

# THE BLUE & WHITE

- A Publication of the Concordia Students' Association -

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Welp, There goes the Neighborhood... (Joke Issue)

## In This Issue

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## Editor Letter

By James Gordon



The article I published in the last issue of the B&W has offended some people. Without intention, I have caused hard feelings and I apologise for this. I have been accused of being a racist, and I am in no way a racist. In fact, my aunt is Native and I love her and her wonderful children very much.

My closest friends are Chinese and Spanish. Another friend and her daughter are from Eritrea and I love both of them dearly. I love my fellow man.

The rudeness of an individual should not paint the entire group. This was never my intention. I have no desire to hurt anyone and I recognize that the Aboriginal People bring a wealth of culture and learning to our education system and I value that. Canada has been richly blessed with many different cultures and I hope that someday Concordia will hold 'multinational day' or something similar to Heritage Days, an event I look forward to every year. Thank you and God be with us in our upcoming finals.

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# Blue And White is Hiring

The Blue and White is looking for two capable, hard working and dedicated individuals to fill in the positions of editor-in-chief and story editor for the 2002-2003 school year. All applicants must be full-time students, have experience in either of the listed positions, provide us with your resume and a portfolio of your work as well as a cover letter stating why you should get the job.

The application due date will be posted in the next issue of the Blue & White. Please forward all resume package applications to James Gordon, Editor-in-Chief.

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Qualifications:

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- have a general knowledge and acceptance of multiculturalism

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The application deadline for the B&W positions for Friday, April 12, 2002 at 12:00 p.m.





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# Being Scott Mair

By B. Jackson (with special thanks to Kessie for inspiration)

During the past four years, Scott Mair has been an active student in curricular and extra-curricular activities at Concordia University College of Alberta. Scott has been involved in six drama productions, was the drama club president for a year, on the student council another year, and chapel drama coordinator for two years. Currently, he is a part of the grad committee, clowns with the youth troupe, and is completing his fourth year of the applied psychology program. I caught up with Scott Mair to conduct a telephone interview regarding his experience as a minority student on our campus.

Jackson: So, inquiring minds want to know what your experiences, as a gay student, have been at Concordia University College of Alberta?

Mair: I'll start with the good first. My good experiences as a gay student at Concordia include the friendships I had here. There are a lot of really supportive people. One of the more incredible persons was a woman who worked in the Cafeteria. She was incredible, in that she demonstrated great pride in me as a person. She would say things like "go get 'em", and was just really proud of me. That was great. Also, there are a lot of advocates in places where I wouldn't have expected, and they have been really supportive. The bad, is that I've seen the uglier side of humanity. There have been a number of persons in the school that would let me know that I didn't deserve to live, or that I wasn't living correctly. They also felt it was their position to correct me on this. I didn't have anyone tell me outright that I was going to hell. The most popular comment was that my "lifestyle" was not right, or that God didn't approve of what I was doing.

J: I love the term "lifestyle", like it's a fashion accessory or an outfit. "Lifestyle" implies that you woke up this morning and chose to be gay, simply because it matched your shoes or your mood. So, how did you handle your negative experiences?

M: Usually, I'm a pacifist, although I don't let myself be walked on. I don't see the point in debating with those people; they have their mind made up. I also don't do anything to inflict upon their "lifestyles".

J: You reminded me of an article you wrote in the B & W last year, regarding some name-calling. What was all that about?

M: That was with a friend of mine. He was really picked on no matter where he was in the school. There were certain students who would call him faggot down the hallway or in Tegler. They would also say that they were going to kill him in the parking lot.

J: Did these persons who said such things fit a certain stereotype?

M: I couldn't fit them into one demographic. Being a jerk is not limited to any one culture or subculture.

J: Did anything good come out of that article you wrote?

M: Yeah, I had no idea, when I wrote that article and told everyone I was gay, the sizeable number of gay students at Concordia. Suddenly, I became like this beacon. After the article was published, people kept taking me aside and say things like "I think I'm gay". It was surprising the number of people who said such things. It was good, because these people now felt like they had someone to talk to.

J: Did you attempt to establish a support group for all these students?

M: Yeah, a lot of the students I encountered had been turned away from their church communities. So, my driving force to start a gay affirmative support group was to demonstrate to them that God doesn't hate them or want to punish them. Rather, it was people who were doing unkind things to them. Unfortunately, I encountered a number of roadblocks. Having an openly gay peer support group at Concordia wasn't accepted for various reasons. I'm not quite sure what I can say without stepping on toes. I've been trying for two years now, and it has been difficult. I still believe there is a need for one.

J: So, I've often heard the question "If you are gay, why even bother going to Concordia?"

M: Because there are supporters, and the bottom line is that I'm still getting a great level of education. That's why I would go to any college, to get an education. At Concordia specifically, I can generally obtain a good relationship with my professors.

J: Do you ever feel like your label comes before you?

M: Constantly. Sometimes, when people approach me in the hallway, they'll realize who I am and exclaim, "Oh, you're Scott. The gay one." Unfortunately, they don't realize that I'm a person first.

J: On a final note, is there a message that you ever dreamt of getting across to the students on our campus? A message that either hasn't been heard or hasn't been heard enough?

M: There's so many. I think my biggest message is that gay people aren't trying to pull a fast one on everyone, but that they are legitimate.

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## Being Continued...

For the gay citizens at Concordia, I would want to let them know that God hasn't given up on them. I want them to keep faith because slowly things are changing, even at Concordia. Another message would be directed to those Concordians who perhaps, don't understand my objectives. I'm not trying to endorse my "lifestyle" or convince people

of it. Rather, I want to endorse a message of basic human respect. That is, gay people need to be treated fairly and get an equal amount of respect that say, some non-gay persons take for granted.

J: Anything else?

M: Yeah, tapioca is not your friend.

J: Thanks Scott, all the best.

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# The Hillbilly, Redneck Page

By David Dombrowski

## Top Ten Hillbilly Names:

1. Bubba
2. Jethro
3. Earl-Ray
4. Slydel
5. Ellie-May
6. Jedd
7. Billy-Ray
8. Ray-Dean
9. Elmer
10. Billy-Dean

## Top recipes of the Hillbilly

- Crawdads
- Squirrel Stew
- Squirrel Pie
- Wild Possum Kabob
- Possum and Taters
- Collard Greens with Cornmeal Dumplins
- Fried green tomatoes
- Moonshine

## Popular Hillbilly T.V. Shows/ Movies

- Petticoat Junction
- Beverly Hillbillies
- Sling blade
- Deliverance
- The Texas Chain Saw Massacre
- Andy Griffith Show

## Top activities of the Hillbilly

- running moonshine
- avoiding slick 'new yorker' type tax men
- eating gross things
- shootin' up the neighborhood
- swimmin' in the swimmin' hole
- swinging from the swinging tree.
- smoking the corncob pipe
- fishing with dynamite
- outsmarting city slickers
- carving initials in tree
- killin'

## HillBilly Websites

- [www.barneyfife.com](http://www.barneyfife.com)
- [www.redneckworld.com](http://www.redneckworld.com)
- [www.faketeeth.com](http://www.faketeeth.com)

## Video games and books

- Redneck Rampage
- Hot springs by Stephen Hunter



*Y'all come back now, y'here?*

## Poetry Corner

### Bridge

I stand amidst a falling bridge,  
A choice between two lands.  
Shall I walk the lands of lust,  
Or, Shall I take your hand?  
I've walked the lands of anarchy,  
Ten thousand times before,  
Searching always for that monarchy,  
That I've read in fading lore.  
I remember now a maiden fair,  
Of whom angels did compose,  
A Princess Prince-less prayed a prayer,  
Before wilting like a rose.  
Her charming man was in a land,  
Confused and full of lust,  
He wandered till the desert sands,  
He prayed, then fell to dust.  
The angels high who heard their words,  
Will never soon forget,  
So unlike the herds they spoke their words,  
Of honesty and regret.  
"O Maiden Yonder, I'm So Lost,  
I've Tied My Soul In Knots,  
If I Weren't A Fool You'd Be My Queen,

Now My Heart The Vultures Got."

So I stand between your flag and theirs,  
Your colours flying high,  
Their many flags cannot compare,  
This temptation I deny.  
Walking past these shaking stones,  
That behind me fall away,  
I touch the grass, I'm here at last,  
And here I shall always stay.

*Shawn Martin*

*(HEAR this poem at <http://martinonline.cjb.net>)*



### Faith

I think it's flat when I know it's round,  
Faith has brought me here,  
The world we know is but a rock,  
With oceans full of tears.  
Where were you when the world was made?  
Were you ape or were you clay?  
How old were you when tribulation came?  
Will things ever be the same?  
We think it's good when we know it's bad,  
Faith has brought us here,  
Those we kill, the blood we spill,  
Is because God wasn't clear.  
Why did you hide after eating the fruit?  
Were you afraid after knowing the truth?  
After exile were you in denial?  
Did you make some fancy suits?  
Clothes we wear to cover our bare  
Just makes me stop and stare:  
We're all just wolves in woollen clothes —  
Pirates with no gold.

*Shawn Martin*

*(<http://martinonline.cjb.net>)*



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CH 213	Quantitative Analytical Chemistry II
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EAS 102	Introduction to Environmental Earth Science
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ENSC 108	Organisms in Their Environment
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MAT 114	Elementary Calculus II
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PSY 233	Personality
PSY 339	Abnormal Psychology
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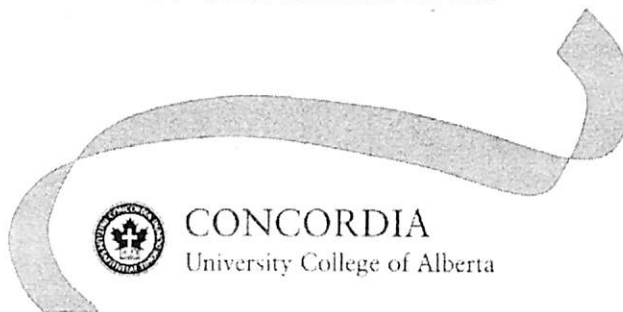
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# Farewell to The King

By James "The King" Gordon

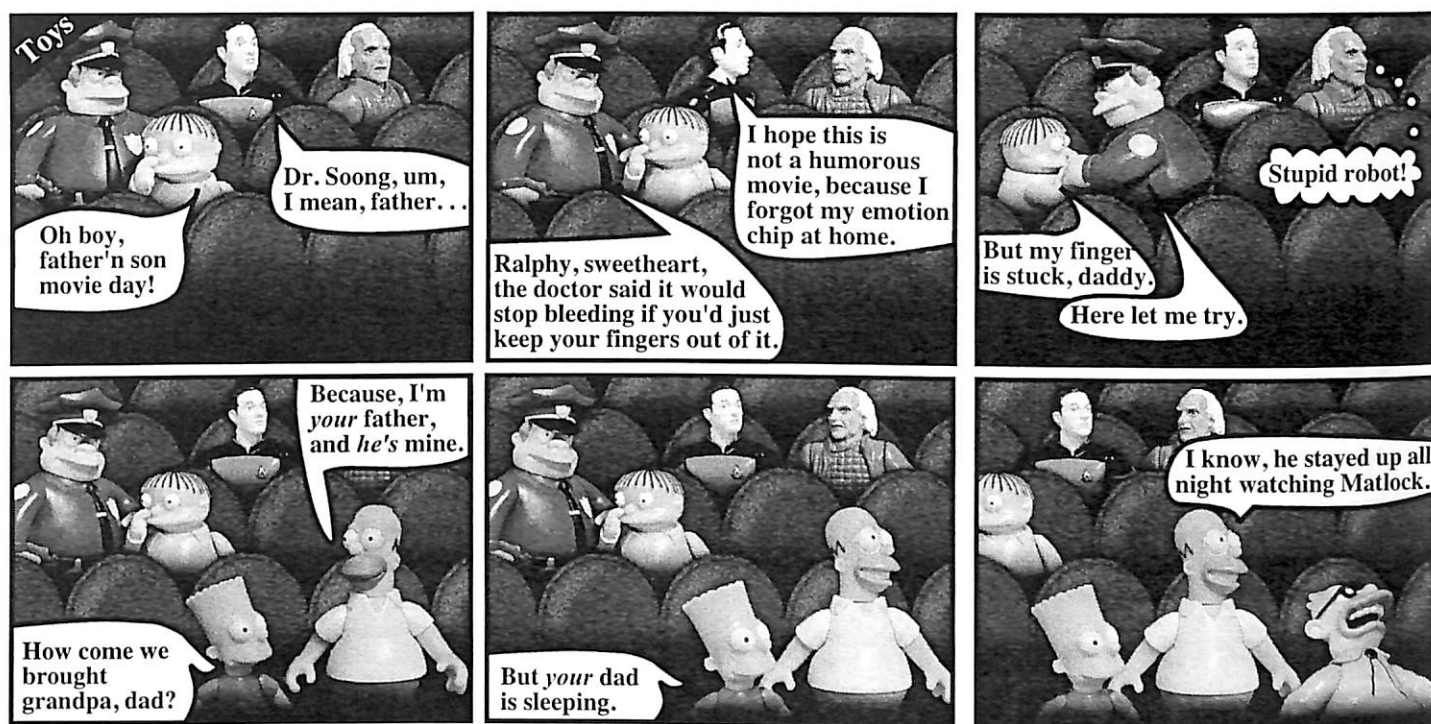
This is my last year here at Concordia. I have enjoyed it here and wish I could stay a little longer. Concordia has that magnetic pull to her that keeps us wanting to come back. Concordia is a comfortable school to be in, almost too comfortable. You get to know your professors, and they get to know you, you make friends, and you make associates. As the years pass by, you don't realize how dependent you become on this school, it becomes a second home. Then when you are finished your stay, you've matured enough to take flight, but you don't want to leave. You have to leave the nest and leave behind the family you've been growing up with for the past few years.

I will miss Concordia because it is a great school. I learned that I could get good marks contrary to what my high school teachers told me. I learned that even professors with all their education, experience, and knowledge are human beings like you and me. They are not untouchable. Get to know your professors because your experience here will only be blessed more by this. Say 'hi' to the staff at this school, be friendly to those people working in Student Accounts, wave to the Deans when you see them, and pray for the continued success of this school. I will.

This last year of my degree, I have had the opportunity to get to know a lot of people through my experience at the Blue & White. Not just students, but faculty and staff members that I never would have gotten to know otherwise. This year has been a difficult year because of the courses I have been taking. It has been difficult because of the Blue & White job requirements

that have taken more time than anticipated but have helped me to mature. This year has also been a good year because I have gotten to know some students who before were just 'faces in the classroom'.

I'll be leaving behind some friends; some students, professors and staff members, but they will always be in my prayers. God Bless Concordia. I pray that He will continue to bless its faculty, staff, and students. Maybe I'll see you around sometime. Thank you, thank you very much. *Elvis has left the building...*





# Poetry Corner

Voices

March 25, 2002

Hacky Sack is a disruption to the social order.  
An organized group deviant to social norms.  
Their cigarette smoke coagulates the air above.  
The foul marijuana smell reeking from clothing.  
These disengaged mannerisms tempt frustration.

Bystanders analyze and criticize this "behavior."  
Trying to understand what makes it entertaining.  
All this judging of others to cure their self-conscious.  
All this condemning to satisfy stubborn curiosities.  
But no true resolve settles because of denunciation.

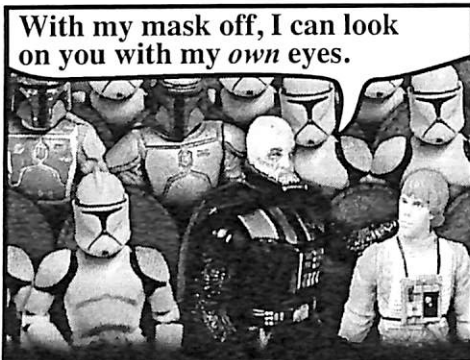
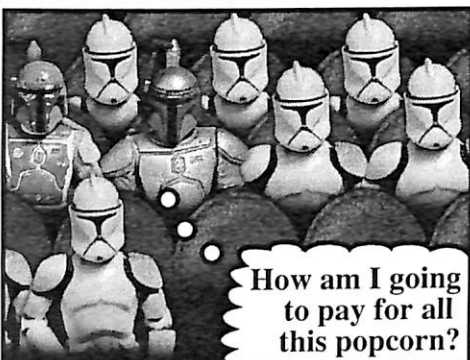
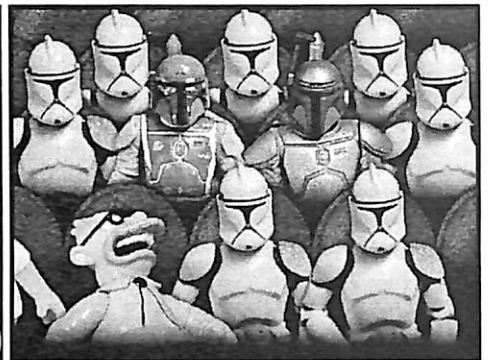
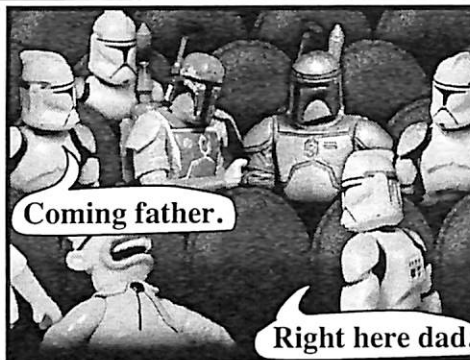
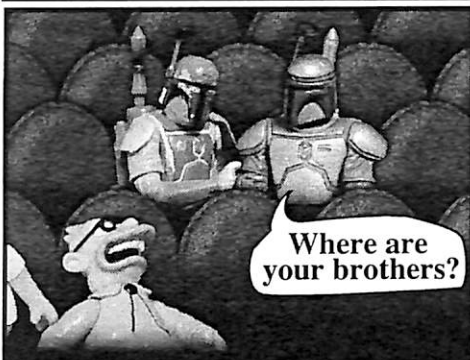
Stigmatized with labels formed from the sixties.  
Hackers are stereotyped as tokers that are lazy.  
Teenagers spending time in unmanageable ways.  
An inconsiderate sect of mainstream ideas.  
Who conjure up solutions to social problems.

People are stunned by how simple a circle can be.  
Set back in astonishment at how easily it forms.  
A hacky sack magnetizes liberal minded individuals.  
A circle created by one and from all directions come.  
They become united in a mind-set beyond thought.

It is a form of exercise for the body, soul, and mind.  
A release of the all this week's stresses combined.  
It makes people feel important by being important.  
There is no destruction in this game, just obstruction.  
Obstruction to the pathways in which people walk.

This is a group claiming equality by practicing acceptance.  
It is a worthwhile practice that everyone should engage in.  
To teach the judgmental sects of society to "accept" others.  
To be patient and considerate and to not think or act selfishly.  
This group may not always stand straight, but they stand.

Problems are only problems if they are labeled problems.  
Problems can exist without being a problem at all.  
And things that were never problems become problems.  
We mistake observational truth for word of mouth.  
We trust misinterpreted construals over our own judgement.



# To Whom It May Concern

(If There's Anyone Out There)

I have been a faithful reader of the Blue & White this year, and will continue to be (I am sure) until the end of my "school days" in this institution. This year has been the best, and the worst year that I have seen so far. There have been forums, verbal attacks, acceptance, and understanding surrounding this paper, and its martyrs... oops, I mean editors: James Gordon, Michelle Nuspl, and Evan Adnams, not to mention the (as I understand it) "El Officio", Peggy Rose, have been through it all. Has anyone else taken the time to see what they have put up with this year?!?! And it seems like they will go out in a blaze of fire. I am completely sure after James' article expressing what many of us feel about Native Awareness Day, that there will be more guns blazing.

I would like to start with stating the excellence of this event. I am always impressed with the dancers, food, and excitement surrounding this gathering. I am always impressed with the speakers, and the number of students that truly appreciate the magnitude of this. But why is it that, when anyone expresses an opinion about the noise, parking, or sweet grass (which I am sure is pleasant for everyone with asthma), that they are immediately labelled "racist"? I have heard some students state this about James' article. I am sure that there is not one person in this school who dislikes N.A. Day because of

the native awareness side of things. I know that when I am in a language or math lab trying to concentrate that I am not distracted by the fact that there are people expressing their heritage upstairs, but rather, because of the pounding so loud that I can not hear my profs. Does this make me any less Christian, or any more racist? I certainly hope not. I think it makes me reasonable for expecting that if I am spending close to a thousand dollars a class, that I should be afforded the right to hear about what I am to learn.

I feel for the Editors of this paper. I would never want their job. They are under-appreciated, and I am sure, underpaid. And this isn't even to mention our Student's Association, as I understand it get paid four hundred dollars a month. For what? We have had an External VP who has been virtually non-existent, an Academic VP who has not even had an Arts or Science week, an Internal VP who has not planned many on-campus events, and a President who has been, not only unavailable, but who doesn't seem to care about any of the aforementioned items. And we are paying these people to represent us. And then there is our VP Finance, who is going to be our new president. Sigh...

Now, I bet you all felt angry about that paragraph. I bet that you all felt like I was bashing an Association that does not deserve bashing. This is the point I am trying to make. Of course our VP External did work. She has planned our formal, our grad, our bar events, our YMCA memberships. Our Academic VP has planned our Firesides, our coffeehouses, our Christian Life Weeks, our fund-raising events. Our Internal VP has planned Blood Donor Clinics, Concert, mini-golf, karaoke. Our President has represented us to the higher-ups. She has taken care of air-quality issues, academic fights, The Edmonton Sun bashing our school, and much much more. Sandie, you go girl!! You are doing a job that many don't understand, and even more fail to even try to understand.

Our Editors are much the same way. They work hard behind the scenes to make many voices heard. And this may sometimes include their own. I want to thank them for their work. I want to let them know that they are appreciated. And I above all want to let them know that, despite all of the spitting and pissing in their direction, that they are an essential part of our free expression... Even if people fail to see that.

Thank you James, Michelle, and Evan. May God Bless you in the future, and I hope that you can shower with clean water, rather than the piss and vinegar that this school has given you this year.

Yours Truly,  
A Student Who Appreciates Everyone's Effort in the "Offices"

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# Building a Canadian Identity

## An open letter to the students of Concordia

By P.Mehl

"My grandmamma could not afford a blanket, she didn't complain and we did not freeze. Instead she took pieces of old cloth - patches, wool, silk, gabardine, crockersack - only patches, barely good enough to wipe off your shoes with. But they didn't stay that way very long. With sturdy hands and a strong cord, she sewed them together into a quilt, a thing of beauty and power and culture . . . Be as wise as my grandmamma. Pull the patches and the pieces together, bound by a common thread. When we form a great quilt of unity and common ground, we'll have the power to bring about health care and housing and jobs and education and hope to our Nation."

**Jesse Jackson**

I was recently talking to a fellow student about some issues about cultural awareness. In this conversation I asked a question about Canadian identity and my fellow student answered by stating that it 'doesn't matter and she doesn't care'. Well, I care! Anyone on campus that wants to talk about cultural awareness and cultural identity is missing the point if they choose to ignore what it means to be a Canadian. Unfortunately, racism and discrimination result from ignorance of other cultures. A common meeting

ground is needed so Canadians can forge a national identity; a national identity that can recognise this country's diverse cultural heritage. As students here at Concordia we have the ability to cause strife and harmony, but before we can accomplish harmony we all have to be willing to meet each other halfway. Let us set the example so our children and any future generations can be recognised as Canadians that are unbiased and proud of our diverse religious and political beliefs, heritages and languages. As a Canadian in search of a national identity, I feel that we can sew our own quilt that will recognise our diverse heritage. Within the context of finding our identity we also need to recognize that our great nation was built by the blood and sweat of many cultures; what we need to do is recognize our European, African, Amerindian, Metis, Native, Asian, and Middle Eastern heritage (please excuse me if I have forgotten any heritage). What my fellow student is promoting is cultural segregation and I feel that this attitude is what is at the very heart of Canada's lack of identity. With integrity, honesty and a willingness to learn, I can only hope that, as Canadians and as students of Concordia, we can educate others and develop a common ground that will enable us

to find ourselves. As citizens of Canada we owe it to ourselves and to our children to recognize that if we segregate and isolate our cultures from each other our nation will lose out, but if we work to unite and form our own identity we will be stronger as a people; a stronger united nation can bring hope to any desperate situations that Canada will face in the future.

As for me and my quest for a Canadian identity, I will continue to delve into other cultures and quiz my fellow Canadians on what it means to them to be a citizen of Canada. I wanted to include a starting point for your quest about what it means to be Canadian and so give you the opinion of a young lady who represents our future. Madison, who is seven years old, said that what it means to be Canadian is 'freedom.' Since a seven year old can shed light on the start of our identity, we can take this idea and work together to sew a quilt of unity for our future.

Please keep this quote in mind when you are on your quest find our Canadian identity: "if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

**Mother Teresa**

God bless and peace be with you.

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# Poetry Corner

## Moving an Airplane

The plane  
is red,  
Sitting  
at the back,  
With its canopy  
open wide,  
A seductive pose,  
Waiting for a pilot  
to mount her.

Surrounded by the fat ugly ones, She began her dance, Slowly at first,  
Gracefully moving her ailerons as her tail jiggled. Throughout the hall,  
The fat ones looked on with jealousy. They couldn't dance like her,

They didn't have,  
her shapely  
petite figure.  
They were square  
fat ass pigs that  
Reluctantly moved  
aside as she  
Danced her way  
past them  
Towards the edge  
of the nest.  
But before she  
jumped from  
the nest,

She glanced back at the fat ugly ones  
And saw them frozen in their fat ugliness,  
frozen in their jealousy.

She  
Laughed  
and flew away in  
Beauty  
and  
grace.

*Victor Lillo*

## An Affair With Stradivari

There  
She  
was,  
I'd  
Seen  
Her  
In  
Photos  
before,  
But  
now,  
she  
was  
right  
in  
front  
of me,  
lying  
on  
the

bed, face down.

She exposed her beautiful back;  
Her high arches and shapely contour  
were like magnets, drawing me to her.  
Nothing could hold me back! I turned her  
over, viewing her top; my beauty, my love,  
my dream. Part ebony, maple, and spruce,  
She laid there in angelic form. I had no hope  
of ever owning her, One point four million  
was the pre-nup price. I quickly grabbed my  
bow and turned the frog; 'twas fully rosined  
and ready to go. We began to make  
music, like I'd never before;  
Ringing, and singing begin  
to fill the room, expanding,  
and growing; the waves of  
sound arise to mount and swell;  
I hit high G, when all at once,  
the windows began to crack.  
There was a scoot and a scurry,  
For Maestro was on his way back.  
I quickly laid her down, re-setting my bow,  
No one would ever know, that Stradivari and I,  
made music that day, none of course, except her  
and I. Now and then, when I hear a certain song,  
I am reminded of the day, when I held her in my  
arms, and for a moment, I yearn to be a millionaire,  
Because, I'd pay that price, the one point four  
million, just to be with her again,  
'til death due us part.

*Victor Lillo*

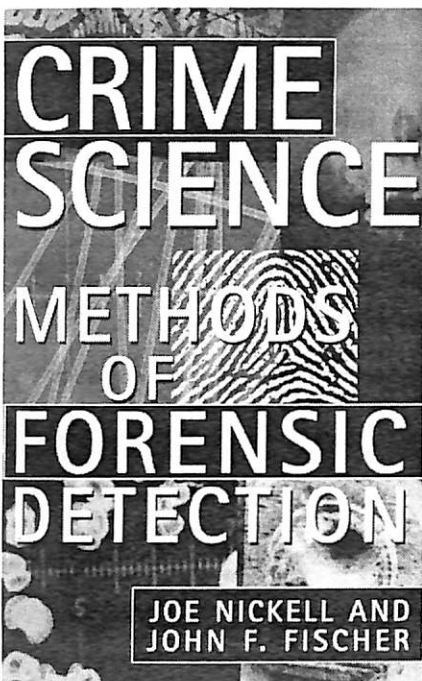


## The Book

### Crime Science Methods of Forensic Detection

By Joe Nickell and John F. Fischer

I became interested in how the police solve crimes through forensic evidence sometime ago, and I decided to read up on the subject when I took Deviance and Conformity, and also Criminology classes. Nickell and Fischer have written an excellent book



about the methods that crime labs use to solve crimes; the book is well written and has many excellent photographs and diagrams.

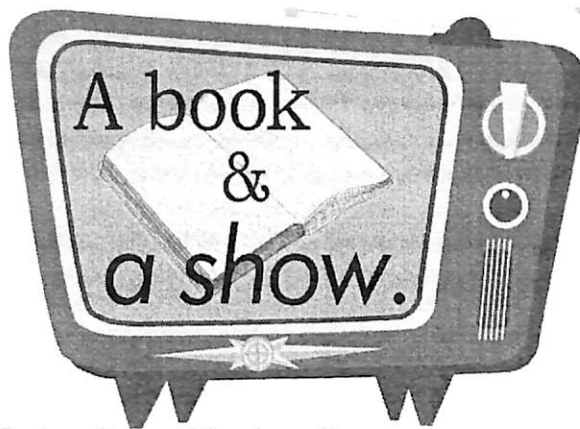
Chapters in the book include: a brief history of forensic science, a overview of how a modern crime laboratory is

set up, a complete chapter on crime-scene investigation, including documentation, and collection and preservation of evidence. There are other chapters on such interesting topics as firearms, finger printing, pathology and anthropology.

I found the whole book interesting, and excellent as a source book for anyone contemplating writing an essay about forensics or crime science.

Crime Science Methods of Forensic Detection is available at the Edmonton Public Library, or as a special order through any major book-seller.

Reviews By David Dombrowski



## The Show

### CSI

(Thursday's on CFRN and CBS, at 10:00pm)

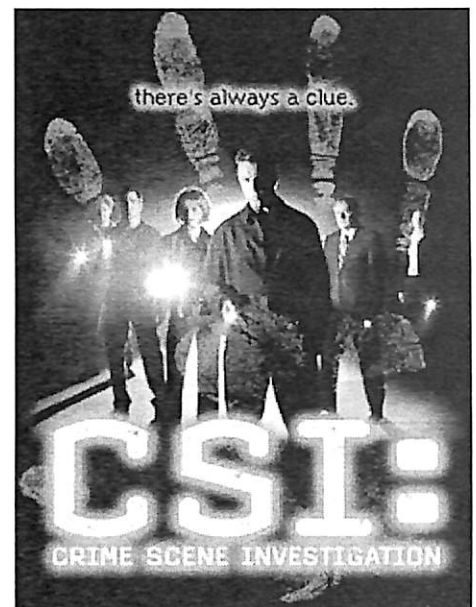
CSI is a police drama, that focuses on the Las Vegas Forensics team. A new case is solved every week, and interesting methods of crime detection are show cased.

If the murder case involved in the plot of the show involves finger printing for instance, the show will portray real life methods of uncovering fingerprints, using modern technology that often is not widely known to the general public.

Because the show is also a drama, the complex interpersonal relationships among the CSI team are also relevant and intrinsically involved in the plot of each show.

I became interested in CSI when I was taking Criminology, and I was researching ideas for essays. While the crime science information in the show isn't detailed enough to write an essay on, the show does whet the appetite for further study of the subject material.

I would recommend CSI to anyone who is interested in police dramas, or even quasi-science type shows. CSI runs for one hour each episode, and the show is interesting enough that the time passes quickly.



# An Open Letter to The Editor-In-Chief

By Colleen Chapman

I was distressed and, quite frankly, angered by your opinion piece on the Native Awareness Days held at Concordia on March 8th of this year. Native Awareness Days is a tradition at Concordia that has been going on since the beginning of the Aboriginal UCEP program many years ago. It is sponsored, organized and carried out by the students in the UCEP program and is important for many reasons. One is that Aboriginal students need to be reminded of their own culture, its beauty and dignity and their own heritage. It is important because frequently the dominant (white, Christian) society forgets about our First citizens and neglects to respect their contributions to our nation. Were it not for the Mohawks of the Iroquois Confederation, Canada, as we know it, would not be.

It is important because the UCEP students want to share themselves with the rest of the students and give an introduction to those of us who know little about their culture. It is especially important in this century as governments around the world struggle with National Sorry Days, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Reconciliation. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and the United States are but a few of the countries struggling with the long lasting, negative effects of internal colonization and government sponsored cultural genocide.

I was outraged to hear your whining complaints about the "rudeness" of our guests. Your ignorance about Native Awareness Days was surpassed only by your mis-information about it. Concordia does NOT make a cent from the celebration. I might point out that in the past five years the Aboriginal students in the UCEP program have been the only cultural group that has come here and always brought free food for a feast, giving others a taste of moose meat stew or elk stew and bannock. This year's contributions were delicious - many thanks to the cooks!

To think that a stranger would walk into the CSA office needing a space to practice her speech and would be treated with such rudeness is unforgivable. As a volunteer Student Representative for Concordia I was speechless to think that you, a paid representative of the student body, could treat a guest on our campus with such disrespect. As a Christian I am offended more than I can say that you would then put in print your biased, ill informed opinions in the Blue and White. I know that Christ would never treat anyone as you did. He taught us to turn the other cheek, walk the extra mile and basically treat one another with love and respect.

The first tenet of racism is ignorance-racists are the first to cry "foul" whenever they are accused of

being what they are-they simply don't get it. The second is to de-humanize the "other" so that you do not need to treat them as you would others of your kind. James, you have heard from professors I'm sure that most people are more terrified of speaking in public than they are of death. And yet you did not see a fellow human being, a suffering, stranger on our campus in front of you, you saw a rude woman. Shame on you. The very least you could have done is call Val Lenz and tell her someone required assistance. What you should have done is find her a space or, heaven forbid, be generous enough to offer your office and assistance, while you went out to report on Native Awareness Days. Also James, why did you not lock the door of the CSA office after you were first bothered? Why in the world did you leave the door open for someone else to come in - and for you to then complain about?

A third tenet of racism is that of the immature notion that our experience (or our parent's experience and/or our family's experience) is the only experience we need in order to make an informed opinion. Therefore, you experienced two rude Aboriginal people and your article then suggests what? The tone of the article suggests to me that you believe that Aboriginal people are rude and we no longer need Native Awareness Day. We should keep Tegler for the tuition paying students. Your article, ignorance and lack of grace suggest that we will need Native Awareness Days for many years to come. James, I remember the first time I met you in the parking lot last year. My opinion of you was "what a man of integrity and courage", I hope your article was a momentary lack of good judgement (which all of us suffer from) and you will see how your opinions could be considered racist.

Native Awareness Day was enjoyed by many students. I was there most of the day, except when my presence was required in class, and I can tell you that Mrs. Elsie Potts McLean, the Elder who opened and closed the ceremonies with prayer, was a delightful lady who would have been very happy to meet you and talk with you. Julie Bull, the young comedian, was so very funny. She is only nineteen years old and it appears she may truly have a future in comedy. (Her older sister Crystal, is a graduate of the UCEP program, Concordia University College of Alberta, and is now in the After Degree Program at Goldbar. She will be a Public Health Worker). Amanda Woodward was stunning with her flute and her beautiful, gentle traditional storytelling. The children in their dancing costumes were delightful to watch. Some of our fellow students brought their children to witness the dancing and I had a guest from Peru who was de-

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lighted with the food and entertainment. There was, of course, the traditional round dance at the end and the traditional give-away.

If yours was not a racist opinion and the noise and lack of parking was the true reason for your column, why did you not complain about Karaoke? That happens far more frequently than Native Awareness Days, and is very loud and distracting for professors and other students. It is the only thing I've ever heard of professors complaining about.

Dr. Gow was the only professor's name in your article and you said you were bothered during his class. I thought that might mean (since you claimed professors dislike the Native Awareness Day) that he was one of those professors. I spoke with Dr. Gow and he assured me that his experience was very positive, with many of the Aboriginal cooks and students asking him to come back for seconds for his meal. He professed to enjoy the day and was witness to the festivities whenever he was not required in the classroom.

Kudos and many thanks to the UCEP students who organized the event - extremely well organized this year I might add. Also, sincere apologies to those students and our other guests who might have been offended by your article and in particular by the

behaviour of one of our students. He felt some compulsion to interrupt a guest speaker, Mrs. Linda Hunter-Bull, who was nervous enough as it was without being rudely interrupted. This student's lack of respect for Mrs. Bull and his belligerent demeanor frightened some of the mothers who had brought their children to entertain us. I guarantee that the negativity of your article and the boorish behaviour of one student in no way represent the mission statement of Concordia, the beliefs of the administration, nor do they represent the entire student body.

In conclusion James I would add that I agree with your statement that we should have other culture days also. The UCEP students organized Native Awareness Day and I would thoroughly enjoy other cultural presentations by any other group of students here. As to any special consideration being given to Aboriginals I can only say that they are the only culture on our continent that our government systematically attempted to annihilate. Perhaps we should take that into consideration when we complain in the future.

Since this will be in the last Blue and White of the year, I look forward to your response in the same issue.

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## My Poetry Book Signing Day in Tegler

Friday April 12th, 10AM-3PM

First of all, I would just like to give thanks to all of those 56 students and staff that have taken interest in and purchased my book. I have booked Tegler Center between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Friday, April 12th so I can set up a table and sign and distribute these books. If you cannot pick up your book within these times it would be appreciated if you would let me know and we can make further arrangements.

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Farewell everyone. It's been a slice. GRAD 2002!	A. A. you are funny, but not HA. HA. Funny. ÐThe Man
In MY opinion, CC should apologize for her FALSE accusations that hold no ground.	Stew-lee forget what you think you know *wisk*
CHEDDAR: ciao chicky poo. keep the nekkid men warm. -tpt	I BET THATS NOT THE ONLY GOAT YOU SHAVED.
A.A. Is Gay-eh! -The Man	To those bashing AA: Get a life +look in the mirror for once. AA is a good friend when you need one.
Once upon A. time there was A.n Elephant & he was of less than average intelligence. He was not cool.	Ali Rocks L+C
I support James and the rest of the B+W staff.	Concordia, Thanks for the fond memories, knowledge and experience I have gained in my time here Sarah Hoffman CSA Pres. 2001-2002
Hey!! Even without the goatee you're still ugly. ÐThe chess guy	Here's to another awesome year! thanx for voting me Prez. —Sandie—
Drinking and driving can cause brain damage.	CC: personal attacks are not very mature like. Address the point at hand.
Stupid people make me ANGRY!	

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