this at Eskimo games in November. At this point I am really excited about seeing players who play for the love of the game; the idea of not watching players with swollen salaries and swollen heads seems to me very refreshing. I get to the Ticket window \$7, \$9, and \$11 even more refreshing. So in the true fashion of a big spender I splurge and get the \$9 ticket. I enter, grab my \$4 dog, my \$3 pop, and take my seat. The San Diego arena holds 15 000 people and was built in 1966 and believe me the place has not seen a hammer or a can of paint in its 29 year existence. Yes, in the true fashion of minor league sports the place was a first class hole just like the coliseum was before the renovations but 8 years worse. The teams are warming up to music from a sound system that

ever underestimate their commitment to the game. If this brand of hockey excites them this much it is not difficult to see why the Ducks of Anaheim and the San Jose Sharks have been so successful. With this much excitement and this many people I'm sure that Gary Betman has San Diego on his secret expansion list and with Wayne Gretzky out of LA. it may not be long before they become the San Diego Kings. If there was one thing that impressed me about this game it was the support and participation of these great hockey fans, this crowd of 6400 sounded more like one 21,000. They are perhaps a little to excited though, every time two players are in the corner digging for the puck 100 fans are banging as hard as they can on the glass. The players quickly get the puck loose, probably in fear for their lives!

Most of the first period I spent watching the fans who simply fascinated me, but I did manage to catch some of the game and there was something different about it that I just could not put my finger on. I

Great One Not Singing the Blues

by Rocco Volpe

Gretzky is washed up. Gretzky is a whiner. Gretzky is old. These statements are heard too often when talking about arguably the greatest player to ever play the game. The Impact, the influence he's had on hockey in the land of palm trees is immense. The existence of the Florida Panthers, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, the San Jose Sharks has a lot to do with the "Great One" being a King (L.A. King that is). And now hockey fans, some of them, are griping about Gretzky's wanting to finish his career as a contender. For what he's done for the game, it's least the league could do for him. But enough about the mushy stuff. The big question is if the "Great One" will help out an already decent St. Louis hockey club. In his press

conference, Gretzky said it best, "Getting a chance to play with great players is going to bring my game up a level, and I'm excited to be here." He says that he feels nervous and excited like a rookie again. No doubt, the 35 year-old is not the same player he used to be, but he is not finished. If anything, Gretzky will be back as magical as he has been in previous years. Fans in St. Louis are going to witness Gretzky on a line with Corson and Hull and there will be fireworks. Just to see the nervousness in his face again should say enough. Only time will tell if the magic in this Brantford native is still there. Ask Brett Hull if he is not desperate to see a resurgence of the magical show, after all, it can only revitalize his own career.

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APATHY ON CAMPUS

by C. W.

The hockey season for the Thunder team is over and now the players are able to concentrate on their education. Previously, these same individuals were out practising, playing games, putting in an effort to promote athletics here at Concordia. Unfortunately, the season came to a close with a loss to Red Deer, which ended the playoff drive and goals the team may have had. It would have been nice if they would have gone on further in playoff competition but it was not meant to be. So, what could be some of the reasons for their missing further playoff action. Overall, the hockey team was good. Their time on the ice was productive and at times rewarding, like the victory over Mount Royal College, the number one ranked team. But like any team that competes there are external factors that can affect team play. One factor that could have provided more incentive and motivation was fan support.

The attendance at Thunder games was pathetic. It seems any attempt to motivate the student body fall on deaf ears. Promos, posters, word of mouth, coverage in the school paper, all were honest and sincere attempts to lure the fans out. But to no avail. The students chose, for reasons unknown, to avoid giving support to their team. Why is this the prevailing attitude on campus? Perhaps it is time to divulge a little information on the requirements and obstacles faced by the athletic department and their attempts to entice players to the school.

Coach McLean has to deal with a bare bones budget, and, the expenses incurred by team involvement in the

ACAC are enormous. Ice time, sticks, equipment maintenance, and traveling costs are all costs to the hockey program. Also, it must be noted that recruitment to the program is

economical reasons why it is so difficult to field a competitive team.

The inability to compete at the highest level is only compounded by the lack of respect and support given to the players who are on the team. Referred to as goons, self-centered hockey players, or dumb-jocks, no wonder the players feel awkward about their presence on campus. They are not given the proper respect for their participation and efforts. Not once, as a student, did I see any event which

Not only when it comes to Thunder Athletics, but also when it involves other events going on in school. Reasoning or excuses such as: Don't have the time, papers to do, I have to work, you name it and it has probably been used are all reasons for attitudes of isolation and non-committal. A case of Concordians affirming the attitude that prevails in society, an attitude of selfishness. Too many individuals are so caught up in their own world they forget about their importance and obligations in the rest of the schema. When you succumb to the pressures of self-concern and ostracize yourself from those around you, you create a void. Why you fail to understand how important you are as an individual and what you can contribute is beyond logic.

What is even more insulting is the fact that students seem to be comfortable and indifferent to any form of attitude that conflicts with this apathy. In other words, apathy reigns supreme and too bad for anyone who hopes it can be dethroned. And, thumbs down to anyone who is trying to demonstrate a need for others to be involved with their surroundings. I guess their motto "WHO CARES?" is befitting, however, if they would get involved they would soon discover that they are some who do care.

"Not once, as a student, did I see any event which promoted or honored the players for their efforts"

very difficult. Coach McLean does not have the perks to offer to players he might be interested in, thereby, minimizing the chances of obtaining a player with exceptional talent.

Face it, while it would be ideal to have recruiting tools handy to help Coach McLean, he has to contend with institutions that offer less tuition costs, more money for traveling allowance, more funds for scholarships and team coverage. These are all benefits that Coach McLean has to compete against. These are some of the

promoted or honored the players for their efforts. The CCSA council didn't put any effort into developing a spirit between the student body and the Thunder team. Would it be too difficult to arrange a Thunder hockey appreciation day here on campus? How expensive would it have been to arrange a Pizza Day in Tegler, to show some form of appreciation and acknowledgement of the Thunder team and its players.

What it comes down to is the fact that the student body is apathetic.

CLASSIFIEDS

To all the cowgirls on campus: We love your style! -Campus Cowboys

Mark, excuse me, but are those Bugle Boy jeans I noticed on your firm, tight ___! -from the jean monitor

Beaverboy: Get a life

To fatboy sitting in front of Phil/Math 220—SHUT-UP! -signed rest of the class

To the spiritual life co-ordinator (Mark?), OOOH, BABY!!!

Carrie, what we do without you? -ESA

Brian, we know what you are doing with those little squirrels? —Rodent patrol AKA, ESA girls
S, you can have him and his disease, signed his ex.

To the driver of the BLUE Volkswagen:
"If you screw like you park, you'll never get in. STOP boxing everyone in"

Enquiring minds want to know, is he still cut off?

Bike Rack 3:00, V & me, Charlie

Is Concordia Biology department questionable or is it just me?
signed Always right!

Jodi: rhymes with odie
Your best bud Dano

Chanda, if I knew you were only 6, I would never have been so bold.
Please forgive me for having such ornery thoughts

signed SPA, (secret passionate admirer)

Chanda, happy belated birthday, I'd ask you out but it is illegal to date someone only 6 years old.

little bird,
the cage is always open
-Lance

Hey birthday girl, meet me at ED and FRED's for some wild dessert.
I'll be wearing the birthday suit

Furnace face; you make my heater hot!!!

Lance, did you forget my balloon-a-gram, signed C

Hi, I'm shy but here goes nothing...
Mr. Hockey player with the green cap, you are incredibly gorgeous

Ruben, where's the beef? -signed Deli manager.

Miss M. How does the old saying go... you are so full of it your eyes are brown
Signed B.S.

Charles, you have the nicest ___ on the Blue & White, knowing me, knowing you?

D.F. How goes the old war wound? Told you it would eventually act up!

Anybody coming to town to offer a cure? Be alert, don't lose your mind!
signed Moral Buddy.

Kyle, you look great with the tan, how was Cancun? signed curious.

J.M. hear you had to shoot the Pinto. Sorry about that. -Chuckie baby!!

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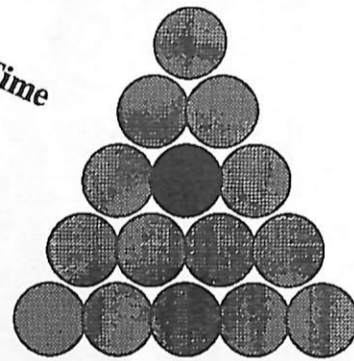
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