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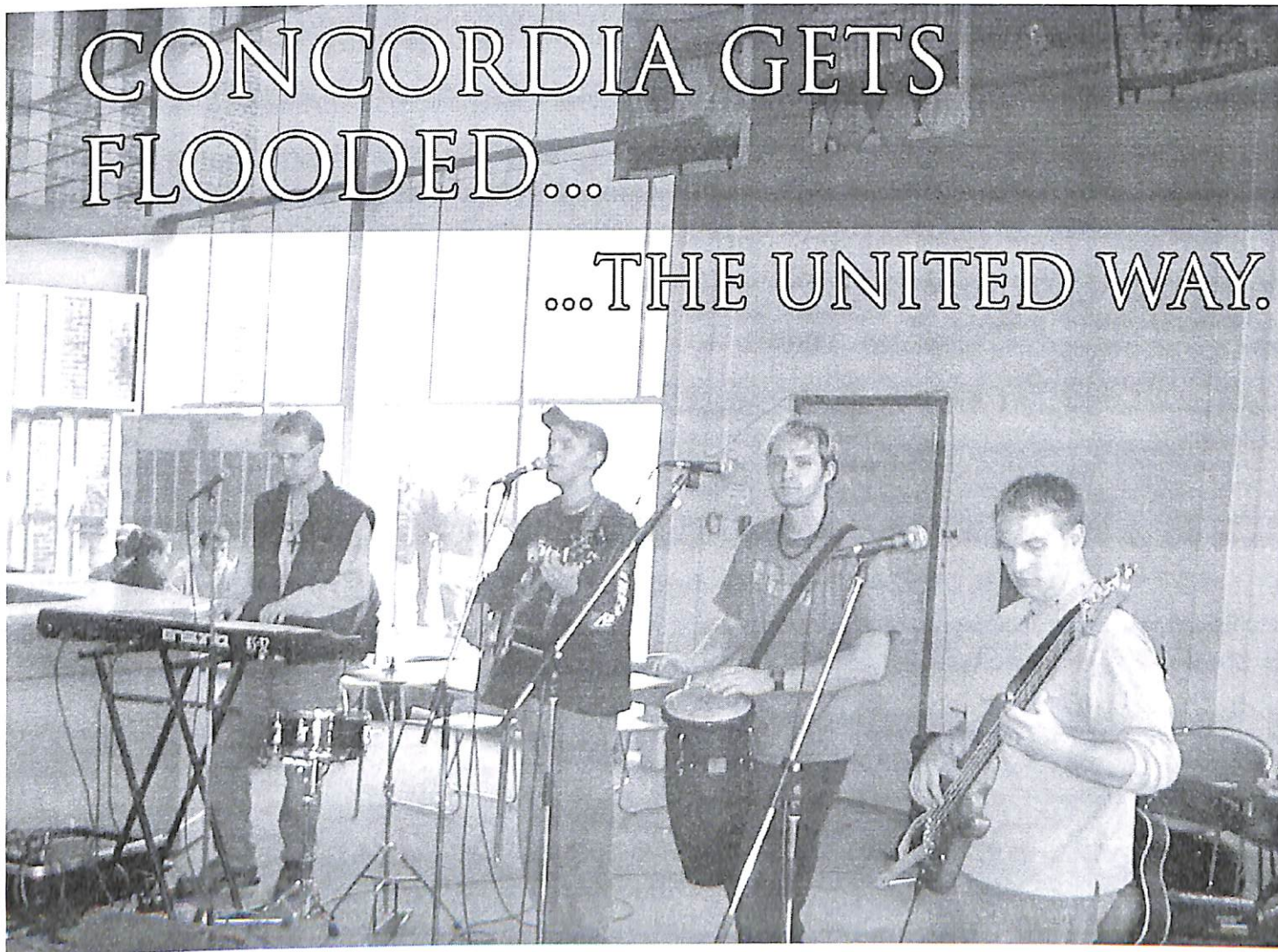
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# On Campus In Action

By Peggy Rose, VP Internal



Well, another two weeks have passed and I am now busy trying to complete the many things I have started. To begin with, Halloween did not go as well as planned. I had so many events to do, but no volunteers to help do them. Everyone was busy with classes etc.. I have learned one BIG lesson from this day - one person can not do everything. I can try to convince myself as such, but it is just not possible. However, there were some really awesome costumes, and I wanted to thank everyone that dressed up, bought burgers, and had a good time.

SO, on that note, **I NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** I have so many events coming up this month, and I can not do them all alone.

First and foremost, there will be a clothing and food drive from November 13 to November 30. Please help out and donate non-perishable food items, and new or gently used items of clothing. The food will be donated directly to

the Food Bank, and the clothing is going to group homes within Edmonton. This is a great cause, and it takes very little effort to get involved.

Next, I will be having a big day on November 23. First, we will be having the blood donor clinic during the day. We will also be selling AIDS ribbons by donation in upper Tegner with proceeds going towards the Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources and Education (icare). I will need **six or seven volunteers** for this day to be successful. In the evening of this day, there will be a concert in Tegner at 7pm featuring Carla Rugg and Her Disciples. It will be \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, and \$3.00 for children with proceeds going to icare.

AND

On that same night, the wonderful students at BAS (NAIT Business Administration Society) have agreed to open the doors to their hangar party to us. 50% of the sale of tickets out of Concordia will go directly to icare. I have had a meeting with their council, and they are only releasing a limited number of tickets to us, so, for **FIVE BUCKS** you get: cheap drinks (and I mean very cheap), a



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hangar party with a 60s, 70s, and 80s theme, and a whole lot of new friends. They are expecting to sell 700-1000 tickets, so you do not want to miss this party!!

On November 30 is our Christmas Formal. As soon as tickets are printed, you will be able to purchase them through the Blue & White editors, any other CSA member, or myself. They are \$20 each, but you should get them while you can because they sell out fast. This is Concordia's biggest event of the year. Formal dresses, suits and ties, and great atmosphere. It will be at The Sheraton, which means that you can always rent a room for a hotel gathering after the event. This is an event that you don't

want to miss.

Thursday November 8 will be a coffee house in Tegner at 7:30. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people and to just relax and chat. For more info.. contact

Jason Byer in the CSA. Again, PLEASE contact me about volunteering. I need all the help I can get. Even just an hour or two during an event will make a world of difference on campus.



# A Moment of Prayer

This is an article written for you to be able to take a moment and reflect. Any requests, thoughts, prayers, or reflections can be submitted in the *Line by Lines* box by the CSA offices. Simply mark your submission "Moment of Prayer".

This week's column is provided to reflect on the issues developing worldwide. Please open your hearts and minds as you read this week's contributions.

## Reading

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

(1 John 4:7-11)

## Prayer

I remind myself that, as I am here now, God is gazing on me with love and holding me in being.

*Dear God, please bless the families around the world that have lost loved ones. Please let me be understanding of others and to provide a strong example of respect and love to those surrounding me. I pray to you now, God, that you keep the children of this world close to you, and let our leaders be strong and righteous.*

*I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## WE WANT YOU!!!

Are you a professor with a story you'd like to share?

*Or...*

Are you a professor who wants a page of Blue and White devoted to you?

## THEN WE WANT YOU!!!

Are you a student who would like to know more about your favorite professor?

*Or...*

Do you have any suggestions who should NOT be the in the next Professor Profile?

## WE WANT TO KNOW!

Send your suggestions to [Kessie at freaked@disinfo.net](mailto:Kessie@freaked@disinfo.net)

# Presidents Message



I'm glad that I came back to Concordia this year. For those of you who are returning students you must know that I'm talking about. It's usually around reading week that you have to decide what you will be doing the following September. I

know that you are advised to decide by Christmas, but the past two years it has been a lingering challenge for me. I have been lucky enough to have been one of the people involved in positive changes in Concordia in the past three years. Each year there seem to have been different concerns. Some that we have been able to address are:

- Being able to play a role in the physical plan for Concordia.
- Representing the student body
- Helping students find spiritual, educational, and emotional guidance.
- Being able to make a difference without being an activist.
- Having a motivated group of people to work with.
- Listening to student concerns

- Planning student activities for various groups.

I continue to hear many positive things about life at this school. This has been a very enjoyable year for me and I take great pleasure in working with all of you. I am in my office on Mondays from 2:00 – 3:00 and Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30. I would be happy to meet with any of you even if it's just for a coffee and a laugh.

*Sarah Hoffman, President  
Concordia Students' Association*

- Are you finding there's not enough time the day to do all you have to do?
- Are you frustrated because you're not meeting your academic expectations?
- Is procrastination becoming a problem?
- Are you feeling irritable, anxious, or tired more often than usual?

Come and find out about

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# Professor Profile

By Kessie

Hans-Dieter Jakobs, Concordia's German professor immigrated to Canada twice. He was 13 when his family first came to St. Albert from the German town of Saarbrücken, which lies near the French border. His parents wanted to be close to his older sister who had married a Canadian, but they had to return home and try again the next year. His father was retired and the family settled in time for Jakobs to begin his teen years in a new country. Culture shock was the main adjustment for him to make in his studies. He had knowledge of French, Latin and Spanish but he had no English skills and, of course,

was forced to be immersed into an English school system. This daunting task didn't deter Jakobs from being an excellent all-round student. At St. Albert High he was an outstanding student, with first-class grades, while participating in several clubs and being a winning track and field athlete. He still holds several track records at the high school (they were set in the 1960's)! But like so many students before and after, he found himself growing restless in his senior year. He wanted to explore the world and face other, more exciting challenges. To satisfy his sense of adventure, Jakobs and a friend set off for

## Hans-Dieter Jakobs

Europe. They traveled at their own leisure, exploring England, France and Germany. When he ran out of money in Germany, Jakobs found himself using his English as he worked for the British Troop Supply.

Eventually, when he found himself back in Canada, it was time to get on with life and for Jakobs, this meant University. He got his PhD in literature in 1977 and began teaching a few classes at the U of A. At that time, it was hard to find a permanent position within the university and he found a position open at Concordia College. Although he preferred to teach literature and theory, he soon found a love for

teaching his native language. It was during his first year at Concordia, in 1988, when he met his wife (an older student). They were married that summer and now have two daughters.

Jakobs enjoys teaching, it keeps him young and he is able to watch the maturing process throughout the year. He prides himself on keeping a good rapport with his students and still looks forward to going to his classes. Throughout the years he has noticed a change in the Concordia students. He finds that now students are very goal-oriented and more focused on school as a means to get a job, where each course is a step closer to

that goal. Before, he says that the emphasis was more about getting an education. He also finds that Concordia now has friendlier, more approachable students.

His favorite memories of Concordia include meeting his wife and handing out scholarships and awards to students (he serves on the school's Admission and Scholarship Committee). Dr. Jakobs is an avid coin collector and studies the history of coins. He also enjoys spending time with his family and his sister's family going on walks, outings, and to the movies. He is a sports fan and like so many who live in Canada, he is a big fan of hockey.

# Quick Tips on Revising Your Essay

By Rachel Prusko, B.A., M.A and Kim Sawada, B.A., M.A.

It's fall the fall season already, and for many university students, that means essays. Taking English? Philosophy? History? Chances are you have a paper due right away. Maybe you've already finished a draft and you're eager to be rid of it. But before you hand it in, ask yourself if it's in the kind of shape your professor will appreciate. No matter how great your ideas are, they can be lost on your reader if your writing isn't clear and polished. If you want your ideas to receive the attention they deserve, you need to give your essay a thorough final edit.

At To The Point Writing Consultants, we always see the same kinds of errors. That's why, in order to give you a hand improving your own work, we've put together a few of the most common writing problems we encounter every day. Use this list to jump-start your revisions.

1. *Be concise: use shorter sentences and get rid of redundant words*

If you look closely at your writing, you will likely find that it's filled with words that add nothing to what you're trying to express. In fact, excess words and long, complex sentences can distract readers and leave them struggling to understand your meaning.

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# Quick Tips on Revising Your Essay

Look for nouns and verbs that could be cut from your text.

- *the field of literary studies* = *literary studies*

· Look for wordy prepositions that could be simplified.

- *in regards to* = *on, about*

· Look for weak modifiers that could be cut from your text without changing its meaning.

- *overall, pretty, necessarily*

- Use strong verbs rather than weak ones.

Verbs like *is, has, and make* weaken your writing, and often carry unneeded prepositional phrases and long, abstract nouns or adjectives. For example:

**Wordy:** The students *made very slow progress* on their project.

**Concise:** The students *progressed slowly* on their project.

- Try breaking a long sentence into two or more sentences in order to make it easier for your reader to grasp your meaning.

- *The essay, while it suggested various good ideas, would have been more effective had it been better organized, and the student would have received a higher grade, and would not have felt discouraged.* = *The essay, while it suggested various good ideas, would have been more effective had it been better organized. The student would then have received a higher, more encouraging grade.*

## 1. Choose better words

To strengthen your writing, choose short words rather than long ones, and specific words rather than general ones.

- *accomplish* = *do*

- *facilitate* = *help*

- *utilization* = *use*

## 1. Grammar: watch for these common errors

Here are a few of the grammatical errors we see most often. There's a good chance you'll spot some of them in your own writing if you look carefully.

### a) comma splices

A comma splice occurs when two independent clauses are joined with a comma.

- *The leaves are beginning to fall, school will begin soon.*

- You can fix this error by separating the

clauses into two sentences: *The leaves are beginning to fall. School will begin soon.* You can also join the independent clauses using a semicolon: *The leaves are beginning to fall; school will begin soon.* You could also try using a comma and a coordinating conjunction: *The leaves are beginning to fall, and school will begin soon.*

### a) dangling participles

Danglers often occur in a sentence with an introductory word, phrase, or clause. To recognize

a dangler, check whether the introductory matter applies to whatever immediately follows it.

- *Walking in the country, the heavy rain drenched us.* This sentence tells us that *the heavy rain* is walking in the country. It should be changed to: *While walking in the country, we were drenched by the heavy rain.*

### a) vague pronoun references

We've all been caught making this mistake now and then. Watch closely for this problem; it can really confuse your readers.

- *When John and his boss met for lunch, he didn't feel that the discussion went smoothly.* Does *he* refer to John or his boss? Try: *When John and his boss met for lunch, John didn't feel that the discussion went smoothly.*

### a) the passive voice

In most cases, changing from the passive to the active voice will strengthen your writing, since the active voice is shorter and more direct. If the subject acts, the voice is active. If the subject is acted on, the voice is passive.

- *The book was written by me* (passive). = *I wrote the book* (active).

- And there you have it—some quick ways to start improving your writing! Of course, there are other factors to consider, but these few points should help you avoid some of the most common writing errors. You'll probably find that once you rid your work of these distracting mistakes, you and your reader will be able to pay closer attention to content.

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# At The End of The Day

By Heather Taylor

Finishing school, I'm left trying to hold onto everything I believe in. Love—love is found in the darkness, from the sweat of bodies in between sleep and wake. My job would be without sacrifice—no extra long hours unless I wanted to and I would love every minute of it. I'd get married eventually but before I was forty so I didn't have to worry about having Down Syndrome babies and in the end I'll have lived a full life and I will die.

Now. Now that I'm here (wherever that is...) I don't know where I stand. Finishing school with the dreaded Arts diploma and the thought—an actor.  
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I gotta choose something... What will it be? Which is the right one? Have I wasted my whole life for this?

The choices that I make in this vacuum I call the "After School Void," or ASV for short, may be important ones in my life. Right now they feel like the most important. I'm getting old...don't laugh. I may be 24 but it feels like a millennium has past since I left high school, that place where I knew what I wanted. Now I feel further away from a focus than I've ever

had up to this point. It's like I woke up one morning and didn't know if the path I was on was one that I wanted to be on. Have I just convinced myself to be here because I thought it was good for me? Or that I'd show Mrs. Funk my forth grade teacher that I was worth something? Or did I merely convince myself that this was my only happiness?

Taking a step back, I stand on a ledge scrambling to stay balanced, not wanting to fall. What is out there beyond my limitations? What is the point of even asking these questions?

Well elementary my dear...Watson—if I'm going to stick to something, it might as well be cliché. I would say that 80% of the people I know who are finishing their higher education have suddenly started to question their choices.

The other 20% just don't realize it yet. So why shouldn't I have questions? It's only natural. Yet in the same breath I feel like it's wrong. Years of societal brain washing at it's best. Let's take a look at an example, shall we?

There's this guy. Let's call him Billy. Like Billy the Kid. So Billy the Kid has been fighting tooth and nail to stay at the top of his class. He will be the

next social-economic giant. Keep on polishin' that glass ceiling cause this kid is burstin' right through. Six months left till the end, at that point where you can taste success coming and the kid doesn't want to be called William. What? But that's your name. That's what you become. Billy becomes William, you get a diploma and you get a real job. There will be responsibility, there will be only 2 weeks of vacation per year, there will be mistakes, there will be triumphs, there will be sadness, there will be an end—if Billy lets it. Of course he could make another choice. And live out a different deck of cards.

It all boils down to security and freedom. How important are they? What do they ultimately mean to you? Justice and happiness are nice thoughts but...well...look at the world right now with its terrorist threats and anthrax fears. Everything is about security and freedom. Who's taking it, how we get more, why aren't we doing more about it. Fair enough. It just goes to show you where our priorities lie. Now seriously, if you are reading this and thinking "What is that bitch talkin' about, she

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don't know me!" Great...if you can honestly look into your soul and look at every choice that you've made and still say that—that you have never based anything on your own needs for security or freedom...then I'm happy for you.

I can't honestly say that about myself. Security and freedom influence me. I wish I could be the idolized Mother Theresa—well at least what people say she is. Gives up everything she has to help others—yes folks that would mean security and freedom are bye-bye for most of you—and with that she has happiness and justice—or at least gives it. Sacrifice is only sacrifice when you want what you're letting go of. And though our dreams focus on what'll give us our own sense of freedom coupled with the security we crave, that does not necessarily equal happiness. At least not for everyone, I hope.

So what is happiness? I don't have a clue. All I know is that if I keep searching for the right thing and the happy moment and where I need to be, then I will never find it. I will end up doing the same thing everyday until the day I die. So instead, I will try something new everyday. Even if that means not trying the same beer twice then hooray! I will start to know the things that I might not like and the things that I never knew I liked. And I will try things again and maybe I'll like things that I didn't before and hate the ones I love. I will live my life as water and change as the earth does and not worry about getting it right or having my life planned for me. As for the Kid? Maybe he can just be Billy and see what happens. That's what I'm going to do.

# Spooktacular!

By Dominique Caparelli

I have been told about all of the wonderful events that happen around Edmonton during any holiday. The festival of trees and the ice sculptors during Christmas time. The numerous events that take place over the summer months and I'm sure that the list is endless. Some of the most interesting to me were the events I was told about for Halloween. The Scarecrow Festival, Halloween Alley and Spooktacular held October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Fort Edmonton Park. I have never been to any of these events until this

year...I, scaredy-cat Caparelli, ventured out to the unknown into Fort Edmonton's annual "spooktacular". People young and not so young enjoyed this event immensely.

For those of you who know nothing about it, I'll fill you in. Tickets are \$11.56 (including GST) and can be purchased through Ticket Master. Tickets have to be bought at least 5 days in advance because they sell out pretty fast. You go straight into the park and are greeted with a bag to collect treats and a map of the park. The further into

the park you go, the scarier it gets. You can collect treats from different houses and hear scary stories from tons of aspiring actors and actresses. (Though some of them are made more for the little kiddies then all of us "mature" young adults) You can go to the dance, make pumpkins and wax molds of your hands, and there is an entire section for the youngins' (you know, the neighbor kid you're going to bring next year so you can go check it out without feeling "silly") that have games and treats galore. There are

numerous haunted houses and really cool things to look at. Some of the houses leave you wondering what to do next but on the whole they are well done. For someone like me (who scares easily and punches just as quick, when frightened) this was a big step in Halloween fun, but a well worth it step indeed. The event left me laughing and gave me something new to relieve that mid-term stress.

One word of advice- dress warm, I'm talking at least 7 layers. It gets mighty cold when you're wandering

outside for four hours in the middle of the snow. They do have fire pits all over the park to warm up at and the restaurant is open if you'd like to enjoy a hot chocolate (though I'm not sure I would recommend it) but if you were going to do just that all night, you might as well stay home. A word of caution - pee before you go. Not only are the lines insanely long to use the bathroom but also if you take my advice the layers are a pain in the rear to undo and redo! Hope all of you had a Happy Halloween!

# Poetry Corner

## Stargazer

By Shawn Martin

I soothe you with enchanted words,  
Each taken from the sky,  
They enlighten the dark night of your mind,  
And are to the lost a guide.  
What wisdom doth my stars behold?  
Some shall seek a sign.  
They'll twist my heavens to their ends,  
But only their minds they'll find.  
Who, then, knows my heavens true?  
Who knows the manner they move?  
Only me, the wise conclude —  
Too overwhelmed to choose.



## SHATTERED

Their yells and screams shatter the night,  
The blaring noise shatters my ears,  
The hate and pain shatters my heart.  
Their lack of love shatters my life.  
These people are not a story book,  
This divorce is not a tall tale-  
These are my parents.

Dominique Caparelli

## Now You Know

October 16th, 2001

Christopher Ducharme



Sitting in a cafe on Jasper Ave while she works,  
Engaged in a conversation with anyone, she smiles.  
People come and go and buy their coffee and bagels,  
She denies the fact that they come to buy her smile.  
Most people come 'cause they're hungry or thirsty,  
But I find myself satisfied with thinking and dreaming.  
Day in, day out, the regulars drinking their addiction,  
And there are the irregulars like me; come and go too.  
We come to see her, repress our actions and breathe,  
We don't care for the coffee; we came to see her.  
She thinks we're thirsty or hungry, but busses suck!  
I spend an hour in each direction and a five-dollar bill.  
Numbers and names never exchanged, let alone emotion,  
But words flow like thoughts, like blood in capillaries.  
And these words will never be spoken, but will be felt,  
So that when she's gone, I'll have no regrets to hide.

# Dear Romeo

Dear Romeo,

Your response to BLT, in Issue 3, was neither serious nor funny. Instead, I found your reply to be ignorant, damaging, and hateful. Following are the vital errors contained in your message.

1) You suppose that BLT is a female, however; BLT does not specify their own gender. BLT may in fact be a male in which case "my boyfriend checks out more guys than girls" would be considered normal.

2) Your tactic for revenge, "to expose him in front of his family", is neither clever nor humorous. What kind of demented, twisted individual would receive such pleasure (e.g. "lots of laughs") from such an act? Oh yeah... a bible thumpin' sheep; I mean student, at Concordia University College of Alberta. Many contemporary psychologists would agree that an individual who expresses such homophobic remarks, is likely repressing confusion over his or her own sexual identity.

3) Your response to BLT promotes ignorance, intolerance, and gay bashing. Are these Christian ethics?

Unfortunately, ignorance like yours is frequently encountered on this campus, even from some of the professors. When encountered, I can honestly say that I am embarrassed to be a member of Concordia University College of Alberta. You give a bad name to Shakespeare, Christians, and the students and alumni of Concordia.

Shame to the editors of the Blue and White and CSA for allowing this hate message. I need remind you that, with the exception of Line X Line, it is against the policy of Blue and White to print anonymous articles.

B. Jackson

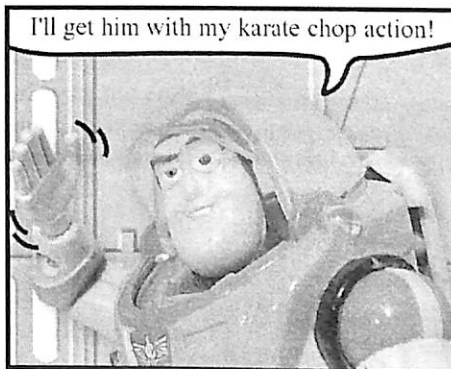
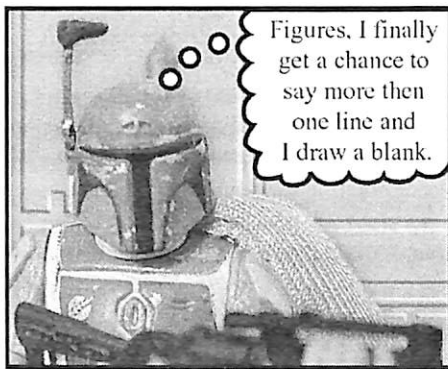
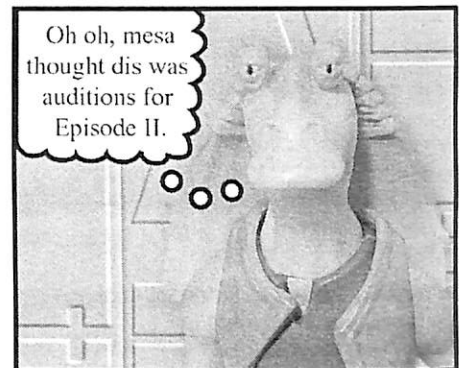
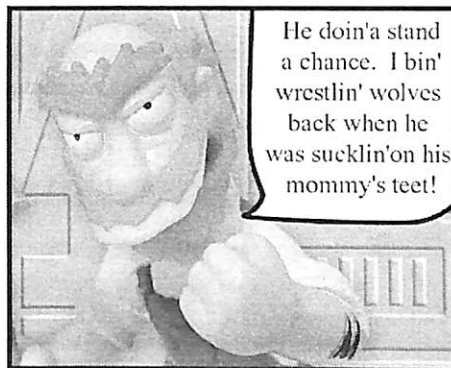
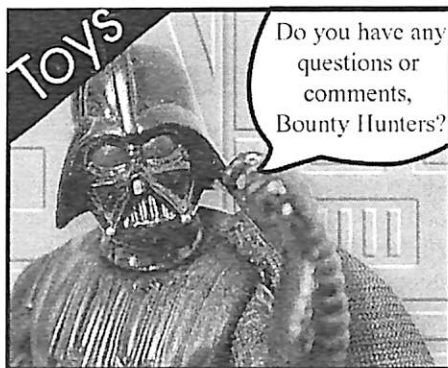
Dear Romeo,

I want this guy who I'll call "Andrew" in my music class. He has long dark hair, the most beautiful exotic eyes and a smile that gives me Goosebumps. He sits across the room from me and I can't help but stare at him the whole time. He's a talented guitarist and I'd love nothing more than for him to play me. He lives way out in Sherwood park, but I follow him home from school or the hospital where he works. Help me find a way to approach him so I don't have to hide out on the street with my binoculars anymore.

Signed the musical Stalker.

# Dear

The Dear Romeo 'advice column' that was printed in the last Blue and White was horrible and extremely distasteful. There were so many things wrong with it that I had a hard time deciding where to start. Maybe I should start with the first thing that came to my attention; the advice given to the question. "Romeo" insinuated that someone's boyfriend was a closet homosexual and she was a front for him to hide behind from his family. He (I will assume this writer is a heterosexual male) then went on with this advice "for lots of laughs and revenge, expose him in front of his family and friends!" Who can't





# Romeo, your column is disgusting

By Kessie Rinderknecht

see the problems in this statement? First of all this anonymous author, who doesn't even have the guts to print his name (and from what I have been told by Peggy Rose won't even reveal his identity to the Blue and White), is clearly showing and promoting his prejudices and stereotypes. He is also showing a promotion for revenge and a sick twisted delight in doing this. Go ahead Blt, embarrass your boyfriend in a huge public display. It's not like you cared for him anyway, right? Besides this great advice will show what a classy girl you are.

This article wasn't even well written or thought out.

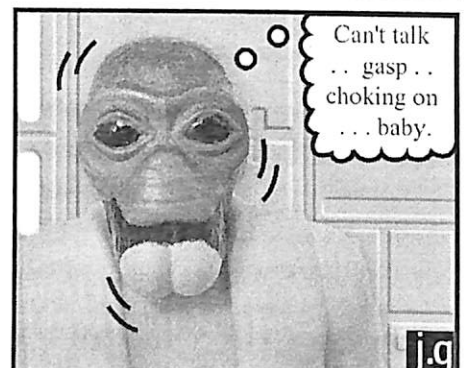
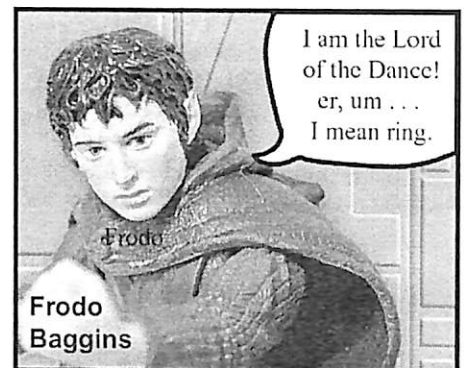
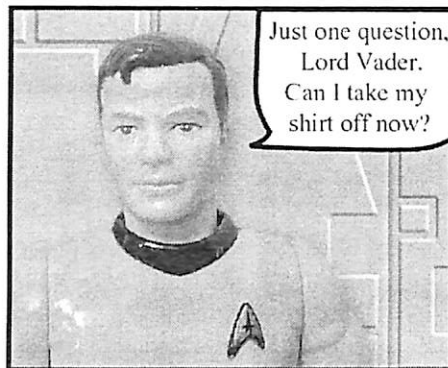
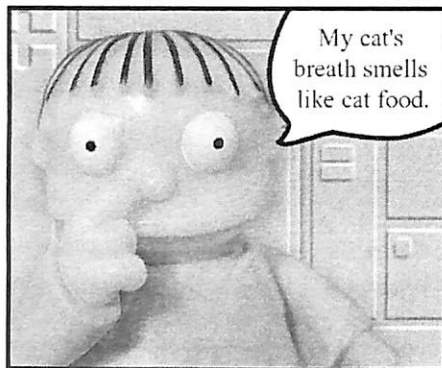
It's short. The question is short and so is the answer. This makes me wonder if Romeo wrote this question himself to give his column a jump-start. It may be a fake person, a fake question and a fake reply, but these things do happen in real life (out there in the real world Romeo, where journalists are required to print their names if they want to be published by reputable news papers). It could be happening to a student here. What would she/he think after reading this? (Romeo said he'd answer serious questions seriously and stupid questions, well ...) She or he would probably think this was a stupid problem. She/

he may conclude that this was a school that promoted intolerance and no real problems can be brought up while in the Concordia environment. It makes this school and the Blue and White look "low standard" in comparison to other institutions and their publications. I also question the judgement of the Blue and White editor(s). I know the B&W staff doesn't want to have any censorship issues, but there is a difference between publishing something that should promote the goal of higher education and editing out a trash article with a trash reply and a writer who refuses to reveal his identity. I had the

understanding that if you didn't want your name published you would write to the line-by-lines on the back page. I expected more from this team because I know they are capable and I know they want to distribute a creditable paper. If I wanted to read trash I would pick it up on my way out of the supermarket.

If you want to have a funny tongue-and-cheek love advice column maybe you should look to some other ones such as Dan Savage in See Magazine, Dear Johnny at GMC, Dear Saha in Vue Magazine, or even Rhona in the Sun. You really should put an effort into it if you want to make your mark and think through what you

should say (even if it is going to promote discrimination against any type of group). In the mean time, I encourage students at Concordia to think for themselves and question the messages that are being delivered to them. I also challenge Romeo's advice capabilities. If anyone does want real advice to be published in the B&W send it to me instead (freaked@disinfo.net). I will answer it with some taste and give your problem credibility. I am in the applied/enhanced psychology program and am probably more qualified to deal with any issues than "Romeo." If no one sends problems I won't make them up either.



# Arabic Berlitz

Submitted by Ryan Geick

In light of the current Afghani war, it is important to know a little Arabic. For instance, if you are travelling in the Middle East (or if they invade our country), the following phrases would prove useful-they may even save your life.

KBAR KHALI-KILI HAFTIR LOTFAN

Thank you for showing me your marvelous gun.

EKR GABUL CARDAN DAVAT PARH  
GUSH DIVAR

I am delighted to accept your kind invitation to lie down on the floor with my arms above my head with my legs apart.

HOWMAEH FEKR TAMOMEH OEH  
GORTEH BANDE

I agree with everything you have ever said and thought in your entire life.

CASHAL-EH FASHAL-EH TUPHEMAN  
NA DEGAT MAN GOFTAM CHEESHAYEH  
MOHEMARIR BEHMESHVAREHMA

If you will do me the kindness of not harming my genital appendages, I will gladly reciprocate by betraying my country in public.

AUTO ARRAREGH DAVATEMAN MANO  
SEPHAHEH-HASTI

It is exceptionally kind of you to allow me to travel in the trunk of your car.

KHREL, JEPAHEH MANEH VA JAYEII  
AMRIKAHEY

I will tell you the names and addresses of many American spies travelling as reporters.

BALLI, BALLI, BALLI

Whatever you say.

MATERNIER GHERMEZ AHLIEH  
GHORBAN

The red blindfold would be lovely, Excellency.

TIKEH NUNEH BA OB KHRELLEH  
BEZORG VA KHUBE BOYAST INO BEGERAM

The water-soaked breadcrumbs are delicious, thank you. I must have the recipe.

## Attention all Crafty Students!

Need ideas for Christmas Gifts? Come to the Craft Show on November 17 in Tegler from 10-4 hosted by the Psychology Students' Association. Admission is \$1 at the door or a donation to the Food Bank. For more information or to book a table for \$15 call the PSA at 479-9230.

## A Bit of Psychology Humor

One out of every four people is suffering from some form of mental illness. Check three friends. If they're OK, then it's you.

# Mugged

James Gordon



walked out to the van and as he was about to get in, he was grabbed from behind and knocked to the ground. He punched back at his attacker but in the end the mugger fled with his wallet, leaving a baseball cap behind.

The mugger was a Caucasian male, dark short curly hair, about 5'8" and around 120lbs. He was around 25 years old (my age), wore a black cloth coat with some white writing on the back. He fled east from Westmount mall into the neighbourhood of Inglewood.

The victim is a 58 year old man, thin, diabetic, and tired from a long day of work. He staggered to the nearby Safeway gas station and 911 was dialled. One

hour later he arrived at home, hard of breath due to a couple of cracked ribs, two swore and probably twisted ankles and angry because he was a victim. He is my father.

Mom yelled down the stairs "Your fathers been mugged!" I ran upstairs and he was in the bathroom, "he's hurt" she told me. Actually the whole family was hurt and still is. That night, I realized that I could have lost my father. That mugger could have been desperate enough to have killed him, but he didn't. For that I am thankful to him, and I am thankful to God.

On Halloween night, as always, God was watching and protecting my family. God forced my family to recognize our love for

one another, and how important we are to one another.

Am I angry? Yes. I hope the cops grab that S.O.B. and put him in a room so my brother and I can have a go at him. Will that prove anything? No. All it will prove is that we're no better than he is. What kind of examples would we be? Bad ones. What kind of Christians? Bad ones. That's why we have to see the reasoning as to why God made us face this trial.

God gave my family a harsh wake up call that night, but at least, when we woke up from the initial shock, all we had lost was a couple hundred bucks. What we gained was my father. God be with us.

# True TV Gems

By Melanie Golding

So here we all are in the midst of midterms and term papers, stressing out over the fact that the final exam schedule has been posted (like we didn't have enough to worry about!). Not to worry though, I have come up with a list of shows that will help you unwind and that you can watch while taking a break from all this work.

10) *Johnny Bravo*: Teletoon Mon-Fri @ 5:30 pm

You gotta love a cartoon loser who lives with his "Momma" and strikes out with more girls than Dear Romeo.

9) *Win Ben Stein's Money*: Comedy Mon-Fri @ 3:30 pm

A new twist on the token trivia game. The titles of the categories alone are worth the time spent watching. Who could resist answering this category? "Instead of Safe Sex She Took It Inner Ear."

8) *Survivor: Africa*: CBS Thurs @ 9:00 pm

I know, I know. It's getting lame, but how can you not watch these people rolling paper mache boulders across the African plain? Besides, isn't Tommy's butt crack realism at its absolute best? Or is that worst???

7) *CSI*: CBS Thurs @ 10:00 pm

Who knew science would be so cool? This show has great characters and just the right amount of gore to make for a hour well spent.

6) *Trading Spaces*: TLC Sat @ 6:00 pm

Yeah, so what if it is a decorating show! With all the hideous designs and the secret horror that homeowners face makes this show one for the brain candy department.

5) *It Seems Like Yesterday*: History Mon-Fri @ 6:00 am

You can probably catch this show after you spent a night typing your History paper. Rick Mercer, formerly of *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, hosts this 30-minute show that takes a wacky look at trends and the pop culture that was once upon a time.

4) *The Jeff Corwin Experience*: Animal Planet Sun @ 1:00 pm

Oh my God! Someone who is even MORE stupid than the Crocodile Hunter! This show is

worth the time spent cursing and wincing at the TV. This guy is living proof that we evolved from primates.

3) *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*: CBC Fri @ 8:00 pm

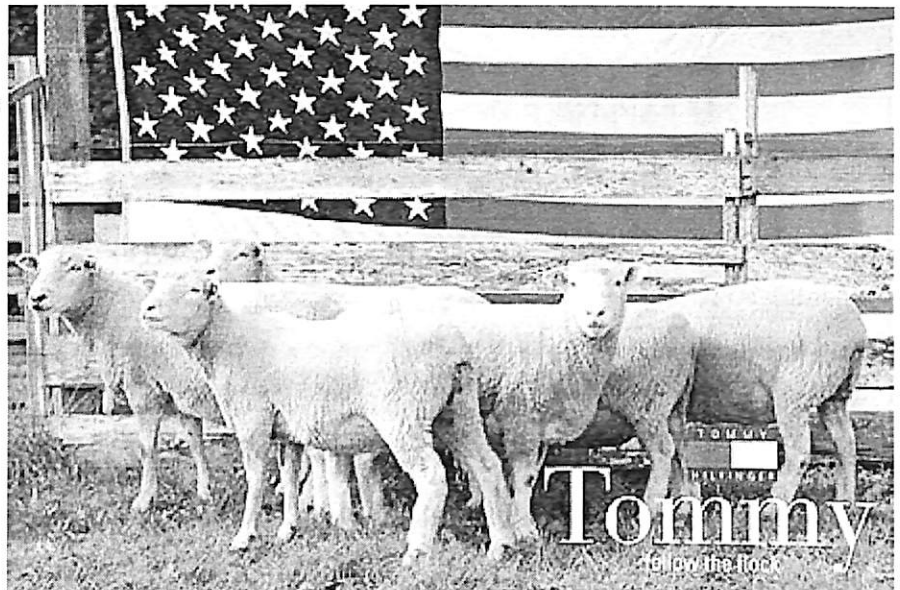
I set my VCR to catch this show because it conflicts with my number one show. This is by far the best Canadian show on TV. Even with the departure of Rick Mercer, remaining castmates Cathy Jones, Greg Thomey, and Mary Walsh still make this show the best platform to show off their caustic wit from a Canadian point of view.

2) *Oz*: Showcase Fri @ 11:00 pm

This prison drama produced by HBO is not for the faint of heart. If you can't take blood, gore, male nudity, and sex, don't tune in. But, if you can then this show will have you psyched out for the next week's episode. Oh, and one more thing, don't get too attached to characters because they will either end up "shanked" or transferred out by the next show.

1) *Iron Chef*: Food Network Fri & Sat @ 8:00 pm

Picture this: One man. One Kitchen Stadium. Four Iron Chefs. One Challenger. A Secret Ingredient. One Hour to Prepare Dishes That Best Reflect the Ingredient. Sound interesting? No? Well, how about the fact it is a Japanese show with dubbed voices and subtitles. Give it a watch and I guarantee you will find it amusing. This show is a staple in my household and my six-year-old can name AND pronounce all the Chef's names.



# Education Students Association News

## What's with the Executive Council?

Since the beginning of the year, our officers were shuffled into new roles. Jessie Hughes is now the President of the E.S.A. and Roger Jorgenson is the Vice President External /Internal. Jonathan Dowell is the Vice President Finance and Jill Moir is the Director of Communications. You can look forward to more of the same useful and fun events and some additional surprises from your Executive team.

## Where is our office?

You'll find us in the large cluster of trailers near the bookstore; technically we are in Trailer One. The office is the first door to the right before the washrooms. Office hours for November are to be announced, but you can always leave a message for us at 479-9231.

## Remember the Constitution?

We took the document ratified by our general body to the Alberta Teacher's Association; they made some recommendations to assist us in gaining acceptance of the constitution from the governing body of the A.T.A. The edits have been incorporated and the new version will be posted. The changes mean we need another general meeting the morning of November 19<sup>th</sup> and that's a good thing.

## NO MORE BORING MEETINGS!

Free Breakfast Annual General Meeting  
November 19, Monday, 7:30-9:30 a.m.!!!

Rather than drag you guys into a stuffy room to vote on the constitution, we want to buy E.S.A. members breakfast. Join us for free pancakes and goodies in Tegler; just show us your A.T.A. card and student I.D. If you haven't picked up your A.T.A. membership, you may do so at the breakfast. While you eat, drop off your ballot regarding the new constitution. **After Ed. students are included in the freebie** (but you don't have to vote – awwwww!).

NON-MEMBERS may buy a breakfast for \$1.00.

## Students Rave

However, this time it isn't about dancing, parking or midterms. Several students accessed the Alberta Teacher's Association library at Barnett House (142 St. and 111 Ave., near Odysium) and discovered that it was a useful resource. Their books are unavailable elsewhere, they have topic files overflowing with articles (more than you can find quickly), and helpful librarians. Just another benefit to having your A.T.A. card!

## Until Next Time

We thank all of the members for their continuing support and remind you all that if you need any assistance, just let us know.

INVITING ALL STUDENTS-INVITING ALL STUDENTS-IN

## Concordia Highlands Toastmasters Club

Meets right here on campus

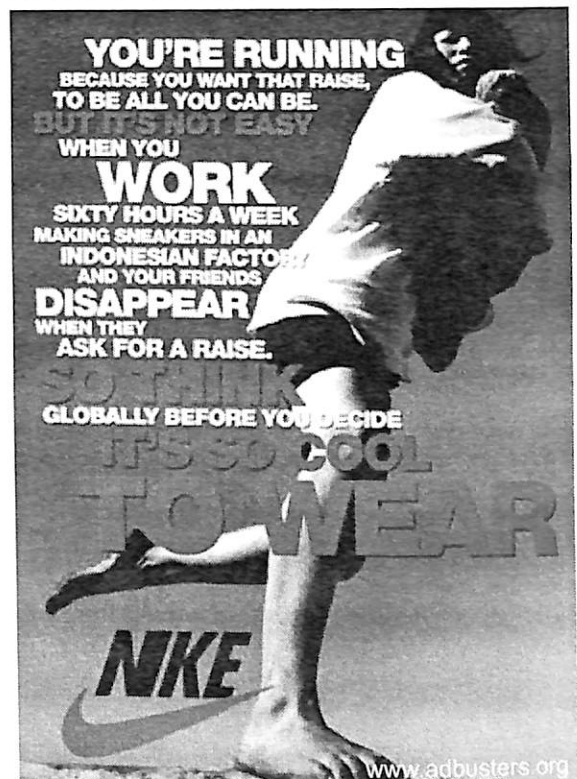
**When?** First and third Fridays from  
12:05 to 1:00 p.m.

(Due to a substantial number of new student members, there is a strong possibility that the meetings may be increased to every Friday)

**Where?** Guild Hall Conference Room  
(G213B)

You are invited to come and see what we are about! Questions? See Val at Student Services, Office G212.

This is a fabulous opportunity for you to learn speaking skills in a small, friendly environment. Make those presentations earn you grade points!



# My Top 15 Favourite DVDs

By James Gordon



Those of us who are blessed with the ownership of a DVD player understand the technological advantages we have when viewing our favourite movies. The special features of any DVD are unique to this format and give us a new perspective on the movies we enjoy. Some DVDs come with additional footage, behind the scenes, actor interviews, deleted scenes, story boards, sketch artwork, and the list goes on. I

love this sort of material because it helps us to recognize all the unnoticed work a lot of present day movies undergo in order to bring us the fantastic tales of our heroes, and villains.

This is why I have composed a brief list of my favourites from my DVD collection, keep in mind these are not in any particular order

A couple of web pages to check out are listed below. One is actually a Star Wars Diorama page but he also has a huge DVD collection and does reviews on all of them as well. Check his reviews out at <http://www.niubnubsuniverse.com/cinema/cinema.html/cinemenu.asp>

Of if you are

surfing through your DVD special features, sometimes you may stumble upon 'Easter Eggs'. Easter Eggs are hidden features on the DVD. An example of one is on the Xmen DVD, where you get to see Spiderman run into the scene as they Xmen cast are filming. On this webpage below, the web author lists Easter Eggs in several different DVDs.

[http://www.dvdangle.com/fun\\_stuff/easter\\_eggs/index.html](http://www.dvdangle.com/fun_stuff/easter_eggs/index.html)

## Top 15 DVDs with Great Special Features

10. Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (movie disk & special features disk)
9. Die Hard



- Collection (movie disks & special features disks)
8. Godfather Collection (movie disks & special features disk)
7. Terminator II (movie disk & special features disk)
6. Akira (movie disk & special features disk)
5. The Aliens Collection

4. Bug's Life (movie disk & special features disk)
3. Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace (movie disk & special features disk)
2. Shrek (movie disk & special features disk)
1. The Toy Story Toy Box (movie disks & special features disk)

# More Poetry Corner

## For All My Power

By Brian Sinn

To speak would be my destruction,  
To hide shall be my path.  
Let my pride to my consumption,  
Least the lightning shares its wrath.

So I stand upon my mother,  
Helplessly by her side,  
I peak out and see the master,  
Coming down in full stride.

The blow could have fell a mountain,  
Yet weaker than the last,  
There must be something to crawl in,  
Some old scar from the past.

Here in the safety of silence,  
I watch my mother cry.  
For me there is no resistance,  
Simply a worthless sigh.

To those knights I am a coward,  
To them I am a son.  
If only I could be forward,  
But I am only one!

One upon a tender anvil,  
One tiny baby thorn,  
Who am I to be his equal?  
To stand against the storm.

And so the thunder progresses,  
A rake across my eyes.  
Then deep within her recesses,  
Her will falters and dies.

Satisfied with all his power,  
The sky clears and is blue.  
For the first time of the horror,  
I know just what to do.

I make jokes in different styles,  
I curse my father's name,  
She looks up to me and smiles,  
And beats me all the same.

# Poetry Corner Continued

## Seige

It's proven today, All my heart doth say,  
That you are the reason the world was made.  
Yes, Men are born, They fight and they die,  
It's for love that we war; Hate makes us ally.  
And if there be God, And Heaven exists,  
Then surely by war can we only find bliss —  
For who will find heaven who's void of all love?  
No cowards or traitors belong up above!  
And thus I will battle, And pillage, And raze,  
I will make war a temple of love and of praise.  
To be simply worthy I would ravish this land,  
I'd conquer the world, And then I'd expand.  
I would put out the heavens and ignite the sun,  
Shatter the planets – I would not be outdone.  
All this for you, My darling, My sweet,  
I'd travel through time, And then I'd repeat.  
All for your love I would make this rock bleed,  
But I need not destroy it, You surrendered to me.

*By Shawn Martin*



## ...NEVER AGAIN...

### Ode to Me

I won't do it again,  
I will not put myself in your shoes,  
I will not try to understand you,  
I will not feel your loses,  
Nor praise your gains.

I won't do it again.

I will not let you break me,  
I will not let you make me feel the way I do.  
I will not be a victim any longer,  
For any reason or under any circumstance.

I won't do it again.

I will not stand in the way of your fate,  
I will not put my heart on the line,  
I will not give you my all,  
I will not love you this much.

I won't do it again.

## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FAIR



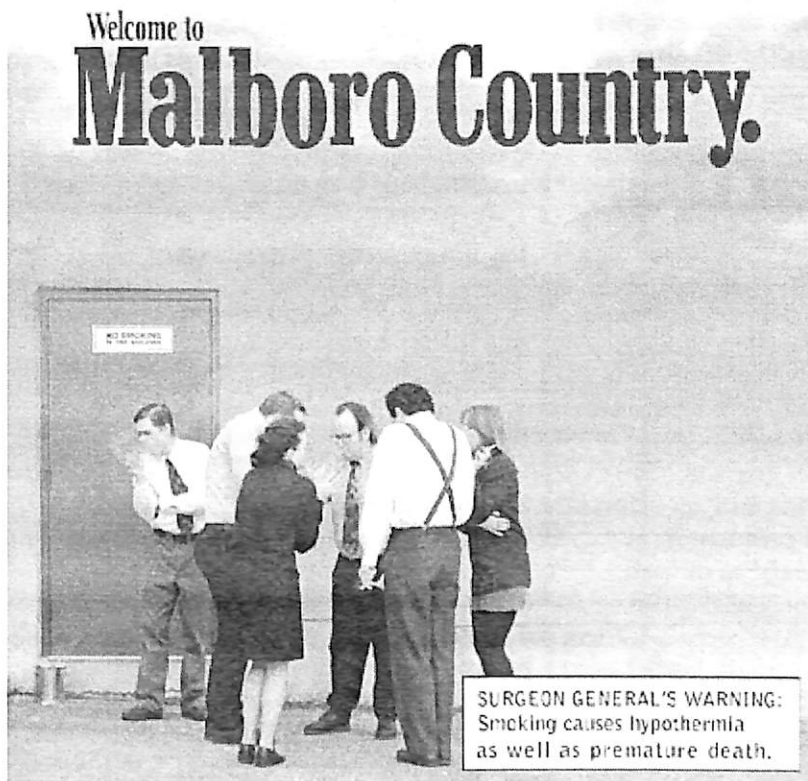
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 am - 3:00pm Tegler Student Centre

Presenters who have already indicated they are coming include:

- ☉ LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots)
- ☉ World Mission Prayer League
- ☉ Operation Mobilization
- ☉ Wycliffe Bible Translators
- ☉ Travel Cuts

If you are thinking of one day travelling, working, volunteering, or going to school abroad, this is your opportunity to get first hand information.



Career Workshop

**“Tips for Job Search,  
Resumes, and  
Portfolios”**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2001**

Guild Hall Conference Room

4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

*Presented by: Dorothy Ritz, career practitioner*

Student Services, Office G212/October 29, 2001

# LINE X LINES

Hey Hot soccer Goalie, We can handle your jelly! So bring it!	To: SH, Your Friendly Stranger is still out here and more than qualified for internship -Friendly Stranger.
To the Fab 4 Tegler girls, you guys are beautifuk, can I have one?	#7 u haven't changed one bit. Too bad for your victims.
Hey SH, I was looking over what you promised us. Man I was stupid for voting for you! You haven't come through with even one promise. Vote MK for President January 2002 - P.O.E.D.E.S.	Since when was there a policy against anonymous articles? I'd like to see it. -B+W
If you don't like Bible-thumpers, leave Concordia? - Bible Thumper.	EA, LineXLines is your job if you don't want to do the work, you shouldn't have taken the job! HAHAHA! - M.L.
Some students are so good at writing they don't need advice. I wonder where this school of "Learn Everything" really is, I'd like to attend. - Annoyed.	TPT: may your moths fly out of your closet into your maple sugar oatmeal - Cheddar
Who's the sweet Prof across from Dr. Gow's office? - Interested.	W.F. yay for sports!
May the Force be with you. - Yoda	B.D. you're a good friend
There's a snake in my boot! - Woody	B.D. - You're reading this while wearing a helmet, aren't you?
Hey Hot Soccer Goalie, Come talk to us, we don't bite.	E.A. is a guy
I'd love to hang out sometime. -From the physics-girl.	Chadillac: you don't go here, but I know you read these. You are Dreamy.
To the editor of B+W. Rants would be more effective if you didn't put sentence fragments in them. "So does Karen." is not a sentence.	TPT: the bonfire's going, the men are nekkid, the oatmeal's flowing, and its time for the moron-fest -Cheddar