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JOHNNY DEPP

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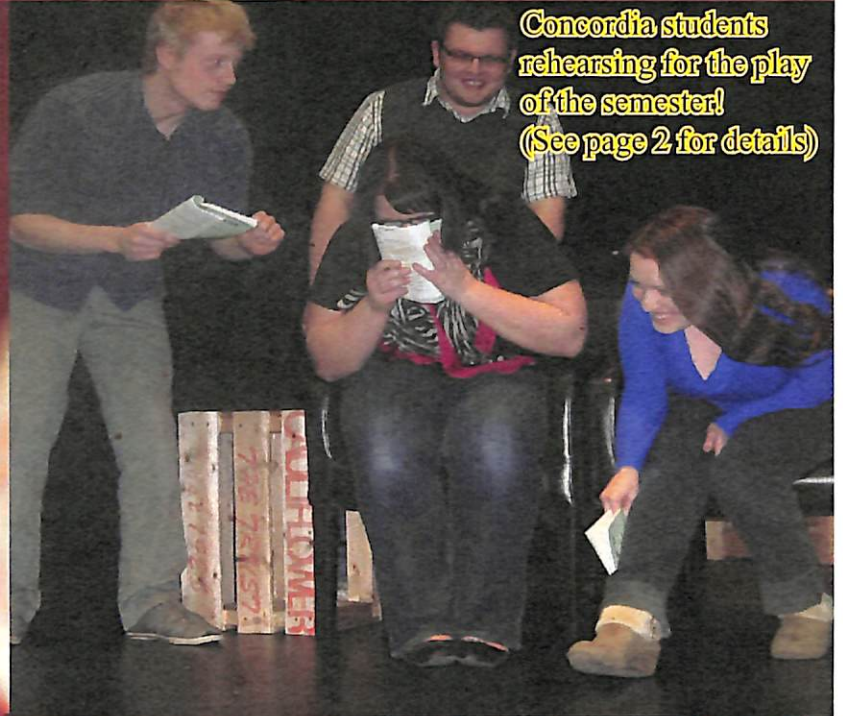
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Concordia students
rehearsing for the play
of the semester!
(See page 2 for details)

The Best/Worst of Times in Tegler Rich Gagnon

Concordia will be getting a taste of the Victorian Era on February 6th and 7th as it hosts a Dickens Day Read-a-thon in commemoration of legendary Charles Dickens' two hundredth birthday. The 19th century novelist is probably best known for works such as *Oliver Twist*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, and *A Christmas Carol*, in which he created idealized characters that the working class could relate to, using them also as a way to reveal ugly social truths. In honor of Dickens, the organizers of this event are planning a 24-hour continuous reading of a variety of his texts, along with a repertoire of Victorian games and competitions.

Concordia student and Lions Club (which is sponsoring the festivities) member, Taylor Collingwood, a co-organizer of the Read-a-thon, is very excited about its potential in bringing fellow students closer together and fighting an apathetic attitude towards school events. According to Collingwood, the planners of the event initially thought of organizing a "Shakespearathon" instead, but opted to go with Dickens Day when they realized that 2012 is the year of his two hundredth birthday. Collingwood is happy about the decision and feels that Dickens' literature is the natural choice for such an event, as his work is almost universally known due to common reference in modern media. Who hasn't heard of Ebenezer Scrooge or *Oliver Twist* from some kind of television or movie adaptation of his novels? Therefore, even students that have never read Dickens can still appreciate the influence he has had on our modern culture and get excited about Dickens Day.

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Meet the Masters



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 OF COMMUNITY
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Thunder Hockey News

Friday, February 10th

Concordia Thunder Hockey vs. Mt. Royal Cougars
 8:15pm @ Clareview Arena

Saturday, February 11th

ROAD TRIP TO CALGARY!

\$10 gets you transportation and your ticket into the game

Concordia Thunder Hockey vs. Mt. Royal Cougars
 Van leaves Concordia at 3:30 pm

Book your seat by emailing hockey@concordia.ab.ca

Friday, February 17th

Concordia Thunder Hockey vs. Augustana Vikings
 8:15pm @ Clareview Arena

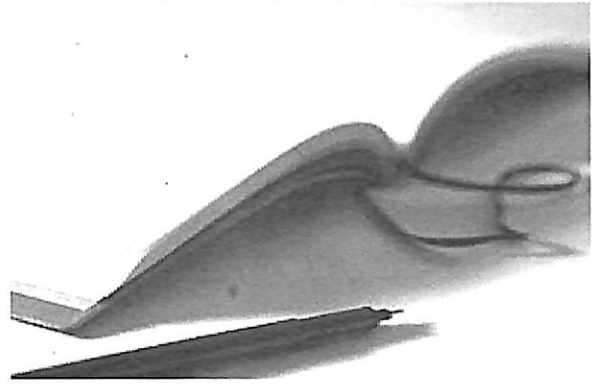
LAST HOME GAME OF THE REGULAR SEASON!

Didn't get your 2012 "Topless Guys in Topless Cars" Calendar? Contact Karen Leonhardt at hockey@concordia.ab.ca

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Hey Friends! We are approaching the half way mark of the semester, midterms loom on the horizon, papers are due, and students are drinking as much coffee as their bodies can hold. Take a study break and check out what's in this issue. There is more on Dickensday, one of the coolest events I think Concordia has put on in a long time, theatre productions, why trees are important, and confirmation that Johnny Depp is still married (sorry, ladies). Oh yeah, and we're trying out a new look. What do you think? As always drop me a line at concordia.bolt@gmail.com, or come visit me in person at my office.



Have You Seen Harvey?

Brittni Carey

Elwood P. Dowd has it all: personality, intelligence, and excellent manners. The only problem, to some anyway, is that his best friend is a giant invisible rabbit named Harvey. However, when his sister Veta and her daughter Myrtle conspire to institutionalize him, they find that sometimes things aren't always what they seem.

Theatre At Concordia presents the heart-warming comedy *Harvey* by Mary Chase. First produced in 1944, this play has remained one of the classics in North American theatre due to its endearing characters, situational humour, and keen commentary on society. Directed by Dr. Randy Ritz and starring Clint Yanchula, Kendra Lamothe, Michael Dodge, Micah Steinke, Lauren Tamke, Tamarara Yakoweshen, Adara Broyles, Jason Knorr, Elise Sargent, Ciera Vadnais, Scott Brayall, and Harvey, this production is promising to be an altogether pleasant and entertaining theatre experience.

Performances will be held in the Concordia Auditorium March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th at 7:30pm and March 11th at 2pm. Tickets will be available to preorder.

Oh, and if you see Harvey, tell him to meet me downtown. He knows where.

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FACEBOOK GOES PUBLIC

PAT CHAN

Facebook is going public. It announced on February first its plans for a stock market flotation. Reports (above) reveal that the company could be worth about 100 billion (with a 'b') which is approximately the same as Amazon or McDonald's. Considering they sell simply market research, this is quite a feat.

"As it is not a paying service, you are not the customer, you are the product," explains Rory Cellan-Jones, BBC tech correspondent. "What Facebook is selling to the world is users' time and their attention...all that time and data they pour into the site, so that they can be very precisely

targeted with adverts matching our interests".

Similar online firms have gone publicly recently as well; Groupon went public this past November, and Zynga a month later. Zynga stock value fell almost immediately while Groupon steadily climbed over the past three months. LinkedIn, another social networking site, has had its stock drop after its shares became freely tradable as well. Traders do no fear a similar fate for Facebook.

There has always been money in firms prying into every facet of your life to better sell you junk you don't need. It's

a market Facebook has cornered and has resulted in net income in 2011 of 1 billion. For those of you curious, Zuckerberg only owns 28.4% of the company at present.



The Best/Worst of Times in Tegler

Rich Gagnon

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In addition to honoring Dickens, the organizers of the Read-a-thon will be raising funds for a scholarship aimed toward English majors. In order to donate, supporters of the event can visit www.dickensday.ca or follow the event on Twitter (@dickensday). Organizers are also still looking for volunteers to help read aloud throughout the event from one of Dickens' novels. The fun begins at 9pm on February 6th and ends twenty-four hours later on February 7th in Tegler Hall.

WWW.DICKENSDAY.CA

TWITTER(@DICKENSDAY)

Sorry Johnny Lovers, The Rumors Are False

Jessica Levit



If you are like me, you often enjoy gazing upon the charming grin of Johnny Depp. Whether it be on the cover of a magazine or him sword fighting in *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the man is surely a sight for sore eyes. Lately there has been talk, on the cover of *People Magazine*, of a separation between Mr. Depp and his beloved wife of fourteen years, Venessa Paradis. No matter if you are 18 or 48, male, female, bi, straight, gay or some other thing I know for one split second you hoped these rumors were true. I sincerely apologize for those who have already tracked down his location and have bought plane tickets for his home in France, but the news is entirely false. After an interview with French journalist Arianne Mesenet, Paradis has alerted the public that her and Johnny are still happily married. You can't believe everything you read sadly, but I know that whenever I get a hankering for this lovely man I can always just pop in my favorite DVD.

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Z.A.P.T.: Mock All You Want Until a Zombie Eats You

Sarah James

I'll admit I am a little obsessed by zombies. I like zombie films, *The Walking Dead* (an excellent TV series based on the graphic novel of the same name by Robert Kirkman), and every now and then I enjoy a rousing discussion of "what would you do if there was a zombie apocalypse?" For those of you who are unfamiliar with this pop culture monster, zombies originated in Haitian Vodou – a religion that occurs where West African, Arawakian, and Roman Catholic religious beliefs intersect – though the zombies depicted in modern horror movies don't resemble the Vodou zombie. The fictional zombie that is used today was popularized in George A. Romero's 1968 film, *Night of the Living Dead*. Zombies have attracted a large fan base over the years; Edmonton even hosts an annual *Zombie Walk*, where participants dress up as zombies, limp, moan, and stumble down the streets of our city. Most people enjoy everything zombie as a pastime, a hobby. And then there is the *Zombie Attack Preparedness Team*, otherwise referred to as ZAPT.

Z.A.P.T. is a group based in Lafayette, Louisiana, that is putting into action what I talk about when I ask my friends "what would you do if there was a zombie apocalypse?" According to their blurb on MySpace (the only 'official' website I could find for them) Z.A.P.T. is a team of people training to survive in the event of a zombie apocalypse. They host regular drills to make sure all their members are prepared, stock up on firearms and munitions, and even have a special unit known as S.T.U.D. (Specialized Tactical Undead Disposal). But don't trip over yourselves getting to Lafayette; the *Zombie Attack Preparedness Team* is not... (continued on Page 5)

**Wanna join the family
and write for the BOLT?
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(continued from Page 4) Team is not accepting applications for general personnel, nor are they interested in opening other chapters.

This sort of dedication to a threat that the general consensus is will never exist may seem like the frivolous antics of a group of nut-jobs, but as the Z.A.P.T. point out: planning for this (unlikely) scenario will also prepare them for pretty much any other natural or man-made disaster that could befall the earth. Even the CDC (the Center for Disease Control), a well known and respected organization, has issued a zombie apocalypse

preparedness plan, though it does seem to center more on how to be generally prepared for all types of disasters than just disasters of the undead nature. Maybe what we can take away from all the doomsday prophets (serious or not) is that it's good to be prepared.

Note from the Editor: Does this all seem a bit farfetched? Want to see what Sarah is talking about for yourself? All the links are posted on our webpage, www.thethunderbolt.ca

You Gotta Fight for Your Right (To Party) Pat Chan

The Edmonton dance scene has been on the defensive since it has been discovered a bill passed last fall can affect them. A bylaw was put through saying that no afterhours party (past 02:00) would be allowed to sell alcohol. This is not to say alcohol could not be served after 2 AM, simply that at no point during the event would the venue serve. The dance community, particularly Boodang undertook an aggressive campaign once this came to their attention to repeal the bill for fear of it destroying the rave scene in Edmonton. Edmonton has long been able to attract high profile artists such as Tiesto, Kaskade, and Deadmau5 for events that metropolises like Toronto and Vancouver could not even put on. The main method of bankrolling these events is the large amount of liquor sales that occur during

these events.

City council claimed the bill was intended to curb safety concerns of intoxicated patrons entering afterhours establishments and combining drugs with alcohol. The website www.fight2dance.com is at the forefront of the counter argument claiming that they are approaching the issue from the wrong side. It lists safety provisions that do not harm the economics of events and that are more likely to actually the health issues of overdoes. These are as simple as increased security presence at commonly used areas for drug use. Councilor Don Iveson seems to think the bill fights the wrong substance entirely, saying of alcohol "Does it strike you as ironic that we're talking about striking the legal thing out of your event?"

The issue is at a relative standstill

until city council is able to further investigate the issue for raves in particular.

"Even though the after-hours regulations are technically in the bylaw, the city will not be enforcing them until we have clear direction from council to do so," said Corwin Odland, spokesman for the city's sustainable development department. Until there is a revision, this bylaw can be used as ammunition by authorities to shut down an event should it get out of hand. Council had decided in the end to allow all-night dances to serve alcohol for fear that forbidding it may drive them underground and lead to more excessive drug use. The stipulation being that if the dance community does not do something about the drug use as is, authorities will be forced to step in.

Volunteers Needed

The 2012 Charity Art Show and Silent Auction

In support of

the Youth Emergency Shelter Society of Edmonton

Volunteers are needed to help run this event to take place

March 16, 2012. Duties would consist of setting up and tearing down tables, art, and silent auction items. Food will be provided for volunteers. All volunteers must be 18 or older.

If you are interested, email 2012artshowfundraiser@gmail.com, with the subject line "Volunteer".

Wanna join the family and write for the BOLT? Let us know! CONCORDIA.BOLT@gmail.com

Why Are We Here?

Jasmine Singh

So many people go through the motions of school, with the goal of getting a degree. If the goal is merely to get a degree and one loses sight of the importance in all they are learning, then they should be questioning why he/she is in university. We should want to put ourselves into everything we do and express our creativity. By choosing to get an education purely based on the hopes of getting a job and money, we are not fulfilling our full potential or the potential of all that an education has to offer. Yes, there are flaws in the education system, I agree, but at the end of the day we have it better than most. We are lucky to have an education system in which we are encouraged to think critically. Although at times we could be critically thinking more, in other

countries, such as parts of Vietnam, there is a huge hierarchy between students and teachers in which it is taboo to question anything the teacher says, and questions are not encouraged. The next time you walk into a class, think of why you chose that class, and after each week of classes try to pick out something you learned that stuck with you. This may even make you learn better, for if you learn with the motive of understanding and broadening your perspective your brain may have more of a motive to retain that information. Be Alive!

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Trees - Vital For Life On Earth

Sasiri Bandara

Trees are some of the most important living organisms on our planet. They serve to keep our world and its natural cycles in balance to support life. In an environmental sense, trees moderate climate, improve air quality, conserve water, prevent erosion, produce oxygen, and harbour wildlife. Economically, trees are important since they are used to make a vast variety of essential goods throughout the world; and because they play a key role in lowering direct and indirect energy costs. With over 7 billion people living on the Earth today, there is a ton of pressure on the environment; therefore it is more important than ever for us to preserve trees and forests by using sustainable harvesting and sufficient replanting practices.

In a world where human-induced global warming and climate change are dangerous issues, forests like the Amazon Rainforest of Brazil and the Boreal Forest of Canada are priceless since they absorb the potent greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, from the air. In addition, trees in these forests also use the carbon dioxide along with water and sunlight in photosynthesis to produce oxygen, which is essential for our existence. To expand, an average mature deciduous tree produces about as much oxygen in one growing season as ten people inhale in one year. In addition to filtering the air we breathe, plants and trees also clean the soil in which they grow. Through a process known as phytoremediation, trees use their root systems to absorb chemicals that are present in the soil. In fact, phytoremediation is deliberately used by environmental clean-up crews for removing heavy metals, farm chemicals, and even fuels from the soil. Trees are also a great source of biomass and biofuels, which we use as substitutes for fossil fuels. For instance, biofuels contribute to approximately 26 percent of total energy production in Sweden.

We depend on trees for producing an astonishing number of goods which we use in everyday life. Trees ultimately provide us with food, medicine, and building materials for making houses, tools, musical instruments, clothes, furniture, and of course paper. Just consider the hundreds of years since the invention of paper, and the amount of information and knowledge exchanged among people through books, documents, letters, magazines, and newsletters like the one you are reading now. It really is amazing how much we depend on plants and trees.

Sometimes we forget just how important trees are, but as global citizens we should all feel responsible for protecting and preserving them for future generations.



Stooping to a New low

Angela Anderson

If you thought Santa was a kind old man who kindly gives children presents and a hope of a better world, think again. The city police are looking for Darren Warren Buchanan, a 67-year-old man in connection with two attempted abductions. The man entices little girls with candy and promising them a ride with Santa.

The Edmonton Journal reported that “[a] bearded man approached a four-year-old girl in the area of 106th Avenue and 96th Street around 2 p.m. Monday, offering her candy and allegedly asking her if she wanted to “go for a ride with Santa,” police said Thursday. The girl’s father was nearby and saw the man wearing a red-rimmed cowboy hat and driving a silver Chevrolet Impala with gifts in the back seat, police said” (The Edmonton Journal, January 26, 2012).

Reportedly, he may be seen driving either “a 2003 silver Chevrolet Impala or a 2011 blue Chrysler Town and Country van” (the Edmonton Journal, January 26, 2012). The suspect “has also been known to wear a bright blue cowboy hat and reading glasses” (The Edmonton Journal, January 26, 2012).

How can we keep our children safe from people like Buchanan? Watch them and teach them the importance of predators

There Are 14 Clubs at Concordia, but Only One Guild

Do you enjoy writing?

Science Fiction, Fantasy, Realism, Poetry?

At the Concordia Writers Guild, any style goes.

The Writers Guild was established this year by students Brittni Carey and Alexandra Bennett to encourage students with an interest in writing to come together; it mixes meetings where members can bring their work (finished or not) to be critiqued by their peers, with group outings and events such as book swaps, poetry slams, and trips to the art gallery (for inspiration, of course). The Guild meets twice a month on Thursday evenings. For more information email zannova.in.ink@gmail.com

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and how to deal with potential threats. There is nothing wrong with role playing and giving your children the experience to deal with these situations. Also everyone is at risk of unexpected things happening make sure you are prepared and know how to defend yourself. Crimes are not only committed involving young girls but also adult women and men too.

And as always those with information about this man or other crimes are asked to call the police complaints line at (780) 423-4567 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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CLUBS @ CUCA

Part of why we are in school is to get an education, but getting involved will enrich your experience, while being surrounded by like-minded individuals.

- The Lion's Club** Meetings: Wednesday @ 3 in upper Tegler
 Community/school service club (currently planning Dickens Day)

- Model United Nations Club** Model UN Conference March 1-4
 Participate in Model UN Conference and other international related activities

- Psychology Students' Council (PSC)**
 Psychology students!

- Education After-Degree Students' Association (EADSA)**
 If you are an Education After-Degree students, this is great club to get involved with

- Education Undergrad Society (EUS)**
 Connect with other students who are going into Education

- Environmental Health Students' Association**
 Connect with other Environmental Health Students

- Science Club** Meetings: Wednesdays @ 10:40 in G103
 Science students participate & organize events such as Science Week, Brewery Tours and a Drumheller road trip

- Concordia Aboriginal Students' Association (CASA)**
 Participate & organized various events with CASA!

- Church Vocational Alliance (CVA)**
 Great place to connect with others

- Concordia Business Association (CBA)**
 Get some business experience and network before entering the work-force

- The Peripatetics (Philosophy Club)** Meetings: Mondays @ 3:30 in room HA 342
 Take part in some philosophical discussion!

- Hockey Fan Club** Come to Concordia's Hockey games!!

- Concordia Visual Culture Society (CVCS)**
 Discuss the effects media and technology are currently having

- Pre-Health Society**
 A club for students planning on entering Medicine

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE CLUBS CONCORDIA OFFERS, PLEASE EMAIL CSAVPINTERNAL@STUDENT.CONCORDIA.AB.CA