

## Education in Alberta....Beyond Reform?

BAUNI MACKAY (President of the Alberta teachers Association) and Dr. Joe Freedman (Education reform advocate) addressed the state of education in Alberta on January 21 in Concordia's auditorium. While both speakers acknowledged the need to address the new fiscal realities of our province, they varied greatly on the manner in which we will achieve provincial education goals. I concur with Dr. Freedman's position which highlights the fact that education must assume part of our deficit burden. While not a popular position, this has now become an inescapable fact of life. I firmly believe that sound educational philosophy and practices can still be undertaken in spite of the dramatic funding cuts. I welcome anyone with a strong view on this issue to prepare an article for the Blue & White which outlines either similar or contrary opinions.

While still on the topic of education I would like to discuss the state of Concordia's Bachelor of Education/After Degree program. As many of you are aware the Private Colleges Accreditation Board approved Concordia's proposal on January 21/94. This must be recognized as an outstanding achievement for all those who were instrumental in the creation and presentation of the proposal to the P.C.A.B. In particular **Dr. Bernie Potvin** and **President Kraemer** should be congratulated for their vision and foresight of teacher education in the province of Alberta. I am confident that education stakeholders will quickly come to value Concordia graduates for their high level of competence, adherence to proven teaching ideologies, and their commitment to our province's youth.

**Troy Runzer (ESA President)**

"MATURITY IS  
NOT A GOAL,  
BUT RATHER  
A PROCESS."  
LEO BASCAGLIA

"OH THAT TODAY YOU  
WOULD  
HEAR HIS VOICE.  
HARDEN NOT  
YOUR HEARTS."  
PSALM 95

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# OPINIONS

**"EDUCATION IS  
WHAT SURVIVES  
WHEN WHAT HAS  
BEEN LEARNT  
HAS BEEN  
FORGOTTEN."  
B.F. SKINNER**

## CONCORDIA DOESN'T HAVE A GARBAGE- FAIRY WORKING HERE

MY BIGGEST PET-PEEVE is the behavior and the attitude that I have witnessed by slovenly and negligent students that throw their trash around here at Concordia. I am referring to the garbage and litter that is left behind on the tables in the cafeteria, along the hallways, around the upstairs study hall, and apparently everywhere in the Tegler center. You know who you litter-bugs are, and you should be ASHAMED! And that includes those of you who sneak and consume food in the library!!

Earlier in the year, additional garbage bins were installed on the walls to reduce the amount of trash "piling-up" around the college. For some reason, the garbage bins were not being used as expected, and the quantity of litter around the school has remained unchanged. This garbage problem must be resolved, and soon! These bins are for YOU to use, and it's up to you to USE them.

### SO CLEAN-UP YOUR MESS !

Not only is the litter and garbage annoying to civilized and responsible students, it is discrediting to the college as a whole. Concordia has become so filthy, that the "condition" of the college must first be "risk-assessed" before guests, visitors, or the GENERAL PUBLIC are invited to the college. For instance, consider the impression a visitor would receive upon encountering a half squashed bran-muffin that is gradually accelerating down a wall by gravity, (or, with the aid of some beverage), that will eventually come to R.I.P. with the ensemble of the remains from "Johnny's" lunch. Guests entering the college are most likely to take their business elsewhere; many students interested in attending Concordia probably go the the UofA instead; and this partly explains why our college gets repainted every year. And you wonder why building fees are so high. Concordia is a COLLEGE by name and by academic right and it should be respected as such—and not as an "extension" of junior-high.

Furthermore, I recently noticed that a paper-cup from the cafeteria was tacked to a bulletin board in the hallway and written on it was, "APPROVED BY THE DEAN FOR POSTING". This last thing this college needs is to advertise its garbage. This "TRASHY-DISPLAY" encourages an "ANTI-GREEN", "ANTI-CONCORDIA" attitude, and it must stop. "Muffins-in-motion" and/or containers on the walls will not be tolerated, and this includes lunches on the floor or anywhere else. So please, put your garbage into the appropriate bins for disposal. IF THE SITUATION DOES NOT IMPROVE, ENVIRONMENT WEEK CAN BE A WEEK OF "JUDGEMENT". This could mean some new rules: restricting trays from leaving the cafeteria; limiting the number of food items allowed for students on meal-plans; and charging for each disposable cup used—so get your own mug!....etc. SO GET GREEN AND HELP KEEP CONCORDIA CLEAN!

Maureen

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Last issue I read a letter from six brave people who, quite honourably, spoke out about the virtues of their professors in Biology. These incredibly brave souls voiced their radical opinions, and even had the integrity to sign their names (!!!) even though they say it is the last year of their program! Gosh, their honourable, selfless action could potentially lead to such consequences as written recommendations, preferential treatment, or even higher grades. In contrast to these fearless guardians of integrity, the spineless first-year biology student who anonymously questioned the quality of teaching in the biology department must, as these six students suggest, be guilty of apathy. Instead of seriously questioning if the complaints are valid these students would rather judge this person on his unwillingness to sign his name (after all this is the only fact given in their letter about this specific student). What other logical conclusion could they possibly make except that this student did not work?

I have also been subjected to the biology department at Concordia and unlike this student I have been here long enough to know that it is futile to complain, or even worse to do it without the protection of anonymity. I will not go into my experiences with Biology 100, but I will say that in my opinion, I did experience and witness some injustice (I say this even after I received a seven, so if you want to say I did not work, go ahead). My solution

to the same problem was to change faculties and wait to pursue a biology major until after I transfer to the U of A.

My point is not that either point of view is correct, my point is that the complaint should be addressed, not just dismissed with an alternate explanation—as it seems too many complaints are at Concordia. This complaint should instead be considered carefully by an impartial source and then—and *only then*—be discarded or acted upon. One would think a senior student of biology would already know this. At least the Science Rep's attempt to explain this complaint away—with an expanded course description of Biology 100—did not include a conclusion based in faulty logic. Anyhow, this student could have a legitimate complaint even if it was not signed, and these six students who spoke out against him/her are not full of integrity for signing their names, but more likely full of themselves.

D. Mac Dougall

P.S. I must admit that the word "themselves" in the last sentence is a poor substitute for the word I had originally chosen.

**"NOTHING IS  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE  
MAN WHO DOESN'T  
HAVE TO DO IT HIM-  
SELF."**

**A.H. WEILER**

## JUST ASK CHRIS

Dear Chris;

I just wanted to thank you for the support and help you gave me last year. You may not remember, but I was the one who wrote about the problem I was having with my oversexed boyfriend. Well the problem is now solved — thanks to you, Lorena Bobbit, and Ginsu, I've learned to take my problems in hand and solve them myself.

**No Longer Frustrated**

Dear No Longer;

**OUCH!!** Perhaps you should be joining Ms. Bobbit for an in depth psychological analysis. And to your boyfriend, I have but one word of advice—**RUN.**

**JUST CHRIS**

Dear Chris;

Did you hear the latest news about Mme. Jean Charest? Apparently she has been sleeping with half of the Progressive Conservative party!!

Since your column always gives me a good laugh, I thought that I should return the favour.

**A Grateful Reader**

Dear Grateful;

Thanks man, I needed that. If anyone else out there has a CLEAN joke to submit please drop it off at the Blue and White office.

**JUST CHRIS**

## A LITTLE POST-CHRISTMAS CHEER

Well... back again. I hope everybody sufficiently gorged themselves with greasy turkey, fatty gravy, and spiked eggnog. I hope you all enjoyed the peak season of induced corporate guilt, "remember, if you didn't spend at least one hundred dollars on each of your loved ones, you don't really love them!" I hope you enjoyed listening to your aunt Agatha's (the one who shows her face to the family once every year) lecture on the importance of family that sticks together, as the smell of alcohol on her breath induces you even closer to a comatose state. I hope you all enjoyed walking out of your house at night only to have your retinas burned out by your neighbour's threatening display of those wonderfully festive Christmas lights. If your neighbours are anything like mine, they receive annual visits from the C.E.O. of Noma Christmas Lights, as they alone have supported his six-million-dollar-per-year lifestyle. What I hope most, however, is that you all opened your hearts a little more and embraced each other, in spite of all the frivolous side effects of the season.

If we look at Christmas for what it is, it is the largest annual celebration of life. On one level, it is

immediately after the winter solstice, thus signifying the idea lightness being victorious over darkness; good over evil. This idea is indicated by the fact that the length of days slowly begins to catch up with that of the nights. For the Christian community, it is the assumed date for the birth of their saviour. Thus, once again, we have the idea of lightness defeating darkness. It is interesting to note that now, we have the rise of darkness in this festive season, as many corporations effectively use it to manipulate our children into using their potential to induce guilt. Notice the large increase in toy advertisements during this season? I pity all the parents who are being victimized by this wrongful use of advertising, as it is leading us to an even more dangerous state of materialism. Isn't it really pathetic that a holiday signifying life, love, and hope has been mutated by the corporations into a disgusting opportunity for them to fulfil their self-serving fantasies of gross over-indulgence?

Anyways, to take a break from my usual ranting and raving, I have taken the liberty of making a few predictions for this lovely year of 1994:

1) The Queen will finally figure out George Bush's real role in Panama, renounce his knighthood, and give him a good spanking.

2) The "anti-political correctness" group will finally admit that they are just as cliché as those supporting political correctness.

3) Madonna will be discovered as Donald Trump's alter-ego. In a subsequent interview, he will be quoted: "I just wanted to see if the business world is really more difficult from a woman's perspective!"

4) The Pro-life organization will begin blowing up Morgantaller clinics and murdering pro-choice supporters. They will be quoted as saying, "We will preserve life, by any means necessary!" (sound familiar!?!?!?)

5) The K.K.K. will be discovered as the managers of "ghetto" rap groups. When asked why, they will respond, "we's juss tryin' ta maintain and perpetuate stereotypes."

6) Burlap sacks will be marketed with great success, and "Monkwear" will become trendy.

Shalom,  
Corey Owen  
(The editors' apologies for the lateness of this article)



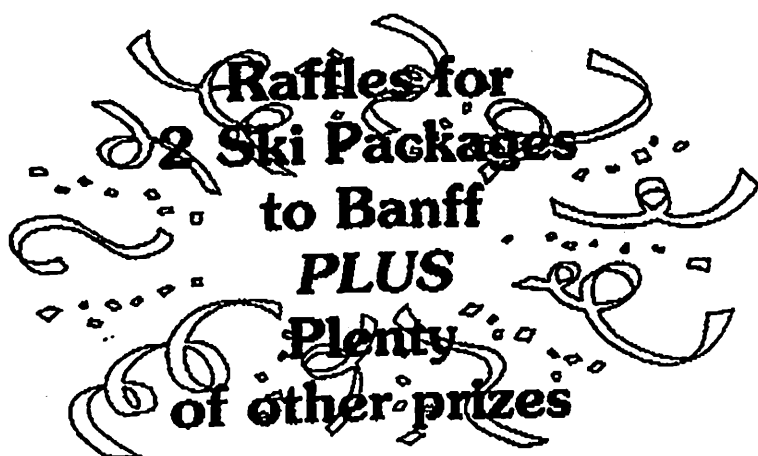
# BEACH BLAST



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## God Shuffled His Feet — CRASH TEST DUMMIES

Once again the Canadian band, CRASH TEST DUMMIES, make their well known sound even more unique with their new album, *God Shuffled His Feet*. I hate to admit it, but for me the CRASH TEST DUMMIES grabbed my attention originally with the infamous "Superman Song". (It still sends shivers down my spine.) However commercial the song might have become, I really liked it, and everytime I sit down to watch "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman", I think of the song. In my opinion, it should have become the theme song for the show. Anyway, as it usually goes, a band has a couple of good hits, you hear them on the radio, but for whatever reason, the cash never seems to make it into the cash register at HMV. When this new album came out, I did not even bother to buy it. It's a good thing for those guys that there are a lot of Canadians out there who are a lot more on the ball than I am.

To get to the point, however, once I did listen to this CD, I thought, "Wow, why didn't I pay more attention to this band in the past and why didn't I actually buy this album or their first one for that matter?" It's like you're lis-

tening, getting into it and then it's over, so you listen to it again. I have yet to get tired of it, ut then again, it's not what I do all day, everyday! I just cannot get enough of Brad Robert's voice. maybe it's a female thing, or maybe this band has a lot of potential. Two hit albums prove the latter to be true. For me, this band captures the essence of the Canadsound, if there even is such a thing.

Of all the songs, "Mmm, mmm, mmm, mmm" is my favorite. The message is straightforward, the song has a couple of great hooks and the lyrics are really easy to sing along with. *God Shuffled His Feet*, like their first album, is diverse in original sounds and style, making it easy to listen to.

If you like the CRASH TEST DUMMIES and enjoyed their first album, this one will not disappoint you. If you're thinking about liking this band, try it. Borrow the album from somebody you know or from me and I'm sure you'll become a fan (then again, maybe not). If this is not your kind of sound, buy the CD and give it to your sister. She'll love you for it .... Brad Robert's voice alone is a great gift.

Cori Huising

the golden ring

chosen lights  
fear and panic  
grip the souls  
as soldiers march in.

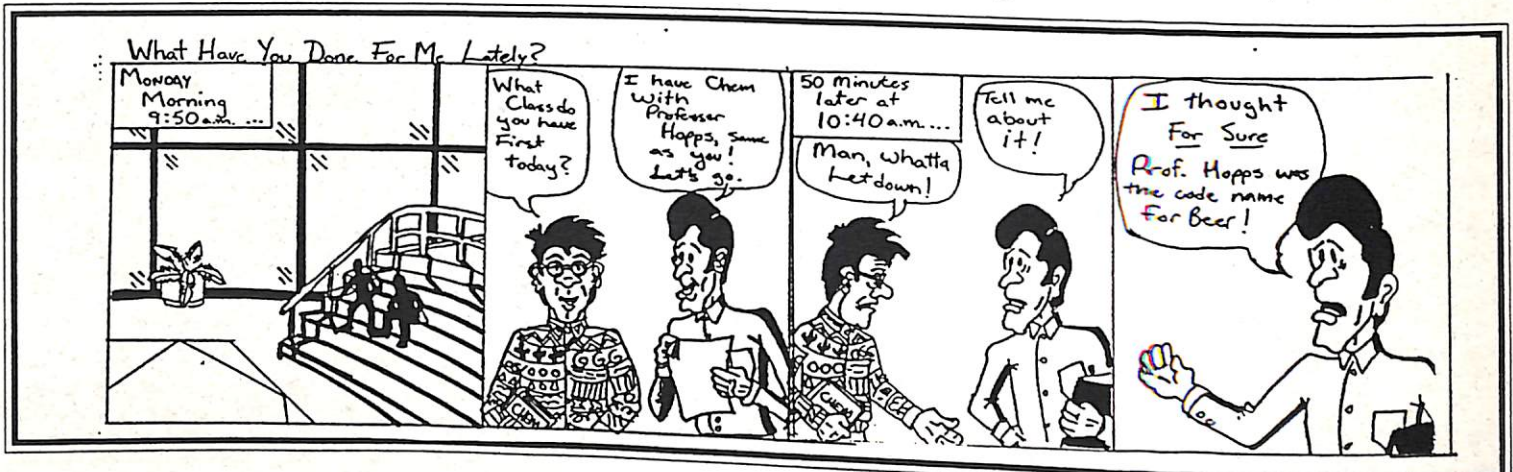
guns in hand  
in the name of the cross  
bent in imperfection.

walls quiver in fear.  
the piano sings in silence.  
the piano sings in death.

silence.  
silence and death.  
the color of love  
flows freely.

if you save one  
life  
you save the world.  
the candle shines forever.

cori huising



# GUERNICA

As I trudged through the windy streets that evening I knew that I was in for a real treat. I was on my way to meet with three of the four musicians who together make up a local band called Guernica (named after a painting by Pablo Picasso, and aptly so, as will be clear momentarily). I was nervous and excited at the same time as I pushed open the glass front door to one of the University's more popular hangouts- the Sugarbowl- and stepped in to a relaxing and somewhat Beat Generation- like cafe where one almost expects to see Jack Kerouac sitting in a quiet corner, drinking whiskey and writing his adventures.

I stood in the doorway and looked around. Ahead of me sat the three that I had been looking for- Chi Lee, Jens Kage and Josh Dallman. They were at a small table enjoying their favorite pastime (when they are not on stage around town), drinking coffee and smoking the 555s that Chi gets from somewhere in Chinatown. I greeted them as I sat down and the chat began...

I knew some of Guernica's background already. The band is relatively new on the local scene in our fair city, begun just over a year ago by Chi on vocals and Josh Dallman on guitar, later joined by Jens on drums and followed up by Josh Stevenson on bass. Although it has only been a short time for these four as a group, including the months that Jens was in Germany, the band has acquired a loyal and exuberant following (myself included).

There are two reasons for this small measure of success that Guernica has

enjoyed thus far, the first being the attitude that the band exudes both on stage and off, and secondly, that Guernica offers an interesting alternative to grating power chords and lyrics lost in mumbles that many bands on the local scene seem to be putting forth these days.

Guernica cites as their biggest influences The Charletons and The Jesus and Mary Chain, and yet the band insists that they do not try to sound like any band, past or present, that have been on the Manchester scene. To some measure Guernica is right- Chi's reflective and moody lyrics mixed with Josh D.'s eerie guitar will remind one somewhat of Blur meets Jane's Addiction (believe it or not).

Musically, Guernica is a mixed group. Chi as lead vocals and lyricist has had no formal music or voice training, but cites as his motivation his experiences as he moves throughout life and the performance aspect of his job. Josh Dallman is self-trained and has been playing for about four years. Jens has taken formal lessons, has been a member of the Junior Symphony of Cologne, Germany and has also been involved in two other bands in Germany. Josh Stevens is also self-trained and has been playing for a number of years also.

I asked the band their thoughts on their music and what made them different from any other band that one could see on any given night of the week in the clubs and gig spots around Edmonton, and immediately the three smiled. Chi ex-

plained that their music is a expression of who they are and what they want to be, lyrics are written from the heart and the music comes from within-very simple and if you do not happen to like it that is not going to change their style or the messages that they bring. As for their future, Guernica makes no bones about it. "We want to be famous and play for the rest of our lives," was the response. This band has a sincere desire to bring their music to the forefront and though they may seem a little hard to reach at first, Guernica insists that their hearts will always be bigger than their egos. Now, back to the point that was made earlier, the name Guernica definitely suits the band- their music is innovative, a little different, but worth the trouble of finding the real thing- Pablo Picasso would have been proud, I think.

Currently Guernica is making a demo tape that will include eight of their best songs, including "Orangethrope" and "Candystore" (my personal favorites), and will be pounding the streets of Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Toronto in Canada, as well as in England and Germany. Sorry those of you who have now become part of the expanding group of Guernica fans, no gigs in sight for the rest of January, but look for Guernica around town in mid- to- late February.

"We're Guernica, we're here to treat, where that treat is...Orangethrope..."

Jen Wilson

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## COMMON COURTESY -- THE OXYMORON OF THE 90'S

One morning as I vainly searched Concordia's parking lot for a space, I counted 22 cars parked in more than one spot. As far as I am concerned anyone who does this should be ticketed as they have only paid for one stall. It does not take that much time to align your vehicle so that as many cars as possible can park on the lot. It was about -26 that day with a wind-chill of at least -150 or so it felt to me as I trudged through the open prairie along the football field. (Somehow that field is much more appealing during training season than in the middle of January!) Then, in order to get into the building, I had to push my way through a crowd of obnoxious students who insisted on huddling together right in the doorway!! Having finally made it to my locker, a high-school student (who shall remain nameless) slammed his locker door into my arm. He then sauntered off without uttering a word. It was now 9:12 am and my day was going sooooo well.

By 12:00, thawed-out and calmed down, I headed to the cafeteria for lunch. Once there, I witnessed yet another example of rude behavior. Actually, I noticed several, but for the sake of space I

will only comment on one. Many students were studying, playing cards or visiting with one another at the tables in the cafeteria. Normally this does not bother anyone, but there were several people who had purchased their lunches and were forced to eat standing up as there was no room to sit anywhere. One student asked some card-players if she could sit down to eat her lunch and they flatly (and impolitely) refused.

My point in describing these events is not just to whine about my day, it is also to disclose a disturbing truth...courtesy is rapidly becoming extinct; not just at Concordia, but everywhere. It is not just a phase that high school or college students are going through. This tendency towards "me first and to heck with anyone else" thinking is evident in people of all ages. I see it in my child's elementary school and in the adults in my neighborhood. Rodney Dangerfield's famous quote of "I don't get no respect", has, in this decade become all encompassing—no one and nothing seems to get any respect.

It is a sad fact that in today's society we are always a little bit surprised by gestures that should be common place; such as holding a door open for someone who is

coming in behind you. This simple act does not require any time or talent, and yet it is rarely performed. Sometimes in our crowded halls it is very difficult not to bump into other people. Yet you rarely hear anyone say "excuse-me". When you walk into class after a lecture has already started, or if, like me, you walk into the wrong class, how much time does it take to apologize for the disruption?

The next time you park your car, or stand in a doorway, or walk down a hall, try to pay more attention to what is going on around you. Become more "other" aware. Being courteous is not hard; it just takes practice.

**Connie Roy**  
Assistant Editor

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## **NATIVE AWARENESS DAY**

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On January 21, 1994 the Highlands campus UCEP class held its annual Native Awareness Day. The UCEP class was very enthusiastic about this event as it is an opportunity for Native students to educate and help other Canadians understand and become more aware of Native issues, experiences, and culture. Canada's native peoples have always had a tradition of sharing and giving. This was very evident in the fact that every UCEP student played a role in helping make this event a success.

In the traditional manner of Native respect for the Creator, the event began with an opening prayer offered by the respected and always sought after Dave LaSuisse. A sweet grass ceremony was also conducted. At 10:00 am Concordia student James Boucher performed a traditional opening honour song. James' traditional singing and drumming was a delightful new experience for some students who had never witnessed a First nations performance like this.

After the opening ceremonies Rhonda Lapatac and Eddie Kolausok, who both shared the Master of Ceremonies duties, began to introduce guest speakers and native artists. The first speaker was Bob Maracle from the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program. Mr. Maracle spoke passionately about the need for healing in the native community. He stressed the fact that all people need to work together in order to make our society a better place for all. Mr. Maracle's words were well received by all students and participants. The next speaker was Edmonton Eskimo Grey Cup Champion Jed Roberts. Jed is a Soix Indian who overcame a hearing impairment and continued on to complete his education. Later, he became a professional football player. Mr. Roberts spoke about the importance of carrying through with goals and was very particular about the paramount importance of education. Following Mr. Roberts was another Edmonton Eskimo, Mr. David Ward. David Ward, the first Inuit lawyer in Canada, former Edmonton Eskimo, a golden gloves boxing champion (both in the U.S. and Canada), writer, poet, former city alderman, and radio personality, gave a very informative talk about what success is. Mr. Ward stated that success is not measured in dollars, but in human hearts where sharing and community values are cardinal virtues. His talk was well received. Michael Merrier, an instructor with the Catholic Separate School Board and a councilor who works out of Ben Calf Robe School, also spoke on the importance of education and a need to cooperate for the betterment of all in today's society.

The speakers were very informative and we would like to thank them for sharing their invaluable information with us on behalf of all students and staff at Concordia College. Each speaker was given a blanket as a gift for sharing with us. Other participants in the Awareness day were Stephane Wuttunne and Pat Piche. Stephane is a writer, artist, and outdoor enthusiast Pat Piche is a well-known native fashion designer. These artists displayed their fine works and were available to speak with interested students all day.

In addition to entertainers; bannock, as well as tea and coffee was made available for both participants and students. Traditional stew and other home-made delicacies were also enjoyed by guests, elders, and students. Sheri Canton, a shy but inspirational UCEP student, stepped out to deliver a wonderful poem during the event. As in past events, traditional native dancers closed the Native Awareness day celebration with a colorful musical expression of life and the continuing spirit of native sharing. Thank you all who made this event the wonderful success it was.

**Lorrane Hoffman & Rhonda Lapatac (UCEP 1 President & Secretary)**

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# SELF-ESTEEM IN RELATIONSHIPS

## DR. COLLEEN HAMMERMASTER COUNCILLING PSYCHOLOGIST

*Carol\* had been going out with Kevin\* for two years. The first few months were great. Kevin sent her romantic little cards, and would tell her she was beautiful. But eight months later things changed. Kevin would promise to call Carol Saturday night, but instead would go out with his friends. He criticized her appearance and even ogled other women when they were out together. The harder Carol tried to make things work, the less effort Kevin put into the relationship. He even had the nerve to say she'd be lucky to find someone else who would go out with her. Carol's friends urged her to dump him, but Carol felt that she couldn't go on without him. She blamed herself for the problems in the relationship and thought that if she was more attractive, Kevin would be more interested....she was wrong.*  
(\*not actual people)

Many people, at some time in their life, have experienced an "unhealthy" relationship. You meet someone, think they are everything you've ever dreamed of in a partner, and a few months later realize that the prince/princess you thought you'd found is really a frog. Finding yourself in a relationship that is less than you'd hoped for is not so perplexing, however staying in that relationship is.

So, why do people such as Carol, stay in dysfunctional relationships? Why do they allow themselves to be mistreated by someone else?

The answer relates to the

issue of self-esteem or the awareness of yourself as a worthy, valuable and lovable human being. Positive self-esteem comes from the knowledge that happiness and security are found within oneself, rather than achieved through another. A person with strong self-worth recognizes that you need not be in a romantic relationship to validate your value. You are truly a "whole" person whether you are in a relationship or not. If you respect yourself and find life fulfilling, then your love for others can only enhance your life - and theirs. However, having a partner doesn't prove that you are lovable - we were each created to be lovable, and because of that we are.

The problem develops when you base your self-worth on being in a relationship rather than on the uniqueness of yourself. Many people fall into the trap of looking for a relationship to make them happy, complete or fulfilled. I have counselled many women (and yes, some men) who feel they cannot be happy without being in a relationship. They stay with someone who is not good to them because they feel they don't deserve more. "A bad relationship is better than no relationship at all," according to some women. In other cases they feel a need a man to make them feel like a woman.

Low self-esteem not only keeps you in an unhealthy relationship, it also

changes the nature of the relationship. When you have low self-esteem you reject yourself as worthy, and in turn expect others to reject you as well. To avoid this rejection from your partner, you try to be the perfect mate. You become everything your partner may want or need: the most nurturing, the most attractive, the sexiest, and the most generous person in the world. However, in this process of trying to be everything for your partner you risk losing your own person. If your partner is the right one for you, he/she will be attracted to you for who you really are, not to some impossible ideal of how you think you should be.

Too often people remain in unhealthy relationships to avoid being lonely. The paradox is that there is no lonelier place than an unhappy relationship. Happiness and self-esteem don't come from your partner or your relationship, but from your ability to love yourself for who you are, including all your strengths and weaknesses. In fact, learning to love and appreciate yourself is a prerequisite to getting close to others.

If you are in a relationship, you deserve to be treated with love, honesty, and respect. You don't deserve anything less. You also have the right to leave a relationship that isn't based on love, honesty, and respect. You're worth it!

## EDMONTON - AN OPEN DOOR TO INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR CONCORDIA COLLEGE STUDENTS

Concordia students live in an information-rich environment. Our largest resource library, at the University of Alberta, is second only to the University of Toronto in size in Canada. Edmonton is the headquarters of most provincial government departments which house specialized libraries, including Alberta Environmental Protection, and Alberta Family and Social Services. There are also a number of other libraries within Edmonton which can be important resources for students, for example: the Alberta Teachers' Association Library, and the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

Each library has its own organization and procedures. Many of these libraries run unique automation systems, use complex indexing, have ancillary collections and special services. As well as the complexity of the whole library organization, many of these libraries are changing - moving to new facilities, such as Alberta Environmental Protection did in January, or reducing staff or changing services.

Although students are welcome at most of these institutions, it is important to recognize that we are secondary users. Each library has a paramount

responsibility to its parent organization. Assistance available to our students will depend upon their rules, resources available and, to some extent, the manner in which we approach them for help.

Your library at Concordia College can provide advance information about many of these libraries, including their hours, staff, special services, and sometimes their rules and protocols. You can also prepare for a positive response by having a well-prepared research topic. Upon arrival, introduce yourself to the reference librarian. Try to be direct, describing exactly what information you seek. Give yourself enough time to ask a good question and listen to the response. Read their library brochure. Use the library signage to find the periodical section, photocopiers, and washrooms. Remember that you are a visitor, and their primary purpose is to provide services to their own clients first. Above all else, remember that you represent Concordia college and your preparation, approach and courtesy will reflect on your institution as well as on yourself.

Margaret Russel  
Associate Head  
Librarian  
Public Services

### February Library Hours

Family Day and Reading Week result in several changes in library hours in February.

The library will close for 3 days at 4:30 on Friday, February 18 and will reopen on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:45 a.m.

During Reading Week, the Library will be Closed Evenings:

Tuesday, February 22 -  
Friday, February 25 - 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (4:30 on Fri.).

The library will be open the first weekend after reading week, Feb. 26-27. Evening hours resume on Monday, Feb. 28

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# STUDENTS SPEAK OUT ABOUT THE LIBRARY

1. A student expressed concern that the chairs in the study hall are too crowded.

**Response:** Space is definitely at a premium in the library. New building plans will add more than 90 seats by the Fall of 1995. In the meantime, we are doing the best we can.

2. A dorm student requested that periodicals be available for loan.

**Response:** Three day loans for periodicals were resumed. The current issue is not available for loan. Thanks for the suggestion.

3. A group study area was requested in the periodicals section.

**Response:** We simply don't have the space to accommodate group studying. The Tegler Centre or the cafeteria are more appropriate venues for students who need to study together.

4. A copy-card system was requested for the microfiche copiers.

**Response:** What a great idea. We are pricing this out and will report in a future issue.

5. A number of students requested that we "up-

grade the card catalogue computer. They also said they would appreciate "not having to sign our name on the card - too time consuming".

**Response:** We have plans to automate the library catalogue, and are already creating machine-readable records in our Technical Services Office. 30,000 records are on file to date.

6. One student requested more books on "women's studies".

**Response:** We are working on this. Recommendations of books to be considered for purchase are always welcome.

7. "Get more U of A library cards".

**Response:** The University of Alberta established a new policy to limit the number of cards available to external institutions. Our cards were reduced from 15 to 5.

8. Where is the Edmonton Journal? Some kind of signout system is needed to keep it with the photocopiers and magazines so it is easier to find.

**Response:** We have added a sign to the shelf asking students to return it to the shelves promptly.

## LIBRARIES ON THE MOVE - ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

On January 28, the Alberta Environmental Protection library opened at a new location at **9920 - 108 Street**. It is now located on the 6th Floor of the Bramalea Building. The reference phone number remains unchanged at **427-5870**.

## ENVIRO-THOUGHT...

Did you know that deforestation is occurring at a faster rate in British Columbia than the tropical forests of Brazil or Indonesia? Believe it!! The Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir, Western Hemlock, and Red-Cedar trees are practically being liquidated! According to Denniston's (1993) article, clear-cuts are restricted to no more than 16 hectares in the United States, whereas in B.C., they typically range between 30 and 300 hectares! So, become an informed Canadian and read pages 9 and 34 from Derek Denniston's article, "The Temperate Rainforest: Canada's Clear-Cut secret". Believe it or not, this two-page article can be found in our library in World Watch (1993) Vol.6, No.4 July-August issue. So, if a tree falls in the forest, what sound do you think it makes?  
**Enviro-Mo (Science rep.)**

# SNOW JAZZ '94

Our culture is infiltrated by our media, our government, and our culture. Every facet of life is another reflection of the wide spectrum of senses that our society has to offer. On Monday, January 31, 1994, Concordia students revealed their dependence on one of our Western culture's finest commentaries, Calvin and Hobbes. The story of a boy and his stuffed tiger, and their passion for creating disturbed images in the snow is gleefully present in four sculptures that grace the hallowed entryway to Concordia College.

The gruesome death scream of a decapitated, bloody snowman almost echoes off of the cold brick of Schwerman hall, and the fierce maw of a snow dragon has instilled fear into heads and hearts

alike. Congratulations to all the teams present on their fine work and creativity.

This event is the first in a three event festival called Snow Jazz that was put on by Cori Huising, the On Campus Coordinator of the Concordia College Student Association. We found something to do with the tonnes of snow that God has decided to give to us. There are four teams of six people each that are entered into the events: The Dragons, A Six Pack of Sympathy, Alpha Q, and the infamous Theologians by Night (and a couple of innocent bystanders). Yes, the Theologians have revealed themselves at long last. The first event was, of course, the snow sculptures, which is to be followed by snowball fights on Wednesday, and Horizontal Bungee Jumping on Friday. Also,

for those interested, Bungee jumping will be open to all students after the event is finished. Another fine service provided by the ever-fresh smelling Student Association.

This whole event will round itself off nicely on Saturday evening at Beach Blast II, which is at 7:30 at the Golden Garter in the Northlands complex (insert dance ad here), and is open to all students of Concordia and Grant MacEwan. There will be live music and a DJ. Tix are 5\$, and it will be even better than the last blast. At the Beach Blast, winners will be announced, and prizes will be handed out. First prize will be \$200, second prize is \$150, and third prize is \$100. All the contestants get T-shirts, and free tickets to the Beach Blast. Dress warm on Wednesday and check out the action Friday for the last two events.

Trevor May, On  
Campus Reporter

**THE BLUE & WHITE PROVIDES ALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED. IF YOU HAVE SEEN A MOVIE LATELY OR LISTENED TO A NEW CD, OR IF ITS SPORTS THAT INTEREST YOU, DROP US A LINE TELLING US WHAT YOU THOUGHT AND WE'LL LET EVERYONE KNOW.**

# The Guided Tour

Hello I am the Tour Guide. Welcome to the tour. Today I tell the tale of Noah's Sleigh.

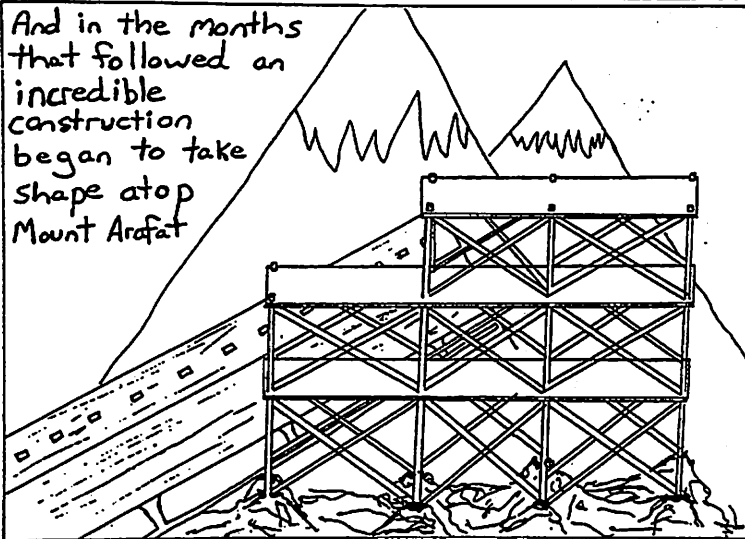


We well know (through the bible) that Noah was 600 years old when God flooded the earth, but when Noah was 300 years old something different happened.

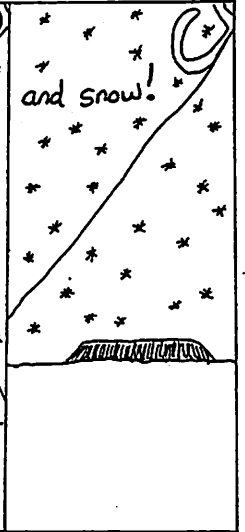


Noah!  
I want you to build a sleigh!

And in the months that followed an incredible construction began to take shape atop Mount Arafat



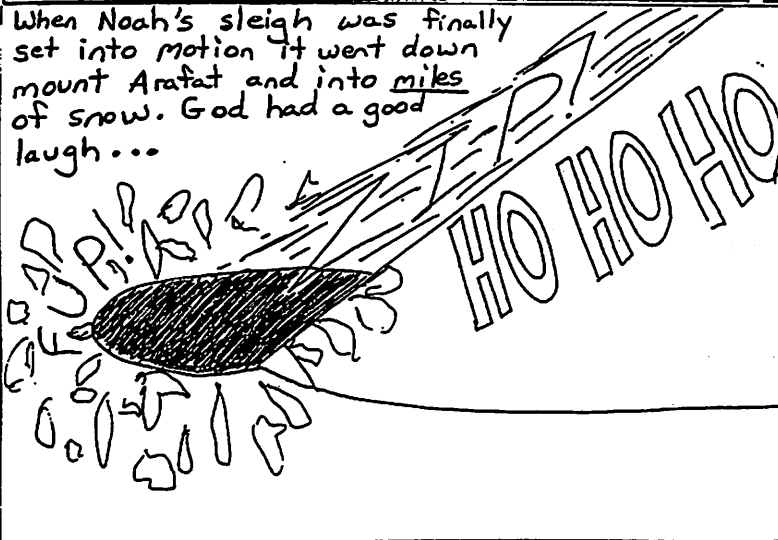
People laughed at Noah until it began to snow...



...and snow

and snow!

When Noah's sleigh was finally set into motion it went down mount Arafat and into miles of snow. God had a good laugh...



Thus we see the beginnings of two age old traditions. Such is the nature of the tour. I would like to wish you all the best for the holiday season... and please don't drink and drive!



# SPORTS

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Concordia College Women's Basketball Team will be playing in the Northern Alberta Bible College Invitational Tournament this upcoming weekend of February 4-5, 1993. The team has always enjoyed tournaments more because they get to play different teams who are at their age level and matched to their skills. It also gives them a chance to get out of the division and play other teams from around Edmonton. Cindy, who plays the forward position, says that the team has two new players and in the upcoming tournament at NABC, "we are looking forward to using our new press breaks and offensive plays." She adds that one of these new plays involves quick passes and driving down the court. I have seen a similar sounding play from last February's tournament and it is actually very impressive. I know it sounds boring here and like in any sport, you have to see it to believe it. The team undoubtedly is still polishing up as the NABC tournament approaches. For those who follow Women's Basketball, it is a known fact that the Ladies usually do very well in tournaments like last year's, one of which they finished first in. Cindy continues that "this one in particular will be a challenge because in our last game, we lacked team essence - we weren't playing as a team." The team last week lost to a divisional opponent by twenty points, two weeks after they beat them by twenty points. "Overall, our team spirit is great. Everyone gets along very well. Hopefully, we can keep our skills and our attitude and gain a medal (in the tournament)." With the adding of two new players, the Ladies team is beginning to gel and looks to make a run for the play-offs.

A DieHard 49ers Fan

## THUNDER ACTION

Now for a hockey update: On Friday, January 21 the Thunder played SAIT and they won 6-3. Congratulations guys! Mike Marshall scored two goals, and the others were scored by Mike Tavaroli, Corey Danyluk, Brent Gitzel, and Frank Esposito. On Saturday, the 22nd, the Thunder lost 7-3 to SAIT. The Thunder and SAIT had a brawl and the Thunder team "won" the fight, right Mike and Wade? On the 27th of January Augustana was here and they played at the Agricom. Concordia lost a close game in overtime, 4-3. Then Concordia played Augustana again on Saturday the 28th. They lost 6-3 after an early lead in the first period. Coming up, the Thunder are in Mount Royal (Feb 5 and 6). Good luck guys!

Regarding the games at the Agricom, prizes are given away every game, and 'refreshments' are served at the concession. The hockey season is almost over so take the opportunity to check out a game. If you don't know who's on the team, see the very flattering photos on the board by the glass lounge.

SARAH HOLLAND