

# THE AURORA BOREALIS

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## ALUMNI HALL: A TOTAL LOSS

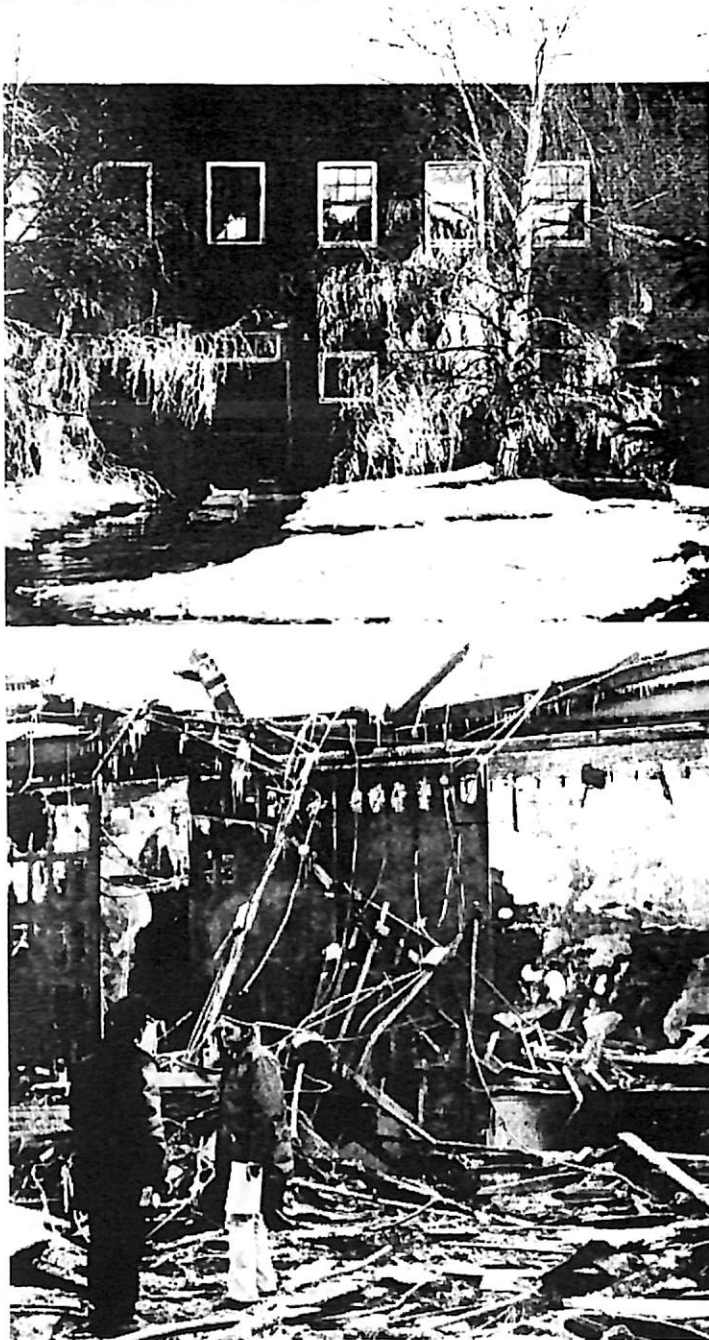
It was a rude surprise for many of us as we returned to the campus this past weekend to see Alumni Hall in total ruin. Walls still standing, but boarded and shuttered, and inside nothing but a burned-out hulk. Our gymnasium-auditorium - gone!

As the story is pieced together it appears that two of our friends shouted the alarm about the same time - 4:15 AM, Sunday, February 26th [1978]. A young university student by the name of Ricky Patterson first noticed dense clouds of smoke billowing over the freeway. Rushing over to the Gordon Vikse's just to the west of the college on 73rd St. the call to the fire department was placed. Mr. Vikse

meanwhile alerted Dean Stuhlmiller, who notified president Roth. Meanwhile another young man driving north on the Capilano confronted the same smoke, and having routed out Bernie Masterson, the men's dorm was alerted and evacuated.

Even when the first fire engines arrived there was nothing but billowing smoke from every window and crevice of Alumni Hall. But by 5 AM, the roof of the gym caved in and a towering column of flame shot skyward. For the next 4 hours, some 50 firemen, and 14 pieces of equipment -- including several aerial ladders and a snorkel uni, fought the 3-alarm blaze. By 9 AM the fire had been struck, but Alumni Hall was now nothing but a steaming mass of rubble, charred beams, and twisted metal.

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# Student Life

## A HUNGER FOR UNGER -

**PETER FOURLARIS**  
*Student Life Columnist*

This week I was very privileged to interview Dr. Matthew Unger. Professor Unger is another one of Concordia's extremely welcoming and friendly professors in the sociology faculty.

**Peter Fourlaris:** "Which classes are you currently teaching?"

**Matt Unger:** "I'm currently teaching Sociology 333A: Development of Sociology II and Sociology 344A: Mass Communication."

**PF:** "What is your favorite part of your job?"

**MU:** "My favorite aspect of teaching at Concordia is the conversations that I have with students and discussions in class. It's very rewarding to see my students grappling with difficult ideas and see how they can apply these ideas to their lives and interpret the world around them. The Concordia student body is also incredibly diverse - meeting people from all walks of life and backgrounds is super interesting to me."

**PF:** How many years have you been at Concordia?

**MU:** "I have been teaching at Concordia since 2008. I  
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left to teach in Turkey for a couple years, but have been back since the fall of 2013."

**PF:** "What is your favorite book?"

**MU:** "My favorite book has to be Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "Notes from the Underground" (Maybe The Idiot) but Ursula K. Le Guin's "The Dispossessed" is a close second."

**PF:** "What is your favorite movie?"

**MU:** "Hmmm...this changes all the time for me. Probably the most engaging show that I've seen in recent years is True Detective. My favorite podcast is Serial."

**PF:** "What is your favorite hobby away from school?"

**MU:** "I have 2 hobbies that I love: I design and build audiophile speaker systems and have been designing for a company in BC for a couple years now. Secondly, I love mountain biking. I take my bike wherever I travel, join a club and ride the hills and mountains with the locals. That is the best way to travel."

**PF:** "What is something that the reader might not know about you?"

**MU:** "I went to Concordia for one year during my music studies in my undergraduate degree - 1995-1996 and sang in the choir with Dr. Hooper, it was a wonderful time and I had great memories."

**PF:** "Do you have any advice for students in their first year?"

**MU:** "Read voraciously and talk about what you're reading. University should not just be about getting a piece of paper, but challenging the foundations of who you think you are and your relation to the world. Rather than think of your education as mere memorization, think of it as perspective taking and training - this is something that is far more difficult, lasting, and rewarding than being able to repeat facts in tests. You will have a far richer experience if you read and challenge yourself to read texts above your ability. Perpetually keep an open mind to the ideas you are reading, people you are talking with, and teachers you have during school; understand you can never exhaust any idea or perspective. Also understand that if you feel like you are a beginner in your first year, this is a good feeling and something you should never let go of - after 15 years of post-secondary education I still feel like a beginner and am always learning from my teaching and discussions with students."

Thank you very much Dr. Matthew Unger for a very entertaining interview. I hope this article can show everyone what an extraordinary professor and person you are.

Finally, if you, the reader, have anyone in mind that you would like to see featured in one of my articles, you can send in your requests to me. I can be reached through my email [pfourlar@student.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:pfourlar@student.concordia.ab.ca) or via twitter at @PeterF\_94.

# Advice

## NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING WEIRD -

**KAYLE  
SIEBEN**  
Advice Writer

Being ourselves is something we all may struggle with. Whether it's certain people or situations, our personality seems to shift from a moment to moment basis, while still remaining relatively the same. Personally, I used to be a very shy person; I had no idea what to talk about with strangers and didn't have the gonads to speak up in class.

However, the more I've come to socialize with people, the more I've come to realize we're all relatively the same. We're all a little nervous to be judged, we're all a little nervous to do something stupid, and we're all a little nervous to shout out the wrong answer. Here's the thing though: if it's such a common fear, why do we even fear it?

From my perspective, I view these individuals standing up and speaking their minds as courageous. I think people also tend to over-think these situations. People make mistakes; this is a fact. If you do make a mistake, own it.

Empower yourself and be able to laugh at your own mistakes. Most importantly, be yourself. Be who makes you, you. If it's a little different that's okay because that's what makes not only this nation unique but the entire world.

"'Weird' itself, even in the dictionary, is just something that is different and unexplainable. A weirdo is someone who follows their heart. I'm definitely weird, ain't nothing wrong with that." - Kid Cudi

Follow your heart, be a weirdo. I like to embrace every aspect of my personality, whether it's playing hockey or working out, reading and writing, gaming or painting. It could be me inside the classroom, attempting one of my corny jokes. I may never master any one of these areas in my life, but the fact that I embrace them gives me a sense of self, and a sense of respect for myself. The fact that I can zone out and have an overwhelming sense of being content while I'm doing them is reason enough to continue growing and trying new hobbies and opportunities.

Failure is part of the game; if you never fail then are you really challenging yourself? Anyone can take the easy path and do the things in life they know they won't fail at, but then when it comes down to it these individuals lack that color on their soul, that extra something in their

personality. I see failure as an opportunity to learn something new. As weird as it sounds, I enjoy failing at something new, because that way I can harness my skills and learn the proper way to do something. A lot of our mental anxiety comes from the way we view things as well; we tend to dwell on the negative aspects of the risk/reward trade off. No matter what, focus on the silver lining because I can guarantee positives will arise out of even the direst situations.

Personally, I don't want to be a prototypical human being. As I've written before a soul is a legacy that we leave behind when we pass, and I want to be able to look back on my life knowing that there is something to be remembered by. This is part of the reason I find myself constantly looking for something new, something to challenge me in ways I've never been challenged before. No matter what your situation is, never shy away from an opportunity because of fear. Follow your heart, listen to your intuition, and be yourself. Everyone is weird if they're comfortable enough. I find that's when people are their best, when they're completely comfortable and not afraid of judgment. Find that sense of courage inside of you. Be weird, and be the best person you can be without the firm grasp of fear getting in the way.

If you feel you need advice, please feel free to email me at [kdsieben@student.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:kdsieben@student.concordia.ab.ca), and I would be more than happy to help you and your situation. All entries remain 100% anonymous.

# Politics

## THE COMPLICATED STATE OF YEMEN -

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POLO**  
*Senior Writer*

February 6th 2015, the Houthis, which are members of a rebel group known as Ansar Allah (Partisans of God), have announced their takeover of the government of Yemen. Along with that, the Houthi rebels have dissolved the state's parliament. Ultimately, this has been the result of a variety of regional factors including: "unequal access to power and resources,... weak governance, corruption, resource depletion[,] poor infrastructure,...unemployment, high food prices[,] limited social services... instability and resulting large-scale displacement." (bbc.com) The Yemen crisis, particularly the recent development of the Houthi takeover, has international consequences: the takeover will create economic and military limitations for the U.S. as they try to fight al-Qaeda in the region and as they try to maintain a strategic connection with Saudi Arabia, a top oil exporter. However, much closer in that region, the Houthi takeover might increase political and Islamic tensions in the area: "Saudi Arabia, the main Sunni power, believes that the rebels are backed militarily, financially and politically by its Shia regional arch-rival, Iran - something both have denied." (bbc.com) Both the local and the regional opposition to the

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Houthi takeover seems to come from the Sunni populations of Yemen, as well as those from around the region, major tribal leaders, the former ruling party of Yemen, and its southern provinces.

As of last month, Yemen's ex-president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, and the Prime Minister resigned after the Houthi's took over the presidential palace. "Houthi leaders have accused Hadi of attempting to bypass a power-sharing deal signed back in September, while also claiming that they are seeking to protect the state from corruption." (rt.com) This has left Yemen in a transitional state of a power vacuum with competing powers in Yemen creeping with interest, not to mention the competing interests outside Yemen. Currently, the Houthi forces have stepped in to fill the lack of government. However, this action has been met with local and foreign opposition:

"The Sunni Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), made up of oil-rich Persian Gulf countries, has blasted the Shiite Houthi rebels for "staging a coup" in Yemen after they announced on Friday they were dissolving parliament and forming a new government." (rt.com) The GCC's concerns arise out of the Islamic divisions between Sunni and Shi'ite Islam, inevitably, the Houthi movement is being accused of illegally taking over the control of Yemen.

Despite these foreign concerns, other parties consider the move by the Houthis to be illegitimate. Abdel Malik al-Houthi, the leader of the Houthis, has responded the accusations and said on Saturday that Yemen is open to all parties participating in Yemen's future:

"Our hand is extended to every political force in this country ... the space is open for partnership, cooperation and brotherhood and now everybody bears their responsibility for building, not destruction," Abdel Malik al-Houthi said in a televised speech.

Houthi's statements, however, must be contrasted with the local atmosphere of Yemen. According to the Yemeni population, the stability in Yemen has changed; In Sanaa, Yemen's capital city, citizens will be stopped different checkpoints set around the city by Houthi forces dressed in military uniforms and traditional outfits. While for some the haunting Houthi presence is bothersome and worrying, the military and supporting numbers for the Houthi movement seem to give a sense of direction away from the current condition of Yemen:

"It feels more stable under the Houthis, the outgoing government was very weak. But we are worried about the future," said Ahmed, a merchant of copper handicrafts in the old city of Sanaa, once a sightseeing area." (bbc.com)

That's the central worry for people in Yemen - the future.

Yemen is the poorest of Middle Eastern countries, and for the majority of the population, there is a harsh struggle with life, not power. More than half the population of 24 million live in poverty with no access to basic needs. In Sanaa, residents have only two or three hours of electricity a day. BBC's Sally Nabil comments the following:

"The constant refrain I got from many people, regardless of their level of education or social status, was how life was hard and getting worse." Ultimately, it appears to be the case that the Houthi movement is at least giving progress to the circumstances of Yemen; whether the progress will be answered is yet to

be answered. Nonetheless, while there is a political, economic, religious, and social layer to the conflict, the lived experience of the people in Yemen continues to be in disastrous with a constant ambiguity as to what will occur in the future. Regardless of power vacuum or not, the circumstances for people in Yemen demand for something productive

to happen despite whatever political power is leading it.

While this is one layer of the problem, of course, the social, religious, economic, and political concerns remain to be of importance, for depending on what happens in Yemen, the region will respond. If the Shia Houthis gain power, it will be in the middle of a mostly Sunni part of the region

that will look suspiciously at their government. If the Houthis gain power, then the U.S. will miss a strategic location for combating al-Qaeda and partake in oil trade. However, if the Houthis do not gain power, then Yemen could return to a power vacuum with even more ambiguities as to what will happen next.

# Business

## I GUESS NO ONE WANTED FRIES WITH THAT -

**BLAKE NOVAK**  
*Business Columnist*

McDonald's is the one of the greatest successes to come out of our parent's generations. It has done so much to shape the Baby boomers, and connect us all through "value-priced" items that we all enjoy. Starting out with just one burger stall in 1948, the fast-food chain's emphasis on quick service and a standardized menu has helped it to grow to more than 35,000 outlets across the world, with over 30 of those locations in Edmonton alone. It has always been profitable: after a wobbly period in the early 2000s due to the weight loss crazes and Super-Size Me documentary, the firm's share price went from \$12 in 2003 to more than \$100 at the end of 2011. But now McDonald's is failing. Global sales have been declining since at least last July. When the company announces its annual results on January 23rd, analysts think it will reveal its first full-year fall in like-for-like revenues since 2002. What have they done wrong? Many of McDonald's issues are

visible in the operational mishaps across the world. In particular, its business in Asia (where it makes nearly a quarter of its global revenues) has been hit by several health scares. Sales in China fell sharply after one of its suppliers was discovered last July to be using expired and contaminated chicken and beef. More recently, several Japanese customers have reported finding bits of plastic and even a tooth in their food. Geopolitics has not helped. Last year some Russian outlets were temporarily closed by food inspectors, seemingly in retaliation for American and European sanctions against Russia over its military intervention in Ukraine. Some politicians in Russia have even called for the chain to be thrown out the country completely.

But McDonald's also has problems at home. It faces competition from other fast-food chains such as Burger King, which has been gaining market share with a simpler and cheaper version of the McDonald's menu. We've all seen the "new" Burger King sandwich that is clearly a big mac rip off. And it's being squeezed by more upmarket "fast-casual" restaurants such as Two Guys with Fries and Fatburger, which are rapidly growing. They have been luring customers—particularly younger ones—away from McDonald's chicken nuggets and chips by offering slightly better quality food, a high level of customization

(such as the option to choose the ingredients in a burrito or burger) and some table service.

McDonald's seems to have two options: to emulate the likes of Burger King and go back to basics, or to spruce itself up to compete with the likes of Fatburger. The chain seems to be trying to do both. It now has two new formats, one offering a simpler menu, and another called "Create your taste", letting customers customize their burgers. Similarly, it has opened "McCafés" in several countries. In France, one of the few parts of the world where McDonald's sales are still rising, these offer macaroons, tea and coffee in china cups and saucers, as well as some limited waitress service. It hasn't always gone smoothly: some of the restaurants in Paris were forced to put signs on the bins saying "please do not throw away the crockery". As McDonald's tries to reinvent itself, it may find that disposing of its traditional image will prove much harder.

And don't forget to pick up your tickets for the Concordia Business Associations Annual Business Conference. Tickets are \$15 and available in the bookstore now. At the conference, Dr. Paul McElhone will be presenting on Life after University, best practices to market yourself effectively to employer. There will also be a networking session with professionals in the all of the areas of specialization at Concordia. Tickets are going fast, so don't miss out! Network now so you won't be working for McDonald's after University.

# Fun & Games

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## CROSSWORD CLUES

### ACROSS

1. First animal, in a way
8. 40 years of laughs
9. Actinium symbol
10. River of Venezuela
12. Word describing a yellow polka-dot bikini
13. Edmonton skater
14. It's between kue and ess
15. Snaky fish
17. Roxy Music co-founder
18. Yon maiden fair
20. Jetsons' dog
22. Hufflepuffs are good \_\_\_\_\_ers
23. Refrigerator part
24. Coleman of Thunder Basketball
26. Lost intentionally
30. Operating system, abbr.
31. Hotel room furniture

### DOWN

1. Stage comment
2. Picnic pest
3. Dr. Jekyll creator's monogram
4. Richmond's st.
5. Squirrel's snack
6. Curly-leafed cabbage
7. Word before march
11. In relation to, for short
14. Greek writer of fables
16. High-school compositions
18. Common greeting
19. Rear-\_\_\_\_ (certain accident)
20. Frizzy hairdo
21. Relative of TNT
25. Sodium symbol
26. Trademark, for short
27. Word after heave or gung
28. Smallest st.
29. You and I

# The Campus-Dish

## A WALK TO REMEMBER -

### CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

*Business Columnist*

I would like to invite you on a very personal tour. My hopes are to introduce you to a few of my favorite facilities in and around campus here at Concordia. These various spots are places which I frequent before, during and after class. I have established a complex yet sporadic approach when choosing to visit these hidden gems around school. Some of these homely nooks have been passed down to me from long graduated alumni, but most have been found after long hours of exploration. Students appear to be lumbering creatures of habit; and taking the long way to class is seldom a celebrated option. However, the odd time you decide to break pattern and follow a tall girl carrying three bananas; you might find something new.

The lure of exploration has driving the bravest of humans to the highest peaks of Nepal, the sandiest deserts of Africa or the 3rd silent study floor of the library. All noble causes. As students, it is vital to know ones school backwards and forwards. How else do you expect to hide effectively from a rampant ex girlfriend/boyfriend, or escape the sharp talons of professors demanding late

assignments. Where can you sleep without being disturbed by gossiping first-years? What is the proper etiquette when taking a significant other to the now infamous Hole Academic Make-Out Desk? Unfortunately, these are some of the questions which I cannot answer today. We must stay on topic and not get ahead of ourselves. Now, we go onward to the first stop of our tour.

The water fountain in the science hallway is ridiculous. By far, this is the strongest fountain on campus. The combined height and velocity of this fountain demand respect. Not since your days in elementary school have you seen a majestic fountain quite like this. If not properly executed, a novice drinker would easily find themselves and the surrounding floor drenched. A slow turn of the faucet is key with this old school drinking spout.

However, the fountain that boasts the coldest water is found elsewhere. On the top level of HA, you will easily find this sleeping beauty. Located by the elevator and sandwiched between that crazy lecture hall which doesn't really belong; is one of the eleven wonders of our school. This is a regular pit stop during my walk-about on any given Monday, Wednesday or Friday. It provides a cool stream which never disappoints. Always refreshing and calming for any pre-exam jitters.

Now that I've dropped some serious water fountain knowledge on you, its time to spread the word about one of the four notorious secret washrooms. Much like something out of a Harry Potter novel; these spaces are magical. Due to reasons I cannot discuss here, I am only allowed to share one of the locations with you. Located downstairs, this unit is part of the old building. This is key because the general populous senselessly skips past it on track to the new and improved facilities. It truly is their loss. Once inside, a simple 2 banger stall and solo urinal are set up (sorry ladies, I don't exactly know what's happening on your side of the wall but I assume its pretty cool). This creates a very prime individual chamber of reflection. Upon my departure, I make sure to leave the days newest Sports Page hanging on the divider of the stall. This way, the boys have something to read.

Like any tried and true professional, I must play my cards close to my chest to ensure that my favorite spots remain secret and hidden from the public eye. That is precisely why I cannot give anymore hints in regards to these elusive facilities. However, with enough soul searching and exploration I am confident you will stumble upon these specified landmarks and others by yourself. Next issue, I sit down with "the most interesting man on campus" for a very poignant one on one interview.

# Travel

## TRAVEL FOR ONLY TEN DOLLARS -

**KELSEA GILLESPIE**  
Travel Writer

This week I would like to dedicate my article to traveling on a budget without having to really go anywhere. After experiencing some of the events presented for i-Week (International Week) at the University of Alberta, it dawned on me how many cultural events happen around the city that are available for students and the general public. During the summer there are always artistic events like the Fringe Festival and the Street Performers Festival, but there's also A Taste of Edmonton and Heritage Days that occur (both of which focus around food, and if I had to give my opinion, Heritage Days is a far better bang for your buck). Concordia as an institution also has international days, providing a sampling of different cultural societies and groups around the Edmonton area.

After attending two of the keynote presentations at i-Week, I feel compelled to share the experience. With presenters ranging from freelance journalists to renowned Canadian professors, and former Prime Ministers to Nigerian diplomats, i-Week is an incredible event that is free for everyone. On the night of January 27, I attended an informative seminar on "Migration Wars: Violence, Refugees and Remedies" that transported me to places such as Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Kenya, and Somalia. Dr. Jennifer

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Hyndman, from York University, spoke to the drastic increase in refugee populations and asylum seekers, noting with regret Canada's effort to tackle this global crisis has been far from helpful since new legislation was passed in 2012 designed to decrease our intake of refugees. The number of global claims went up by 28% in 2013, and Canada's acceptance rate fell by 49%. Out of all refugees, Europe was responsible for taking in 79% of the total. According to Dr. Hyndman, our international framework for dealing with refugees is failing, with 3/4 of the world's refugees in protracted displacement situations and the average life spent in refugee camp hovering around 17 years, most of these Palestinians. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) defines protracted displacement as an existence in a refugee camp of 5+ years, with no prospect of permanent relocation or return to home. This definition, while useful, flattens a very diverse, historically and geographically complicated context. In Africa, many individuals who have had to flee their homes actually die upon arrival in camp, too worn out from the intense journey to get there. While these refugees remain "safely" in camp, with "don't die" food rations, they cease to become people or subjects, and become undesirables or surplus populations. Having already had some contextual understanding on the UNHCR, Dr. Hyndman's presentation was both thought provoking and extremely informative.

On Thursday, January 29, I attended another keynote presentation, this time from Nigerian diplomat, former government official, and senior economic advisor (among many other things), Dr. Obiageli

Ezekwesili. Dr. Ezekwesili was the founder of the #bringbackourgirls campaign, and spent the majority of her presentation on the topic of terrorist activity in Nigeria. First, however, she provided context, noting that Nigeria now has the largest population in Africa, with over 69% living under the poverty line. Nigeria has overtaken South Africa for the largest economy in Africa, and is well endowed with natural resources, including oil, landing them a seat with OPEC. On that chilly Thursday evening, Dr. Ezekwesili informed us that it was now Day 290 since Boko Haram kidnapped over 200 girls from a school in the northern state of Borno. Boko Haram, a radicalized Islamist extremist group in Nigeria, is now responsible for 70% of terrorist activity in Nigeria. As a former Minister of Education and economist, Dr. Ezekwesili took on the challenge of getting more children, especially girls, into school. As an economist, she noted that female child education is important to maintain cohesion in society; educating women means reducing inter-generational poverty, increasing incomes, decreased social problems, and less inequality. For Dr. Ezekwesili, educating the other 50% of your population to be the best that they can be is a no-brainer. Substantially increasing the number of female children in elementary schools (in Borno state in particular), Dr. Ezekwesili left behind a legacy of change. On April 14th, 2014, over 200 girls from a Nigerian school went missing, and the local media did not report on it. Terrorist attacks, bombing incidents, and kidnappings are an unfortunate reality in Nigeria, and one that citizens are beginning to brush aside as a part of life. Ezekwesili, as a highly educated woman, knows that apathy towards acts of brutality is dangerous for a society, particularly one that was just beginning to form a democratic political



culture. As a lone voice in her society, she raised the issue of the missing girls (which had been reported by BBC, but not any local news stations) and brought it before the government and the international community. For her, it is a citizen's right to be able to lobby their government, but also a fundamental right to expect security and the right to life and education. For the Nigerian girls captured, none of these things are a reality. Knowing the extent to which the Nigerian military is funded and their capabilities, Dr. Ezekwesili recognized the unwillingness of the government to act to pursue the kidnappers and save the missing children. Because of her advocacy and activism, and the response from the global community, she was able to pressure the government to acknowledge the crime and take some action.

Although the girls have not been found and no military campaign to bring them back has taken back, Dr. Ezekwesili has pledged to keep pushing for them to be brought home.

Despite her passionate response, Dr. Ezekwesili brought some very important things to light. For instance, the missing Nigerian girls belong to families who are among the poorest in the state, perhaps indicating that to the government, they do not mean much. Alongside this, much of the Nigerian population is still not literate in the language of democracy, which can only be filtered through society by educating young children. She emphasized that human rights are the key to human dignity, and that silence is inhumane and only empowers the oppressor against the victims. Since the attack on the Nigerian girls, the

world has moved on. Terrorist attacks like Je Suis Charlie have come and gone, bringing many people to the streets in protest. The Ukraine has been a repeated feature in the news for a while, but still continues to be a prominent issue as the western world has national interest in the region. Additional to this, the United States no longer purchases oil from Nigeria. But most of all, Dr. Ezekwesili worries that by telling young girls to go to school, and then failing to protect them, leads only to a loss of credibility and a renewed sense of despair.

Coming from only two out of the sixty international events on the U of A campus, I feel inspired and informed. I feel as though I have intimate knowledge on some of the world's most prominent issues - well worth the total of \$10 I paid for parking.

# Poetry Corner

## DOING THE LOOP -

**RACHEL WHIPPLE**  
*Senior Writer*

*The rules are made in factories.  
The rules are made to be broken.  
Broken people see themselves  
in broken things.  
Whole towns of broken people  
work somehow.  
Somehow is not a place.  
Yet you get there and wonder:  
how?  
How, repeated, is a kind of  
howl.  
In wilds and towns, how answers  
how.  
How do you begin or end?  
There are no rules. Begin  
again.*

I like the way that she takes the last word of her phrases to start the next. It feels like she is reinforcing the idea that she just mentioned. I feel her repetition of words is purposeful: she says "the rules" twice at first and then again in the last time, "broken" three times, and "how" four times. Her structure is interesting - each stanza is only two lines and they do not rhyme. I find the flow is dependent on the carried over words from stanza to stanza, but I also feel this method gives the reading a stop and go kind of feel.

I find myself wondering what it means. This is also why I liked the poem the most out

of the ones I read this week. It made me think about what Andrea Cohen was trying to get at. The title makes me think that she is talking about the cycle of life and just getting through the days. The line "Whole towns of broken people work somehow" makes me think this poem is about struggle and how people overcome the obstacles in their lives. We don't know how we get through it but we do it "somehow". We question how we actually were able to make it through; this thought of "how" is like a howl because it is a loud and forceful question in our minds. I can imagine myself after a busy semester filled with personal issues and essays, standing on Ada Blvd after my last exams screaming "HOW?". It ends on a hopeful note: a new beginning. A freedom from the rules allows us start anew. Maybe if we don't worry so much about the "how" and just keep on going, the loop of life's struggles might be a bit easier.

# Athletics

## KENTON RILEY SPORTAK -

**ANNE  
PERRAULT**  
Guest Columnist

Kenton Riley Sportak, a transfer student from SAIT, joined the Thunder track team at the beginning of this year. Sidelined until now due to an ankle injury, Sportak is looking to return in full swing. "My goals this season is just to try to gain my fitness back. I had been injured all cross-country season so right now building my base to get ready for next season is the focus. However my races so far have been good stepping stones in the right direction and I managed to set a new school record in the 600m this past weekend." Sportak along with breaking a record finished in 2nd place overall that weekend. Sportak got into track in high school as an extra sport for off-season training between football and hockey seasons. In his first year he managed to win the 3000m and 1500m city championships along with a provincial bronze medal in the 3000m. In his Graduating year Sportak received letters of interests from both UVIC and Dalhousie University. It was only up from there; Sportak was recruited to run and train with the University of Calgary track club, from that point on track became his biggest focus. During our interview with Kenton we ask him a question most

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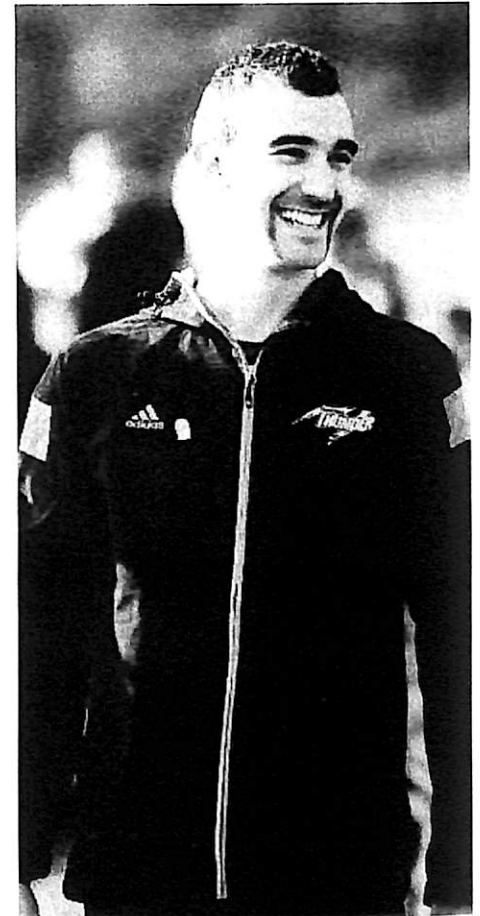
people ask Track runner, Why do you enjoy running? Kenton explains, "Running to me is one of the toughest sports you can compete in and while it is largely an individual sport; it comes with a very undervalued team aspect.

Sportak tells us of how running has its downsides. There is a reason runners have the saying. "My sport is your sports punishment". It holds true when you see how intensely Sportak trains. After his graduation from SAIT he was looking to try to continue in his program and earn a degree in environmental science. His original plan was to go to the U of A, this changed when recruiter Matt Normington began talking with Sportak



in his last year at SAIT. Kenton ultimately decided that Concordia also would be able to help him towards his degree and continue his track career. Sportak and Normington first met a few years prior to this when he learned that he enjoyed the atmosphere present with these new teams and athletes. Sportak decided to join the Concordia Thunder and has been presenting our school proudly in all competitions and bringing home gold with the Thunder Track team.

The Thunder track team together has had a strong season with the Ladies finishing 4th overall behind Lethbridge, Grande Prairie and SAIT. The Men finished in 2nd place, finishing 6 points behind rival Lethbridge. Sportak and the rest of the team will look to continue their hot streak at the Alberta Indoor Games held at the U of A this Saturday and Sunday.

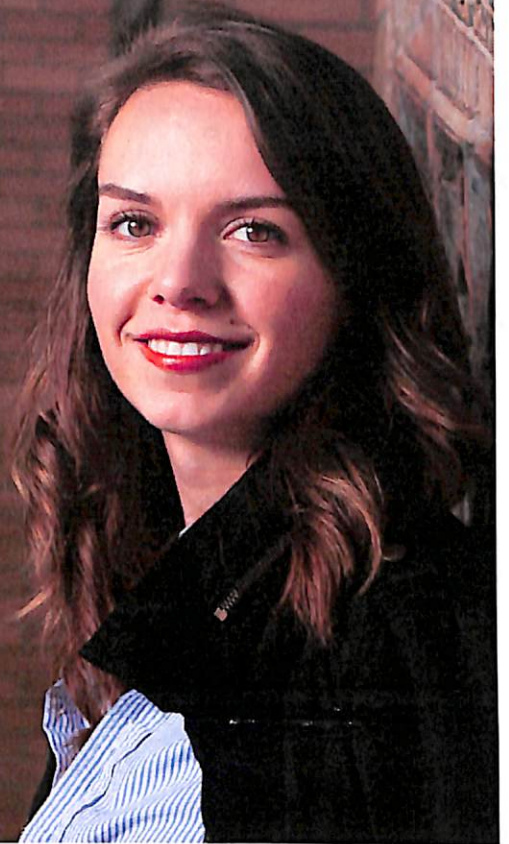


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# Letter From The Editor(s)

## WELCOME, NEW BOLT MEMBERS -

**NICK  
CHEVALIER**  
*Editor in Chief*

It's hard to believe that the year is winding down already; at least it is for us at The Bolt as we Editors are planning our last issues for the year and for us as an Editing team. I have spent the last couple weeks interviewing candidates to take over our illustrious positions and am happy to introduce next year's Editors who will be training under us for the next couple months. Kayle Sieben, who you might know from this year's advice column, will be taking over my job as Editor-in-Chief; Melissa Martindale, a newer Concordia student, will be taking on the job of Layout Editor from Jonathan; and last but not least, Kelsea Gillespie, our very own travel writer and president of the Model UN, will become our new Story Editor, taking over for Miranda.

It's funny looking back to 1978 in this issue and seeing what changes have been made to our publication over the years as I myself have been going over my past three years here at The Bolt and cannot wait to see what changes and growth this new team of Editors can bring to our publication.

On another note, I hope that you have enjoyed this throwback issue of The Bolt and would like to thank Jonathan for going through the great lengths of researching and building an entire new layout just for this one issue. We love looking back at our history, be it good or bad, and having you be a part of it and thanks to Jonathan we can all share in this experience.

## HOW TO TRAIN YOUR PAPER -

**JONATHAN  
TYCHY**  
*Layout Editor*

Oh, is it time for my article now? Here we go, I guess.

I've been working with publishing and print pretty seriously since my first year of high school. While I had been reluctant two years ago when Nick asked me to take this position, I am very glad I said yes. This will be my last year on The Bolt and at Concordia, and while it is time for us to move on, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity he provided me with. Nick and I had been close friends before we started this venture together, and I couldn't have asked for a better editor and boss. There was never a moment in which he didn't make me feel like an equal partner in our little

printed monstrosity. I would like to take this time to thank him for staying by my side all those late nights, singing songs, throwing things, being patient, shouting headlines, putting up with my crazy ideas, all the while creating a bunch of his own. I would also like to thank Miranda for catching all my mistakes this past year and a half and staying with me for some equally crazy nights. She gets a little loopy when she's tired and that has never failed to provide entertainment both in and out of The Bolt's office. I wish the best of luck to the new Editing team of The Bolt, and my only real advice for you three is to try your best to become as close and Nick, Miranda, and I have. It's not just a paper when your heart is in it with your friends. Cherish every corny moment.

Now that we've all had a good cry, I suppose I should talk about what the heck is going on in this issue. For those of you who don't know - starting last year, once a year, The Bolt editors take a trip down memory lane with the Lutheran Historical Institute and Dr. Grant W. Grams who facilitates the archival of important Concordia artifacts. This year we went back to 1978 when The Bolt was known as the "Aurora Borealis". Luckily (or not so-) we stumbled upon the famed issued reporting of the great fire in Alumni Hall. So there you go - a walk down memory lane and small refresher on fire safety. You're welcome, Concordia.

You can view the entire issue from 1978 online at [theboltnews.com](http://theboltnews.com).