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The tale of a long distance relationship gone south.

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CONGRATS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED CSA MEMBERS



Tyler Ludwig
CSA President
Elect

We have done it! Our elections are complete and thanks to you I have been voted in. Having said that, it wasn't about competing against another candidate, but ensuring the student population was involved in making the

decision. By seeing the high voter turnout I can now see the trust the student body has in my ability to lead. I have heard the concerns of the students and am compelled to ensure those concerns are met with resolutions. I believe the CSA can provide the University experience students yearn for and more specifically provide students with memories that will

last a life time. My goal is to have students CONNECTED to the university, to athletics, and most importantly, to each other. As always I will be available to hear out your concerns or comments and would enjoy having your company in my office. I am excited to say that we will make 2014/2015 the best year Concordia has ever had!

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Tyler Ludwig
-CSA
President
Elect

AN OCEAN APART



Life 'N.
Stuff.
Writer

Dear Life N' Stuff,
My girlfriend of 6 years and I are in a long-distance relationship that is in mid-implosion. Maybe the implosion bit is a little bit melodramatic, but seriously - we've broken up. Previously, our relationship has been pretty stable and we've dated throughout university. She graduated last April, and started her Masters in October in Europe. We've done it before, as she's gone to another country in Europe for a semester of her undergrad as well as, she had a summer job on the other side of the country. This time though, it's much longer. She left again in January and won't be back until September. I bought plane tickets to visit her over a school break that happened to be right over her birthday, at the end of February, and we had made plans for me to go live with her in June, after I graduated. My time there wasn't the best but I figured that things like that happen though, that week wasn't the best for us but I didn't put a lot of weight on it. Since then, we've been barely texting. Any message I send will take a while to be answered, and the responses are shorter, not to mention I was the one initiating any conversation.

Today we Skyped and she told me she wasn't feeling good about our relationship. She's been unsure of where we're going and she wants a break, or maybe to break up (it's still not 100% sure what exactly our status is, or maybe I'm still in denial, I don't know). She also told me is that I did what I "needed to" for her birthday, but I didn't go out of my way to do anything special. Maybe that's true, but I did also fly to London. She said she needed time to think about things and that we're basically not in a relationship for now. I will also be seeing her in about a month and a half. One of my friends and I are going on a backpacking trip through a few countries in Europe, ending in her city. She said we should talk then. All I really want to do is fix it all, but what do I do?

-- Implosion

Dear Implosion,
I'm sure you have picked up on the fact that long distance relationships are obviously difficult, especially when turbulence occurs. This is due to the fact that physical contact is a key component to maintaining a healthy connection. Now, I'm not saying that long distance relationships are altogether impossible, however, sometimes fights and disagreements can be settled without any words at all - sometimes all it takes is being close. Going forward

without this key component without a doubt hampers things, especially in your situation, where there's an ocean between you.

Your best plan of action here is to be prepared for whatever may lie ahead. Explore all scenarios. I could certainly see how someone might feel uneasy about their relationship when they're a whole continent away; it's hard to keep something together when you can barely reach it. There may be external factors influencing her decision as well. It's quite possible the weight of her studies has now taken priority over your relationship as it would be the focus in your absence. As ugly as the scenario may be to think about, there may be someone else in the picture as well. Remember, the physical contact feature is huge. Quite simply, if your relationship was her top priority (which it should be to successfully maintain it) she should show it.

A lot of things can happen in a month in a half until you see her next, this whole thing could blow over, and everything could return to normal. If the issues don't subside, you're not going to be able to successfully repair whatever damage has been done in a day or two while you visit. Don't expect this trip to be able to magically stitch the pieces back together - it just won't happen. If you have any chance of repairing this, it's going to take a lot of

togetherness and time. One of you is going to have to make a compromise regarding the "long distance" part of your relationship. It would be a good idea to talk to her again before you leave and ask her if there is something she isn't telling you. Not "feeling good" about a relationship is a sign of a bigger problem; there's a deeper issue that needs to be explored. During your next communication, express to her that you would value her complete honesty so you can air everything out. Be ready to have a deep and meaningful conversation about what was working and what wasn't and proceed from there. This will result in either a shared understanding and may repair things (at least until you see her again) or if the conversation heads south, you'll know it's time to start the process of moving on.

As for your trip across Europe, you may want to rethink the purpose of this venture. If things don't go so well during your initial talks, try your best to end things amicably, then use your trip as a soul searching endeavor and a way to move on. By the end of it, you may decide not to visit her at all - that's okay, but if you do, use it as somewhat of a final goodbye. Appreciate the time you did spend together and try to part ways harmoniously.

It won't be easy, but you'll get through it. Let us know how your trip goes and best of luck.

BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Natasha Neis

CBA VP Communications.

The Concordia Business Association cordially invites all faculties to participate in our eighth annual Networking Conference. It will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2014 from 6:00-10:00pm at the Coast Hotel Edmonton (10155 105 St.). Tickets are only \$30.00 at the Concordia Bookstore. For this price, you

will receive a buffet dinner, an opportunity to listen to our keynote speaker, Mr. Neil Garretson, and wonderful networking opportunities with various industry professionals and other students.

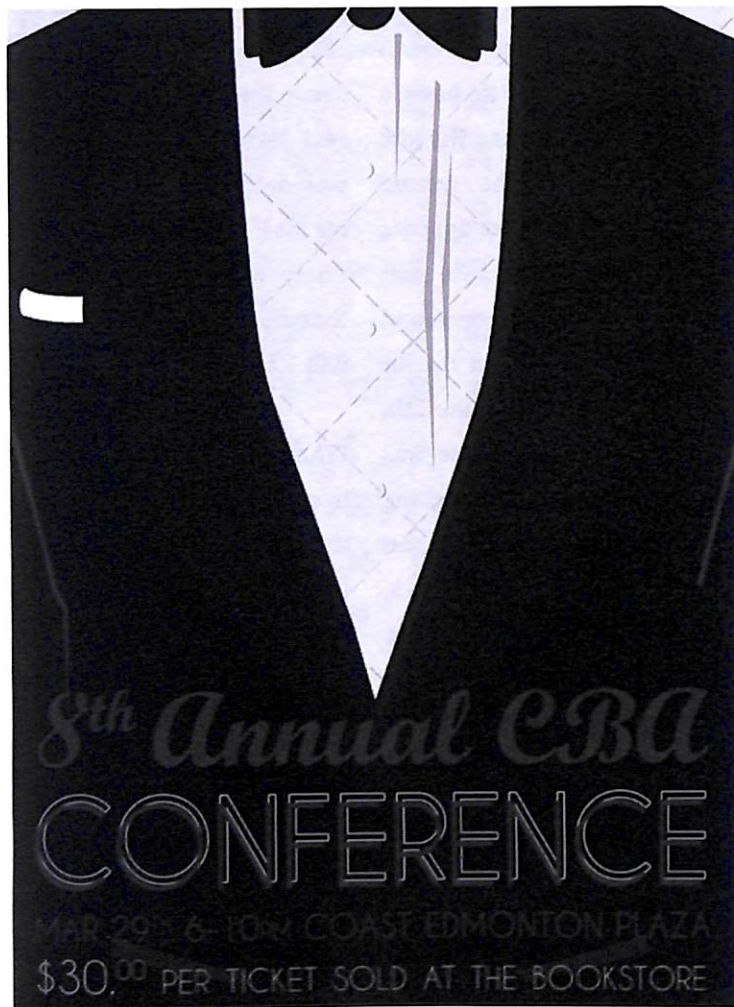
Mr. Garretson will be speaking to us on Young Entrepreneurs. Mr. Garretson comes to us as a management consultant at Alberta Business Sales. He has a background in financial management and experience

with business management, human resource management, and business development. We are excited to receive his input on the many possibilities that young entrepreneurs and recent university graduates have in today's world. Once out of school and trying to find a career, it can often become a confusing time for recent university graduates. There are so many options and paths available to you and Mr. Garretson will help to outline some of these options and make your options more clear. Mr. Garretson has a wide variety of experience in many of the fields that Concordia students are exposed to in Business programs. Because of this, we believe he will have something valuable to provide for everyone who attends.

There will also be professionals from many different industries in attendance in order to give students opportunities to network in areas that are of interest to them. More specifically, there will be professionals from Finance, Accounting, Human Resources, and Leadership in attendance. As students we are always reminded that once you graduate and are looking for a career it is not what you know, but who you know. The Concordia Business Association's Networking Conference is an

opportunity to get to know professionals who are already in the workforce. This can help students in any faculty with their career search once they have graduated. It is important to begin networking now while you are still in school. These professionals are eager to share their advice and experience with students in order to help you become successful now and in the future. In my experiences with networking, these professionals understand that we, as students, are the leaders of tomorrow and they want us to be as ready for success as possible.

It is important to realize that this Networking Conference will benefit all students from all faculties, not just the students currently enrolled in the Management program here at Concordia. Students from all faculties will benefit from already having contacts in the professional world now and when they graduate. This is a great opportunity to network with professionals and other students that attend Concordia and other schools. Previous year's events have proven to be worthwhile for all who attended. There are only 150 tickets in total, so we encourage you to buy your \$30.00 tickets at the Concordia Bookstore as soon as possible. See you there!



A TWIST ON A GREAT SHOW



Rachel
Whipple
Entertainment

Last week's "The 11 O'Clock Number" tried out something new. This show is a full-length, completely improvised musical based simply on audience suggestions. This last Friday night (March 14th) the cast put on a show about a random audience member's life story. The director of the show, Byron Trevor Martin, chose a man in the front row to build the show around. His name was Jesse, Jesse Davis. Byron asked him a few questions about his life and the began!

Neil Kuefler donned the role of Jesse and certainly did him justice. From the sounds of it, Jesse seems to be a pretty average guy, he sells computers by day, goes to school as a linguistics student by night. He has a nice accountant girlfriend named Victoria and in five years he hopes to be employed (don't we all!). So I was skeptical that this show would be very interesting at all. However, the cast threw together one of the best improv shows I've seen.



The story began in Apple CompuTech Electronics where the entire cast sang about how great a guy Jesse Davis is. We were then introduced to his beautiful, successful girlfriend, Victoria, played by the lovely Brienne Jang. She was waiting for him alone at the Olive Garden late at night. Here the hilarious Jason Hardwick became a nosy French waiter, and David Johnston and Nathania Louise Bernabe become Chantel and Shantel who were hash-tag obsessed party girls who convinced Victoria to quit waiting for her boyfriend. Later, we see Neil (Jesse) selling computers to a myriad of customers. Nathania then became his overbearing, accent using crazy boss man.

One of the best scenes is when Jesse gets his wisdom teeth pulled and starts to have a hallucinogenic dream. His idol Peter Forsberg, the retired Swedish hockey icon, appears in his dream and tells him that even though Victoria and he have been broken up for a couple years, that she still loves him. The audience was killing themselves laughing at this scene. Part of the fun was that Jason Hardwick, who played Peter Forsberg, used a completely ridiculous Swedish accent that Neil had to struggle to decipher. Jason even stops the scene a couple times: first, to ask the audience if anyone was Swedish (no one said anything, and he smiled and said good, giving himself

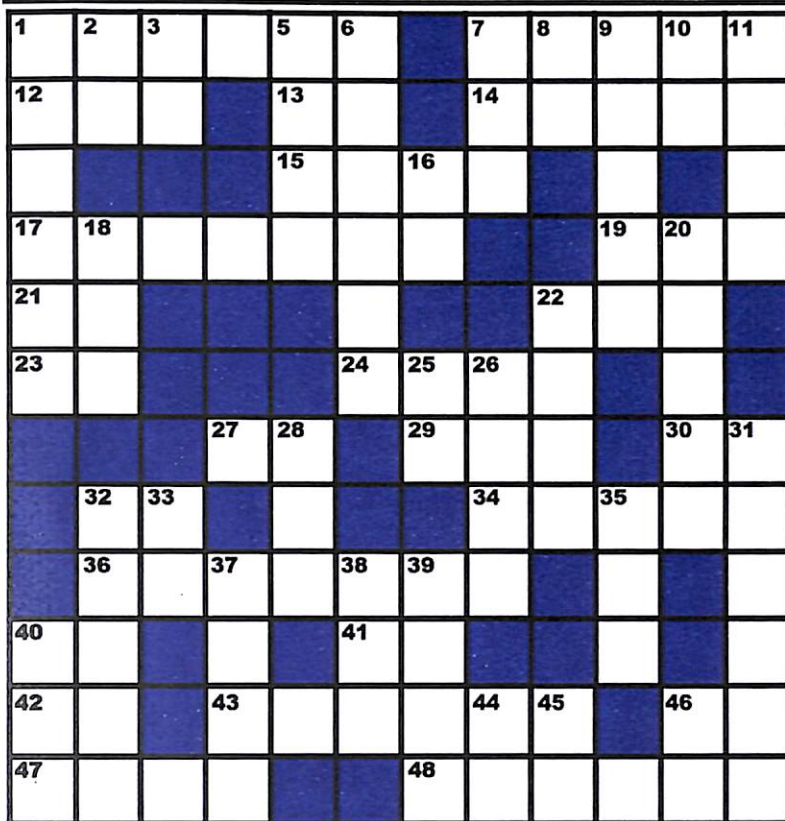
permission to continue using the crazy accent) and secondly, to check in with the real Jesse Davis to ask if he was doing a good job playing his idol. This was an extremely funny moment of the show that no one in that audience will forget anytime soon.

"The 11 O'Clock Number" is never the same twice and it is a extremely excellent way to laugh off the stresses of the week. Come on out every Friday night, it's only \$15 and it is well worth it!

For more information check out: <http://www.grindstonetheatre.ca/> or <http://goo.gl/L4Yrux> or <http://goo.gl/B0kfkza>

FUN N' GAMES

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ACROSS

1. SECOND-LARGEST NATION
7. TRAFFIC CONE
12. ONE STEP __ TIME
13. PROMO
14. IN A SNIT
15. SEXUAL DESIRE
17. "MY DOG HAS FLEAS" INSTRUMENT
19. EXPLOSIVE LETTERS
21. COBALT SYMBOL
22. WHIZ
23. THE CIRCULATING LIFE ENERGY
24. KINGLY ADDRESS
27. ALTERNATIVELY
29. GOLF PROP
30. 6 POINT SCORE IN THE CFL
32. SAINT, ABBR.
34. PROOFREADER'S FIND
36. AURAL WARMER
40. KEEP IT ON THE __
41. DAD
42. MANTRA
43. SOOTHSAYER
46. A LONG, LONG WAY TO RUN
47. 50%
48. GAME WITH FALLING SHAPES

DOWN

3. SODIUM SYMBOL
- THIS WEEK WE'RE MAD AT 4
5. CHIP'S CHIPMUNK CHUM
6. THOSE OF AGE
7. THEATER SECTION
8. CALENDAR REF.
9. STARBUCKS OFFERING
10. TIE BREAKER, SO TO SPEAK
11. EAGLE'S HOME
16. COMPASS PT
18. JAPANESE FISH OFTEN FOUND IN PONDS
20. "GROOVY!"
22. HAVE A LOOK
25. TAG PLAYER
26. CORAL STRUCTURE
28. PIRATE'S POTABLE
31. SOME BROADWAY SHOWS
32. SISTER OF MARGE SIMPSON
33. TANTALUM SYMBOL
35. MANAGED
37. IT'S ON THE HOUSE
38. WORDS BEFORE CREEK OR TREE
39. FICTION ALTERNATIVE
40. HOMER'S INTERJECTION
44. FRENCH WORD BEFORE HAVRE OR MANS
45. WANTS TO PHONE HOME
46. HI FOLLOWER

DOWN

1. A CANADIAN, COLLOQUIALLY
2. @

B O N R P Z Q X A H P J S
 S T N F S U I A G X J A P
 N N R S S R V S V E D I E
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VOTE
BALLOT
ELECTION

ELECT
RUN
SPEECH
CAMPAIGN

SPRING
SHOWERS
FLOWERS

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#DearBolt

Share your thoughts, feelings, and deepest secrets with us and they could end up in the next issue of The Bolt!
 Use the hashtag #DearBolt in your post and we'll see it! If we like your post we'll be sure to share it in the next issue!



ELECTION RESULTS

CSA PRESIDENT

Tyler Ludwig

Yes 263

No 16

Approval rating: 94%

VP FINANCE

Cody Weger

Yes 229 (91%)

No 23

Approval rating: 91%

VP INTERNAL

Shannon Peacocke

Yes 221

No 31

Approval rating: 88%

VP STUDENT LIFE

Sarah Welke

Yes 216

No 36

Approval rating: 86%

VP MARKETING

Patti Daniels

Yes 176

No 76

Approval rating: 70%

ARTS REP 1

N'makaba Conteh

Yes 80

No 28

Approval rating: 74%

ARTS REP 2

Kelsea Gillespie

Yes 92

No 16

Approval rating: 85%

100 POINT BRAWL



**Bailey
Gardecki**

Sports Writer

Usually, my life is quite dull and to say that I am passive not aggressive is usually true, however, when it comes to hockey, I live vicariously through those players as they basically pummel each other on the ice. It seems to me that violence is actually a huge draw for an audience's attention, especially mine, and there has never been an event more enthralling than this past Monday's game between the Winnipeg Jets and the St. Louis Blues.

March 17, 2014 the Jets take on the Blues on their own turf, St. Louis, however this game for the most part was quite docile until the Blues took the win 3-1 with a great effort. As the buzzer blew, a huge, and I do mean huge brawl breaks out and basically all ten players crush together to exchange blows. The line brawl went on for several minutes, as the referees attempted to separate the instigators from each other and restore order; however, even after separating them, these players came back for more. The crowd cheered exuberantly, because I suppose this fight had sated their bloodthirsty lust for a good fight. I should say WE cheered because heaven knows I was up screaming at them too from my couch at home.

Jets' Dustin Byfuglien instigated this huge fight when he checked two of the blues players into the boards after the whistle. His wrath was felt, and the two blues men Polak and Jackman responded with a double team fight. However, as soon as the other players realize what was happening they raced back over to the Blues side of the ice and everyone jumped in.

Ryan Reaves of St. Louis did everything in his power to get at Dustin Byfuglien, and with some success I must admit! The referees finally split them, only to have Reaves take another swing at Dustin and take him to the

ground. The Jet's man was turtled by Reaves as the Blues player put him in a headlock.

The fights that night included players from Winnipeg: Olli Jokinen, Dustin Byfuglien, Andrew Ladd, Bryan Little, Jacob Trouba, and Blake Wheeler, while the fighters from the St. Louis Blues are Barret Jackman, Maxim Lapierre, Roman Polak, Chris Porter and Ryan Reaves. Not a bad turnout for a good line brawl but it will be interesting to behold who has the penalties come March 18th, 2014. When a game's finishing line-ups turn into a mosh pit of sorts, only time will tell what

the repercussions will be. Also, it is worth mentioning that the apparent 3-1 win against the Jets was actually a 4-1 win as with 0.1 seconds left on the clock Chris Porter scored a goal on an empty net. The referee signaled the goal, however, the chaos that ensued after the buzzer basically disallowed that goal; over 100 penalty minutes were awarded to the 10 players involved. This beat down even had some comic relief I found as the goalies stand in complete awe at the antics of their teammates. Extremely entertaining, welcome to NHL, where they donate blood and sweat daily!



EQUALITY IN ED.



Theodora Macleod
Education

I've known Satinder Dhillon for the better part of five years. She is one of the many people I have had the privilege of meeting through my father's job with Alberta Education. With a Bachelors of Education in Elementary education, and a Masters of Education, Satinder was able to provide an invaluable insight into the world of education.

What inspired you to go into education?

I'm one of those ones who always wanted to be a teacher. I felt like it was a calling for me. I've always wanted to teach and I really feel like being a teacher is a true gift, it's an art and a science. I think individuals are born to be teachers, but they're also made.

How did your career start?

Started working with Edmonton Public, my first job was a temp contract with the school I'd done my practicum. I was very fortunate as there weren't many jobs for teachers then. My year as a teacher was teaching a grade 4 class in the core of Millwoods, with a diverse ethnic population. It was a huge school, a class of 30 kids, and at the end of September I found out I was pregnant. By June I was waddling around my classroom but I was so excited to be teaching it didn't matter. After I had her I stayed at the school doing short contracts here and there, I kept my foot in the door with subbing while my other children were born. I think it's very important for teachers who are entering—especially females

who are starting a family—to stay involved in the field. To really be connected to one or two schools.

One thing that was very interesting was that year I was the only Punjabi teacher on staff at the time. I am a visible minority teacher, but I was born in Calgary Alberta. I had the ethnic heritage and the background which was similar to many kids in the school but I had that Canadian context which wasn't as common then as it is now. It was so new for kids to see someone of their own ethnicity as a teacher. I always ran a culture club so the students could learn about these cultures.

I was the first Punjabi language teacher in Edmonton Public Schools. It was the first of its kind in a public context. I've often felt like I exist in a third space. I'm not quite mainstream Canadian, but I'm not quite fully Punjabi. Being able to teach the language was a really enriching experience because it not only allowed me to connect with my own culture but I was able to bridge those two worlds. Historically the language was only taught during Sunday school Gurudwara (sikh temple) so this program was the first of its kind in Edmonton Public Schools.

Have you experienced any unique struggles being both female and a visible minority in education?

Being born and raised in Alberta I didn't realize until I was in my thirties that people saw my color first. It was a huge awakening for me. When I came to understand that, my understanding of myself shifted. Generally speaking I didn't experience difficulties, but I have learned that coming to understand that I am living in that third spaces

has helped me to see myself.

You do hit a glass ceiling and I will say that. I am becoming more cognizant of other's perceptions of my ethnic heritage and being a female than before. It is fair to say that as I move up the corporate ladder I am more aware that the reality of being a female and a visible minority could impact the decisions I make. As I progress in my journey I have to ask myself every day what is really important to me. I think a lot of women are faced with that, as they move up really do face that dichotomy more so than men do.

What exactly is your job now with Alberta Education?

Assistant Registrar of Practice Review- What that means is I deal with all conduct and competency issues for the province. I operationalize conduct and competency complaints for teacher in private, charter, and band operated school. The ATA does conduct and competency for all public schools, so I review those decisions and action them to the minister. If there is a suspension or cancellation of teaching certificate purposed by the ATA's hearing committee, it would be my job to review and process those. When it comes to the conduct (anything that deals with unprofessional conduct) Competency (measuring when teaching is professionally competent, ability to teach) 99% of issues are conduct related. If a teacher's suitability to hold a teaching certificate is brought into question for unprofessional conduct or professional competence, then only the minister of education can suspend or cancel that teaching certificate.

Its serious business but I love

my job. It's been great learning. It's certainly meaningful work. In circumstances where the well-being and safety of students is at risk I feel gratified that I have the opportunity to prevent individuals from continuing to teach when they are not fit. Although I have to add that the cases in which students are unsafe are only a fraction of what I deal with and taken very seriously. It's good work, it's rewarding but it can be disappointing. It focuses a lot on the negative, but in the end it is done to benefit Albertans and keep kids safe. 99% of our teachers in this province are phenomenal. They're good at what they do and they're professionals. They do an excellent job at being role models and teaching kids. But in my job I see that other percent, and that's okay. From the minute they get their certificate, until the day they leave the certification. Teachers are held to a high regard 24/7 on duty and off duty. Same way a police officer is.

What advice to new teachers and students in general?

Build a stellar reputation for yourself. Always remember that you are a teacher on and off duty. You take on that responsibility as soon as you're issued your certificate. Having that certificate is an honor and a privilege but with it comes a professional responsibility. Lifelong learning is so critically important; I hope that students continue in their journey of learning, whether it's formal education or informal learning.

Out of all the jobs I have explored in education, this is by far the most intriguing to me. Now if I could find a way to skip the teaching part and just deal with the practice review... Status: considering a career in public relations.

UPDATE ON REVOLUTIONS



Ramiro Medina
Polo
Politics

Update on Revolutions
Well, as to be expected, the conflicts which have been covered by the Bolt over the past few months continue to have new developments coming up. In this issue, I will updating you on the revolutionary issues that have been going on during the period I've been writing for the Bolt. We will be returning to see where the Syrian conflict is at now, for it has been months since that has been covered here. And of course, we will be looking at the most recent updates of the Ukrainian, Bosnian, and Venezuelan conflicts.

Here are some updates on what is going on in Ukraine. Reports stated that Russia had invaded Crimea, however, the Russians have remained passive and observant as a referendum has been passed around for Crimea to join the Russian Federation. Various reports say that the referendum showed more than 90% of people in Crimea supporting the cause, now they are currently waiting to formally apply to join Russia. As Russian nationalists in Crimea rejoice to be "brought back home," US and EU officials have claimed the referendum to be illegal, thus raising tensions amongst the spheres of influences. The Western sphere of influence has prepared to set economic sanctions against Russia.

Currently, the new government

in Ukraine is struggling to respond to threat of Russia, to the economic damages leftover from the opposition to the prior president (no updates yet on whether he still calls himself the Ukrainian president), and the conflicts between the people of Ukraine due to their allegiances.

In Bosnia, there has been an opposition to international involvement due to the conflicting values that the outside world has compared to Bosnia's. Bosnians have had a lack of response from their government which has started to wear out their patience. Citizens of various towns in Bosnia have started bringing up "plenums" where they bring up their concern and propose ways to change their circumstances. So far, plenums have managed to reduce pay and privileges for officials. However, as this is going on, the international community keeps trying to influence the events taking place in Bosnia. Valentin Inzko, the International High Representative in Bosnia, insists Bosnians must find their own solutions. "The international community is more in favor of the philosophy of 'local ownership'. We always stress local responsibilities and local solutions. We have done a huge job, but later we relaxed a little bit [and] said it is time that the responsibility should be taken over by local leaders and the population... Maybe for the first time a general ownership philosophy is materializing. The international community should not interfere but allow this local movement to ripen." It appears to be that the mass corporate

corruption in Bosnia has given a sense of distrust against free economies, however, elections are expected to happen in October and perhaps then Bosnia's position on the matter will be clearer.

Venezuela continues to undergo the conflicts between protesters and Nicholas Maduro's police brutality; however, he has been attempting to hold a dialogue with the US as it turns out that the US is harshly criticizing the actions by the Maduro administration. There are two conflicting opinions going around: the revolutionaries are claiming that Maduro is instigating them to act against him due to his poor leadership and the Chavistas are claiming that Maduro is simply trying to maintain order in Venezuela. The opposition leader Leopold Lopez has been arrested in Caracas and currently, according to his wife, is being kept in an isolation cell. Thus, Venezuela continues to be challenged by stagnant conflict between Chavistas and revolutionaries.

In a more unsettling story, the Syrian president, Baashar Assad has been benefited by a new bill coming from the Syrian parliament which makes it harder to oppose to him during the upcoming elections in June. According to a bill, presidential candidates must be permanent residents of Syria for the past 10 years and at least 40 years old. They may not hold any other citizenship, must be the children of Syrian citizens, must be married to a Syrian citizen and have no criminal record. They must also obtain the signatures of

35 members of parliament. Due to these very precise requirements, it is clear that the bill is tailored for Assad. The Assad administration and supporters have managed to push out any rebels to the government, currently there have been hundreds of thousands killed, and many have seek to be refugees in other countries. Opposition voices are calling for the powers to take a more aggressive stance against Assad. Otherwise, they say, Syrians will find themselves without hope on the fourth anniversary of the start of the war. Others suggest a cease fire in order to have more dialogue with major powers and the Syrian government.

So, just to summarize. The Ukrainian uprising managed to get their president out of the country, however, Russia has invaded. And as this is happening, there is an internal turmoil between Russian sympathizers and Ukrainian sympathizers. But, Russia's involvement has resulted on economic sanctions from the West. In Bosnia, there is a strong rejection of international involvement as the Bosnians prepare for the elections in October. However, it is clear that people in Bosnia have lost trust on their current government and intend to seek a more involved government. In Venezuela, the Maduro administration continues to kept rebels down as it tries to weaken the criticisms by the U.S. And in Syria, the government of Baashar Assad continues to grip to power and eliminate rebels as the rebels try to seek a way of dealing with Assad's threat.

WRITE FOR US!



Nick Chevalier
Editor in Chief.

First off a little house cleaning. Winter Formal and the drama department's presentation of Village of Idiots were smash hits in the past weeks. To everyone involved in both productions I give massive props. On another note, I've heard whispers from people that they were unaware of events going on around Concordia and the easiest way to solve that is to follow The Bolt and/or The CSA on Facebook and/or Twitter.

And now for my big pitch. Are you ready? I want you to write for The Bolt! I know I wrote a short version of this last issue, but I had some things that I really wanted to stress and so you get it again. We're approaching our last issue and I wanted to take this opportunity to convince you to work on our team. The Bolt has been a work in progress since I joined the team last year (2012-2013) as Layout Editor. The publication needed, in my opinion, a big change. That year had its ups and downs as the new editing team tried a lot of new things; or at least new for us, a team

going in blind. The team this year took things even further, pushing for a bolder new look and different sections to interest the students. We've worked long nights and weekends trying to make The Bolt, your student paper, something that you'll want to pick up. Along with that we've gone online like never before so that more people could read and enjoy our articles. But why am I saying all this? Because I just want to show you that what you write matters and that having us publish your work is as important to you as it is to us. We have over four hundred people reading our stories every issue (online or in paper form) and so we want writers who want to bring their A-game to the paper. We can see our hard work paying off this year and we want to continue the upward momentum that we've gained this year. I've written for almost every issue of the paper as Editor-in-Chief and while it can be hard to come up with something to write about every week, especially when you don't have any specific to write about (unlike the other writers), but the reward for finally getting the story down and finished is great and seeing put into print is even cooler. Did I mention

you get paid? That's right people, writing for us is a paid position! It won't pay in the rent, (we're not the New York Times), but it does give you some spending money and in the end we do it for the love of the game... or print rather. I've also heard of an alarming amount of people who are having a hard time making friends here at Concordia. I never had this issue as I've met some great people here over the years and always thought that Concordia's size helped with facilitating those friendships. Writing for us puts you on a team and let's your voice be heard. You also have the backup of the editing team (and usually the other writers) if people decide to criticize you; and remember, you're getting published, they aren't.

Want more convincing? We're looking for writers to write for our current sections OR come up with something different, something they want to talk about or think that the student body will want to hear. Want to share a short story every two weeks? Pitch it to us. A section all about different types of study habits. Hit us up with an e-mail. A section about the religious communities that inhabit Concordia? Go for it... after we give

it the green light that is. The options are only limited by your imagination. Feel like your idea is too far out? I don't care, I want to hear it!

So I implore you all to get involved with our ever changing and growing publication I can assure you that it's worth the minimal risk of sending in a resume and writing sample. Which, by the way, is exactly what we need from you if you want to join our team. We need a resume, so we know you've lived a little and can hold down the responsibility of writing seven hundred words every two weeks. We also need a writing sample, you know, so we can see if you can write. Along with those two things we want to know what you want to write about, I've explained that piece above so go back a bit if you need more explanation. E-mail all those lovely things to CSABolt@student.concordia.ab.ca.

I hope to hear from you soon Concordia, working for The Bolt has been an insanely rewarding experience for me and I hope it can be for you as well. Also keep your eyes peeled next week for an extra special edition of The Bolt.

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