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## Concordia Alumnus Among The Fallen Peter Schiemann Mourned By Many Students, Family

## The Empty Tomb

Matt Klein

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If you were to ask me what honor and duty were I'd tell you about a man who died in service A man who died doing what he loved If you were to ask me what friendship is
I'd tell you about a man who touched thousands of lives A man who died beside his friends
If you were to ask me what sorrow is
I'd tell you about a family weeping over a casket
My best friend crying on my shoulder
Peter was "living the life, living the dream" When that life was taken away
When our son, brother, friend was taken away
Oh but to shake his hand, call his name and have him wake
What would we give to have him wake
If you were to ask me what despair was
I'd tell you I wouldn't know
I've never seen it
For despair cannot linger where hope and faith reside Hope of the resurrection
Faith in the knowledge that Peter was clothed in Christ
Washed clean by the blood of his Lord and Savior Connected to Christ's victory over death through the waters of baptism Connected to the Empty Tomb.

If you were to ask me how to say good-bye I'd tell you not to and leave you with five words "I'll talk to you later"

In Loving Memory of Peter Schiemann


# The Impossible Years Approaches Showtime 

Bonnie Ross

The Impossible Years opens on Wednesday, March 16 with an invited matinee for Concordia high school students and some junior high school students. Wednesday evening is a pay-what-you-can night, so that starving students can come to see the play for a tooney, loonie, dog biscuit, whatever. The other performances are at usual times (see posters).

This comedy has been a fairly difficult undertaking because Concordia just doesn't have the resources to build the kind of things this play has required. Gil Allan is trying to create a certain level of production value with the drama department's small budget. This stretches the budget and puts a strain on the theatre, which has a number of non-drama people using it throughout the day as a lecture hall.

This comedy is a different kind of show for Concordia - different in subject matter, style, etc. This was the kind of theatre that Gil was weaned on as a young professional. It's never been a choice for the drama department before, so they're holding their breath to see what's going to happen. The comedy is meant to be fun and borders on farce. Gil warns it's all send up; none of this is to be taken as some serious social issue
that needs to be analyzed.
The comedy also provides a good learning experience and stretches the students in a new direction. The one thing Gil feels is really good about the Concordia drama department is that it isn't staid and boring. That's really important for a smaller university. Concordia has not fallen into a pattern or a niche, and that's what exciting and sets it apart. Nobody knows what the Concordia drama department is going to do next, including the department! They will evaluate this when it's done, and choose another direction.

The students in the show have really risen to the occasion. It's been a big stretch for them, and some are way outside their comfort zone. They're doing risky stuff theatrically because they don't have the experience. Bethany Lang, the lead actress, admitted that wearing a bikini and kissing in the play bothers her, but she knows that it's just acting. The person she plays in the comedy has a very different character from what she is actually like in real life, but many people forget that. She said that someone asked her, "Why are you halfnaked in posters all around the school?" and she started crying. When she steps on the stage, she becomes Linda Kingsley, not Bethany Lang. This is also the first time that she has acted in a play like this, and she is feeling a lot of pressure as the lead actress. She admitted that "everyone is warm and friendly; I don't feel pressure from them. Most of the pressure is from within."

The students in the play have had to make a commitment which is almost a full-time job, and they don't get any slack from any professors. Gil has asked them to go and ask for favours occasionally, but they rarely get any. They are under a lot of pressure, but they do it for the love of the show and because they want to contribute to the school. They have no personal life, end up cramming for exams, and Gil says, "If you have a significant other, get rid of it, because you no longer have time!" But when they finish, they never say it wasn't worth it. They may say they wouldn't do it again as a student, but they say it was worth it. And hopefully everyone who comes to see this comedy will also agree that it is worth it!

# The Concordia Shopoholic Takes Manhattan... Home with Her 

Guess how I spent Reading Week? That's right, shopping in New York City. On our first day there I went to Fifth Avenue to wait for the stores to open. I was on a mission to acquire a Prada handbag or two and a pair of Manolo Blahnik strappy sandals and maybe something in Burberry. I just love Burberry. But to my surprise the perfect Prada bag at Saks was $\$ 895$ US and Burberry items started at $\$ 200$ US. My credit limit is not that high and I had even paid off the credit card before the trip! Fortunately, another member of our group had been to NYC before and on day two of the trip, she took me to Canal Street. Canal Street is where every kind of designer handbag you could
imagine is sold at discount prices. Prada, Hermes, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Burberry (did I mention I just love Burberry). There it was at bargain prices on Canal Street. So, you have heard of imitation fur, well, why not imitation designer stuff?

For under \$200 US, I got three different handbags in all the latest spring colors with Prada labels, two Burberry patterned scarves (a blue one and a pink one), a matching wallet (did I tell you how much I love Burberry?), a black Hermes clone handbag, three almost Rolex watches, a pair of Gucci-like sunglasses, and a look-alike Louis Vuitton suitcase to put it all in. And the best part, I still had room on my credit card for a pair of real Manolo

Blahnik sandals. I just love shopping in NYC.

After the shopping trip I even had money and time to visit some tourist sites, like the Empire State Building gift shop on the $86^{\text {th }}$ floor, the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Island souvenir shop, Central Park (yes they have a gift store there too!) and the Metropolitan
 museum gift store. New York is so shopping orientated that even the public library has a gift shop. My kind of place!


Please clean up your crap in the library. You know who you are!

## Forbidden Foods...



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I decided to explore the world of forbidden foods: those that carry a large negative connotation. Everyone should try them at least once. (Boy! Do I sound like my father... when I don't like something he kindly tells me, "Eat it anyway.") You may be surprised with yourself and fall in love with one of these unpopular dishes.


Tuna Casse-
role: Prepare 4 cups of pasta (of your choice to your desired tendency - I boil the pasta for 12 minutes until it doesn't have that grainy taste any longer.) Put the pasta into a casserole dish (safe in the oven) and stir in chunks of tuna (about $1-2$ cups, depending on how much you like tuna). Add $1-2$ cans of cream of mushroom soup and maybe a splash of milk (if you don't want it too thick). Drizzle the dish with cheese of your choice and put it in the oven to bake for $15-20$ minutes at 300 degrees.


MeatLoaf:Mix (by hand works best) together one package of ground beef, a couple shakes of pepper, oregano leaves, onion powder, and Worcester sauce, 3 handfuls if crushed soda crackers (keep the crumbs coarsely crushed), a quarter cup of milk, a half cup of
ketchup, and one beaten egg. Put the contents into a greased loaf pan at 300 degrees for about 2 hours.

## Liver \&

Onions: I am a big fan of liver so don't knock it until you've tried it. Take the liver
 and slightly rinse it underneath the tap and then dip it into a plate of flour until completely powdered. Fry the liver in a pan with sliced onions until the liver has changed from its deep red burgundy color to brown (color change should be consistent throughout the meat.) You may want to add spices to the onions to give a little more of a zesty flavor. *** Student Budget Bonus: Liver is dirt cheap ... so trying it won't be a waste of money, and liking it won't exactly hurt the check book. ***

The next issue of the Blue \& White is sadly our last issue, so any last ideas that are great for the student schedule/budget, or any good cooking stories (horrific, funny, whatever) would be greatly appreciated.

Bon Appetit!

## Job Search (Summer, Part-time or Permanent Jobs)

- Drop in to Career Services Office (L265) or book an appointment through Student Services (G212) for assistance with job search, resumes, portfolios and interviews.
- Check Job Postings binder in the library (just outside the Career Services OfficeL265).
- Concordia Students may access www.workopoliscampus.com: When registering as a user, enter the Concordia code (cuca) and look for postings that say "Posted by Concordia".


## Applying for Grad Studies?

- Drop in to Career Services Office (L265) or book an appointment through Student Services (G212) for assistance with preparation of applications for grad studies.

Career Workshops for Concordia Students

| Resumes and <br> Portfolios | How to develop a good <br> resume and/or portfolio as <br> you apply for jobs. | Thurs. <br> March <br> 17,2005 | $3: 30-4: 40$ <br> pm. | CSA <br> Conference <br> Room |
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| Interviewing | Preparing for interviews <br> for jobs or to enter post- <br> secondary programs | Wed., <br> April 6, <br> 2005 | $11: 10$ am- <br> $12: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | CSA <br> Conference <br> Room |

## Small Talk With Drywall

Sam and Will were carrying a slab of drywall into the storage unit. Another song began playing on the radio. It was "Pieces" by Sum 41.
"You know what I think?" asked Sam.
"What?"
"I think I hate punk music."
"Okay," saidWill. They put the piece of drywall in place and began putting screws in. Will started humming. Sam kept putting screws in the drywall.
"Crap," he said. He pulled his drill out of a screw-sized hole in the drywall, and tried again. The drill punched through thedrywall again. Samswore.

Will laughed. "Youknow, I don't think I've ever heard you swear before."
"That's cuz I don't. I hate swearing. I hate a lot of things. I think I hate everything that usually goes along with swearing, too. Actually, that whole 'cool' thing? Yeah, I hate it all. I hate cool things. I'm not cool, and I hate cool things. They driveme up the wall."
"...okay..."
"Like Spongebob Squarepants. I hate him. I hate that stupid sponge. He makes me want to vomit. I've seen the show, and sure, it's funny, but he's a bloody sponge! Why is he popular enough to have his own line of merchandise? And why do people keep buying it!? I. . . Ijust don'tget it."

Will had stopped putting screws in, and was watching Sam. When Sam was finished, he kept watching. Sam began punching more holes in the drywall. A commercial came ontheradio, and Sam dropped his drill.
"I hate cars and stupid sound systems too! I hate those ground effects. I don't even care if they look cool or not. Why are they so popular? They aren't worth the money that they cost. There's nothing rewarding about having the bottom of your car light up. Or to be able to damage your eardrums more permanently than the next guy.
"I hate the whole bar scene, too.

Hey! Let's go get drunk off our faces and randomly fondle the closest chick. Diseases? Who cares!"

Will stood up slowly and stepped back. Sam was swinging his hands along with the words he was emphasizing.
"Ilike shy people, I like school and goodmarks. Ilike Jazzmusic and being on the running club. I hate reality TV shows and movies that are nothing but an excuse for blood, sex and explosions. Ihate calendars with babies on them. I love babies, but I hate how people dress them up like flowers. Ihate Anne Geddes!!"

Will stood in the doorway, watching Sam. Sam stopped talking, and picked up his drill. He crouched down, and took a screw from his pouch. He put it on the tip of his drill, and pushed it into the drywall a little ways. The screw bit into the metal stud behind it.
"I think you care a little bit too much," saidWill.
"I think all of you sheep don't care enough."

Sam Coleridge

## The Tests You Can Never Fail

Testing: 1. A procedure intended to establish the quality, performance, or reliability of something. 2 A short examination of skill or knowledge. 3. A means of testing something.
Students are used to taking tests that measure their knowledge of various school subjects, but there is another test students might consider taking: the career test. Here are several common career tests.
EChoices Planner (Bridges): This is an inventory which you can do online, after you sign on under the Concordia codes. It compiles answers to several questionnaires and provides a list of potential careers to investigate. This is free for Concordia students. For assistance to sign on, drop in to the Concordia Career Services Office(L265) or call 479-9244.
John Holland's Self Directed Search is composed of 6 RIASEC types (Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising and Conventional). This test instrument lists a variety of occupations that match the top 3 RIASEC types you have chosen.
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) identifies your personality type and highlights the strengths and weaknesses your personality will bring to the workplace.

## Keirsey CharacterSorter/Keirsey Temperament Sorter

 seeks to discover your temperament. The belief is that one's temperament should be used as a guide to finding work that is more natural for your type. There are four temperaments.The Enneagram consists of nine "types" that reveal the self.

This test is aimed at developing self-awareness. Through selfawareness you allow your heart, values, and passions to guide you to your career choice.
MAPP(Motivational Appraisal of Personal Potential) measures your motivation for a job or career. Motivation is what will provide you with the desire to work each day. Strong Interest Inventory (SII) measures your interests in a variety of jobs, work tasks and leisure activities.
True Colors is a mixture of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the work of Keirsey (mentioned above). The test associates colour with temperament type and seeks to help people of various "colours" achieve better communication amongst each other within the workplace.
While career and personality tests are helpful they are not always accurate. Tests are meant to provide you with insight and ideas about yourself and careers. It is not particularly helpful to use the inventories to find the one correct answer - the one ideal career. In fact, it is better to look for patterns and similarities. What types of careers pop up repeatedly no matter which test or inventory you do? Why do you think that the tests are coming up with these particular answers? Is the test picking up specifics about you that may be applicable to certain careers? What are those specifics?
For more information, contact Concordia Career Services (L265) or call 479-9244.

## Columns

## Student Budgeting

Barb van Ingen


Budgeting while in school can be challenging. This is partly because your "income" during school is not fixed or steady. As a student, you may be receiving income from several different sources. These resources may be credited to you in different ways and at different times during the academic year. So how can you successfully stretch your money and stick to a spending plan when you are dealing with all these variables?

## Know what budgeting means

Understand the definition of a budget: a budget (the noun) is a list of your resources, minus your expenses, generally recorded on a monthly basis. But budgeting (the verb) is something more. The act of budgeting means identifying goals - like saving for a vacation over Reading Week - and making adjustments as needed to help meet your goals.

Focus on what is in your control on a monthly basis

Tuition and fees may be the biggest expenses of going to school, but they are not really in your control. Instead, focus on creating a personal spending budget during school that takes into consideration income available to you after your tuition bill and monthly expenses are paid.

Your income may include savings from summer employment, excess financial aid (returned to you after your billed expenses have been covered), employment earnings and/or other support from family.

If you live on campus, your expenses will probably include: books and supplies, meals and snacks not covered by a meal plan, laundry, entertainment, toiletries, transportation, and other personal expenses. If you live off campus in an apartment, in addition to the above items, your budget may include rent and utilities.

## Making the numbers work

The real key (and challenge) to budgeting is making sure the numbers work in your favor - that you have enough income to cover your expenses.

If you do not have enough income to cover expenses, you have two options: increase your income and/or reduce your expenses. Increasing your income may be possible, but for most students and non-students alike, it is not the most feasible option. That leaves reducing your expenses.

Do you know how much you spend in a given week on things like snacks, CDs and other nonessential items (including alcohol and tobacco)? Budgeting begins by taking a good hard look at where you spend money and determining how you can reduce what you spend. Then, adapt your behavior
to follow through with your spending plan. This process can be summed up in three words: track, tweak and trim.

## Budgeting strategies for students

Here are a few suggestions for ways to help you budget during school.

Finances
Plan your ATM usage once or twice a week, then leave your card in your room.
-Track your ATM withdrawals in your checkbook immediately, or store your receipts in your checkbook and enter them regularly.
Have only one credit card for emergencies and keep it in your room instead of in your wallet.

## Entertainment

-Enjoy free activities on campus, or at local parks, libraries or galleries.
Use an exercise tape or Concordia's free on-campus gym facility.

Food
Shop for groceries at a regular grocery story instead of a convenience store. Use coupons and use them.
If living off campus, plan meals with the thought of the next day's lunch. Brown bagging saves dollars and can be more nutritious.

## Household

Check out "dollar stores" for cheap household items like sponges, trash bags, cleaning products.
Find the cheapest long distance rates and limit your phone time, or write letters and e-mails.

## Books \& Supplies

-Buy used books when possible, and return books at the end of the semester for partial refund.
Check out student discounts widely available for books, computer equipment and other items.

The information above is from the Nellie Mae Foundation.

Student Services is planning on offering a workshop in the fall on how to budget your finances as a student. If you would be interested in attending a budgeting workshop in September 2005, please email Barb at barbara.vaningen@concordia.ab.ca or phone 479-9289.


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## Why You Should Vote

The annual CSA executive council elections are just around the corner, and unfortunately that means tons of voter apathy. Like real political elections, too many people do not vote. This is for a number of reasons, including a total lack of interest and not knowing who to vote for.

CSA stands for Concordia Students' Association, and every student is a part of it. On top of all the other fees you pay for attending this beautiful school, you pay the Student Association Fee

## Therefore, the best reason you

 should vote for your council members is because you paid for it. It's your money; vote someone into a position that will use that money to the students' benefit.If you don't vote because of a lack of information, read this. Located near the CSA offices, there will be postings of each candidate's intentions and qualifications. This is there in case you miss the speeches. Each candidate must present a speech to the student body outlining why they should get your vote. This is to inform you, the student body, of their actions. Furthermore, the people running
for these positions are regular students. You can find them around the school and there may even be someone running in your class. If you have any questions, go ask them. They do not bite.

If you are curious regarding what the student council actually does, then there are also a few choices. I will summarize the basics of the positions for you here, or you can ask your current student council for a copy of the constitution and by-laws to look over for yourself. Keep in mind, the following descriptions are just part of what the executive council does.

President: Represents the students to the Board of Regents of Concordia, is the signing authority at council meetings and has the deciding vote, provides assistance to students with academic concerns, and has lines of communication with the Dean of Student Affairs and the President of Concordia for the benefit of the students.

## VP Internal: Responsible for

 organizing cultural, social and academic events on campus, keeping the students and faculty informed of said events, act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Blue andWhite, liaises between clubs/organizations and the council (also tries to find funding).

VPChristian life: responsible for one Christian Life Week per term, plans and facilitates New Student Orientation, keeps a permanent record of the minutes of all council meetings, ensures there are regular extra-curricular Christian activities for the Students of Concordia.

## VPExternal: Responsible for

 providing a balanced calendar not limited to recreational and social off-campus events, organizes an event during Reading week, oversees the mascot, chairs the graduation committee, and encourages athletic participation at Concordia.VPFinance: Liaises with the Faculty Advisor and presents a written financial reportto General Council, presents audited financial statements of the previous fiscal year, prepares and exercises budgetary control over the Students' Association budget, submits a recommendation for the amount of the Students' Association fee for the following year, assists other council members in generating revenue.

## Food For Fines winter Semester Campaign 2005

The library ran a successful campaign with a fines forgiving program last semester that you may have read about in the Blue \& White. Called "Food for Fines", this campaign invited library patrons with Concordia Library fines to donate one food item for each $\$ 5.00$ of fines (to a maximum of $\$ 10.00$ ). This amount was then removed (forgiven) from their patron accounts. In this manner, we assisted the Edmonton Food Bank before Christmas as well as provided a couple food hampers (in conjunction with Student Services) to Concordia students in need. We estimated that we forgave over $\$ 500.00$ in fines while providing students with a reduction in their fines to access their marks and obtain transcripts, as well as promoting a feeling of goodwill by giving to others in our city.

The campaign was a huge success and we received positive feedback from students as well as faculty and staff who were happy to use our drop box as a Food Bank outlet.

We are planning to repeat the program this semester from April 4-27, and are increasing the fines forgiven limit to $\$ 20.00$. All donations will be forwarded to the $U$ of $A$ Campus Food Bank which also supports Concordia students. Preferred donations include: canned meats and
fish, canned fruits, juices, soya products, as well as vegan alternatives.

With the assistance of the Concordia Advancement department, who has graciously provided us with the donation of the first 4 prize items, we will be holding a draw for the following in conjunction with the campaign; -Concordia Desk Set
-Concordia Desk Clock/Thermometer
-Set of 4 watercolor prints of Concordia campus buildings by artist Jim Cupido
-TD Meloche Monnex Travel Duffel Bag -\$50.00 gift certificate from the Concordia Bookstore Once again, we welcome your support of our campaign by donating one non-perishable food item for every $\$ 5.00$ of Concordia fines owing, to a maximum of $\$ 20.00$. Donations from students, staff and faculty without fines owing are also greatly appreciated. When you donate, you will be entered (one entry per person) for the prize draw, which will be held April 27 at noon. Winners will be notified by telephone. For further information, please contact Karen Visser, Circulation Services Supervisor at the library.

## Kingcome Inlet Missions Team <br> Kingcome Inlet is a tiny <br> house visits and had amazing

Melanie von Hahn Aboriginal village on the coast of British Columbia where only eighty people live during the winter because of the remote location. The mission team who went here included Carolyn Epp, Linden Magnus, Kimberly Beller, Greg van Middelkoup, Paul Ney, and Melanie von Hahn. We were fortunate to spend five days in the community interacting with the children, young

people, and adults who live there. There are no teens in Kingcome because they move to a bigger centre for high school.

We arrived by boat in Kingcome on Sunday afternoon, after spending one night in the tiny community of Guilford. Right away we were faced with the reality of the remoteness of Kincome as we trudged into the village carrying all our luggage. There are no cars in Kingcome and the only way to leave the village is by boat or float plane. Our team was fortunate to have a duplex to stay in, complete with enough beds, a kitchen, and a hot shower.

The five days in Kingcome flew by but were all marked by the hand of God. We did a Kidz Kamp everyday and kept busy singing with the kids, doing crafts, playing games, and telling Bible stories. We were also fortunate to do many
opportunities to hear the stories of the elders in the community. It was through these visits that we saw the value in listening, not preaching, but simply allowing the love of Christ to shine through us as we listened. We also did various servant events around the village such as cleaning the vacant church, repairing fences, picking up garbage, and doing other spare jobs people had for us.

One of the most enjoyable events we were able to participate in was a daily indoor soccer game with the eight or so young adults in the community. We organized an outdoor Olympics on Tuesday when the kids had a day off school. We also had a campfire night, organized a Bible study, held a church service, had a kid's night at our house, attended a traditional Native Princess Pageant at the school, ate lots of tasty food and went on a hike.

However, we came away from
the experience with much more than we could ever have given or imagined. The hospitality, openness, and love of the people of Kingcome Inlet taught us about what it is really like to be a servant of Jesus. The smiles on the children's faces when we gave them Bibles taught us about the real nature of the joy we have in Christ. The enthusiasm of the young adults reminds us of the enthusiasm God gives us to spread His word and His promises. The wisdom of the elders encourages us to learn to listen and to continue to desire the wisdom and knowledge that comes from God. Finally, the bonds we made with the people of Kingcome and with each other as a team reminds us of the importance of unity in the family of Christ. We are so grateful to God for the opportunity our team had to go to Kingcome and it's an experience we won't soon forget.


## Team Hartley Bay <br> Our experience in the community of Hartley Bay,B.C.,

 was absolutely incredible. We arrived in the community on Sunday February 20th, at 12:00 noon. Pastor Bob Koebernick from Parksville came along with our team. It was really great to have him as part of our team and he provided a good connection to the community since he had been to Hartley Bay once before. The community of Hartley Bay is absolutely beautiful. The whole village is built up on a boardwalk because of the ground being so soft and marshy. Everyone drove around on the boardwalk with golf carts, quads and scooters. It was really neat.As soon as we arrived in the community, God began to give us an abundant amount of opportunities to be his hands and feet. On Monday, until Wednesday, we had Kids Camps after school at the Culture Centre for the kids. We sang songs, told bible stories, made crafts, played games, and just had a blast with the kids. Then after supper, we played games with the kids in the gym. The children loved us and we had such a
great time sharing God's love with them. On Tuesday and Wednesday night we had a sing-along with anyone from the community that wanted to come out. Every evening there were a lot of things going on in the gym. We got to be a part of the community's basketball and floor hockey teams. There was also a lot of time to just hang out with the youth and people of all ages.

It was great to take part in these people's lives and to love this community that welcomed us with open arms. Even thought the week was short, it was definitely worth it. The week was a huge learning experience and the growth that the Lord provided both in the community and in our own lives was extremely evident. It's great how going on a trip where your prime focus is God's mission really puts things into perspective. You begin to realize that this is how your life should be every day.

We just want to thank everyone for their support and payers. We can't wait for next year!

## Bella Bella Missions Team

After riding a bus, plane, another bus, and finally a ferry, we arrived in the small town of Bella Bella - a town that would change all of our lives. We quickly packed our belongings and headed up the road to the town. We were greeted by some of the kids and youth, even though it was already 1 am . We unpacked our bags and laid down for some shut eye. Little did we know that would be our last night of actual sleep for the entire week. The next morning started our crazy schedule of hospital visits, worship times, Kids Camps and visiting with people.

We would wake up in the morning, seek out the families that were allowing us to use their showers (since we didn't have any in the church we were staying at) and then eat breakfast. And then the chaos started.

The next few hours were spent with hospital visits, going to the schools, elder's homes and Kids Camps.

Our Kids Camps were amazing. At 3 o'clock the children would run to our doors. First it would start out as a few knocks on the front door, then rapidly it turned into many children surrounding the building, knocking on every door and window they could find, and there were a lot of doors and windows in that
church! We taught the Bible Lesson for the day, and then did music, crafts and gym with them until around five. Supper time, and clean up! Our nights were spent hanging out at the Hall (the local hangout for the kids, where they played basketball for hours on end and hung out in the bleachers talking about random stuff) and hanging out at the church with all the youth. Every night they would show up after supper and we would play games, listen to music and chill with them until about midnight. This was amazing because before we came, their nights consisted mostly of drinking and partying. But for the entire week they stayed out of trouble and just hung out with us.

Then we would unwind, and get ready for sleep. This usually didn't happen for a few more hours because on a team of 10 people, when 8 of them were females, it turned out that talking was way more fun then sleeping.

On our last day there a few of us decided to go into the ocean. Our plan was to wade into the water and then quickly run out. However, the youth had other plans for us. They took us to the docks. So then we thought, okay this isn't too bad. Wrong again! They lead
us to the dock 15 feet above the water and we had to jump off the edge. Normally that wouldn't be that big of a deal but the water was really cold. We had been in the ocean before, but never in the middle of February. The temperature of the water was freezing and to stay in it for any period of time was almost impossible. But it was incredibly amusing for everyone watching us take the polar dip.

We met so many incredible people. Some of the most memorable where Hannah, a deaf woman in the hospital who would sing "Amazing Grace" with us and who loved the Lord with all her heart; Arnold, an alcoholic who would ask us to pray for him whenever we visited and even invited us to his house for supper one night; Peter, a man truly sent from God to help us whenever we needed it. His words were of truth, wisdom and love.

The trip was incredible. Everyone on the trip had an amazing time and had their lives touched. We can only pray that we blessed the community as much as they blessed us. Thank you to everyone who made it possible for the ten of us to embark on this unbelievable adventure

## Tuition Freeze

Scott Lyons CSA President

How many of you are aware of the throne speech given by Ralph Klein in February? How many of you know that the government has legislated a "tuition freeze" for post-secondary institutions? Before you go WHOOOHOOOO let me give you the really important detail.... It does not include Concordia or other independent institutions. So to put it simply, YOU are not included.

Let me start with some clarification as to what this "tuition freeze" is all about. Firstly, it is not really a tuition freeze. A tuition freeze means that there are to be no tuition increases at an institution and that the government will make up the difference and this will last for an indefinite period of time. What we have this time is the government offering to compensate Alberta students at post secondary institutions for next year. What it means is that when the institutions raise tuition to cover costs of education then the government will pay the increase for the Alberta students. Therefore it only includes students that are residents of Alberta and it only includes the upcoming year. The government is also instituting a new policy for the new academic year that will help to make education more affordable.

This is all well and good. However, the government did not mention that when it says "Alberta students" what they meant was 'Alberta students attending public institutions'. There is no provision being set for Alberta students at independent institutions. This means of course that unless you attend a public institution you will not get this benefit.

Now before you get too
upset let me give you an update as to the efforts to change the Government's mind. Thanks to the hard work of Concordia President Kraemer and a few other Presidents from other independent institutions the government has heard our arguments and is looking on us in a much move favourable position. Nothing is in writing yet but it looks like they are giving us new consideration to receive this tuition benefit. At the request of President Kraemer and in response to student concerns, I have written a letter to the Honourable David Hancock, Minister of Advanced Education expressing our concern, confusion and disappointment at being excluded. I have also contacted Kings University College and together we are requesting a meeting with Mr .

Hancock to discuss the situation and get a proper response from the government for our students. Our argument is, simply put, that if the government wishes to support all Albertan students, then they must respect their choice of institution. In giving them this tuition benefit they are simply following their own precedent of giving financial aid in the form of student loans to all students no matter where they attend.

My letter is posted on the CSA post as well as on the CSA board across from the CSA phone. I would gladly discuss the details of this situation with any of you and would gladly take the opportunity to answer any of your questions and get your feedback.

God Bless

If you are a student with a Lutheran or Anglican religious affiliation (active church membership), you may be eligible for the Lutheran Church-Canada Student Bursary, the Lutheran Church-Canada Travel Bursary, or the Harold A. Dietrich University Bursary. The deadline to submit applications for the 2005-06 academic year is JUNE 30, 2005. Bursary information can be found in the Calendar - Section 9.0-Awards.

New students should have received an application form when they applied to Concordia, however it is important to note that returning students must come to the Admissions and Financial Aid Office to pick up application forms. Forms will not be mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please feel free to contact me(Lind Nollski) directly.


The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation is looking forsomeone who is an inspiring leader, an innovative thinker, involved inhis or her community and, through it all, somehow manages good grades. If this sounds like the stuff you're made of, you could be on your wayto an award worth $\$ 4,000$ to $\$ 10,000$. Students must be completing thesecond year of their first undergraduate degree in April 2005. Information regarding this scholarship is available on their website at:www.millenniumscholarships.ca/incourse/ or at the Admissions and Financial Aid Office (G202). Concordia is accepting applications for the National In-Course Award (Millennium Excellence Awards Program) until April 30, 2005. Late applications will not be considered.

Are you tired of not being able to find a space to study in the library?
Or maybe the noise in the library is getting to be a bit much?
Do you want something to change?
You aren't the only one. So why don't you do something? Over the next two weeks, let's flood the Dean of Student Affairs' email box with emails detailing the concerns that we have about the library and our proposed solutions. More tables, designated silent study areas, more action by staff to monitor and control the situation. Whatever it is you want, write it down and send in your emails. It's about time that something changed. After all, this is our school and we pay to come here.
Send your emails to:
Wayne Stuhlmiller, Dean of Student Affairs
wayne.stuhlmiller@concordia.ab.ca
Please placed LIBRARY in the subject field and send it $C c$ to:
Dan Mirau, Library Director dan.mirau@concordia.ab.ca

Mark your calendars~
Concordia's annual Awards Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 2,2005 at 7:00pm in the Robert Tegler Student Centre. This event is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of your fellow Concordia students. Everyone is welcome to attend!
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## This week is your LAST CHANCE for program advising before Early Registration!!!

And you can still make your appointment if you haven't already...

Details at the Registrar's Office.


## Mission Trip <br> Kliemitu

At 5:00 on Sunday morning, February $20^{\text {th }}$, eight students from Concordia arrived in the native community of Klemtu, British Columbia, just under twenty-four hours after leaving Edmonton. A threehour flight, three-hour bus ride, and fifteen-hour ferry ride left the team exhilarated at the prospects of the week in front of them. God's works were seemingly limitless and we were His chosen tools for Klemtu that week.

Backed by tree-covered mountains and surrounded by ocean, Klemtu has a population of around 200 of the kindest, most loving people we have ever met. Walking down the streets everyone waves at you from their vehicles and all the people you pass on the street give you a cheerful hello. The welcoming spirit of these communities was quickly exemplified to us on our first wander through Klemtu as we were invited off the street and into the home of one of the families. Little did we know that we would be spending the next twenty-four hours, on and off, in this home. We found ourselves in the midst of sorrow as God placed us in a community grieving for a member of their Christian community who was dying of stomach cancer. Throughout lunch, supper, worship, prayer and an all-night vigil we found ourselves to be wholly accepted into the community more as family than missionaries from far away.

The events of that day set much of the tone for the rest of the week as we found many of the people willing to open up their homes and their lives to us. Although we spent much of our first hours with the older members of the community, the rest of the week would bring interesting relationships with the younger generations. Daily Kids Camps, Youth Nights and late night hanging out showed us how little we had to say to proclaim God's word and give them hope of lives outside of their homes.

Kid's Camps involved the elementary children of the community (the ones who weren't at home with chicken pox) and for two hours after school we played games, sang songs, had puppet plays,



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made crafts, and made fools of ourselves in Bible skits; the kids and ourselves loved every moment of it. We would rush back to our house for a quick supper, and then back to more time with the youth of the community. From seven to nine throughout the week we did everything from Youth Nights to basketball, Bible study to worship. God blessed us with a cohesive team that could do His work alone or together, and we were in definite need of the team He created that week.

Late nights, after a 9:00 pm curfew for anyone under sixteen, we had the young adults of Klemtu into our home where we simply hung out with them, which is something they don't get to do very often. We played games and the now world-famous Concordia Olympics. The teams were stacked, Concordia versus Klemtu, but have no fear, Concordia dominated in most fields.

One of the greatest quirks of the kids is their love of nicknames. It was a convenient quirk at times. If you ever forgot a kid's name, you simply made up a new nickname and called them that for the rest of the week; or for one youth, every time we saw him we gave him a new name.

As the week came to a close and we boarded our ferry, there were more than a few tears shed remembering the fun, laughter and even some of the more emotional times shared during the week. God blessed us with an amazing opportunity to love His children in a place that doesn't realize His greatness as often as it should, because it was in that community that our team saw His greatness most.


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$15 \%$ off all repairs
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