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WELCOME: FROM THE EDITORS

written by Brittnei Carey

Rookies, veterans, professors, and staff, welcome to another year in the Concordia chronicles! There are a lot of exciting things happening around the school right now, and do you know what the most exciting thing is? You! You may be a seasoned student or the new kid on the block, but either way you've come here to face the challenges and embrace the joys that this next year has in store. Good on you!

As you'll discover while reading this issue, there have been positive changes happening in the Concordia community. Throughout the next two semesters, I hope that the Blue & White can reflect the changes inside the school and outside it in a way that is relevant, informative, and inspiring to you! After all, it is your paper. This year, we will continue to do our best to make the paper accessible and approach-

able for all of you who wish to be heard.

Thanks for picking up a copy of The Blue & White! Our team of editors and writers has worked hard on this issue, and I hope that it blesses your day. Feel free to drop by our CSA office or drop us a line at bw.concordia@gmail.com.

ON DESIGN AND TYPE

written by Christian Whitty

I'd like to talk a little about this year's design and layout of our good friend the Blue & White.

Remember the redesign of the paper last year? That was me. I always felt the Blue & White needed a good overhaul and me and my lovely staff (Sean Drynan and Maria Sumalinog, kudos) took it upon ourselves to restyle the unstylish. No longer would we see Comic Sans gracing these pages. Whether or not we succeeded could be put up for date, but we did the best we could.

This year, I have taken upon the role of layout editor (because that was essentially my role last year anyways). I love myself some type and I wanted to continue the

rebranding of the paper.

You may have noticed that the design has been tweaked a little bit. The overall layout is very similar to last year's incarnation, though much as also changed. The biggest changes are on the front: a new typeface for the logo (italicized Futura) as well as a different shade of blue for the banner. Not that any of this is very interesting to anyone but myself. I'll move on.

One key aspect of the of the design that we would LOVE to continue getting student art sent in to us. The reponse last year was a touch lukewarm. The submissions we *did* get were fantastic and I would love if you kept it up, Concordia. We want to feature your art on our pages.

In terms of this issue, I have left the cover blank and I am leaving it up to you to send in artwork (PHOTOS! PAINTINGS! DRAWINGS! ANYTHING!) for next issue's cover and potentially the internals of the paper.

For this issue, I walked around the old walls of Concordia and took photographs of the school. See if you can figure out where the shots are from. Maybe in a future issue we can turn that into a game (writes note to self).

Anyways, just enjoy our first issue of the year and ADD US ON TWITTER [TWITTER.COM/BWCONCORDIA](https://twitter.com/BWCONCORDIA) Cheers.

PRESIDENT KRISPIN'S MESSAGE

written by Dr. Gerald S. Krispin



Welcome (back) to Concordia. You've probably done your best not to think about school for the summer. That's okay, because you've had a few months to clear your mind. You're refreshed for another busy year of studies.

The summer has been very busy on campus; there's a lot of change that's taken place and some is still underway.

I've been calling this summer our season of change because there are a lot of things that are different: some you won't notice readily, but there are also plenty that you will. A number of the changes are downright exciting, and they are all focused on you and your experience as a student at Concordia.

First, we wanted to reflect Concordia as a modern university. We have retired our old crest-based logo in favour of a new

contemporary symbol and wordmark that, I believe, captures the past, present, and future of Concordia. It is an image based on the front entrance to Schwermann Hall, but also includes symbols of the river. As our new identity, it reflects the visible changes underway at Concordia.

Among the things I hope you don't notice are the new heating and air conditioning system in several of our buildings; which is to say, hopefully you won't notice being too cold or too warm, or system noise or other distractions that would interfere with your learning.

You will definitely notice included renovations to the library and the auditorium. The auditorium isn't quite finished yet since there was a delay getting new seats. But they're on the way and they'll be installed within a couple of weeks of you reading this.

Then there are the labs: Biology and Chemistry have rejuvenated and expanded facilities. We've run new conduit and ventilation ducts, walled sections in, and opened others up. The result is vastly improved wet and dry lab space for Chemistry students, and a new Biology greenhouse and animal containment facility. One of new things you'll see every day is digital signage. The new system is still being installed: eventually 11 screens will adorn the halls in the Hole Academic Centre, the Robert Tegler Student Centre, and the cafeteria in Founders Hall. Digital signage will replace much of our billboard postings, so you'll always see current messages in this quick and convenient format. The CSA (Concordia Students As-

sociation) has been instrumental in making this project happen.

We're also doing our best to eliminate spam to your student email account. New policies in the student services area mean you will get a weekly e-newsletter in your student email; gone are endless emails and notices.

Finally, you should brace your taste buds for a massive difference this year. We've amicably parted company with our old food service provider, ARAMARK, and we are pleased to welcome Chef Michel Lamontagne to run the cafeteria. His reputation precedes him, as he is also the Chef at the King's University College, which has long lauded his culinary endeavours. Chef Michel also fulfills one of our long-standing hopes in terms of a commitment to the purchase of local food whenever possible (which is not always possible: ever wonder why it says "Imported Bananas?" I know of none domestically grown!!), and the engagement of local business (such as Catfish Coffee, which in turn roasts exclusively Fair and Farm Trade coffee). Aside from this commitment to social responsibility, we know the food will provide us what Chef Michel's company is named: Choices! For starters, just come down to the cafeteria some morning and try Chef Michel's home-made cinnamon buns. So, welcome (back) to Concordia! If you're new, then everything is new. If you're returning, then I hope you enjoy the changes we've made for your benefit. God bless you in your studies and experiences at Concordia this year.

A MESSAGE FROM MADAME PRESIDENT

written by Josey Hitesman

Welcome back! Go check out the cafeteria. Yes, we have new caterers. Praise God that He heard our prayers. (Please be patient with them as they are new and trying to get adjusted :) The CSA has been working hard this summer amidst working our regular jobs and taking courses. We are so excited for this upcoming year that you may see some of us dancing down the hallways.

What is the CSA? When I was campaigning last year many students were confused as to what or who the CSA is and what it has to offer. First off, the CSA stands for Concordia Students' Association. We are the voice of the students on campus. Our purpose is to serve you. The

CSA is composed of five executive members: VP Christian Life (Jessica Gosselin), VP External Activities (Ryan Lipinski), VP Finance (Sean Drynan), VP Internal (Kyle Lim), and of course a President... which if you haven't guessed by now, that's me! . Where can you find us? We all have office hours, phones, emails, and take classes (no kidding). Come visit us in the offices just outside of Tegler. We would love for you to stop by to say hi.

Each of these positions serves specific roles and functions on campus. If you are ever unsure who to contact about what, feel free to contact me: csapresident@student.concordia.ab.ca anytime. It's hooked up to my BlackBerry so I can get back to

you rather quickly. We can even be bbm friends... I'm getting off topic.

The general council is composed of Management Representative (president of the CBA-Concordia's Business Association), Arts Representative, Science Representative, EADP Representative, EHAD Representative, and the UCEP Representative. Elections are coming up so watch for more details! Wait, there is more to your CSA Government. There are appointed positions: Athletics Director, Grad Chair, and Marketing Director.

So what are we here for? To serve and represent you! Anyways, I just wanted to drbp by and say hi. Have an amazing year!

HANGING AROUND CAMPUS

written by David Supina

You may spend your early days at Concordia buying books, signing forms, taking tours around the school and trying to find your classrooms, but once you have the basics down, the most important question is, of course, where to go to hang out.

You'll find that there are a few key places around the school where students tend to congregate. Let me introduce you to each of them, and try to give you the flavor of these places.

TEGLER:

This building is perhaps the most popular gathering point, simply because it's at the center of the school. A big, open, windowed area that has plenty of room and sunlight, and probably the only place that I will not need to give you directions to; if you spend any time touring or wandering around Concordia, you will find Tegler.

You will find that most students will hang out on the big steps along the elevated portion of Tegler. There are several of them all along the side of the lower half, and they are high enough and roomy enough to put your books and laptop down and sit comfortably. Dozens of students can usually be found perched upon these risers. Plus, among the higher level, there is a number of tables and chairs (and even a couch) which usually seat a number of students as well. Because nearly all the classrooms branch off from Tegler, it's a pretty common meeting area for all sorts of students.

CAFETERIA:

The only other place to challenge Tegler for propensity to gather students, this is where students have come to eat, and then promptly complain about the food. Sadly, new student, you may miss out on this proud tradition since the former food

provider is out, and a new chef is in. This place has two things going for it. One is that it's the only place to get a meal in the immediate area; you can drive down a couple blocks to Subway or McDonalds, or head the other way to get a muffin from a local coffee shop/bookstore, but your options for eating are limited. The other advantage it has is its location directly below the men's dorm, which makes it a natural meeting place for the hundred or more dorm students that live at Concordia September to April.

Often there are several students hanging out and chatting, even outside of the lunch rush. There is enough seating to accommodate well over a hundred students, and it's a good place to spend an hour between classes.

If you want to locate it, head left when exiting student and enrollment services, go in the part of the building straight ahead of you and down the stairs. Or exiting Tegler, exit the glass doors that are not leading to the parking lot, and enter the door that is ahead of you and to your right, and go down the stairs. You'll learn other ways of winding your way to the cafeteria, but that should get you there initially to start.

THAT ONE PLACE, YOU KNOW, BY THE THING:

Okay, so I have no idea what this area is called, but there's this charming little place that overlooks the official front of the school (which is particularly beautiful in the fall and spring) through a large window. There's not much seating and the place is usually full, but if you can snag a seat, it's a great place to sit, as it's well enough away from the buzz of Tegler to be a little bit better of a studying location.

In Tegler, go up the stairs and find the kiosk. There's a hallway that runs parallel to the kiosk; go down it towards the kiosk and you'll see this place right in front of you.

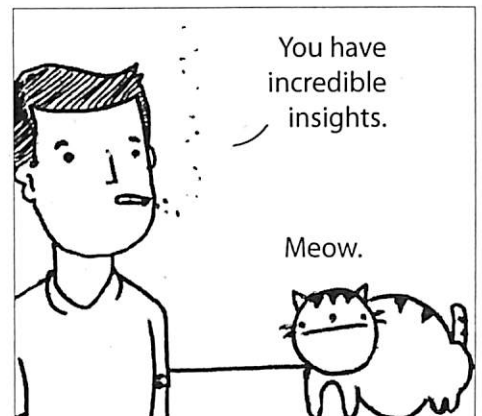
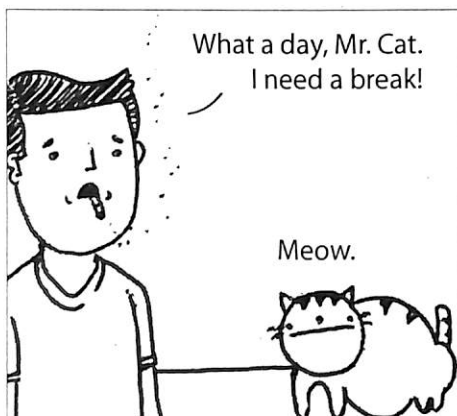
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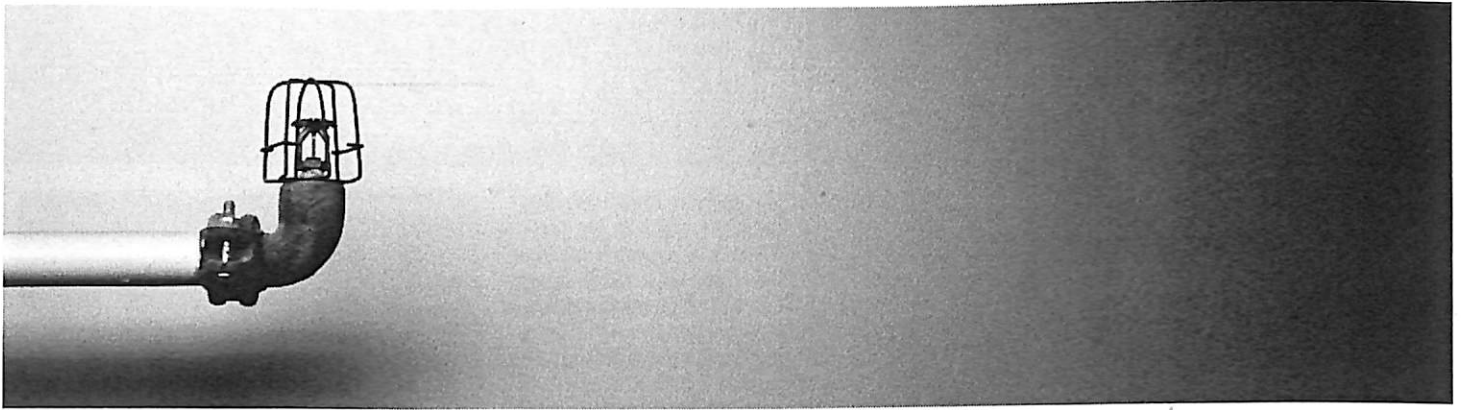
The only place to make it on my list that is not on campus, this isn't a student hangout per se, but rather, an ideal place to go for coffee with a friend. They often have live music, and there's always a large number of books to browse and peruse. It's small, intimate and has a very lax atmosphere. If you want to get away from the generally bustling hang-out spots around Concordia, this is it. It's a ten minute walk from the school proper (??). Just go east on 112 ave in front of the Concordia high school, and it will be on your right after just a few blocks.

There are a couple of other places, but they come with caveats; the education student's lounge is technically reserved for those in the post-degree education program, and you can hang out in one of the men's or women's dormitories, but you will need someone from one of those dorms to let you in, so first things first, you'll have to make a friend with someone who lives there (I will be accepting friend applications until September 15th; please include a complete resume and references... I kid). And if all else fails, you can just wander up and down the hallways, emitting spooky wails to trick gullible students into believing the school is haunted.

Happy hanging. May you waste your time as productively and in as excellent company as any human being could hope to be in.

THE ADVENTURES OF MR. CAT "Conversations With A Cat"





5 THINGS I LOVE ABOUT CONCORDIA

written by Allison Compton

After being a student at Concordia for a year now, I've come to realize why I chose and love to attend institution. In the spirit of welcoming new students to our campus, I thought I would share the five things I love about Concordia:

1. WINTER FORMAL

This is an amazing event held in late November or early December at the Hotel McDonald. Everybody gets dressed up and dances the night away after a wonderful three course meal. Winter Formal is a really memorable evening and the price for a ticket is reasonable.

2. THE CAFETERIA HAS SOME HEALTHY OPTIONS FOR LUNCH

I was so glad to see that the cafeteria offers some nutritious and healthy choices. They have a sub and wrap station, delicious soup, and seeing a fresh fruit isn't

as rare as a "Real Housewife" without Botox. Another plus, you're never waiting very long in line for your food or coffee.

3. THE EADSA LOUNGE

The Education After Degree Students Association has a special area set up for Education students. It has comfortable couches and chairs and it has become one of my favourite places to relax with classmates during lunch, socialize between classes, or study. It's great to have a comforting place to go to in the middle of a busy day.

4. AVAILABILITY OF PROFESSORS

It's great to know that your professors are there for you when you need them. In my program at least, it isn't impossible to ask your professor a quick question after class or make an appointment to see them face-to-face. I think that education is half content, half connection with the educator.

Personally, I think there is nothing worse than when you can take an entire course and never speak to the professor.

5. IT'S A FAMILY

The large class sizes of most universities make their students feel anonymous and isolated. Since classes at Concordia are so small, people actually get to know each other! It was definitely a change from when I attended the University of Alberta. At Concordia, it's not possible to attend a course for two months without talking to anybody. I have met some wonderful people that I will probably still be friends with years from now. I've heard many people in my classes say that it feels like a family, and I'm inclined to agree with them.

I hope all students enjoy the time they spend at Concordia and find something special about attending here. Welcome to a new academic year!

HUM ALONG WITH THE CHOIR

written by Dr. Joy Berg

Concordia is a thriving arts community as well as a wonderful place to learn. We have four choirs at Concordia this year, and you are welcome to audition/or participate in them! The Concordia Concert Choir usually has about 30 singers, both men and women – and this choir is taken for credit. To participate in this choir, there is an individual audition (held now at the beginning of the school year) – so if you are interested in this ensemble which meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons to rehearse – sign up on the sheet outside of the School of Music (A306) or talk to Dr. Joy Berg (A201-C) about coming for an audition. Aside from the Concert Choir, there is also opportunity just to sing! Women (students, faculty, staff) are welcome to sing in Bella Voce Concordia, a women's choir that meets on

Wednesdays from 3:15-4:25; men have a similar opportunity this year (first year!) to sing in Mannechor Concordia, the new men's choir (students, faculty and staff) that meets at the same time (Wednesdays from 3:15-4:25). And last, but certainly not least, the Concordia Community Chorus welcomes all to sing on Monday nights from 7:00-9:15 – this Chorus will be ending the year singing with the Concordia Community Orchestra on May 1.

This semester, the choirs all participate together in the Sacred Music Festival on October 24 (in the Winspear Centre) – where they will be presenting Schubert's Mass in G, along with other sacred music; also together at the Christmas Concert on November 28 (at First Presbyterian Church), the choirs will be presenting a

newly-composed 6-movement Christmas work, "Welcome to Our Wondering Sight" (a Canadian premiere), accompanied by harp and oboe. The Concert Choir will also give a Gospel Concert on Oct. 2, along with members of the Pioneer Heritage Singers.

So, come sing! The Choirs have been at the heart of Concordia since Concordia began, and along with great music, there are lots of friendships formed through these choirs; you'll be glad - and proud - that you sang in a Concordia choir!

Dr. Joy Berg
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YOUR FRIENDLY, NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDENT SERVICES

written by Dr. Jonathan Strand

Dear Concordia Students,

As part of the Concordia Tomorrow initiative, late last winter an Integrated Student Services Team was formed to coordinate Concordia's efforts to improve our student services. I was placed in my current administrative post (largely forsaking my beloved philosophy classes) to drive that process. These are the things we have accomplished so far which I believe are of greatest importance to students:

We have hired a new caterer to provide better food in the cafeteria. Enjoy!

We have made it possible for you to pay your fees through your bank—online, at an ATM, by telephone, or in person. (Add Concordia University College of Alberta to your biller list and reference your student ID number.) So why stand in line? Pay online! (Questions? Contact Student Accounts, 780-479-9207.)

We are changing the way we communicate with students. Concordia will be sending out far fewer e-mail messages to 'All Students.' Instead, important announcements are being consolidated into one weekly e-communicé. Concordia will also begin using e-mail as its official way to communicate with students rather than through paper and snail-mail. Therefore it is very important that you read your Concordia e-mail!

Parking passes and locker rentals can now be purchased in the bookstore. Additional

print and copy credit can be purchased in the bookstore and library, as well as 'declining balance' credit for use in the cafeteria. Print credit can also be purchased online through Services for Students.

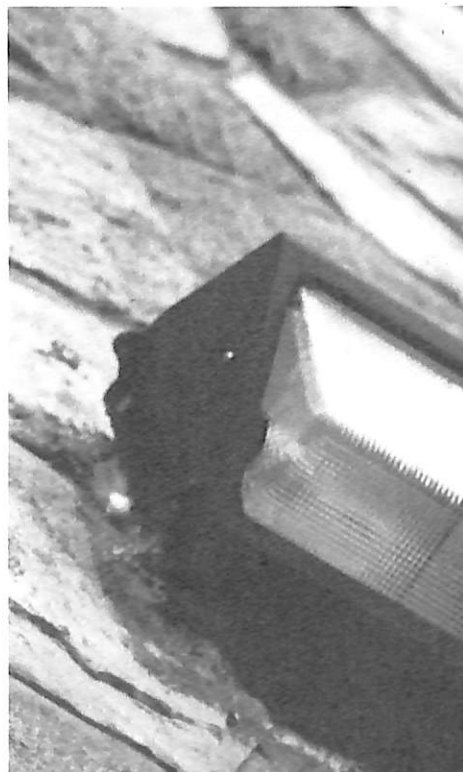
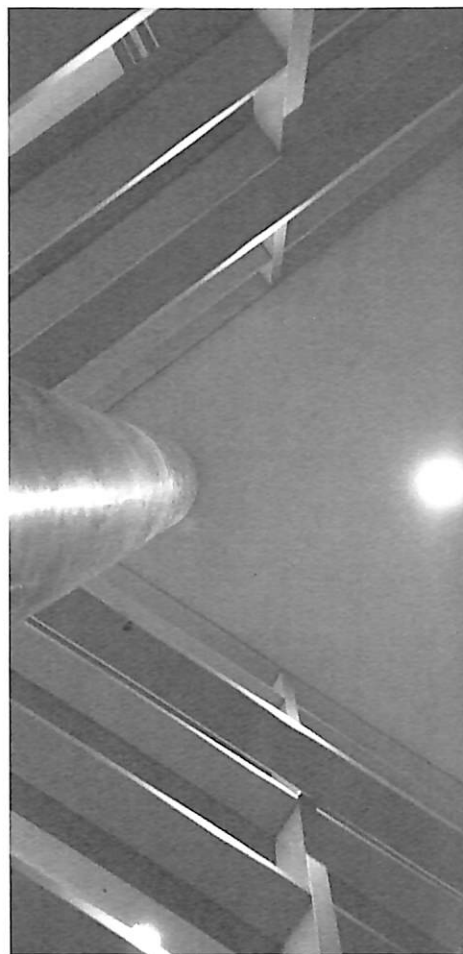
We are working on increasing the amount of usable study space for students. Students will be able to use the cafeteria for after hours study. And we are working on arranging for more during-the-day study space. This will likely take the form of additional tables and chairs set up on the main floor of Tegler during the day.

Students will be able to access their final course grades more quickly at the end of each term. Unofficial grades will be available online 48 hours after the last scheduled final exam.

Many other improvements have been made or are in the works, but these are what I believe would be of most immediate interest to you.

One last thing: I am going to use you, the students, to help us discern the most effective ways in which we can improve our services for you. I have already been using the CSA to that end, but will be expanding the ways in which I'll be seeking student input.

*Dr. Jonathan Strand
Professor of Philosophy &
Assoc. Vice-President Student Services*



STUDENT FOODBANK

written by Amanda Capewell

Welcome Back! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new students. As the volunteer student coordinator for the student food bank, I would like to give everyone a heads up on the service that we offer.

The student food bank is a completely anonymous service designed to help you out during the year when your budget gets a little tight. If you ever find that you are in need of a little help to fill your pantry feel free to come and help yourself. All that we ask is that you use this service responsibly, keeping in mind that it serves an entire campus. The student food bank is made possible by the generosity of our donors.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, feel free to email me at capewell_amanda@yahoo.ca at any time. That said, I wish all of you a fun and successful year. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you.

SELECTIONS

written by Christian Whitty



WOMEN PUBLIC STRAIN

Great band from Calgary that has made it big in the lo-fi scene. Their new album *Public Strain* comes out September 28. It sounds like the Beach Boys made a rock album with Panda Bear.



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