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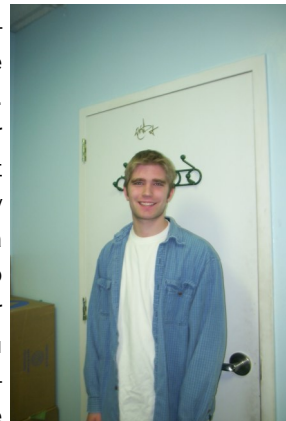
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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM CBC.CA:

- NFLD government delays opening of multi-million dollar art complex
- Saudis hold father of Canadian terrorism suspect
- World Court orders US to review cases of Mexicans on death row

## SCREWDRIVERS AND CSA

Little things can be dangerous! Like Screwdrivers; those things can be really dangerous. Now I am not talking about power drills or anything like that, just plain old screwdrivers. You may think that screwdrivers are just a tool used for putting screws into wood for construction. However that just shows you how little you know of 12 year old boys. Especially if they are anything like myself. Give a child like myself any sort of object and activity and no structured and guided use for it and "special" unordinary things are bound to happen.



It was a summer day and I had nothing to do. My Neighbor friend and I were bored out of our minds. (This may account for the stupidity of my actions!!) That particular day, all we had around to play with was a screwdriver. Now despite my mothers warnings, (always listen to your mother no matter how childish it makes you feel!) and despite the fact that it was an improper use of the tool, we decided to throw it into the ground at our feet trying to see who could get it in the same spot in a row first. Fun game. Now, my Neighbor was older than myself and so was better at the game. This did not sit well with me. Naturally I concentrated all the harder in order to win. (Did I mention that I was "out of my mind" at this point?) Somehow I stuck my right leg out too

far, and somehow I let go of the tool too late and somehow that Robertson screwdriver went right into my shin.

Good news was that it hit me in the dead center of my shin chipping the bone but not penetrating far into my leg into my leg. Bad news was that hurt like a bugger!!! I will never forget hobbling over to my dad with the blood running down my leg and going,

"um... dad? I... um missed..."

Lessons like that teach you early on in life that even harmless situations can turn out wrong no matter how well intentioned we are in them. I apply this lesson to how I intend to govern the CSA next year. My council is amazing! They are a dream come true to serve with as each one has unique gifts to bring for your service next year! However, without guidelines, structure and accountability things could go wrong for you students next year. The \$100,000 that you leave in our trust may not be used for your good. This is not only true for next year's CSA but future CSA councils. I intend to set a precedent year next year. I will keep myself and the rest of Council accountable to you. I will redefine and implement the guidelines and policies that will result in a CSA Executive council that will be professional and proficient. I will treat the Constitution not simply as guidelines but as rules of a contract between you and this

# THE CSA FOR 2004-05



Hey guys! I'm your new VP Finance, Paul Ney. The new council is already in motion planning exciting things for next year. I want everyone to know that my door is always open, and I want you to feel welcome to come and ask any questions you might have, or check up on what we're up to. Next year, make sure that you get a chance to stop by my office and say "hey!" Have a great summer!

Hey, I'm Sean.

This coming year is all about excitement and community.

I'm looking forward to doing my part as VP Internal. I want to organize events that you will come to. Please help me to find out what you want to happen on campus!

Do you like:

- rides?
- coffee houses?
- dancing?
- food?
- haircuts?
- massage days?
- bands?

Tell me what kind of academic events you'd like to see.

Let me know:

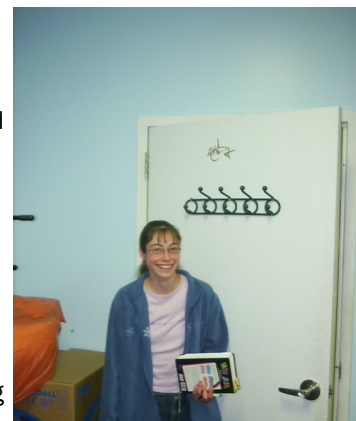
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Hi my name is Nicole Otterman and welcome in advance to the

2004/2005 school year. I was recently elected to the position of VP Christian Life and I look forward to an exciting year to come! Let me take this as my first opportunity to ask you, the students of Concordia, for your input on events that you would like to be a part of in the upcoming school year. I would

like to continue working on events that were extremely successful last year, such as two Christian Life Weeks full of fun events, and an exciting mission trip. I would also like to emphasize one service event and one social event in and around Concordia per month. Please feel free to come up and talk to me or email me at [notterma@csa.concordia.ab.ca](mailto:notterma@csa.concordia.ab.ca). I look forward to hearing your ideas. God's Blessings on all your exams and have a wonderful summer.

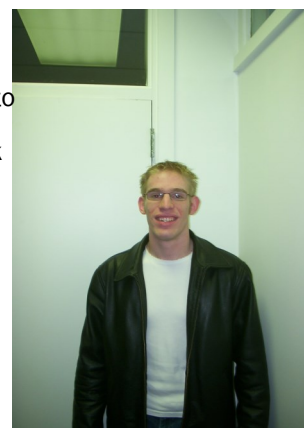


Nicole Otterman

Hey,

I am Greg van Middlekoop, your newly elected VP External. I would like to start by saying that I am happy and excited to take this position. I Understand this position and have a strong

respect for the CSA. I am Filled with a deep passion to make the difference. I look forward to sharing my energy with the whole Concordia community. Have a Great summer.



**ESA STUFF!!****The "Egg"mazing Concordia Easter Egg Hunt**

The ESA has decided to put on a campus wide Easter egg hunt for our last event this year. The hunt will take place on April 5th all day.

Chocolate Eggs will be hidden around the school for all students to enjoy with a special surprise! There will be numerous golden eggs hidden around the school as well; if you find the grand prize egg, you win \$100!

Happy Hunting!

**NEW ESA COUNCIL**

I have been honored to have been the President of the ESA for the past eight months. As part of the presidential duties, I conducted interviews with applicants and made selections for a new committee for the 2004/05 school year.

I am excited to announce that we were overwhelmed with applications to be part of the executive! So overwhelmed, in fact, that the committee and I decided to form a new position of a Public Relations Coordinator.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone whom I interviewed for their interest in being part of the ESA.

Without further adieu, your new ESA executive is:

President: Christianne Thompson

Vice President External: Andrew Hoffman

Vice President Internal: Melina Fairbridge

Secretary: Jennifer Seibert

Treasurer: Kelsey Muller

Public Relations Coordinator: Anna Mousseau

If you are interested in putting your name on a list for volunteers (members at large), please contact Anna Mousseau or Chandra Robertson.

On behalf of the ESA, I would like to thank you for an excellent year! Good luck with final exams and have a great summer.

Chandra Robertson, ESA President

## SHARING THE JOURNEY

It is the journey together we share and cherish. It is the adventure we have found in His calling. Sojourners each of us upon this divine landscape. Explorers of dangerous mysteries. -Erwin Raphael McManus

I have to admit something. I have been touched and changed. I read this the other night in a book called Seizing Your Divine Moment. All of the stuff in this book has really been hitting home, but these four short sentences struck me right to the core.

I've never really thought very long about the fact that we are all in this together. Sure, when we're little we usually have a close circle of family and friends around us. Of course, that usually doesn't go away as we get older, but we do grow up and want to leave that to a certain degree and have some independence. We want to branch out on our own, spread our wings, and eventually put down some roots of our own, and in so doing start a new circle.

But during that in between stage, I often look at myself as going it alone. It seems

sometimes that I'm in this race alone, barely making it through my daily life and reaching those life changing decisions with no thought of anyone else. And while I do hope to share my life with that special someone someday, right now my decisions are all very self-seeking and I seem to think that they have no effect on anyone else.

But this quote caused me to step back and look at this attitude closer. I've been looking forward to being done my degree and moving away completely on my own. But trying to do it all on my own and thinking only of myself isn't the right attitude to have. I needed to realize that we are all in this together. Even if we aren't going through precisely the same things, we are living in this world and traveling together. This journey of life is great and all, but it is the fact that we are taking the journey together that makes it exciting. Because what fun is experiencing something and not being able to share it with anyone else?

So as I move on to the next stage in my life, whatever it may hold, I know that all the people around me are on the journey with me. And be-

cause we are sharing it together, we influence each other's perspectives and lives. You don't have to know me, I don't have to know the next person, and so on, but because we are walking side by side through life, all it takes sometimes is one touch, one look, or one word during one moment.

Thinking about my life in this way puts me on edge a little, but although I may not have looked at it as a good thing at first, I now realize that's the whole point. That in itself is the adventure - seizing every moment that I am given and using them to do what I feel called to do. As I do so, I know that God is with me and is fulfilling His will and calling in my life, and through me is touching others on the journey. It also opens my eyes to the fact that they are also touching my life in ways that I can see, as well as in miniscule moments that in the end become divine.

So as I leave Concordia, I thank all of you for being part of my journey and for sharing it with me. And remember, it is the sharing of the journey and what we do with it that is important, not the journey itself.

-Kristine den Boon

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## MEET YOUR SOY

Following up on my last article, I would like to thank all of you who read it with the assumption that you would read my following one, which you are now reading...

I would like to first tell you some interesting facts that I found this week. As well, I promised I would try to provide a little help for you aspiring vegetarians! Looking around for more info on animals' rights and such, I came upon these disturbing facts that might hit you environmentalists out there as well. How does eating meat harm the planet?

Producing a single hamburger uses enough fossil fuel to drive a small car 27 miles and enough water for 17 long hot showers.

It takes 25 000 gallons of water to create a pound of meat.

A typical pig factory farm generates the amount of raw waste of that of a city of 12 000 people

We are losing rain forests as fast as 125 000 square miles per year to clear room to raise cattle.

On one acre of land, 20000 pounds of potatoes can be cultivated, but on that same land only 165 pounds of beef can be raised.

I am not trying to force anything on anyone, I am just writing to inform my fellow students about the world around them. I feel that our global destruction is something we all should be aware about if we plan on living here a little longer. Anyways, here are a few tippers for you fellow aspiring vegetarians. Use these things instead of....

**Eggs:** Use commercial egg replacers in baked goods. For breakfast, scramble tofu with onions, mushrooms, mustard, turmeric, and soy sauce.

**Jello:** Look for agar-agar (made without boiling cows' hooves and pigs' skin), or try Hain's Super Fruits, a vegan gelatin that comes in four fruit flavors.

**Ice Cream:** Try frozen desserts like Tofutti, Soy Delicious, fruit sorbets, and ices.

**Cheese:** Check health food stores for soy cheese, which is great on pizza and sandwiches, as well as in sauces.

**Milk:** Try chocolate, vanilla, and plain soy milk, rice milk, and almond milk. Excellent for cooking, on cereal, in coffee and hot chocolate—use them any way you'd use milk.

**Hamburger:** There is a wide variety of vegetarian hamburgers. For "hamburger meat" as an ingredient, substitute crumbled veggie burgers in recipes for chili, "meat loaf," and tacos.

Amendah Cannan

Check this out for more tippers: <http://www.vegetarianstarterkit.com/>

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson

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## INFORMATION ON THE UPASS

Do you take ETS to school? Are you tired of paying \$54 a month for a pass? Do you only use your bus pass half the time? If the answer is yes, then this will interest you.

Recently, the students at the U of A held a referendum to receive from ETS a subsidized TERM bus pass. This bus pass will have all the privileges of a regular adult pass, but will cover four months in a term. ETS calculated that a term bus pass could be given to students at a rate of \$120 per term. That is a lot better than close to \$60 a month.

Information about the UPass program is available on the ETS website, [www.takeETS.com](http://www.takeETS.com). The UPass program has been successful at other post-

secondary schools across Canada. In order to implement it here at Concordia, an agreement would be forged between ETS and the Concordia Student Association. A referendum would be held in order to determine whether or not the students would accept the program. Now, the U of A is going to offer this pass at \$60 per term to their students. However, to keep this price, they have to subsidize the ETS estimate. It has been calculated that in order to offer this subsidized cost, the SU at the U of A will have to acquire \$3 million a year through fundraising and sponsorship. Personally, even the \$120 estimate looks better than the \$216 I already pay per term for bus passes. I have taken the liberty to inform the CSA President (Scott Lyons as of May) of this program. If you are interested, please contact a Student Representative for more information.

Jennifer Jewell

## GET A LIFE, NATALIE

This is a reply to an article by Natalie Morpurgo. I am one of your so-called "inconsiderate people." As of now, I am 18 years old, and I am a serious student at this institution. Now that we have this established, I have a question for you, Natalie. What gives you the right to tell me what I should and shouldn't do?

The people who sit at our table have their own problems, of which you know nothing. We do our own thing, and for the most part, we don't bother anyone. We did watch a movie once on the laptop that one of our group has, and it was turned up just loud enough for us to hear it. Maybe I'm not catching something here, but I haven't heard anything about having to be quiet in Tegner or seen any signs.

Another thing, what business is it of yours what I do in my free time? If I want to "flick pennies" I will!



You don't know me, so how do you come upon the verdict of me being "immature"? That's not your place.

The only thing I don't understand here is how you can have the nerve to publish an article as astoundingly ignorant. Next time, try to think a little before you publish an offensive statement.

We don't live in a dictatorship here, and I am sorry to burst your bubble, but you cannot tell me what to do! If you want a nice quiet atmosphere to study, go to the library. If you don't want to do that, I have only three words for you:

## DEAL WITH IT!

By the T.A.S.

(The Anonymous Student)

## REQUIEM FOR BEING UNAWARES

Aphrodite is said to arouse you in the heart and Cupid is said to have you in his arrow, so it is to them with whom I shall lift up my voice in solemn lamentation and rebuke

Oh most wicked and vile progeny of Venus!

Thou who art depicted with wings and face shining innocent should be endowed with your real attributes –demon horns accompanied with nefarious glance.

Oh most treacherous spoiler of unmoved peace and stillness of mind  
Degenerate destroyer of singular thought and focus

You whom infiltrate one's mind when uninvited, breaking into solidarity with no thought of the devastation you bring

Oh wrecker of study!

Joyous are you to bring forth the bitter from what you say to be sweet

I demand from those cruel daughters of Zeus an answer!

How is it that you have wrought on mankind such an inescapable emotion?

If you come to me as the Almighty came to Job I will stand & demand of thee with unbent knee, though thou dost call forth Cerberus from his guard

He is but a small puppy compared to that wicked Cupid

Damn you fates, who allow such a creature to exist

How can peace have place in you, when you allow it to be so helplessly expropriated from mortals?

Most damnable & scathing a ghoul is Cupid

For in my weakness he struck

Skulking he laid till my momentary weakness was discovered by his observation

Then upon spying my seldom & most innocently wandering eye, he felled the naïve hart with poisoned arrows

These piercing through even the most carefully positioned defenses

When the arrows first entered the soft seat of hope, I swooned in the false opiate of newly discovered elation with a virgin like innocence

Then after I beheld the arrows induced folly, I begged that they be removed & their evil venom be taken from me.

Upon hearing the piteous cries of the injured, Cupid mocked and reveled in the sorrow he induced.

History herself doth set forth a cry against thee! For thou hast anguished and destroyed many a multitude; sending not a few past the river Styx

How many minds hast thou stolen by the virtue of false promise?

How many untold hours hast thou wrenched from man with your special version of consternation?

A stony & most vampiric heart thou hast, hardened in an ice of infinite coldness

You have put at enmity my mind and my heart whom were once fast friends

For now the one chides with the other... & quite rightly so for those feelings should desist

But it is you who prevent it

Impotent hast thou made my mind against the raging of your planted emotions

You though reasoned against, persist in propagating your propaganda of decadent pleasure; my emotions are pinioned by it.

Like the Lernaean hydra, if the thought of her be quelled, 7 more spring up to be uselessly battled with

And every one which springs up allows my heart to chisel and craft a more and more fantasized Galatea; only the ivory will not wax warm

What other feeling than undiluted and pure hate could demand such attention; helplessly driving the mind even as the tempest drives the flood

I who once believed that you had not been given so much power over the hearts of men am now proved unversed in your treachery, and am indescribably ignorant of it

Woe is I & cursed art thou.

Incomprehensible feeling, if I could but rend thee from my heart though you be firmly rooted, I could once more know peace

I could know again unmitigated solace without your constant influence

You who conjure up her face in mere trifles of thought or glance

Strike me from your list of feeling; blot my name from it

I wish no longer to be hunted of thee

Requite back again unto me my singularity and breadth of focus

Take from me your bitter gift

To thee oh most fair does this pen spill ink as though tears

These words being written with the softest fervor do rend from me an unspoken awe

Awe like great Roland had for war, yet my awe is for the exasperation...my affliction which attraction doth cause

Sincerely Bitter

## BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### ATTENTION ALL RETURNING LUTHERAN AND ANGLICAN STUDENTS!

Application forms for the 2004-2005 LCC Student/Travel Bursary and the H.A. Dietrich University Bursary will be available on April 8, 2004 at the Admissions and Financial Aid Office (G202). Completed application forms must be returned to the Admissions and Financial Aid Office by

June 30, 2004.

Please note that beginning in the 2004-2005 academic year, **application forms will no longer be mailed out to students**. Students will now be responsible for picking up the appropriate application forms at the Admissions and Financial Aid Office.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this process, please feel free to contact me directly.

Linda Nollski

Financial Aid Advisor

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The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation has created a scholarship designed to award students in their upper years of study whose excellence has until now gone unrecognized.

\* Are you a full-time student pursuing your first bachelor degree?

\* By the end of the 2003-2004 academic year, have you just completed your second year of studies?

If so, you could qualify for an award ranging in value from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

The Millennium National In-Course Excellence Awards will be distributed to as many as 1,200 Canadian, upper-year, post-secondary students who have demonstrated a commitment to the values of community service, leadership, innovation, and academic excellence. The awards will be granted in September to students who have personified the quality of excellence but have gone unrecognized by any substantial merit scholarships (if you've received a scholarship on the basis of financial need, you are likely to still qualify for an excellence award).

Please refer to the website for the Eligibility Criteria and detailed information regarding this scholarship. If you qualify for this award, an application may be downloaded from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation's web site at [www.awardforexcellence.ca](http://www.awardforexcellence.ca)

Completed application forms are to be submitted directly to the Admissions and Financial Aid office (Room G202) at Concordia University College of Alberta no later than April 30, 2004. Incomplete applications, as well as applications received beyond the deadline, will not be considered. If you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please feel free to contact me directly.

Best regards,

Linda Nollski



## SILENT AUCTION DONORS

The 2004 Graduation Committee would like to express our sincerest thanks to all students, faculty, and friends of Concordia University College for supporting the 2004 Graduation Silent Auction Fundraiser to help raise \$3000. We would like to thank the following donors, without whom this fundraiser would not have been possible.

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## EAVESDROPPING ON SAM AND WILL

Sam:

I was just talking to two female friends about how I thought makeup was a waste of time and money.

Will:

I see... you like it?

Sam:

No. After the two of them tore me apart, one reminded me that the two of them aren't usually so vicious.....Anyways, I prefer people to not use cosmetics. It's too much like lying.

Will:

Or like putting your best foot forward. It's like saying... look here... not there. (I can't believe I'm advocating makeup)

Sam:

Neither can I. Maybe you've been tainted by your girlfriend. She stopped by while we were in the middle of it to talk about other things. I was glad the topic didn't come up while she was around, cuz I think she would have argued against me too ... I can only take one beating a night.

Will:

I think my girlfriend is one of the only girls who's absolutely gorgeous without makeup on.

Sam:

But she still uses it, and would likely advocate its use.

Will:

Perhaps...but she's got these great blonde eyelashes... she thinks they look dumb without makeup... it's too bad. She just makes me melt...yuck... I sound sappy

Sam:

Your prerogative. You are a poet after all. But that's my point - things aren't nearly as dumb or ugly looking as the cosmetics companies would have us believe.

Will:

I think it's beyond the companies. Now a days they don't put down people... but build up their products' effects

Sam:

In effect, however, they're pulling people down. If you're advertising with a supermodel who doesn't even exist in reality, you're lying to the consumers. That brings it back to the issue of honesty. With their ads 'n stuff, they're effectually saying that "this is what normal people look like - this is what you should look like"

Will:

I've just said that my girlfriend looks great without makeup...I didn't say anything else about the rest of the world. And honestly man... some people... look really a lot... better with it

Sam:

Sure. But should they be forced into wearing it? Should we let the cosmetic companies set the bar so high that it's impossible? Or should we let nature decide where people fit on the scale (if the scale should even

exist - that's a whole different rant)?

Will:

Ummmm. I think anyone who can't see through makeup is a sad person who sits at Plato's second level of thought.

Sam:

Oooo. So he pits Plato against me, eh? Tastefully done, it is rarely that difficult to see past it. Even our female friend grants that a girl shouldn't be using makeup to the point that it distorts her face. I'm not talking about seeing through makeup. I'm talking about using it. I'm criticizing the fact that we as a culture are so hyped up about looks that makeup even exists.

Will:

Ok... a different point entirely... but you are talking to a man who likes looks

Sam:

I know. It's been bred so far into our culture that it's inescapable. But consider this- I think capitalism is moral crap, but the ideas it purports about competition are true. If we keep raising the bar (I don't know how we could go further - even supermodels are digitally touched up in magazines), people will continue to try to match it. It's just not possible, however, for the majority of people to match it. I'll leave you with one more thought - the people at the most risk for eating disorders and suicides are girls aged 13-14. Guess who the media targets?

Will:

I do believe that the top end of the industry is pushing the bar. I foresee Brooke Shields' eyebrows coming back into style and a much softer look to makeup... Things have gone to the plucked end and there aren't any people left in the presented painted skeletons... But that is at the top of the industry. In the real world we are surrounded by beautiful individuals, some realize they are individuals and find their own beauty. Others are lost trying to find themselves in that top end. It is sad.

Sam:

There's something we agree on. After thinking about it do you think we could agree on one thing?

Will:

What?

Sam:

If someone is using my makeup (or any product, for that matter - let's not exclude guys) because they're insecure about not matching the "top end," they should probably quit and become secure in how they normally look.

Will:

Only if it doesn't hurt to look at them. Seriously though, I think if they need the confidence makeup gives them, so be it.

Sam:

I still think it's like lying.

Will:

I wonder what Concordia thinks.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to the many, many students who have assisted me in this academic year. You have opened doors for me, moved aside on the Tegler ramp so I could get by with my crutches, removed the snow from my car on several occasions this past winter, and some have asked how I am or encouraged me in some way. In chapel, someone always helped by getting a hymnal for me. Students in my classes have carried books for me and assisted in making the teaching situation more comfortable.

I am most grateful. You are people who care for others, and I thank God for each of you. You are CONCORDIANS! As I leave for my knee replacement surgery, I wish each of you our Lord's richest blessings for the completion of this year and during your final exams. I hope to be back in time for graduation and the placement service for the church workers.

May the Lord richly bless each of you in your future endeavors. I will retire this summer and will not be returning next fall. But Concordia and its wonderful students will always be within my memory and I will return for concerts, plays, and athletic events.

Again, THANK YOU Concordia students!

Professor Jeannette E. Lietzau  
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**SAYONARA CONCORDIA!**

This is it Concordia, I'm done. I am graduating!!! I had a great time causing trouble with the paper and working with Scott and Kristine. Normally, I am a woman of many (and loud) words, but I will spare you today.

Thank you for a wonderful experience!!!

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- Margaret Mead

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# The Back Page

## Breaking Down the Walls of Chapel

Spending time within the halls of higher education can be a daunting task for most people. Whether you are there to learn or work, sometimes you just have no patience for what can face you during the day. It is these moments which for some can be the most stressful, regardless of what is done to try and prevent it. What can we do to cope? Well, an interesting thing happens at around 10:45 in the morning. A group of students, most of them Christian, accompanied by some faculty and staff, do what they know works for them to overcome the stress. They head to chapel. It is during this time when by happenstance they, as a group of friends, regardless of position or placement, are able to pause and reflect on what might be challenging them, and in the spirit of fellowship and prayer face what lies ahead.

Now, how can I say this? I figured I had my time at Concordia well in hand, capable of doing it on my own. Ironically, I was wrong. There was one day when facing a hard exam for my Intro to Logic class with Professor Strand had me all wound up and extremely stressed out. I figured I call myself a Christian, but I thought that chapel would be a waste of time. What I thought I needed was to study more, but I could not retain anything I was reading. I needed something, an inner strength to face this exam, and anytime I need that strength, I go to the Lord in prayer. The problem lies with the fact that I like to think of myself as an ecumenical Catholic (one who wants unity among Christians, while maintaining his own religion), but I certainly don't act like it. So what did I do? I buried my pride and went to check it out.

What was I expecting? I mean, I cannot tell a Catholic from a Lutheran, but since this is a Lutheran/Christian School, were they going to try to covert me or change me? Or as a friend of mine, who happens to be an atheist said, "Do they have a Lutheran Brain-Washing Machine?" I was leery because I live at St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, with the hopes of becoming a Catholic priest. I attend Morning Prayer and Mass already, so do I need to worship with a bunch of Lutherans? The answer is yes, and a big YES! As a Christian, I cannot look at one of my brothers or sisters in Christ and expect them to treat me with kid gloves because I am a Catholic-Christian. I want to be on a level playing field where my religion can coincide with my faith, and people can know I am proud to have Jesus in my heart.

Funny, for a bunch of fellow Christians, they did what I figured they would do. They took a moment out of their day and gave thanks to the Lord for what He has done so far, and for the strength to carry on with life's challenges during the rest of their day. Did they do this vocally, speaking out about what they specifically needed help for? Nope, it was done simply with a hymn, a sharing, and at the end of it all, a blessing from Dr. Dombrosky. The amazing thing for me was that when it was over, I felt ready to face that exam. Although I did not ace it by anyone's standards, I passed with a decent mark. Did that come from within? I could not tell you where specifically, but the solace and serenity I got from going to chapel that day prepared me to face the exam. So before you make the judgment that chapel isn't for you, think about what it did for me, and you might find a moment to pause and prepare like I did.



Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night. ~Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters of Rainer Maria Rilke*



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