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A Message from the President

As I write this word of welcome, I am thinking of the summer that is ending. It was one of those beautiful summers that had an occasional severe thunderstorm to keep us from becoming complacent. It was also one of those summers for getting at some chores that just needed to be done. One of mine was pruning some trees and lilac bushes. Old branches had to be cut away to make way for new and better growth. If I have any ability at all to predict the future, I would guess that your time at Concordia will be a little bit like last summer. There will be beautiful days of learning and growing, but also some thunderstorms—unexpected challenges to keep you from becoming complacent. Old ideas, like old branches, will need to be pruned to give way to more accurate reflections about the world and everything that is in it. All this will take place in an environment where people care. At Concordia you are not just a number. You are a person who has value. Here you will have an opportunity to get to know many of your fellow students and professors on a personal basis. You will even have a chance to develop some deep and abiding friendships. At Concordia the labs and the classrooms will become for you the kind of places where ideas can be exchanged and important issues can be discussed. Here you will find that professors care about their courses and about the quality of learning that takes place. *Smaller class sizes will provide you the right atmosphere for acquiring new knowledge and skills.* Here you will be able to deal with increasingly complex issues. Here you will be able to have an educational experience that you will long remember. At the same time, you will

be able to discover that Concordia, as an academic institution, is on the move. In a time of great change, Concordia is changing. Last year we began three new programs: a three-year degree in Canadian Studies and two four-year degrees in Chemistry and Mathematics. As we look to the future, other new programs are being developed in keeping with our mission and with the kind of standards of excellence that have made Concordia strong through the years. As the year progresses, I hope you will take the time to become familiar with the research tools that are available to you in the library. Concordia is part of a consortium that provides you electronic access to all the major libraries in the Edmonton area. With your ID and password, you will also be able to take advantage of e-mail, Internet, word processing, and a variety of other software applications at designated computer stations in the library and elsewhere on the campus. Check the library notices for information about orientation sessions. Talk with the staff about your library needs. They are user friendly. In the coming year, I invite you to catch the spirit of Concordia! Make the most of every opportunity to participate in activities and events, especially those that appear to be meaningful to you. Take an interest in your student government. Use the Athletic Centre for an occasional workout. Take in a play or a concert. Support your favorite team. Grow in your faith. Enjoy the time that you are with us. In closing, it is my hope that you will always be glad that you chose Concordia. May God bless you in all your endeavors while you are a part of this campus community. Welcome again, and have a good year!

A 'Welcome' from your Student Association President

Hello! My name is Mike Kuhn, this years Concordia Student Association (CSA) President. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 1998 - 99 school year at Concordia. This year is shaping up to be a great one and I'm glad that you will be a part of it! It is my hope that this year at Concordia will not only meet, but exceed your expectations of what this school has to offer. As CSA President, my concern is that you are informed of what your council is doing, and that you are an active part of decisions we make. If at any time you don't feel informed, or if you want to see something different from your CSA I encourage you to contact me or any CSA council member and voice your concerns and ideas! This year, the CSA Council members can be reached in a number of ways. If you visit our offices (Northwest corner of Alumni Hall) you can catch us during our office hours, or you can drop a suggestion in our suggestion box just outside our office door. We will always be glad to receive your suggestions and input on any CSA related issue or event. To get you up to

speed on what the CSA has already planned for you, I will run through our September schedule. You can save money on books at our "Book Buy Back Sale" between the 8th and the 10th. Our first ever 'Fireside' night happens at 7 pm on the 24th, and the CSA is sponsoring an Edmonton Eskimos tailgate party on the 26th. If you have any questions about these events please come and ask! Any additional events that the CSA may put on will be publicized. You can read about them in the Blue and White, on bulletin boards, or in weekly e-mails we plan on sending you. Also, on Mondays in Tegler, we will announce the weeks activities at non. Once again, I hope that you feel welcome at Concordia. As I look back on my first two years at Concordia, it saddens me to think that this year will probably be my last. Choosing Concordia has been a decision that I will always consider to be a rewarding and positive one! I hope that you will feel likewise after your studies here are complete. Have a great year!

Concordia's Blue & White newspaper is looking for people interested in writing and taking photos during the year. If you are interested, please come to our first meeting, Friday, September 4th, in the CSA Conference Room, in Alumni Hall.

The Editor's Soapbox

by Stuart Elle, Editor-in-Chief

If someone had told me in high school I would end up the editor of a university newspaper I would have laughed for days. Now, during my final year at Concordia, I'm doing just that. So just who am I that I went from "not a chance" to "wouldn't miss the chance." This is my fourth year at Concordia, and I will graduate (again—long story) in the spring with a 4-year Mathematics degree. Last year I wrote science and technology articles for the *Blue & White*. So the point of all these little black marks on the page? The student newspaper doesn't exist without students that get involved by writing stories for your newspaper. You don't have to be a Pulitzer Prize winner, and if your having problems writing an article the staff of the *Blue & White* are here to help. Other reasons to write for the *Blue &*

White include: looks good on your resume, it's fun, and it's something to do other than school work. The *Blue & White* has changed over the summer too. We have new ideas, a new layout that will change as the year progresses. We will also publish more often to keep things fresh and current. The issues will be shorter than they used to, but that can change if we get lots of articles submitted for publication. We, the staff of the *Blue & White*, will be keeping office hours during the year, so if you have any questions feel free to stop by and ask. Look for these times in Issue One. Friday September 4 at 10:40am in the conference room across from the CSA Offices is our first staff meeting for all students interested in writing for the *Blue & White*. Welcome to Concordia! Have a great year!

LEARNING TO USE THE LIBRARY CAN BE LUCRATIVE

Lynette Toews-Neufeldt, Reference Librarian

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

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

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 12, 1998

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Room S101

Presented by Mr. Keith Kruse & Counselling Services

If you are concerned that your study skills could use some extra work, or if you'd just like to learn some new effective techniques to improve your grades and manage your time, plan to attend this study skills workshop. Items to be discussed are:

- * Time Management
- * Improving Memory
- * Reading Techniques
- * Note-Taking
- * Test-Taking

If you are interested in attending, please call Val at Student Services, 479-9241, or drop by the Student Services Office in Room G212. There is NO charge for the workshop and textbooks will be available at the workshop for a cost of \$42.90 including GST.

CSA Nominations Are Open

CSA Nominations for council positions opened on August 31st, and you may be eligible to run! The positions that are open for the Fall Elections on the 17th and 18th are: Treasurer, Athletics Coordinator, Graduating Class Coordinator, Business Representative, Education Representative, and UCEP Representative. If you are enrolled in at least 1 class per semester, have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 5.0 in all of your classes, and you have a signature from the Dean of Student Affairs on your nomination form, you can run! All CSA council members receive a monthly honorarium. You can pick up a nomination form from any council member or Val Lenz in Student Services.

Eskimos Tailgate Party

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

Second Thoughts

By Dallas Harris,
Vice-President of the CSA

Welcome new and returning students! Here it is, the beginning of the school year is upon us and I hope that you are as excited as I am. As your Vice-President, for the 98/99-year, it is my pleasure to be involved with this fabulous publication, and I invite and challenge you to come and be a part of this organization. As a part of the *Blue & White* you will find that it is a whole lot more than just the student newspaper. The *Blue & White* can provide you with experience that will be useful in the real world, as well as, giving you the opportunity to work with many interesting people while having some fun! Good luck this year and I hope to see you at the first meeting.

Psych Yourself Up!

Dr. Colleen Hammermaster,
Counselling Psychologist

Whether you are a new student at Concordia college or a returning veteran, it takes the first few weeks of classes to get into the academic groove. This is a time of developing new routines. For Example, you set your alarm clock for 6:30am rather than not setting it at all (unless, of course, you had a summer job). You dig out the good old book-bag and try to remember to pack your timetable, book list, and bus pass or money for parking. You also mentally prepare to become a student, and for some of us getting our "gray matter" into working order is no easy task! Something else very critical happens as we mentally prepare to return to school and this involves our mental attitude. Some students have the mental attitude that university is a scary place and that university instructors are sadistic hairy monsters whose main purpose is to inflict pain upon students. Now although some instructors may in fact be hairy (myself excluded) the instructors at Concordia want to make learning as painless (and even fun) as possible. The mindset that you bring with you has a strong influence on your satisfaction while at Concordia - not to mention your academic success. If you see the challenges that lie in the year ahead as threatening and overwhelming, you may shy away from them before you have a chance to take them on. On the other hand, if you adopt the attitude that his year will be an adventure and you're ready to take it on, you'll be more able to tackle the tasks of each new day. So as you prepare for a new academic year, take time also to prepare yourself mentally. In layman's terms "psych yourself up" for a year of exciting opportunities. Develop an expectation for success, then work to make that happen.

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7:30 A.M to 3:00 P.M

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Thoughts about University.

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University? What is that, some kind of depository of stress. Well maybe it is, maybe it isn't. Throughout my many days, or better yet, years at this institution, I've realized several things. First, even though it is your future that is at stake, have fun. Now I don't mean go out every night until wee hours of the morning and wake up late in the afternoon in a groggy stupor. Just to find yourself wrestling with your body in order to arrive late to school (like that last 10 times). What I mean, however, enjoy doing things that you do best and enjoy talking to people and just being. Remember, though studies can be hard (even boring at times), sometimes they are just plain and simply interesting to learn. All this knowledge can be a great precursor in helping you meet new people and maybe expanding your mind with useful things (even trivia for those late

night NTN games). Another thing I've learnt, is work hard, but not too hard. If you are always focused on working and never anything else, you build lots of stress and can self-destruct. This can lead to potential larger problems, such as, boring personality and being an isolationists. However, you should do all your work to the best of your ability. Remember what your mother always said "A Job is not worth doing, unless it is done right.", of course, my mother always told me that if I ever go back in time, I should avoid touching things. Come to think of it, my mom never said that, I think that was part of a Simpsons episode. Nevertheless, doing a good job is what makes life, well, fun. So, while you are out and about in Concordia, do what do you best....be yourself.

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OPENING CONVOCAATION

**Wednesday,
September 2, 1998
10:30 a.m.
Tegler Centre**

(To Accommodate the Opening Convocation, the 9:50 a.m. class ends early at 10:15 a.m. and the 11:10 a.m. class starts late at 11:30 a.m.)

PARENT ORIENTATION President's Reception

*Monday August 31 1998
7:00 p.m.*

**Robert Tegler Student Centre
Concordia Campus**

The Dean of Student Affairs has announced that Concordia is hosting a Parent Orientation/President's Reception. Please invite your parents to attend. You can come along with them if you wish.

This is an opportunity to meet President Kraemer and faculty members as well as other parents. There will be information on Concordia's policies and procedures, resource material on expectations of university life, and a tour of the campus will be made available. If you or your parents have any questions about the Parent Orientation/President's Reception, please call Student Services, ext. 241.