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Of Loan Forms and Weedex

by Karen Leonhardt

There are always a number of financial fears and frustrations (the optimists among us call them "challenges") which every student faces. For students who are also parents, the job of balancing a budget can be a daunting task.

As I surveyed the weeds which are steadily creeping into my neighbor's yard, I pondered this dilemma: Where do you put Weedex on the Student Loan forms? It is not part of "Rent/Mortgage" or "Utilities." If you ask my neighbor, he will attest that it is no longer a "Personal" issue, able to fall neatly into that category. Student Finance requires that you document your expenses in the event of an audit. When they ask for my receipts, they may be surprised to find a number of interesting categorizations.

Weedex, for example, falls under the category of "Food" on the basis that it is ingested, at least by the plants. Halloween costumes are considered "Clothing," especially in light of the fact that our nine-year-old son would be dressed as Darth Vader every school day if we weren't willing to fight about it. How about that unending stream of fund-raising products which schools rely on to cover costs too extravagant for provincial funding (costs such as computers and library books)? They are, of course, "Entertainment," since entertainment is something one does in his/her spare time, and all parents know how much time (hence "entertainment") the sales of coupon books, wrapping paper and chocolate-covered almonds takes up. Budgeting for birthday parties is more difficult. One has to consider, for example, how many friends his/her child is likely to have in a given school year, and how many corresponding plastic figures will be needed for gifts ("Let's see...little Johnny is behaving rather badly this year, so he

isn't likely to have too many friends..."). Wouldn't it be a relief to see real-life categories on Student Loan forms? Items like "Cost of Pursuing Child Support from Dead-Beat Ex"?

Budgeting for students who are parents should be a credit course in itself; unfortunately it is often an "Independent Study." Financial Aid personnel are helpful; financial self-help books are usually not. The latter are full of useless information: "You should have at least three months worth of living expenses set aside for emergencies." "Pay yourself first." Is that before or after you buy food and pay for your children's lunchroom fees? A university education not only teaches you knowledge, but also the location of the nearest Food Bank, when to shop at Value Village (student discount days), and where to ask for help (everywhere from everyone). Scholarships and special funding are available, thankfully — along with a whole new set of forms to fill out.

Is there an upside to the financial crunch? Of course there is. Next time the children complain about your limited budget, remind yourself that you aren't living in poverty: you are "exercising fiscal restraint." What a disciplined and noble task! How lucky are the children of such wise parents! During the saner moments, it helps to remember that the lessons we teach our children (about sacrifice, about setting goals and achieving them) will carry them further in life than the \$45 pair of shoes with lights in the heels. By the time they begin university, they will hopefully know something about balancing books and cooking creatively with tomato soup (47 cents or less on sale). They, too, will be practiced in the art of fiscal restraint. Which reminds me, where do you put "Children's Allowance" on the Student Loan forms?

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Fall Into School

by Deanna Blais

A month ago I was really missing school. I missed the challenge, the really interesting reading material, and the debates over the material. Silly me. I forgot about the amount of work involved, how difficult some of the reading is, and how tired one gets! It is only the second week and already I am exhausted! And I'm not the only one! I've seen other students yawning at 12:30 p.m.! It's not early enough nor is it late enough in the day to be tired!

Why did we start so early this year is what I'd like to know. Last year I'm certain we didn't start until the seventh of September! How could any of us be ready to start school before Labor Day? Did anyone notice that the Professors weren't ready? No lectures last week for most classes, some didn't even have the syllabi ready! Oh well, how could we expect our profs to be ready when we weren't?

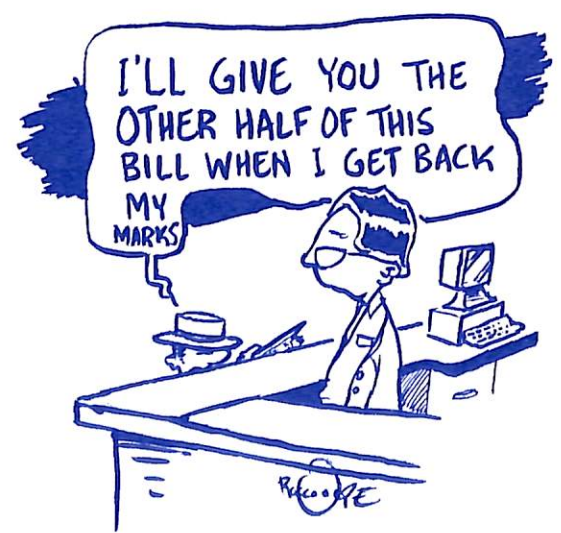
We had the last long-weekend of the summer and fall has already started. I noticed today that the leaves have started to fall. It is time to haul out the warm sweaters and fall jackets. It hasn't gotten really cold enough yet for the winter jackets but it sure is nippy at night. I dread the first snowfall.

The fact that everyone forgets how to drive over summer would be enough to, normally, make me nervous. But then I remember how little snow we had last winter and now I'm petrified! How much have Edmonton driv-

ers forgotten by now? Watch out for fender benders!

Well, we've fallen into fall. How easily it happens. The excitement of a new school year, the comfort of our warm clothes, and the wonderful colours of autumn. Remember why fall was so wonderful when we were children? The crunch, crunch of the leaves, the pink cheeks, and new school books, pens, and pencils - how wonderful they smell!!

Take a walk in the crisp air, slide your feet through the leaves in the gutters, or jump into a pile. It'll make you feel great and relieve some stress of the new school year.



Rebecca

Editor's Soapbox

By Stuart Elle,
Editor-in-Chief

It's *Blue & White* business that leads me to the computer this issue. I'll be writing about many different topics during the year, but there are still some things that need to be said about the paper this year.

First, what do you think of the new look for the *Blue & White*? Feedback thus far is mixed between 'yes', 'no', and 'I'm not sure'. So this is what the staff of the *Blue & White* proposes: submit your design for a new *Blue & White* banner. You know that bit of the paper that sits along the left side of the front page? That's what we need. Be original, be different. The top designs will grace the front page of the paper until Christmas. At that time we will hold a vote to decide the new banner design. By the way, there's a \$75 prize for the designer of the new banner.

Second, we need students to write for the *Blue & White*. We're looking for people to write about sports, entertainment, current events in Canada and around the world, school events, and just about 'stuff'. We also need people to take photos of school events. There's lots of space, so help us fill it. There are regular meetings for all people writing, and interested in writing, for the *Blue & White* every Wednesday at 10:40am in the CSA Conference Room (across from the CSA offices.)

For the final bit of *Blue & White* business, if you have questions about anything relating to the *Blue & White* there are office hours posted outside the CSA offices for the editorial staff. Please stop in if you need help with a story idea, writing, or just about anything else relating to life at Concordia. The deadline dates for articles are also posted outside the CSA offices and on the CSA News bulletin board by the Glass Lounge.

CRAZY and FOOLISH STORY IDEAS

by Gord Edmiston, Story Editor

As Story Editor of our school paper one of my responsibilities is to invent new and interesting ideas for articles and stories. Anyone that has an interest in writing an article for the *Blue & White* should know that I am willing to entertain any thoughts or ideas that you (the ambitiously interested university student with massive student loans) might have regarding regular columns or simply a one-time story. It is important to know that much like there is no such thing as a stupid question, there is no such thing as a bad idea for a story (However, it is possible to have bad stories). It has been said that "Gord is a quite

approachable and open-minded dude", so please come and see me and we can discuss your thoughts. For those of you who have no idea who this Gord guy is, I am a tall, average sized, and big-curly haired guy that sometimes takes it upon himself to dress well. For your convenience, I will be in the *Blue & White* office (located with all of the other CSA offices in Alumni Hall) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30, and Wednesdays from 11:30 to 1:00, and if these times do not fit your schedule we can arrange a meeting at another time. Thanks for your time.

Second Thoughts

by Dallas Harris

In the three years that I've been in post-secondary education, now into my fourth, I've learned a something about the world in which we live. I don't wish to seem that I know everything, which is quite the contrary, but what I have learned I believe is useful.

I have learned that being a good observer is the key to understanding the situation. Of all the things I have observed in the last couple of years there is one thing that still is the most annoying. We as university students seem to carry an air of arrogance about our selves because we are members, even if temporarily, of academia. Due to this we as students often believe and assert some measure of

superiority over others with less education with the attitude that we are more enlightened to every part of life.

I have found this attitude when anyone has the opportunity to express some of the more conservative views, or if I say those dreaded of all words "Ralph Klein". Granted we are all allowed to have our opinions about whatever we choose. Even still you are going to hear an unholy tone of superiority in students voices with no thought that the person on the other side of the voice is as equally correct in there beliefs as the "enlightened" student. Don't get me wrong this does work in reverse. However (this is the lesson part) enlightened is where you are standing in the world at a given time, no matter what the view we are all entitled to it.

RANT!

It's two months to the day of the beginning of the next school year. I sit, typing, on a muggy Sunday night for no real reason on my computer. I realize that summer has changed so much now that we have to work, and think about the future during a time we once held sacred to the chaos of youth and the exploitation of our good sense.

The days of hanging out with friends not having a care in the world are over. But are they? Or do we just have delusional ideas of a time that we were young and carefree? Cause stuff still meant to us back when we were children. It wasn't as important as school or rent, but it had some serious cult followings for these small petty ideals. "What am I doing tonight?", "We *have* to see that new Ernest movie!?", "We *have* to conquer some stupid Nintendo game tonight, then celebrate for a half an hour before we're bored again due to the video/eMpTy-V generation that we are so, unfortunately, part of!" Please, childhood was great, but was it as great as we think it was? But hey I'm not raining on anyone's parade, but I like life now then it was ten years ago.

Of course ten years ago, I was entering junior high, and I hated the majority of the idiots I went to school with. So, I have vivid dreams of publicly humiliating them. Actually, it would be more safe to say, I would enjoy rubbing them out of their insidious Gap-wearing, alcoholic-bingeing, excessive-stimulant-overdosing, pimped-out-sports car-driving, unprotected-sex-engaging, we-like-to-kick-people-when-they're-down-laughing, let's-have-daddy-pay-for-our-springbreak-in-Mexico-so-we-won't-have-to-hangout-at-Club Malibu-all-week-long posers who wished they could live in the States so they could do more shopping and drink "old skool" espressos from a Starbucks that opened *before* 1996. And these are the people you see having children, and raising them up to be, if you could fathom the thought without your head exploding like an extra out of "Scanners", spoiled little spawns of themselves.

So I have excessive resentment towards a large number of people who did me wrong close to ten years ago...it's not like I'm Holden Caulfield or anything.

This is an example of some mini-articles of mine. But, this coming from someone who has a lot of issues needing to be dealt with, and should really broaden their reading than just Hunter S. Thompson and William S. Bourroughs.

Replies can be addressed to Rant boy.

LIMITED TIME OFFER

Welcome to another year with the most prestigious drama program this side of the Capilano Freeway! You are probably still reeling from the immensity of the campus and the sheer distances between classes, but wait, there's more.

This one time offer is available to you for a LIMITED TIME ONLY!!! You have only a few days to decide whether to be involved in the first of two productions, directed by our very own Randy Ritz!!!

(insert applause here) and no, that is not his stage name.

That's right, the auditions for the fall production will be on September 17, 1998. There will be a sign up sheet along with times posted on the bulletin board outside the green room. The production dates are October 26 - November 1.

But wait, there's more!

You will also have the opportunity to become involved in chapel dramas for which several short pieces have been selected. You my friend, can find opportunity to act in or direct one of these pieces, or an approved piece of your choosing. Please check the chapel sign up board in the green room.

Become a member of the new student drama association:

The Green Thespians Collective (a student organized drama club incorporating workshops, production, and theatre attendance opportunities).

Further information available from Dr. Randy Ritz at 479-9270.

Place Your
Article
HERE!!!

If you are interested in writing for the *Blue & White*, come to any of our weekly meetings, every wednesday between 10:40 - 11:15 in the CSA Conference room in Alumni Hall.

Eskimos Tailgate Party

The CSA is sponsoring a Tailgate party on Saturday, September 26th for the game between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Toronto Argonauts. This event was a huge success last year and the tickets will go fast. If you would like to come to the game, see any council member as soon as possible! For \$15 you get entered into a draw for Eskimos souvenirs, a meal, and you get to watch the game from field level. Any student can buy two tickets with a Concordia Student ID Card. There are only 100 tickets for sale, so get yours soon!!

Place Your Article Here!!!

Every Wednesday between 10:40 and 11:15. Located in the CSA Conference Room across from the CSA Student Offices (in Alumni Hall)

Summer Movie Reviews??

by 'Taz'

Walking around school the other day, I was wondering... Where is everyone I saw last year? Obviously, some graduated, some transferred, or some decided that it was time to take a vacation (possibly one that was offered by the Dean - Giddy-up!). And I wonder, "I am at the same point in my life as I was last year, only with more credits, a better haircut, and nicer clothes?" Or "Am I really making a difference in my life?" Sure, I'm making a difference in my life, unfortunately the question of sleeping in or seeing "BASEketball" for the third time also makes a difference in my life. Ah, the problems in my life. Of course I could be dying, but I think knee surgery is close enough to death that I want to be at this point in life. So what am I writing here? SUMMER MOVIE REVIEWS!!! Nah, I couldn't pull that out, but I could just too piss you off for fun. Whatever, this whole stream of consciousness bull is probably tired at this point so, I leave you with this...Go see BASEketball! Ha ha...whatever.

ARE YOU UNSURE OF THE CAREER YOU WANT ?

Do you have questions in regards to career decisions? OR Perhaps...are you looking for work?

A career counselor, Dorothy Ritz, will be available on Wednesdays to meet with you in the Career Office which is located in the library. Appointments can be made at the Students Services office.

ALSO—Look for posters throughout the semester on workshops such as:

- Making Career Decisions
 - How to Track What is Going on in the World of Work
 - Job Search, Resumes, Portfolios, Job Interviews
- All Concordia students are welcome to these workshops.

The Career Office is in the Library. Come anytime to check out printed information on Careers.

Lilith Fair-Concert in Review

By Kiefer J. Pham

"L" is for lots of women, girls, and some guys. Touted as a celebration of women in music, Lilith Fair's concert date at Commonwealth Stadium proved to be a light musical gathering of sorts. There were no sexual politics present, no bra-burning or women going topless (though what a shame). It instead gave an opportunity for music lovers, and goes to enjoy an afternoon outdoors underneath a sweltering sky. Kicking off the Fair was the city's own, Maren Ord. Looking like your next door baby-sitter, Ord enthralled the Village stage crowd with her smooth vocals, and unadulterated singing style. Another notable highlight were the Wild Strawberries. Lead singer, Roberta Carter Harrison dazzled the audience with a blend of electronic, and melodic songs. This very much under-rated band were led by husband and wife duo, Ash Sood And Sarah Mclachlan.

As the evening unwound, a lull almost engulfed the entire audience as the next musical acts performed. The Cowboy Junkies

gave a very "mellow" performance, and seemed just a little out of place at a live outdoor venue. Still though they gave a good effort. Paula Cole proved to be one of the more memorable acts of the night as she gave a kick-ass performance, and a very energetic showing. Cole was fierce, and intense as she beat the bass drum for her clamouring fans. Last but not least, the Lilith herself, Sarah Mclachlan graced the stage. With her down to earth manner, and luminous charm she enticed the crowd to sing along on more than one occasion. Mclachlan was fabulous, and down-right sexy as her adoring audience looked on, and cheered. It was indeed evident in the eyes of all present that yes...Sarah was good enough.

At the festival's end one could not finally help but feel comforted by the idea that idea that sexual harmony could actually work as long as we're all too busy singing. Thanks again Sarah, for proving that proving that equality can exist given the proper stage, and venue.

LEARNING TO USE THE LIBRARY CAN BE LUCRATIVE

Lynette Toews-Neufeldt, Reference Librarian

If your lab instructor told you to read an article on reserve in the library, would you know how to find it? If you had to get a book recommended by your psychology professor and only had the author's first name and part of the title, would you be able to locate it? If you're like most new Concordia students, your answer to these questions is "no". Using a university library can be a bewildering experience if you don't have some basic library research skills. That's why Concordia Library offers first-year students the opportunity to attend a 50-minute basic research

skills seminar designed to teach you how to use the online catalogue and familiarize you with some of the great library services available to students. First-year students who attend a basic research skills seminar will not only gain valuable knowledge for the coming year, but also get the chance to enter a draw for three \$50.00 gift certificates from the bookstore. Seminars run at a variety of different times throughout the first four weeks of September. Sign-up sheets are available at the Reference Desk in the library. See you there!

Baseball in Telus field. Interested? Contact Athletics Coordinator if you are interested in beating several CSA Council members and professors. Please Contact the Athletics Coordinator as soon as possible.

OCTOBER FEST!!

Friday Oct. 23rd, at the Agricom, from 8pm to 1am.

Come see Hypnotist Marc Savard who will preforming from approximately 9pm to 11pm. Following Marc Savard there will be a dance 'til 1am. Cash bar for food and drinks. Come party with the CSA and all your friendly neighbourhood students. Tickets will be available September 28th at the CSA Offices. Tickets will be \$8 per person, and each student will be able to purchase 5 drink-tickets per student ID.

TO TRUST AGAIN

by Shaun C. Irwin

Times were tough,
You probably had enough.
But, if you must...

II

We have enjoyed the swings,
We had fun in the park,
We talk and laugh.
Had times in the sun,
I admit-it was fun.

III

Times were tough,
You probably had enough.
I understand.

IV

In the end,
All you need is a friend.
Let it be known-If you must.
I will be there,
Someone to trust.

John Top 9

Reasons Why I Refuse To Watch "Titanic"

9. Director James Cameron's speeches at the Oscars
-King of the world...my foot!

8. Leonardo Dicaprio's attitude about not being nominated for Best Actor

-Get over yourself, Jack would have beaten you anyway.

7. Kate Winslet's expression when she lost Best Actress to Helen Hunt

-Can we say bitter?

6. That annoying song by Celine Dion

-I'd rather listen to John Tesh!

5. Why waste my four rental dollars on a 3-hour movie I'd sleep through anyway

-I'd rather watch "Ishtar" three times in a row.

4. Who wants to watch a boat sink for half an hour

-If I wanted to see a sinking ship, I'd watch a Pauly Shore movie!

3. They ruined all the period costumes during filming

-I haven't heard of such a waste on film since OJ

2. Over hyped movies suck
-Can anyone say "Godzilla"?

1. Two words...

-"Spice World"

Blood Donors Needed

The Edmonton Blood Centre will once again be challenging all students and staff of Concordia University College to participate in the mobile blood donor clinic at the Tegler Student Centre, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm on October 28.

Each and every day The Edmonton Blood Centre must collect enough blood to meet the demands of the 106 hospitals throughout our region... all of which must come from volunteer donors. The students and staff of Concordia University College have a proven track record of generously donating blood to help The Edmonton Blood Centre meet the demands.

Students and staff of Concordia University College are again being challenged to prove their strong school spirit, 80 donors are needed at the mobile clinic to ensure its success. Bring a friend and help The Edmonton Blood Centre meet, or better yet, beat their goal.

Persons 17 years of age or older, weighing over 110 pounds and in good health are encouraged to make time to give someone a lifetime. Donors are eligible to donate every 56 days. Please eat a full meal prior to donating and bring a piece of photo identification.

Hospital patients depend on you to give the gift of life. Show your school spirit, make time to attend the mobile blood donor clinic in the Tegler Student Centre.

Edmonton Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Meeting!
DATE/TIME: Sept 17th at 7pm
Main floor of the Student Union Building (Otherly known as SUB)
just outside the BookStore
For More Information call Dana at 444-7629

LINE X LINE
Our gift to you....For those interested in writing a little message for the paper but not an article, we will provide you will space in our line x line section. Please refrain from bad taste and other otherwise inappropriate information.

Jackie (the one who steps on my heels) Meet me for coffee on Sept. 24th in Tegler at 11am
 -The "S"

Who is that sexy, intelligent and most definitely outspoken homosapien in my Philosophy 215 class. You're outspoken nature is quite appealing. Wanna go 4 Coffee sometime Smarty?

Just a note to remind you. Buy your Edmonton Eskimos Tailgate tickets for only \$15. They are going fast!!

Video Review: Burn Hollywood Burn

by Johnathon Deveau

In the film world should a film appear to be disastrous release the director would adopt the pseudonym Alan Smithee to save his career. But should the director's real name be Alan Smithee, he has a problem.

"Burn Hollywood Burn" is a satirical documentary about director Alan Smithee (played by Eric Idle), who feels his \$200 million budget movie Trio will be a disaster. To prevent his career from going down the commode, he steals the master negatives and goes into hiding. Those who were involved in the movie try to tell the story from their point of view; often changing their stories as it suits them.

With appearances by stand up comic Richard Jeni, Sly Stalone, Whoopi Goldberg, Jackie Chan and Coolio, "Burn Hollywood Burn" is one giant cheap shot at the film industry. Though some characters fell flat and the story is a little jumpy it has some good chuckles.

I give "Burn Hollywood Burn" 3 out of five matchsticks.

My Time
 by Shaun C. Irwin

They have called me...
 This is my time - my last rhyme.
 They have given a sign.
 They have come again.
 I leave no footprints,
 No trace of me.
 I will vanish in the rain.
 I leave one thing...
 No trace of me-
 Only a memory.

Ritchie United Church is seeking a dynamic youth leader, responsible for providing mature guidance and Christian teaching to a growing Sunday School group. This is a part-time position (about 10 hours/week) offering a base remuneration to the ideal candidate. Please call Doug Robb at 465-4414 or Ritchie United Church at 439-2442.

Vote Tyson Nissen for Athletics Coordinator

To the Girl in the Black dress, what's your sign?

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

Why does everyone like Conrad Chan? Isn't he part of the Darkside?

Is it true? Can it be? Did Concordia finally invite cheerleaders this year to pretend they are students.
 - The Styler

CAREER WORKSHOPS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Presented by Dorothy Ritz

TOPIC 1

Deciding on a Career: Making Career Choices and Decisions.

Date/Time: Wed. Sept. 30th, 1:55-2:45pm

Place: C.S.A Meeting Room

TOPIC 2

Where are the JOBS? How to find out where the work is.

Date/Time: Wed. Oct., 7th, 2:50-3:40pm

Place: C.S.A Meeting Room

Any Questions? Ask at Student Services.

It's that time of year again, FALL ELECTIONS!

Positions that you'll be voting for are:

Business Representative

Educations Representative

Treasurer

Athletics Coordinator

Grad Coordinator

SPEECHES WILL BE PRESENTED DURING CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAY

16th

POLLING WILL BE ON THURSDAY

17th - 18th

STUDY BUDDY

Make a Difference

To an Elementary or Junior High Student

We need University students who will tutor at one hour a week working with students on academics and self-esteem.

What's In It For You

- Work in your area of interest or expertise
- Experience working with youth
- Enhanced interpersonal communication skills
- Pride from community involvement

We're Recruiting

Wednesday, September 16
 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tegler Rotunda

For information call **Marlee Maguire at 419-2677**
 or **Charlotte Ruppel at 429-8265**