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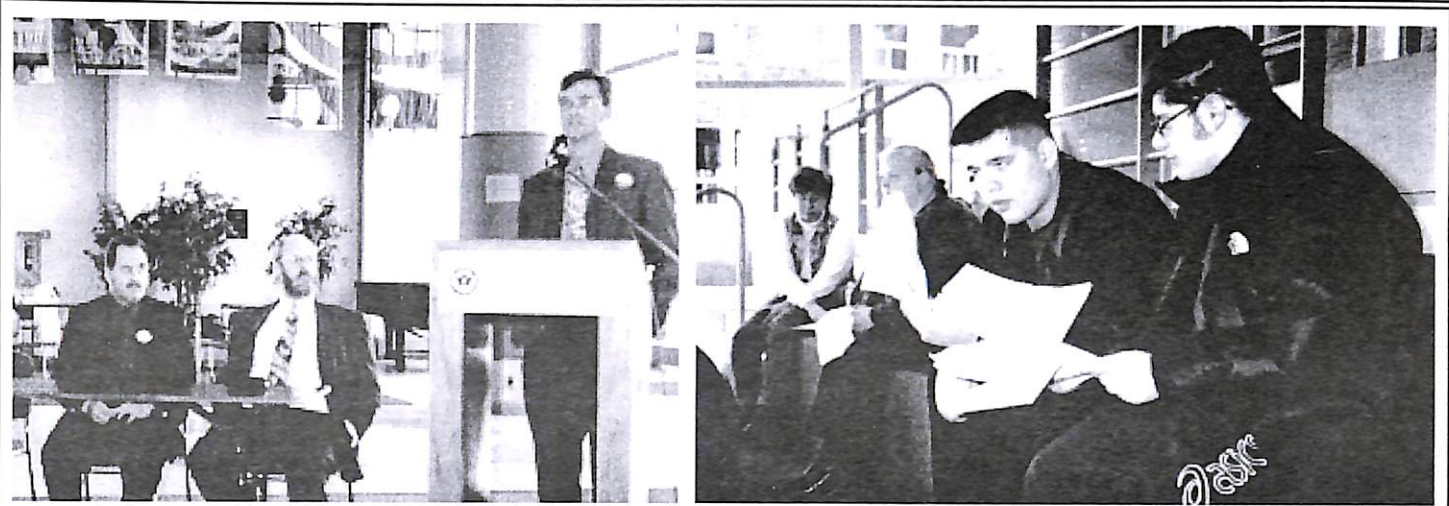
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(Provincial Election) The Edmonton-Highlands candidates came to speak at Concordia prior to election day. Left: Brian Mason of the NDP (who was re-elected) and Liberal Kim Cassidy wait their turn as Tory Robert Bilida responds to a student's question. Right: Students wait with the questions they prepared for the candidates. Thanks to everyone who participated!

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO STUDENT LOANS: KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!

by Melanie Golding

In the past week, students who have Canada Student Loans (CSL) and Alberta Student Loans (ASL) received letters in the mail pertaining to the changes occurring in each program. While it may seem like a headache to deal with right now, this is a very important issue and is going to affect you right now. So in order to save students a whole lot of time, energy, and financial confusion, here are the facts in both administrative and layman terms.

Effective March 1, 2001, financial institutions will no longer participate in the new Direct Canada Student Loan Program. Students who wish to negotiate a new CSL Schedule 1 (Certificate of Eligibility) after March 1st, must present the Schedule 1 to the appropriate service provider. In December 2000, Human Resources Development Canada appointed two service providers to administer the CSL Program on behalf of the federal government – Edulinx Canada and Business Data Products (BDP). Edulinx Canada will service students attending public educational institutions (universities and public colleges), including Concordia University College, while BDP will service students at private vocational educational institutions (Career Colleges and Trade Schools). The new service providers will be known as the National Student Loan Service Centre Public/Private, respectively.

Students can obtain information on the new Direct Canada Student Loan Program through a toll-free number, 1-800-OCANADA or the CanLearn website at <http://www.canlearn.ca>.

In addition, the Royal Bank Financial Group will no longer participate in the ASL Program after March 31, 2001. New students wishing to negotiate a new ASL Form A (Certificate of Eligibility) after April 1st, will need to present their documents to CIBC. If this has confused you as much as the letters received in the mail, don't worry you are not alone. Tony Norrad, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, outlines what to expect when students receive new Canada Student Loans and Alberta Student Loans.

Canada Student Loans Program (CSL)

Students who have CSL prior to August 1, 2000, known as risk-shared loans, must continue contact with the financial lender who holds their previous loans. Student will not be able to consolidate their risk-shared loans and their new direct loans (post August 1, 2000). In other words, upon graduation students with both risk-shared and direct loans will have two separate CSL loan payments. Students who are returning to full-time study in September 2001, must take in the Copy 22A to their financial lender. Otherwise, their risk-shared loans will go into repayment. The new Schedule 1 contains the Copy 22A. IT IS THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE NOTIFIED THEIR FINANCIAL LENDER THAT THEY HAVE RETURNED TO FULL-TIME STUDY.

PROCESS

- Students will receive their Schedule 1 from the appropriate provincial student loan authority.
- Concordia will confirm students' enrolment status and request appropriate tuition funds.
- Students will take their Schedule 1 to a participating Canada Post Outlet. The nearest outlet to Concordia is Kingsway Mall (located in the Press Gallery), 196A Kingsway Garden Mall. Once at the Canada Post Outlet, students will be required to complete a Canada Student Loan Agreement. In order to process their CSL, they will require their SIN (Social Insurance Number) card and a piece of photo identification. They will also need a void cheque or their account information, if they wish to have their money electronically transferred to their bank account.
- Students with risk-shared student loans, will also, they will need to take their Copy 22A to the financial lender holding those loans.

Alberta Student Loans Program (ASL)

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BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

*As the University year draws to an end and you frantically finish papers, make presentations, then begin to cram for exams, don't forget about your **library books**.*

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For further information contact Ruth King in the Library ext. 325 or circulation staff ext. 338.

A Dolphin's Daydream

*By Christopher Ducharme
December 25th, 2000*

*Laid treasures, buried in the past,
Overlooked here, forgotten at last.
Daily tide rises, concealing his home,
That playground prison is now his life.
Sun glitters reflection, the waves pounding rejection,
Dolphins smashing countless times into rocks without a choice.
Masquerade balls on the seven sea's,
But still, it is not enough to feed our greediness.
Islands have been man's construction,
Stranded by water on this land...our own creation.
Alive and scared, fear holds us to the surface,
Oppression and fear, the dolphin's rise to visit or to catch a glimpse.
Catching sudden glimpses kilometers away,
They watch, they feel heart ache just as we do.
Imagination of a human, constrained by lack of consideration,
When selfishness remains natural.
Losing breath, thousand miles to nowhere in one direction,
Gaining breath, thousand miles to somewhere in the other.
Looking down thinking of what they think, is still for our own benefit,
But at least it has been acknowledged that we're not alone.
Graceful leaps by dolphins from wave to wave,
Like Tarzan swinging swiftly from tree to tree.
For us, we tippee toe silently from sand bar to sand bar,
Where crystalized waters and sun bleached sands help us to see a different perspective.
Any favorite animal, lost to what?
Lost because we have the desire to hate? Lost because we discriminate?
A dolphin dreams purely of harmony, nothing but love,
Proved in their capability and effectiveness in communication compared to humans.
Take a moment to examine how your reflection looks from below,
Take a lifetime to figure out why the swimmer is darker than the rest of the water's surface.
The dolphin may be further down...deeper,
But those depths make little difference to the fact that it's silent reflection portrays innocence.
A dolphin's daydream is that we would dive into the unknown,
Discovering that it is only unknown because we have allowed it to be so.*

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NEXT DEADLINE:

MARCH 28, 2001! (Last Issue)

(Writers' meeting March 17, 10:40 am, CSA Conf. Rm.)

Anyone can write for the Blue&White! Submit articles on disk in Melanie's mailbox in the CSA offices, or by e-mail. Please save documents in Rich Text Format (.rtf) You may also e-mail us an image to be included with your article (please use an appropriate image format), or bring one in to be scanned. We look forward to hearing from you!



ESA CORNER

President's Message
By Michelle Topolnisky

Well, we are down to the last 18 classes. Isn't this scary? After this, some of us will graduate and have to go out in the big world, some of us will go home, and some, like myself, are crazy enough to stay and go to school during the spring and summer. Since this will be the last article this year I would like to thank all of you for coming out to events and showing the many sides of school pride that ESA members have. I have enjoyed working with all of you, and I have also enjoyed my position as the ESA president this year. I am proud to announce that we have new faces to our executive next year. For VP Internal, Jesse Hughes will be stepping in, as well, Roger Jorgenson will be fulfilling duties as VP External, and Jonathan Dowell will be the VP Finance. Some old faces will be back, as Jayne Florence and Michelle Nuspl will remain as Members at Large. As you can see we have not printed the new president's name as of yet because it is a secret. You will soon find out. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us in the ESA trailer or my office in the CSA.

ED Week, yet again, was a success, with activities like karaoke, and sumo wrestling in Tegler. Not only that, we also had Oliver selling his fine Irish jewellery, and we had the Education Station bookstore promoting their materials on campus. We thank them for coming out and helping to promote a great week.

Please remember to check out the ESA board upstairs for the new faces next year, there will be pictures up soon.

Well, good luck to all, and I hope that you will do well during your exams. Please keep in mind, the speeches for CSA positions on April 4, 2001 and elections April 5th and 6th. Your vote means everything to all of the candidates and you, as students, deserve a voice. God Bless!

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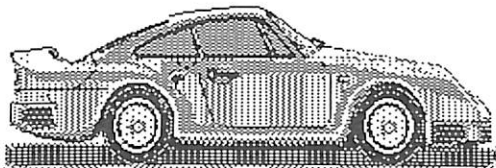
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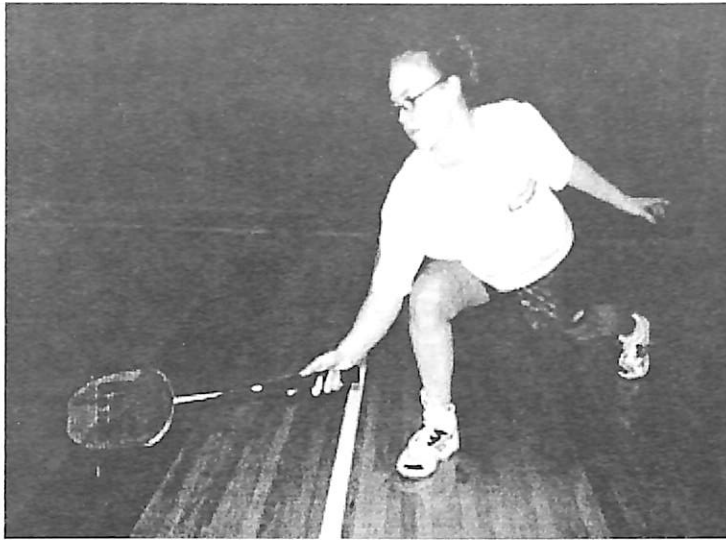


Feel free to apply for one or all of the above positions!



NATIVE AWARENESS DAY

Left: Some of the dancers who entertained, decked out in some amazing attire.



A CONCORDIA STAR

Lindy vanRiper, Concordia's star badminton player, turned in a very successful silver medal winning performance at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) national badminton championships. The championships were held March 1-3, 2001 at Cambrian College in Sudbury, Ontario. Lindy, the ACAC champion, lost the gold medal match 2 games to none to the BC champion, Cherry Ng, by scores of 11-9 and 11-3. Ng is the number 40 ranked woman's player in the world rankings. Lindy's silver medal caps an outstanding season by the first-year university student, who went undefeated in regular tournament and championship play in the Alberta conference.

Herpes - let's take a closer look...

(a message from Capital Health)

Genital herpes is a sexually transmitted disease. This means that you can get the virus through oral, anal, vaginal sex or through simple skin to skin contact with the infected area. Genital herpes can be transmitted with or without the presence of sores or other symptoms. It is often transmitted by people who are unaware that they have herpes and by people who don't know that their infection can be transmitted even when they have no symptoms.

What are the symptoms of genital herpes?

The symptoms of genital herpes can range from mild to severe and vary from person to person. Usually 2-14 days after getting the herpes virus, small painful, blister-like sores or open areas develop in the genital area. A person may also have headache, fever, swollen glands, or feel like they have the flu. Women may or may not feel burning in the vaginal area and notice a change in their discharge. The first outbreak is usually the most difficult and may take 1-3 weeks to completely heal. In some people the symptoms are so mild that they are easily ignored. Other outbreaks tend to be shorter and less severe than the first one.

Can I only pass genital herpes to my partner when I have sores?

No. A person can spread the herpes virus even when there are no sores or symptoms present. This is when many people get infected with herpes because there is no way to tell that the virus is on the

skin. The virus is **most infectious** between when the area begins to feel irritated and when the sores have completely healed.

Will condoms protect me/my partner from getting herpes?

Using latex condoms correctly can reduce the risk of spreading the virus, but condoms do not always provide complete protection. If the herpes sores are in an area that the condom doesn't cover, it may be best to not have sexual contact until the area is completely healed.

Important Points:

- At least 1 in every 5 people has genital herpes.
- Many people have a history with cold sores around the mouth. It is possible to get herpes on the genitals from having oral sex with a partner who has had a cold sore.
- A person may be infected with herpes for years and not know it because the symptoms are so mild.
- Using condoms reduces the risk of passing on herpes if the condom covers the area of infection.



*For more information about herpes and other sexually transmitted diseases, you can call the **STD/HIV Information Line** @ 1-800-772-2437. You can also check out www.cafeherpes.com on the Internet.*



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By Lloyd Saddleback, Melanie Loov, & Brian Drabiuk

GET THE 411 ON OUR ADDY

For future reference: anyone who wants to drop a line to this advice column can drop off your letters in the LINE X LINE mailbox by the CSA offices, or in the story editor's mailbox (Melanie Golding) or you can email us at:

shesaid_hesaid@hotmail.com

We hope you enjoy what we received at the column so take a minute or two and enjoy reading about someone else's problems. Have a great week.

RC'S OR McD'S

Dear SheSaid_HeSaid,

I want to take my girlfriend to a fancy restaurant, but I've never bothered to find out which ones are good and which ones aren't worth bothering with. Can you help me?

shesaid: "The Rivercity Chop House" on Jasper Ave. and 118 Street, the atmosphere is fantastic and the food is wonderful. You'll have her eating out of the palm of your hand. **JUST MAKE SURE YOU PAY!**

hesaid: McDonald's is cheap so if you have to pay for it you won't dent your funds. Plus if you get a happy meal you get to keep the toy... waahooo!

IT WASN'T ME

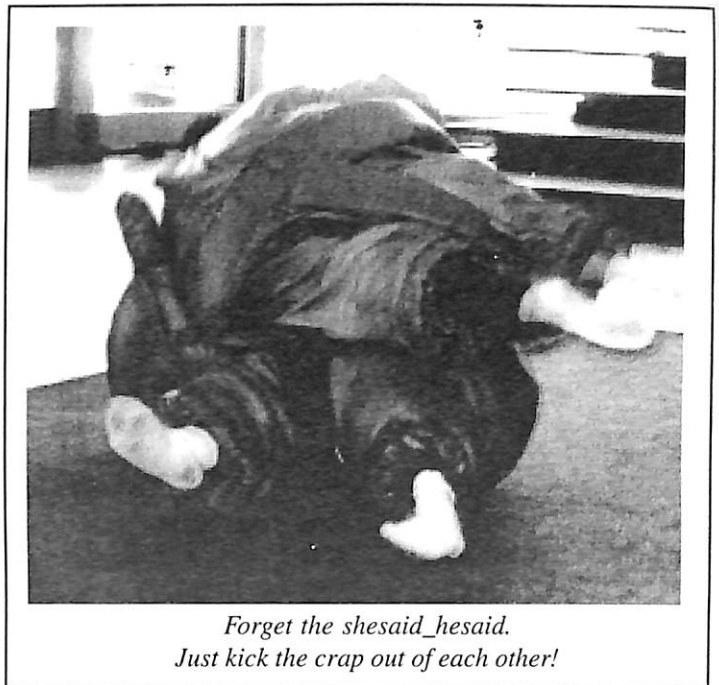
Dear SheSaid_HeSaid,

In the torrent of gossip that's been happening at school lately, I've noticed that one person is usually preyed upon and for the most I just laughed at it. Well, up until recently I was enjoying the stories going around campus until I heard one about me!!! What's worse is I overheard this come from my best friend and I know I wouldn't ever hurt her feelings. What should I do?

shesaid: Take him/her aside and talk with her before it goes too far.

hesaid: I've said before and I'll say it again, "With so many comedians out of work you're looking for a job. I mean this must be a joke, right?" I agree with shesaid, have a talk with you're friend and ask her "Whatz up?" Either she'll apologize profusely or will say "Whatever."

Well that's it for this week's letters. See you in the next issue!



*Forget the shesaid_hesaid.
Just kick the crap out of each other!*

GIOCOSO

Are you a MUSIC major or minor student at Concordia? Are you just an ordinary fan of MUSIC? Then you should join GIOCOSO!

Giocososo is a music club open to all students. Our goals are as follows:

- 1) To bring students closer together through MUSIC
- 2) To organize different activities such as supporting student recitals or concerts, or going to concerts at places like the Winspear Centre at discount prices.
- 3) To organize social activities such as a Mozart Party, Bach's Invention Competitions, and parties with music and food.
- 4) As the Music Department expands, it is for the benefit of all music students to join together and voice opinions.

Giocososo, being a newly organized music club, is seeking your organization and talent. Your ideas are very important for Giocososo. If you are interested, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Lucy Fan. Phone: 477-1924; e-mail: giocosocuca@hotmail.com

Ideas that have been brought forward thus far are:

- music movies
- concerts
- musical Olympics
- musical outreach (Seniors' homes, Christmas Caroling, etc.)
- recitals
- talent shows
- jazz workshops
- group lessons
- expanding the music section in the library

We look forward to seeing you in Giocososo!

Brain Fried. Need Funny.

By Commander Video

It's not quite the time for finals and mid-term papers and exams are not yet behind us. We are stressed. We need some way to let off steam, but our energy is excessively low. Dr. Video says, "Take one of my favorite funny flicks, but don't call me 'cuz I'm too busy watching and laughing."

The Imposters – Usually, attempts to match the lunacy of old Marx Brothers movies or the frothy charm 30s screwball comedies fails. This film, however, does not; Stanley Tucci and his large cast pull off a hysterical comic coup. Two lousy actors (played by good actors Stanley Tucci and Oliver Platt) wind up on a cruise ship full of phonies; their attempts to keep from capture as stowaways intertwines with an indescribable series of events and a sublimely ridiculous happy ending. Steve Buscemi's fans will howl at his portrayal of the inappropriately named "Happy," a sad sack entertainer whose divorce drives him to – repeatedly thwarted – suicide and the arms of the world's gloomiest woman (who finds "Happy's" depression attractive).

The Wrong Trousers and A Close Shave – Two Academy Award winning short claymation films by the co-director of Chicken Run, Nick Park. If you ever wanted a textbook for screen comedy, you could use these films as its source; slapstick, parody, and verbal and character humor abound in equal measure in both films. In Trousers, scatter-brained inventor Wallace and his much smarter dog Gromit take in a sinister lodger (a penguin, who uses rubber gloves to disguise himself as a chicken). The crook eventually uses Wallace's gadgets to commit a heinous crime and it's up to Gromit to stop him. In Shave, the pair gets tangled up with a mysterious sheep-napping ring when Gromit is framed as the culprit! Either of these, at 25 min. each, will fit well between sleeping or a trip to the library.

Local Hero – The director, Bill Forsyth, is a Scot who rose to prominence with a critically acclaimed film (Gregory's Girl) starring kids from his drama class (all of whom took the class to avoid juvenile detention). That film got him money from Hollywood, the interest of one big-ish star (Burt Lancaster), and the chance to keep his class off poge for a few more years. An American oil rep (Peter Riegert) goes to a small coastal town in Scotland to buy it for an oil platform. Most of the town, and especially the libidinous and greedy mayor/hotelier/town's lawyer, behave as stereotypical, money-loving Scots, although every resident is ferociously quirky. The buyout meets resistance from a researcher (who may be a mermaid—don't ask) and a wily old bum, the last of a long line of wily old bums, whose family owns the critical beach (the only thing the oil company really wants). The film may be a matter of taste: nothing happens (or nothing you might expect happens) yet you will laugh, sometimes at the absurdity of the characters. Further humor is milked from the delightful take on the "fish out of water" scenario as the American ("I'm really more of a Telex man.") comes to terms with a town possessing only one public (and often defective) telephone and a people used to one-on-one negotiation. The film's virtues are quiet, but the impression it leaves is strong. Guitar players/fans note: the film is scored by Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) and the music is terrific.

Drop me a line with your favorite funny movies and help your fellow students to some video relaxation. We'll assemble a list for the next issue. Watch the screens and keep the popcorn popping.

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Issues

By Alyzza Hopfe

Amid the other issues that have been addressed in the Blue and White recently, homosexuality has come up. It turns out that certain students, who shall remain nameless on account of their cowardice, have felt it to be within their rights to persecute some of their brothers and sisters. Jesus, the founder of Christianity, consorted with tax collectors and prostitutes. He exhorted those who chose to follow him to love their enemies as well as their neighbors. Biblical justice is tempered with mercy, and we, mortal creatures to the last, should be even more forgiving on that point because none of us lives spotless lives. The recommendation that we 'judge not lest we be judged' is not, in my opinion, a condemnation of the act of judgement, but a warning regarding how we apply it.

Lately, many newsmakers have been bringing up the issue of "family values"; it's been a battering ram with which some Christians liberally bludgeon their neighbors, especially where it concerns homosexuality. Pity those who think that the idea of family can be quantified. They believe that there is a single recipe for a good family, that plunking in a formula will automatically bring you to the right answer. It must be nuclear and follow a certain hierarchical order to work. Oh, and they must also have a certain number of children and live behind a white picket fence in an upper middle class neighborhood where their children can attend a homogenous school which only serves to further indoctrinate them with their parents' world view, too. "But wait!" the family values camp says, "You're being overly simplistic".

Oh, you bet I am. I'm dropping to the level of simplicity required

to actually believe the underlying principal behind that nonsense; namely, that goodness and uprightness are tied to the ability to follow a certain formula.

It takes a lot more than formula to form a family and to make it work. Despite claims to the contrary, there are single parent families, gay families, step-families, extended families – all manner of families which don't fit the nuclear model – that work. They, like the rest of us, do their best to live together.

The value of a family – the family value – is not imparted by fitting into a socially acceptable model; it is imparted by what they believe and by how they act. Do they give of their time or resources to charitable causes, or do they teach their children to be insular? Do they have the strength of their own convictions, or are they so afraid that their beliefs won't stand up to life's tests that they must destroy everyone else's? Are they honest, or are they the nucleus of a crime ring? These questions can also be applied to individuals; what do you believe, and what kind of person are you?

Regardless of whether homosexuality is right or wrong, in the end we all must stand up as individuals and account for ourselves. It won't matter what someone else believed or did then, just like it doesn't matter now. If you really want to serve God, then serve your neighbor and serve your enemy. Don't attach qualifiers to their activities before deigning to honor them with your kindness, because God might then draw up such a list for you before honoring you with his.

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CSA CANDIDATE PROFILES

These profiles were submitted by the candidates themselves. They have only been minimally edited, due to time constraints. Please be sure to read all the profiles that will be publicly posted before and on Election Day.

Aaron Anderson

Candidate for: President

Qualifications:

- He has been involved with many of the programs that Concordia has offered.
- Has been involved with numerous community events and has been president of The Whitecourt Lutheran Youth Group.
- In his community he was involved with all of the major sports groups including basketball, badminton, soccer, volleyball, swimming, and football.

What would make him a good president?

- Aaron wants to establish a sense of school pride, which he feels that this school lacks.
- Aaron wants to make spare time in Tegler (with the help of the members of the CSA) a little more enjoyable.
- He also wants to be able to help students with their marks, establish better relations between the students and the teachers, and show students that there are things that they can do to achieve their goals.

Matt Klein

Candidate for: President

To the student body,

As I travel from class to class or visit in the Tegler center a common question that is asked of me is, "What do you have to offer me?" What I have to offer, are not shallow promises impossible to fulfill, but instead I wish to present you with my goals, experience, and values, in hopes that an accountable CSA can be formed.

Some of my goals are:

- an accountable leadership — I wish to inform the student body of any CSA developments in such a way that promotes their response and involvement
- a team-work atmosphere — I want CSA to be a place where a difference of opinions can be expressed but respected in the same token. In that way, the student body will be best represented.
- a Christian community — I am a devout Christian and I will strive to uphold the values of the Scriptures, upon which both Concordia's and the CSA's constitutions are founded.

Some of my experiences are:

- vice-president of the Concordia Concert Choir
- ambassador of Concordia for the 1998-99 school year
- peer supervisor at Skyreach Center
- usher supervisor at the annual International Youth Conference (known as "YC")
- counselor at Concordia's annual singing camp (known as "Singspiration")
- a variety of leadership & teamwork positions at my home congregation

My values are based upon those found within scripture, such as:

- Love
- Honesty
- Respect

It is my intention throughout the course of this campaign to offer these attributes to you and to have you make your decision. Listen carefully to what each candidate has to offer you and vote according to your conscience and to your vision of Concordia's future. Regardless of your decision, I urge you to voice your opinion and vote on April 5th & 6th.

Sincerely, Matt Klein

Sarah Hoffman

Candidate for: President

I have been a member of the CSA for three of my four years at Concordia. I have worked as the On Campus Coordinator, the Treasurer, and the Vice President. In these three years I have been involved in a number of initiatives that have improved the quality of student life.

These include:

- coordinating various special events for the students of Concordia
- allocating of funds to the activities and groups within Concordia
- cooperating with the staff of The Blue and White to create an improved newspaper
- attending most student activities
- supporting the athletic teams
- helping with a variety of sub committees of the CSA
- assisting in the creation of the CSSA
- attending ACTISEC meetings
- writing and publicizing constitution amendments

I have enjoyed working, on behalf of the students, with the administration of Concordia, and would continue the positive relationship with the faculty and staff. A diplomatic and positive approach is something that is appreciated by all when working on committees. This is a skill that was triggered while attending provincial and national leadership conferences while I was in highschool. I have been given the chance to use them as your student representative over the past four years.

I have enjoyed my time at Concordia. I will be receiving my Bachelor of Science degree in May. My studies at Concordia will be continued in either arts or education this fall.

There are several things that I wish I would have been able to accomplish. These are:

- improving communication within council
- having council as a whole communicate more effectively with students
- involving all council members in decision making rather than leaving it in the hands of the president

I do not see the role of the President as that of commander of the student body, but rather one who is responsible to the members for cooperation, communication, and coordination. This would seem to be an area that could be improved, and would make Concordia an even better place to attend.

(ELECTION DAYS: 04/05 & 04/06)

Michelle Topolnisky
Candidate for: President

I have worked on many associations, including the Education Student's Association (ESA), as well as the Concordia Student Association (CSA) this past year. I have succeeded in completing my duties and responsibilities as Education President for the ESA, as well as Education Representative for the CSA. This has instilled in me strong leadership qualities.

An example of my strong leadership would be working with the Alberta Teacher's Association to make revenue available to help benefit the Education minors at our school and improve the ESA. While as the ESA president I have given Concordia better representation and respect from the ATA. As the president of the ESA we have successfully achieved more interest from the Education minor students, by having the two most successful Education weeks and constant fund raising at our school with Candy grams and Barbeques.

The interests and concerns of the student body are important to me and I wish to be their future representative for the following year. I feel that I can make a big impact on our student's lives. Concordia has lost a lot of its school spirit, and we need to get the pride and interest of the students back. I would like to see more students getting involved with school spirit and I would also like to see more interest going back into the school. I feel I will successfully complete the job as president for the up and coming year.

Lloyd Saddleback
Candidate for: VP Finance

ABILITIES

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EXPERIENCE

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1995-1999 Loans Clerk, Peace Hills Trust Company

1995-1999 Property Management, Samson First Nations

EDUCATION (3 RD YEAR BA)

Financial and Managerial Accounting

Business Management

Computing Science (Excel and spreadsheets)

Micro-Economics and Macro-Economics

Elementary Calculus

Statistical Methods for Psychological Research

Sandie Simpson
Candidate for: VP Finance

-Accountability to how the student funds are being used

-Responsible

-Dedicated to representing the students

-Takes initiative and gets the job done

-Good work ethic and trustworthy

-Level-headed and logical

-Will work on combining the advertisements from the agenda and the blue and white which will bring up the amount of funds coming in, allowing the student's money to stretch farther

-Strong personal skills will assist in making new contacts and bringing more sponsors in to Concordia

-Running the Book Consignment Fair smoothly by putting the students first and keeping the records updated at all times

-Have experience with Sr. Executive student council as Secretary

-Experienced the unpredictable challenges of working with CSA while maintaining a positive attitude

-Has worked closely with CSA treasurer this year and have become more informed of the general financial duties that relate to the position of Vice President Finance

-Works well with other council members

-Is the treasurer of GTC

-Acquired additional financial experience working with the El Salvador Relief Project

-Co-ordinated and ran summer camps for the past 2 years which included advertising, fund raising, paying bills and managing a budget

-Worked with the constitutional changes and can help the new council take on the new constitution

-A member of the Student Life Committee in Concordia and ACTISEC

-Highly involved in school events and activities

-Full of enthusiasm and school spirit

Peggy Rose
Candidate for: VP Internal

I am running for VP Internal for many reasons, but primarily because I believe that our school needs to get its enthusiasm back, and I am willing to put in both the time and the effort towards this goal.

On-campus activities and the Blue and White have always been strong sources for showing Concordia's pride. I have been involved in many events, and am interested in bringing many more to our campus. I have always made an effort to listen to what we, as students, are interested in seeing and doing within our school. Now is the time to respond to these desires.

In addition to the many ideas that I have, I am more than willing to find more, to hear you - the students. I don't believe that it should be your responsibility to come to me, rather, I believe that it would be my responsibility, as your representative, to approach you for ideas. If I am elected, I will guarantee that I will be asking for, and listening to your suggestions.

I do not see this position as something trivial. I see this as a job that I am willing to do for you if you choose to give me the opportunity. I am ready and willing to make a full year commitment to the entire student body of Concordia. Every vote counts, make your voices heard.

(more profiles on next page...)

MORE CANDIDATE PROFILES

Ryan Hawgood

Candidate for: Vice President External

- Supports and participates in on-campus and off-campus events
- Ability to involve and motivate others
- Responsible
- Reliable
- Vivid imagination and fresh ideas that will appeal to the student body
- Active member in the Science Student's Association
- Active member in the GTC
- Refereed amateur hockey for the past six years which requires professionalism and the ability to work under pressure
- Committed (- and not in the psychiatric ward)
- FUN!!!
- Worked with present On-Campus Coordinator, Angela Edwards, in the organization of the Halloween Spooktacular
- Past involvement in high school Student Council
- Past involvement in high school Leadership Program
- Bringing back events from past years with new exciting twists
- Bringing in new enticing ideas and events for all to get involved in
- Open to student's ideas and opinions
- Eager to represent the student body
- Waking up the school spirit in Concordia
- Dedicated to bringing attractions that will appeal to all parts of the student body

Big Doug Wilson

Candidate for: VP Academic/Christian life

- My name is Doug Wilson but I'm also known as Bigdoug because of my size
- I have been attending Concordia for 3 years and will graduate next year with a major in religion and a minor in Director of Parish Services (DPS) a.k.a. church work
- I have lived in the dormitories for my whole educational experience and I have been a residence advisor for the dorm for 2 years
- I actively attend Bethlehem Lutheran Church where I am also a youth leader
- Last summer I interned at a Church in Ontario where I organized Vacation Bible School, which is kind of like Sunday school for a week in the summer
- The reason I am running for VP Academic/Christian life is because first and foremost I am a Christian and I want to represent the Christians at this school with a reverence and fear of God but with respect to the non-Christians at this school
- I have maintained good academic standing while attending Concordia
- Being that I have been staff here for 3 years with dorm I am familiar with the school and the administrators, so when students have academic problems I can direct them in the proper direction

Evan Adnams

Candidate for: VP Christian Life / Academic

Who?

- First year Student.
- Lutheran
- Pre-seminary student.

What is his experience?

Christian Life

- Organized Vacation Bible School at Beautiful Savior – Winnipeg, MB.
- Serves on Lutheran Church – Canada's board for Parish services at the national level as the Youth/Young Adult representative.
- Currently involved in planning Christian Life activities at Concordia.
- Serves in the Ambassador program at Concordia, recruiting parish services students.
- Youth Councillor at Beautiful Savior – Winnipeg.
- Strong in his faith.

Academic

- Organizer/coordinator for Amnesty International on both high school and citywide levels. Involved in planning Events (Ex: Coffee Houses, Meetings, Seminars).
- Founder/Organizer of the Winnipeg Refugee Education Network. Requiring the taking of Minutes, creating agendas and organizing events similar to those of the Amnesty events.
- Always willing to listen.
- Passionate regarding the rights of others.
- Accountable and respectful to those he represents.

Jason Byer

Candidate for VP Academic/Christian Life

I believe that I have gathered many experiences to help fulfill all of the responsibilities required of the position. My professional experience includes almost six years as a planner and implementer for a summer youth camp. For one of those years, I held the position of secretary. I can keep business organized and people well informed.

My time spent in active ministry has given me much experience in communicating the Christian faith in a clear and practical way. I believe that my experience, which includes work with both Christian and non-Christian people, lends itself to helping me identify and work well with people of all faiths. My desire to share my faith with all people gives me great motivation in working to clearly proclaim the good news of the forgiveness of sin offered by Jesus Christ.

I have worked with a variety of people in a variety of contexts. These positions have often involved a close working relationship with my co-workers. I feel that these experiences have helped me grow as an approachable person, and people will have no problem in seeking me out for help in finding academic advice.

(one more profile on next page...)

CANDIDATE PROFILE:

Gillian Cunningham
Candidate for: VP External

To my fellow Concordians, over this past year, you have seen me fulfill the promises I made to you when I ran for off-campus coordinator.

In the coming year I plan to take what I have learnt from the past 10 months and bring you yet a better year... full of well-rounded, suitable, and exciting events. As well as continuing off-campus planning, under the new constitution I would also be in charge of athletics and the graduation banquet. This year I have had many ideas for athletics, which until now I could not act upon. Ski trips, fishing, hiking, camping and college Olympics are just a few things I would like to plan for next year. As for grad I have helped and watched as this year's Grad Coordinator plan what appears to be a fantastic graduation banquet. With what I have learnt from her and what I have learnt from planning events like the Christmas formal... I would not be going in blindly.

On top of the experience I've gathered as both a student and a student leader at Concordia, other past experiences like writing and directing a play in highschool, being a member of an athletics council at my school, starting up a school newspaper, and being a Girl Guide leader have helped in making me more than qualified for this position.

With experience, honour and pride I get from being a Concordian, if re-elected, I promise give you a great year and not to let you down.



Concordia Poli Sci students attended a mock UN summit at Grant MacEwan Communiy College



Some Herbivore Recipes for You

Vegetable and Cashew Curry

(Some "exotic" ingredients: yummy! Serves 4-6)

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 plump clove garlic, crushed
- 1 tbsp butter, margarine, or vegetable oil
- 5tbsp good quality korma or medium strength curry paste
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pumpkin
- 2 potatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 & 3/4 c. (10 fl oz/300g) can coconut milk
- 14 oz (450g) can tomatoes
- 1 c. green beans or sugar snap peas
- 10 oz (310 g) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 tbsp toasted cashew nuts

Gently fry onion and garlic in butter in a large heavy-based pan until soft and golden. Add curry paste and stir over heat for 1 minute. Add carrots, pumpkin, potatoes, coconut milk, and tomatoes and bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Cover and boil slowly for 20-30 minutes until vegetables are tender. Wash and trim green beans and steam or microwave until tender-crisp. Stir green beans, kidney beans, and nuts into curry and heat through gently.

Serve accompanied by boiled rice, mango chutney, banana and shredded coconut with natural yogurt, tomato and cucumber with safflower dressing and pappadams. (From: *The Complete Vegetarian Cookbook*)

Happy-Go-Leeky Soup

(makes 6 servings)

- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 c. sliced leeks (white parts, plus 1 inch of green parts)
- 1 c. chooped celery
- 4 c. low-fat chicken broth or vegetable broth
- 3 c. peeled, diced potatoes
- 1 c. chopped carrots
- 3/4 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 c buttermilk
- 1 tbsp fresh dill, minced

Melt butter in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add leeks and celery. Cook and stir for 5 minutes, until vegetables begin to soften.

Add broth, potatoes, carrots, thyme, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes.

Using a hand-held blender or working in batches, transfer soup to a blender or food-processor and puree until smooth. Return to pot. Stir in buttermilk and dill. Serve hot.

We Need Respect for Our Library

By James Gordon

Have you ever sat in the library trying to madly cram for an exam and had the person next to you noisily crunching on some food, or how about someone chatting away with a friend? Doesn't that drive you nuts?

Last week I overheard a student commenting on some problems that the library is having this year and so I requested an interview with one of the Library staff. Mrs. Ruth King, the Libraries Office Manager, sat down with me and we discussed some of the issues that are arising where students are breaking (mistakenly or not) the codes of conduct of our library. What are these codes of conduct?

Concordia University College of Alberta Library Code of Conduct

- The Library provides an environment conducive to study and research on the Concordia campus.
- The misuse, damage or theft of the property of others, or of the property or facilities of Concordia is not acceptable. Vandalism, defacement of property, movement of library furniture, theft of equipment or supplies will be reported.
- Unauthorized presence in non-public areas and in fire exit routes within the library is prohibited.
- Unauthorized removal, misplacement or damage of library materials, or retention of overdue materials violates the rights of others to equal and open access to library materials.
- Food and disposable drink containers are not allowed in public areas of the Library.
- Smoking is not permitted in the Library.
- Improper or unauthorized use of library computer facilities violates Concordia University College of Alberta policies.
- Anyone violating this code will be asked for identification and a written report of each infraction will be prepared.

Additional details regarding library policies and procedures are found in the Library computer labs, and on the Library Web page. Disregard of this code and any uncooperative behaviour may result in an immediate referral to the Dean of Student Affairs or the High School Principal, the loss of library privileges, or further disciplinary action. (August 2000)

So why can't we bring food into the library? Because (1) it can damage materials (spills etc.), (2) it attracts insects and they can destroy the books, (3) the smells of your food may be offensive to others, and (4) the replacement costs of damaged materials are very expensive and covering these costs can mean an increase in our tuition.

The Library is here for our benefit. It provides a quiet location where individual study can take place. These rules were not instituted as a means to 'get the students' but to ensure an adequate resource for study. For those of you second year students and above, you'll remember that last year we weren't allowed to bring in water bottles or travel mugs, this year we can. The Library is a study environment and when you break the rules you not only take away from your quality of study, but from your fellow students as well. This is also why cell phones are not permitted.

If you are in need of a group study area you can access the cafeteria, Tegler, and several other locations, and when it gets warmer you can go outside. The Library is the only individual private study area we have.

So, if you are being disturbed by a fellow student who disregards these rules, take a proactive step. Politely remind the student of the Library rules, and tell them that they are disturbing your study as well as the other students around them. If the student does not take heed to your request and continues in their selfish behavior then approach a Librarian and seek further assistance.

I'd like to express thanks to Mrs. King for her time and I hope that the student body will be receptive to this situation and adhere to the 'Codes.' God Bless.

Food for Thought

Anonymous

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like this:

There would be:

57 Asians; 21 Europeans; 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north & south; 8 Africans. 52 would be female; 48 would be male; 70 would be non-white; 30 would be white 70 would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian; 89 would be heterosexual; 11 would be homosexual. 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States. 80 would live in sub-standard housing; 70 would be unable to read; 1 would be near death; 1 would be near birth; 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education; 1 would own a computer. When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent. The following is also something to ponder... If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of

battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead of

500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death... you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada. If you read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all. Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching. Sing like nobody's listening. Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

LOANS (cont'd from p.1)

As of April 1, 2001, students must negotiate all new ASL through CIBC. Like CSL, it is the students' responsibility to ensure that they have properly notified all financial lenders holding ASL when returning to full-time studies. If this is not done, their loans will go into repayment. The new Form A will also contain an additional form that the student needs to take to the Royal Bank, so their previous loans will remain in interest-free status.

PROCESS

- Students will receive their Form A.
- Concordia will confirm students' enrolment status and request appropriate tuition funds.
- Students will take the their Form A to a CIBC branch to process their loan. Once at CIBC, students should experience the same process as in previous years.
- Students who have existing ASL with the Royal Bank, will also, need to take a Confirmation of Enrolment to the Royal Bank.

should contact with their financial lender, the National Student Loan Service Centre, or Concordia's Admissions and Financial Aid Office for clarity on all these matters. Remember, it is of utmost importance that students get the information and act on it. If they don't — not sure what the rest is suppose to say —

If students are returning to full time study in Fall of 2001, they must take in the Copy 22A to their lender. Otherwise, their loans will go into repayment. The new Schedule 1 (Certificate of Eligibility) has the Copy 22A that the student needs to take to their lender to return to interest-free status.

PROCESS

- Students will receive Schedule 1 form and loan document from appropriate student loan authority.
- Concordia will confirm enrolment status and request appropriate tuition funds.
- Students will take Schedule 1 to a participating Canada Post Outlet. The nearest outlet to Concordia is Kingsway Mall (located in the Press Gallery), 196A Kingsway Garden Mall. Phone: (780) 497-7377.
- Once at the Canada Post Outlet, they will be required to complete a Canada Student Loan Agreement. Also, they will be require their Social Insurance Number (SIN) and a piece of photo identification. They will also need a void cheque for electronic transfer of funds to their bank account.
- If they have previous student loans (risk shared), they will need to take their Copy 22A to the financial lender holding that loan.

ALBERTA STUDENT LOANS:

As of April 1, 2001, the Royal Bank will no longer be processing student loans from the Province of Alberta. All loans will have to go through the CIBC. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have properly notified all financial lenders holding ASL's when returning to full time studies. If this is not done, loans will go into repayment. The new FORM A (Certificate of Eligibility) will also contain an additional form that the student needs to take to the Royal Bank so their loan will return to interest free status.

PROCESS

- Students will receive FORM A.
- Concordia will confirm enrolment status and request the appropriate tuition funds.
- Students will take the FORM A to a CIBC branch to process their loan. Once at the lender, the student should experience the same process.
- If they have an existing ASL with the Royal Bank, they will need to take a Confirmation of Enrolment to them.

Students receiving this financing should make contact with their financial institution and the office of Admissions and Financial Aid for clarity on all these matters. Remember, it is of utmost importance that students get the information and act on it. If they don't, the results will impact future studies.

Cognitive Bias

By James Gordon

Well I must admit that the last Line x Line proved something to me. Either there are a lot of readers of the Blue & White or there is one person who really does not like me in such a way that he/she cannot put his/her name beside their comments.

Nonetheless after enjoying a much needed and relaxing Reading Week I have thrown together a new article. Prior to our week vacation I had the pleasure to meet and interview our Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Eddy. We talked about a range of topics but we centralized our discussion on plagiarism. I asked her a short list of questions and here are my questions and her answers:

Q 1) Is plagiarism a common occurrence here in Concordia?

A 1) Not really, there are about 6-8 cases each semester.

My comments: I recall a past article where someone mentioned that there were about 1400 students in Concordia, so with only 6-8 'bad apples' in the bunch that gives us an average of about 0.006%.

Q 2) What are the penalties or punishments to those who plagiarize? Is it up to the professor of the student, or some sort of established committee?

A 2) The professor deals privately with situations in which the student has plagiarized unintentionally through inexperience. The normal penalty for intentional plagiarism is a 1.0 in the course and probation or suspension for 6 months to 3 years, with a notation of academic misconduct on the transcript. The key issue is whether there is a clear intention to deceive.

Dr. Eddy also informed me that if you quote (but do not cite) your own work from previous semesters that too is plagiarism. If you take an old paper and hand it in to another professor towards a new assignment this is also plagiarism.

I very much enjoyed my conversation with Dr. Eddy and appreciate her taking time out of her busy schedule to chat with me.

The second part of this article is about those clever little Line x Lines from the last issue. At first I was hurt and it bothered me a great deal to know that I was so disliked. I was ready to write up a doozy article that would make me feel superior and that would make others look inferior. But after much prayer and Bible reading I realized that I couldn't do this. "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord." Romans 12:19 (NKJ).

I read over a few verses such as this one: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Matthew 5:44 (NKJ). Those of you whom have qualms with me regarding my past articles can feel assured that I hold no grudges about your remarks towards me; you can feel comfort that you are in my prayers now.

My final comment is to the one person who quoted a source that I can understand and connect with. Sadly you failed to attach your name to your comment but I wanted to thank you for your quotation from John, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." John 8:7 (NKJ) I appreciate your message.

I would just like to make one further comment towards our new "Bring It On" article writer. I want to commend (and encourage) you in this unique article idea of yours. I hope that some of our Line x Liners will come forward with their thoughts (as well as their names) and challenge you. I can tell that you're not the kind of person to run away from a confrontation. I wish you Godspeed. You go, girl!

We only have about a month and a half left of semester two, so study hard and God bless.

LINE x LINES

A place to make anonymous comments. Try to be tasteful! Submissions are made in the blue box on the wall outside the CSA offices. The Blue & White reserves the right to exclude submissions that are in poor taste. We take no responsibility for your poor spelling and grammar!

Hay baby blue, I hear you can shake your Bon Bon at the club. Signed Sarcastic Man	McDonald's FatButt keep your mouth shut!
Please read Gen 18 & 19, Jude 4-7, 1 Cor. 6: 9-20, and Rev. 21:8	What is up chicken butt?
Could Jem sing me a song sometime. Secretly H.	Saw you in the Druid three weeks ago dancing w/ a bottle. Want to dance with me? – ML
The right woman is worth waiting for. 4 5683 968 726. You make my heart happy. CM	Cyber Apostle: Thanks for stabbing me in the back – Former Friend
To the sweetie who is always playing crib: Someone you know has a crush on you. Keep a heads up, or you'll miss your chance.	To the Mature Fool: your contradiction offends me – Glad you are sick
VonHagel is twice the man that Strand is.	Double A learn how to spell. Two, to, too. – Wanker
Aa: Do you have anything nice to say?	JG: Sorry for any misunderstanding.
AA: you are a mean spirited back stabber! If you have a problem with someone, talk to THEM!	Concordia a Christian school? Ha, there's a joke! U of A has more Christian ethics than this hole!
Aa: How can you run for Prez when you talk so much behind EVERYONE'S back?	Remember to vote. (Don't know why, though)
Who has my automatic flowers?	Sarah H: You are one eye-catching lady and I would like to treat you like a queen. -Friendly Stranger
Hey guys, I hear there is lot's of snow over at the High School.	Gillian Cunningham: the only real choice for VP External! -Partyhard
To the driver of the white car: Hugs & Kisses on the cheek. -"Are you kidding me"	I like the friendly coffee lady!
Hey Brady Bunch: quit the card game and do some school work and eating duzn't count. -Annoyed	Fad: Aimes-tu le francais?
To Mr. "Heymore," oh how we love you so! Love: Mel x 3	Call Amsteam for all your carpet cleaning needs!
To Mikey: thanks for nothing!	IT102: Don't give up!
Who wants to know? The Prez	JB: you sexy thing! AT (ST? we can't read your writing -eds)
	Tegler has been infected with cradle-robberitis!
	Sarah Hoffman for Prez!!! A <i>fresh</i> approach to leadership! (BEST BEFORE 05/02)

FATAL WORDS

By Subhendra S. Dharampaul

Sticks and stones may break my bones but words – hurtful words, they crush and kill the spirit. Many take pleasure in taunting others for their own gratification, never for a moment considering the consequences. To mock and make fun of someone for any physical deficiencies or deformities is to hit at the very heart of the constitution of man. Nobody likes to be made the object of verbal assaults, even the ones guilty of perpetrating the same. And as such, reckon that it is an attack against God Himself, the Maker of man.

When Elisha was mocked, "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head," by little children, fatality marked these words. Did you not read the headline, "Forty-two Children Torn by Two She-Bears"? (2 Kings 2:23-24) Little did the children know that they were taunting God's man! When his enemies made Samson, in blindness and poverty of soul and condition, an object of fun and derision, again fatal words proved themselves to *be* fatal. What was the headline? "Three Thousand Die as Man with the Strength of a Thousand Collapses Pillars" (Judges 16:23-31). This was not merely the doing of Samson. God was offended and He acted in justice.

Today, there are still headlines, but they are generally the result of evil and self-motivated actions of those who are not able to bear the harassment anymore. Casting fatal words is a high-risk recreational activity for the foolish. High school students, college and university students and even professional people criticize, deride, and make fun of their fellow student or co-worker, as the case may be. They target and pick on those who are thin or chubby, the physically or mentally disabled, the aged, those not considered "attractive," and those who are just simply different. This is very wrong.

My advice to the taunted: never take vengeance – violence is not the answer for violence. Know and trust God. God will fight for you. God is able to silence your bully if it is His will. Moreover I ask you, "What is the character flaw of every murderer?" The answer is, "Impatience!" Thus, do not be impatient. Every person will eventually die.

My advice to the one who taunts: think twice before you mock someone. It may be that he has a Friend who is bigger and stronger than you. You risk your own health and well being by such puerile and vile behavior. Above all, remember that you insult God whether or not you believe in Him when you mock and harass others. "Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished." (Proverbs 17:5)