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Quotable

Looking outward see what you can see/By the time you look at something it's already history/As the echoes of our passing fade, all there is to say/Is, "you know I loved you all in my particular way"
-Bruce Cockburn

ENVIRO- OPTIONS

by Kathleen Edwards

It has taken a long time, but finally individuals, corporations, and governments are seriously acknowledging their responsibility to the environmental crisis. Dr. Dalton, Department Head of Biology and Environmental Science states that recently the fundamental issues at various round table talks on the national and provincial level are not only of economic considerations but of urgent environmental issues as well. Because of their sheer magnitude, and the repercussions that will transpire if these issues are not dealt with immediately and strategically, they will be placed on the forefront, politically, for a long time to come. Thus, because of the

so-called rapid "need" for industrialization and the ignorance, or the "laissez-faire" attitude about the environment held in main-stream society in the past, a new job market, which has been expanding at a rapid rate, has been untapped. Consequently, government and industry are starting to be in urgent need of individuals with a solid background in the field of environment science either because of their genuine ethical concern for the future of the planet or because they merely must adhere to the environmental regulations.

Therefore, in this society, there is a growing demand for individuals who have an interest in and a genuine concern for the planet, and a desire to

work in this field so that we can continue to live, to co-exist in harmony within this fragile and rapidly depleting ecosystem. At Concordia University College, the three year environmental science degree introduces students to biology and environment sciences in the two introductory survey courses which touch on such topics as the soil, atmosphere, water, occupational health, and public health. Although the student must take a number of required courses, they can specialize a little bit in the area of their choice later on in the program. Areas of specialization include, but are not limited to, limnology or terrestrial systems (land). The student interested in



Limnology (the study of fresh water systems) would study, for example, the problems of water quality or weeds in Alberta Lakes, or the problems related to fisheries. These students go on water-research field trips to the mountain lakes and take samples of various water bodies. Two of the required courses all students need

to graduate are the research technique course and the independent research project course. This latter course puts the students in a quasi-graduate student situation which not only aids the students in making future job contacts but they also learn invaluable research skills which usually are never
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Crime at Concordia

Cafeteria Updates

On January 6, 1996 the vending machines, located by the coffee shop in Tegler, were broken into and all monies robbed.

This event has impacted the Concordia's Food Service financially and

brought disappointment to all those investigating this event

Theft has become a big issue in food services due to the increase. This is the main reason for the added turnstiles in the cafeteria, the supervision of customers and investigating of a surveillance system. The best way to control this is by all of us who are honest-working together to see theft and stop it. If anyone has any information in regards to these thefts, please come and talk confidentially to Debbie Siddon, the Food Service Director or Simon Cooke, the Food Service Production Manager. Reward offered for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible.

Changes in Menu...

See the Cafeteria for news on the upcoming promotion "Pacific Rim". Starting on January 22-26, 1996, the Chef introduces Asian cuisine. Check the posted menus to pick your favorites!

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KEEPING THE FAITH

by Tim Dykstra

After reading the last edition of the Blue and White, I felt the need to respond to Cheryl Price's article entitled "Losing My Religion." First of all, I must commend Price for being able to take a look at her own spiritual needs. Religion is definitely not a trivial issue. It is not wrong to sometimes question what we believe. After all, that is how we learn about ourselves and the world around us. Humans are beings who possess personalities which are curious by nature. However, I would like to present an opposite view which centers around the idea that people do indeed need religion.

In her article, Price reveals her anger towards denominations such as the Catholic Church because they have "abused nations and ...enforced their religion on cultures that didn't

really need them in the first place". I must say that I do not strictly adhere to Price's views; however, I also do not discount them. I agree that there have been people in various denominations throughout history who have misused their religious positions and have wrongfully wielded the powers which were given to them. Yes, wars have been fought over religious issues and yes, people have even been killed because they did not agree with a certain form of religion. And yet, here is where the crux of the answer lies. The motives behind these abusive actions originated from people. We are human beings which also means we are fallible. In other words: people make mistakes. If we put our faith in imperfect people instead of trusting the all-wise and all-merciful God who created us then, like Price, we are bound to be disappointed. However,

if we choose to follow God's teachings, we may look forward to the time when all will be made all right. We will also join the millions of other people whose lives have been given hope and inspiration from their faith. No, our lives will not be perfect. They never can be as long as we live on this earth. We will still make mistakes. But we can be sure that our faith will carry us through our entire lives and even into the life to follow.

Price closes with some words from John Lennon's song "Imagine", a song with somewhat of an optimistic utopian view. I would like to conclude my article, however, by stating that because of my Christian beliefs, I can look forward to the day when there will be nothing to kill or die for. And this I do not have to imagine. This I know.



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Kufeld's Mumbblings

Welcome back for semester 2! I hope everyone has had a happy holiday and is looking forward to getting back to work. The CCSA has been working to plan a series of events which I hope you will take part in during the upcoming semester. Cultural Week and Environment Week are coming up in January, so the Tegler Centre should be buzzing with activity. February brings us the Annual Concordia Auction, a fundraiser for the college. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket or in being a student volunteer for the evening can contact me in my office anytime. February will also see a Reading Week cabaret, and the location will be announced soon. The Reading Week ski trip promises to be a weekend filled with snow, skiing and fun and anyone interested can come see me anytime. CCSA elections are coming up in March and anyone interested in serving on next years student council ought to be getting ready to start campaigning.

I would like to remind all of you what the CCSA is for. We're not simply the people who organize all of the functions which take place on and off campus. We represent you and your concerns to the college administration and to the community. Your input is vital to us; without it, we couldn't survive. If you ever have any concerns as a student at this school, please come and see me. I guarantee that your concerns will be met and I will do whatever is in my power to accommodate you. Also, if you have any ideas for on or off campus function that you would like to see, please let the CCSA council know. This is the only way that we can meet your interests and ensure that you enjoy the events we organize.

I wish everyone great success with their studies during the coming months and I hope to hear from you soon. Bye for now.

Ruben Kufeld,
President - CCSA

MUCH CAN BE SAID ABOUT A PERSON WHO IS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE HIS OR HER GOALS. IN THIS REGARD, ALL CONCORDIANS I'M SURE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MICHAEL O'HEA ON RECEIVING HIS PHD IN ENGLISH. CONGRATS, DR. O'HEA.

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by Bart Hellwig

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How Can You Reach the Blue & White?

Just drop off your stuff at the Blue & White office in the CCSA office complex. Submissions, Ask Maggie questions, Classifieds, Letters to the Editors, Cartoons, and Survey Questionnaires are all welcome!

We can also be reached at 479-8481 ext. 577 or via the Internet at blu&wht@concordia.ab.ca.

Students Please Take Notice:

The deadline for Concordia Awards has been extended from January 19, 1996 to January 30, 1996. This is in keeping with the date printed in the 1995-1996 Academic Calendar.

Career Practitioners

Career Practitioners provide information, workshops, educational and planning, and counseling in the areas of career choice, career planning, job search, resume writing, job interview skills and anything else related to the task of finding work.

We are available to Concordia Students between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from January, 1996 until the end of March, 1996. We help with making career and educational choices and plans, with looking for summer work, with preparing for what to do after graduation...etc.

We will be offering workshops and seminars on these topics...so look for the posters.

You can make an appointment to meet with us one-on-one with Ms. Lenz in Student Services. Also provided is information on various aspects of career planning for the student at any life stage on the mezzanine in the Tegler Centre next to the chapel. Our aim is to be available to you to help answer any questions you may have.

As a Concordia student, these resources are available to you, so feel free to make use of them. For more information, see Dorothy Ritz, career practitioner at Student Services.

Men and Their Sports

by Pam Shabi



What is it about sports that makes men so excited? Nothing brings a group of men together more than a discussion about a

particular sport. It is probably male bonding at its finest. It certainly is the only time men openly cry whether they win or lose. I am not complaining. Some of my best friends, both males and females, can talk about sports for hours. I just don't understand the deep fascination some men have with sports.

What made me wonder about this was when my boyfriend asked my brother about a hockey score. A simple question turned into an hour long discussion regarding every statistic and play imaginable being quoted. This is the heart of the issue that puzzles me. What is the point of cramming information about players' histories or teams' winning and losing records? Yet there are people who are able to recite this information in an instant!

The season of sports is never-ending. There are certainly enough sports to keep one occupied between hockey, basketball, football, and all the others. Along with regular season games there are playoff battles with teams vying for the Stanley Cup, World series or the Superbowl. Just as one season ends another begins. It makes you wonder if it isn't rigged to make sure that men always have another "big game" to look forward to.

I don't really hate sports. I have even managed to watch a few games. What I don't understand is why so many people, particularly men are so devoted to their games. A possible reason men enjoy it and are so involved in sports is because at one point they have all wished to become a professional athlete. They have the ultimate dream of hitting a homerun, scoring the winning goal or the touchdown in the big game. Even though the dream changes, the love of the game remains. I have absolutely no idea if this is true, but there is some logic in the argument.

I'm looking forward to Superbowl Sunday this year not to see the actual game or the half time show - but to see the hour long "Friends" episode!

New Degree Program...

Information about the new Four Year Applied Psychology Degree will be available from the Registrar's Office in February. This will include information on how and when to apply, the grade point averages needed, and the program requirements.

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THUNDER ATHLETICS

Oil Change

by Rocco Volpe

As the first half of the 1995-96 campaign concludes, the race for the NHL playoffs elevates. Hockey analysts and fans are making their predictions with more confidence. Who will be a factor in the playoffs, when it really counts? And then we look at the Edmonton Oilers, a team lost in the fog of hopelessness. A team that has shot itself in the foot more times than one likes to remember. Will the Oil bite the dust and miss another playoffs? No one really wants to answer that question. With Kravchuk and Sutton switching sweaters for Norton and Dufresne, the indication is obvious. This next month forecasts a lot of possible changes. As a result, Bill Ranford and the end of an era is over.

Bill Ranford, our beloved goaltender who had carried Edmonton for so many games, had the highest trade value on the Oiler's hockey club, knowing as well that Curtis Joseph would be the starter if Ranford left. Ranford had been struggling these last few months not playing up to his standards. He left our Oilers with a lot of class, mentioning praise to his fans. In confession, he said, "The Oil blood will never leave me". Still, Glen Sather isn't finished.

Kirk Maltby, Scott Thornton, Louie DeBrusk all are possibilities for trade. What would we get for these underachievers?

Doug Weight? Don't even think about it. He is gold you can't touch.

Jason Arnott? He slacked a bit this season but he'll come around.

Zdeno Ciger? He is the most underrated player on this squad. Need I say more?

Miroslav Satan will bloom. Oh yes, he will be good. Leave this guy out or trade talks.

Mcammond, Wright and Marchant all need a leader to guide them.

Marchment is our toughest and most consistent defenceman. He should stay.

Fredrick Olauson should be gonzo! Luke Richardson needs some speed.

Boris Mironov has great hands but gives up a lot defensively.

Buchberger breathes Oilers.

Bonsignore should just be traded. If he doesn't want to aspire to a work ethic, then get an office job. Dave Oliver needs a centreman, a good set-up man.

But, let's get back to the Ranford trade.

He is the enemy now, leaving Edmonton for Boston, where he started his career. The trade was for Sean Brown and - what's the other guy's name? Oh yes, we also got a first round draft choice for '96. Edmonton fans will likely panic and wonder why Sather didn't get more for his all-star goalie and that's to be expected. Signing Cujo for 6.8 million dollars AMERICAN for 3 years will help us at least calm down. Relax Edmonton-Brown is very promising. And that other guy? Who can tell. I'll close with this... Bill Ranford you will be missed. Your greatness in hockey history will come to be. Good Luck!

SUDDEN DEATH!

by Matthew Cassie
Sports Editor

Could there have been a better time for Peter Pocklington to issue an ultimatum then on the night that the Oiler's set yet another record? Now, this was not a club record for most goals scored in a period or the most consecutive wins by an NHL team, but rather, a club record that none of us should be proud of. With the Ottawa Senators visiting the once "rocking" coliseum only a mere 8400 fans were in the memory filled seats to watch the game and provided a new record, "for lowest all-time attendance at a home game." So, to answer the first question, no, there could not have been a better time for Pocklington to cock the gun and put it to the heads of the corporate community and "Joe Fan". So, as the song "The Final Countdown" echoed through the half empty coliseum, most likely an intentional subliminal message, the spooky reality hits, buy tickets, buy advertising, and buy luxury suits, or else "Na Na Na Na- Na Na Na- Heh Heh Heh- Good Bye". For all of you who don't see this as a serious threat just look at the Quebec Nordiques and the Winnipeg Jets, folks the precedent has been set; if the corporate community and the fans don't back a team, it's dead!

Perhaps the empty coliseum seats are a sign of the times in the Edmonton hockey market. The 1994 player lockout went a long way in permanently damaging the image of pro hockey. For three months we listened to owners fighting with players to see who could build the largest pile of money. It's not hard to figure out that "Joe Fan" with his or her \$35 000 a year job did not feel very sympathetic towards millionaires fighting with millionaires. Where I think both sides really "pucked up", was that they completely forgot about the fans. Yes those pesky little people who complain on radio call-in shows about the "crappy" play of their team. Us pesky people though are the ones who pay \$40 for a ticket, about \$30 more than it's worth to keep these poor owners and players riding the gravy train. So yes, perhaps the Edmonton hockey market has forever changed. As citizens of the "city of champions", we are now faced with a sudden death question. Do we want NHL hockey in our city? Despite previous events like the lockout, I think that Edmontonians would all agree that the Oilers have been and will continue to be an asset to the community. It has been estimated that NHL hockey brings fifty million dollars annually of economic activity to Edmonton and that

is a significant enough piece of the economy to make even the non fan take notice of the current crises. Also, having a major league sports franchise in our city gives us the image of a major league city which is fundamental if Edmonton is going to grow.

So this is the deal that the NHL has approved to save diminishing small market teams like Edmonton. If the Oilers can sell all rink board advertising, all their luxury suits, and 13 000 season tickets the league will grant the Oilers a \$7 000 000 dollar subsidy. So where do we stand? The Oilers need to sell three more rink boards, eighteen more luxury suites, and about six thousand more season tickets to qualify for the subsidy. The subsidy is intended to offset the U.S currency exchange rate and limited building revenues. For example, you may be able to sell a \$100 ticket in New York but certainly not in Edmonton or Calgary. The subsidy, the league hopes, will allow teams like Edmonton and Calgary to expand their payrolls and put more competitive teams on the ice. The NHL was once a league where any team that made the playoffs had a chance to sip champagne from Lord Stanley. Now, only a few teams with deep pockets and high payrolls are serious contenders. Yes, heart does go a long way to winning a championship but it is unlikely that anyone other than Detroit, New York, Colorado, Philadelphia, or Pittsburgh will hoist the cup over their heads this spring. All, are teams that rank at the top as far as payrolls go. It is this watering down of the league that concerns the NHL board of governors and is perhaps the reason they are going so far to save small market teams and make them more competitive. The league has also admitted that Canadian teams are an important revenue source for the league when it comes to the almighty television buck. In spring when the Americans are glued to watching the NBA playoffs, Canadians are glued to watching NHL playoffs. I am confident the NHL is committed to staying in Edmonton and, so is Peter Pocklington. Why else would he spend two million dollars on a new Oilers Office or \$700 000 on a new coliseum sound system? All the mechanisms are in place to make NHL hockey work in Edmonton for the long haul but both as fans and community we are in sudden death overtime. If we do not meet all the conditions by June 1 the moving vans will move in and take our "home game" south of the boarder. The problem is that without the \$7 000 000 subsidy the Oil is not viable in Edmonton.

So what can you do as a student, faculty member, or support staff member? Buy a ticket now and then and go to a game. Why not petition the CCSA to buy a couple of mini packs, 7 or 14 games, and hand them out as prizes? As a College administration buy a couple of season tickets and hand them out to employees. And for all you faculty members with salaries as high as Gretzky and Lindros get out and buy a mini pack or season ticket. And don't feel that your providing charity. NHL hockey, despite greedy owners and players, is still one of the most entertaining games on earth. And yes! the Oilers have stepped into the future and market the game like a real major league sport. Fireworks, good music on a new sound system, score board activities, and hilarious intermission stunts make it a good time out. And for those that say there are no superstars on this team you're wrong, in my book Doug Weight and Curtis Joseph are big stars. The point is that once NHL hockey leaves Edmonton it will never come back! The Oilers have done a lot for Edmonton over the years, let's not lose our "home game" to the "yanks"! The game is in triple sudden death overtime, you make the call!

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- 8.) Having to go to Calgary to see a game.
- 7.) Having to spend at least three hours in Calgary.
- 6.) Knowing that our Stanley cup banners are hanging south of the 49 th.
- 5.) Hartford would be the only memory of the WHA and 1979 expansion.
- 4.) Having Ice Capades book an extra two weeks due to coliseum availability.
- 3.) Giving Ice Capades a reason for booking an extra two weeks.
- 2.) Never seeing numbers 99, 11, and 4 hang from the coliseum rafters.
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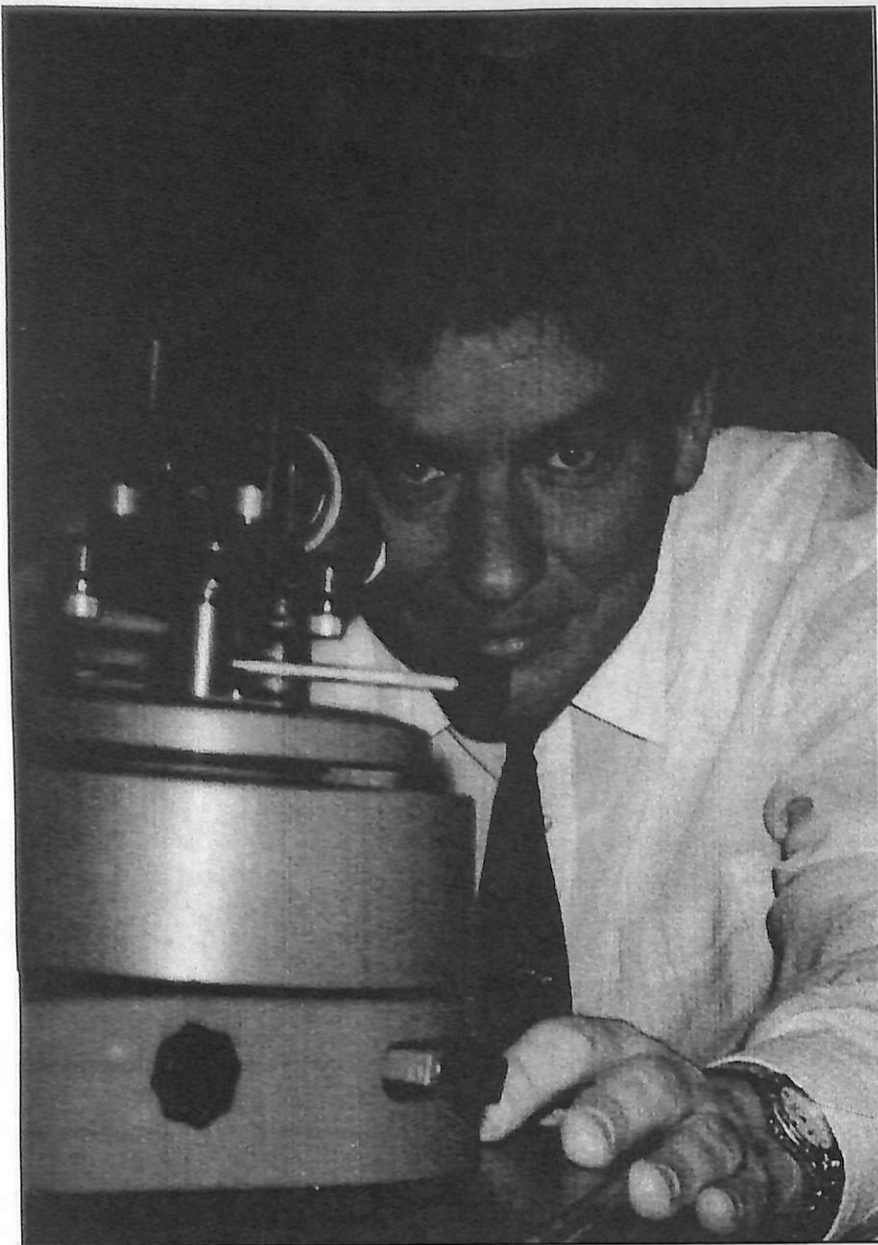


Photo by Cindy Oxley

Class Act
Hungary's loss is Concordia's gain. Dr. Zoltan Berkes, Assistant Professor of Physics, frequently dreams of ancient Greece, where students study nature for the sheer joy of physics, and exams did not spoil their fun. Considering Alberta's winter, the green hillsides and flower gardens in ancient Greece make the dream even more attractive. Hobbies include language, playing the violin and shuttling his four busy children to their various activities.

Desire

By: Ian Campsall

Like the wet caress of a lover's tongue

On his beloved's breast

As the intoxicating kiss of rum

On the drunkards parched lips

When the needle spears the skin

Of the junkies burning need

I sit looking into your stormy eyes

Aching to take you in my arms

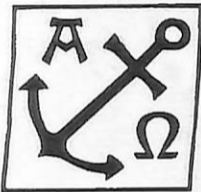
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Twelve Monkeys and a Mass Funeral

by Catherine Scott

This new science fiction-thriller from director Terry Gilliam presents the audience with a series of thought-provoking issues to ponder long after the final credits have rolled. The premise centers around the fact that 5 billion people die in the year 1996 after a deadly virus is released worldwide. A generation later, the remaining survivors are forced to live underground, in small cages, awaiting their turn to "volunteer". Bruce Willis (James) is called on to go back to the year 1996 in order to obtain a pure, unmutated sample of the virus, in order that the researchers in the future may search for its cure. The movie shifts back and forth from 1990, 1996, and 2034 and the viewer is left wondering if this is all a fabrication from inside James' mind. The movie itself was a stunning visual piece and the performances by Brad Pitt, Madeline Stowe, and particularly Bruce Willis, were all superb.

However, it is not the movie itself and its obvious entertainment value that is at the core of this article. Instead, I entreat you to consider living in a version of Dante's Inferno, complete with hot, stale air and devoid of human compassion. A world that is alien from all that we know and value at this present time. Atrocities occur every second on this 'shadowed' planet, yet these issues pale in comparison to the thought of the virtual extinction of the human race. In this movie, a biological virus is responsible for death rates beyond our comprehension. The frightening aspect is that this is not just science fiction as research with deadly viruses and biological warfare is taking place at this very moment.

Consider the research that is being done in order to create 'super' vegetables, that will grow faster and decay at a much slower rate. This has tremendous possibilities for shipment of food to developing countries and for severe waste reduction in more developed nations. However, scientists are unsure of what effect these new vegetables will have on the ecosystem as a whole. This may sound alarmist, and I am certainly not advocating the absolute halt of these projects, but we humans need to consider the ramifications of our continuous search for bigger and better products. We have the tools at our disposal to create incredible new technological wonders. It seems though, that the ethical and moral issues related to these creations is not considered before the research is complete. CFC's were created due to their tremendous convenience and forty years later, we are witnessing the destructive impact this man-made chemical is having on the environment.

The scientists in the movie have the 'luxury' of tracing the impact of the fictional virus and of retreating in time to gain the essential knowledge that they require. At this time, considering the theory of relativity, we cannot send researchers back in time to assist our efforts to repair our mistakes. In light of this, we as a society must consider the great impact that any and all research will have, BEFORE proceeding and not after the fact. For if we continue to act as blindly as the 1996 researchers in 12 Monkeys, perhaps we too will find ourselves locked away from the sun and the stars, awaiting our turn to 'volunteer'.

Hey You're Graduating!...Now What?

by Catherine Scott

As students, we lead a very sheltered and protected life and it is difficult for us, at times, to imagine what life holds in store for us after graduation. It is for this reason, that it is often helpful to take some time away from home, school, and family in order to experience the world in a completely different manner. Some of the most meaningful episodes of my life have been during my travels to other countries, particularly when I have been a volunteer. As a volunteer, one gains new ideas, insights and perspectives by being immersed in your host country for a short period, instead of being limited as a surface tourist. Many of us are looking for a travel experience with a difference; one that would involve more than simply visiting the Moulin Rouge, the Tower of London, and the Gucci Shops. There are innumerable possibilities for travel that entail more than the typical tourist traps. These types of experiences leave the traveller with a more lasting impression of the country as opposed to simply remembering the sore feet, cranky tour operators and bad imitation American food. The best part about being a volunteer is that it is also unlikely to break your bank account. Besides, if you're soon to be an Arts graduate like myself, you probably won't be making any money any time soon!

Imagine that you are travelling through the most beautiful regions of France and Italy. Soaring castles and breathtaking scenery are yours to behold. The exquisite pastries and cheeses of France and the wonderful wines of Italy are a part of your daily meals. The sights and sounds of these countries are a sensory smorgasbord to be relished. During your stay, you

are a part of a team of volunteers, who have agreed to spend three weeks restoring a decaying medieval village. No knowledge of construction is needed; you simply need to have the desire to work and definitely to play in your off hours. Charges to volunteers for housing, full board and all activities for three weeks is approximately \$900 (US) and this includes transportation between France and Italy.

Alternatively, picture yourself as a member of Project Discovery. You will spend three weeks at a kibbutz in Israel working on a collective farm and living with a Jewish host family. You will then spend another week on an archeological dig and the last of your five weeks visiting various biblical sites. This seems to run a little on the expensive side at first glance, but the total cost of \$2400 (US) includes your flight to Israel, all of your meals, your housing, transportation and tour costs. This really is quite reasonable for this interesting and diverse travel experience.

Another option would be to volunteer with GATE, that is Global Awareness Through Experience. This organization operates tours to Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico with the aim of providing meaningful dialogue with the poor and those who are struggling to ameliorate the situation. GATE focuses on the empowerment of all people, regardless of denomination. Their end goal is that of enabling people to find independent solutions themselves. The tours are fairly inexpensive, running \$550 for 10 days (excluding airfare). As a volunteer, you will be brought to many completely "un-touristed" areas to speak with the local people. As well, you will attend seminars with econo-

mists and politicians who are working with the people in these countries. This option has the potential to be a life-changing experience in that it will bring you in contact with situations that are not to be found in our society.

Finally, if you haven't had enough of school, there are many study-tours that are available for all those with a thirst for knowledge. The Swan Hellenic tour company offers cruises through the Mediterranean. While on board, you will be entertained and educated by top historians, archeologists, classicists, and Egyptologists. This well-versed group is at your disposal for questions and seminars as you sail the Aegean. The rates are \$250 a day for air/sea/land arrangements and is comprehensive of all your needs.

There are so many fascinating lands to explore and people to visit in this vast world. I challenge all people to travel, not only through their own country, but to learn to experience first hand the diversity of cultures at our disposal. It is only through dialogue and exposure to other ideas and modes of thinking that we learn. Thus, although we are graduates, we can continue to be students of life and to embrace all of its adventures.

POST SCRIPT: I have accessed some great information on the Internet, but the source for this article was Arthur Frommer's *New World of Travel: 5th Edition*. This is an invaluable resource for those interested in travel that breaks all the traditions. Pick up your copy today and start planning for the summer of a lifetime!

Toy Story

by Carolyn Walton

One of the most innovative and delightfully friendly movies since Disney first started their imaginative venture into animated movies is currently gracing our movie theatres. Only a few minutes of this highly creative flick will mesmerize you with its superb computer animation ingeniously put together by Pixar. Watch as charming, familiar toy characters capture our imagination once again as they come alive, not only in our minds, but on the screen.

Toy Story is a menage of toy box activity that vibrates with the voice of Tom Hanks as the favoured toy cowboy, Woody, and the voice of sitcom

toolman Tim Allen as that contemporary, planetary toy with all the lights and buttons - usurper Buzz Lightyear. Treat yourself to an emotional roller-coaster of action, jealousy, drama, attempted murder, comedy and even a subtle romance between boy toy Bo Peep and Woody. These characters will enrapture you as you watch them wrestle with their own sense of reality and yours.

This year's Best Supporting role at the Oscar's should go to Mr. Potato Head as he has us wishing with every gift-bringing party that he receive his wish for a Mrs. Potato Head.

Toy Story is an invitation to revisit our childhood. Enjoy it.

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All The Colors Bleed Into One

By Gerald Anderson

This saying is most commonly used to express the hope that all races will one day be looked at as a unified people; and that racism itself will be eliminated. I think there is another place where this idea can be applied. Many people are concerned with the variety of world religions, but as a Christian, I am concerned with the diverse views in Christianity itself. There are so many battles between the different Christian faiths that sometimes we forget what it is to be a Christian. We are getting caught up in arguments over doctrine and who is right. As opinions are heatedly disputed, the needs of people become ignored. Churches become known more for their stance on an issue than for their belief in God and their faith in Jesus Christ. I admit that I too get caught up in these disputes, and it sometimes sickens me.

I wanted to write an article about how great Christianity is to me. This includes the ideas of being one big happy family, having brotherly love, and people who are ready to help you or even a stranger in need. This is what Christianity is supposed to advocate - the principle of love your enemy. However, people don't always practice what is preached. I can enter almost any denomination, start attending regularly, become a member, and they will take me in as one of the family. This family will gladly accept you, but it will not willingly share you with its in-laws, i.e. another denomination. If there is a situation in which for some reason you choose to attend two different churches, one or maybe even both may end up refusing you communion, asking you to leave, disowning you; ostracized and finally, excommunicate you. The result is the same no matter how you sugar-coat it; Christians deny people access to Christ's teachings. They become judge, jury, and executioner. Ultimately, we are sentencing ourselves to a spiritual death. Is this what

it means to be a Christian, a brother in Christ? I think not!

Recently, I was in a small town with two churches: one Catholic and one Evangelical. I was raised half Catholic and half Lutheran, and my first choice was to attend Catholic services. However, occasionally I would attend services and functions at the Evangelical church. Even though I maintained affiliation with the Catholic church, my friends at the Evangelical church treated me as a family member. This transition created an uneasiness because of my Catholic background. This led to a re-examination of my own religious affiliations.

The fellowship I received at the Evangelical church provided me with the final encouragement that I needed to make the decision that I had been contemplating for most of my life. I decided to become a minister for the word of God in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. The pastor of the E.L.C.I.C church, along with the congregation were very happy and offered me a lot of encouragement. The Pastor even helped me with my research into other Christian faiths. The priest at my Catholic church informed me that we had nothing further to talk about now that I had reached my decision; I obviously felt very unwelcome. I realize that Lutheranism is not the same as Catholicism, but I felt he should have been pleased at my decision to preach the word of God.

After I made my decision, I was no longer able to commune at the Catholic Church. My priest said that he didn't believe that God was calling me to walk both paths in two churches. I question how he was able to state what God was or wasn't calling me to do. The only way for members of different denominations to learn from one another is through interaction and this behaviour prevents that

from happening.

The E.L.C.I.C is a good example of the principle of "All the colors bleeding into one". All people were welcome at my Lutheran church and were treated equally. There were Pentecostals, Baptists, and members of other denominations and we became one large family. Our guests were allowed to partake of the Lord's supper even though this contradicted the principle of not providing the Eucharist to non-Lutheran Christians. In our small town, a sense of oneness was achieved in this church through this generous exception.

The problem extends far beyond Catholics and Protestants. The main churches themselves exacerbate the problem through the creation of further subdivision denominations. These problems extend between the members who will not accept each other; each group wants to be right and clings to the belief that the others are going to hell. I hate to burst their bubble of righteousness, but this is not a true Christian attitude. We must get to know our fellow humans in order to draw them towards Christ and not to isolate them due to small differences in belief.

I am studying to be a pastor in the Lutheran Church of Canada, but I state my denomination simply as that of a Christian. This is the foremost affiliation that I desire and I prefer to leave the other labels aside.

I would like to leave you with this prayer of Jesus Christ, our Lord:

"My prayer is not for them alone (his disciples). I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you" (John 17: 20-21).

Resolutions

by Carolyn Walton

With the boisterous Linda Ronsadt in Spanish ringing loudly in my ears via my ill-used walkman and with last year's extra large shirt flapping against my knees, I reluctantly participated in that age old, short-lived tradition - the New Year's Resolution. Once again the urge to shed those excess pounds that steadfastly refuse to disappear by the usual methods of sedate living and rich diet visits me. 'Run', my body says, 'sleep,' my will roars. This time my will was in such a stupor it wasn't at the meeting where all my other senses voted her in as a wold.

So, now I pound the pavement at Kinsmen Field House and find myself actually enjoying the sweat pouring off my forehead and the pulsating rhythm of my breath as it desperately tries to match the heart's need for oxygen. With each breath my mind relaxes into a lull and other thoughts crowd my mind, superseding physical focus it once had. Strange thoughts turned into a merry-go-round as some stayed for the full trip, while others didn't quite make one rotation; some just simply stepped off and to poked. One theme kept niggling at my brain as I watched my co-runners as I passed them, or they passed me. Some of those manly, well-honed, well-toned muscles, co-runners were of intense interest to me, I don't know why. Suddenly, a revelation, an

epiphany, a sweat bead, hit me, and with that came full realization of the true reason I chose to show my legs to the world. Simply put, my end goal to achieving that look of leanness is only to improve my chances for quality sex. A gal's gotta do what a gal's gotta do.

While I fixated on this ingenious, new insight to human motivation, I heard, through my walkman, an unfamiliar running pace as it approached me from behind. The 'pound, clop' obviously came from someone who didn't have full mobility and I waited as the runner reached my side to discover a young woman going past me. She was approximately in her early twenties and in obvious good shape. Her calves were like rocks, which more than suggested that she'd been participating in physical activity for some time. The reason for the unfamiliar gait was attributed to some paralysis on her left side, perhaps from some disease, who knows. This woman ran for more than the 30 minutes I was there - without a stop.

Her presence halted my merry-go-round thoughts and so did the man in the wheelchair the next night, and the other woman in yet another wheelchair the night after that. These are people who have an entirely different need to maintain their fitness which far outweighs my frivolous thoughts. I think I'm dizzy.

Hello It's Me

by Gail Pundick

Well, let me begin this by saying that I empathize with you about the accumulation of required readings that are manifesting around us. Even as you leaf through this paper you become weary at the sight of more written text, so I'll get right to the point and introduce myself. I'm Gail Pundick and I'm the Education Representative on the CCSA. My position on the Student Council is to act as a liaison between you the student

and the councils of the CCSA and ESA. I welcome feedback on any ideas and concerns you have about being on Education Student. Please feel free to either stop by and see me at the CCSA offices or flag me down in the hallways. I look forward to meeting you and wish you all the best for this semester.

"We learn to do something by doing it.

There is no other way." John Holt, Educator

What Does The Future Hold For A University Grad?

by Dorothy Ritz

Career Practitioner (Office 410)

The economy is changing swiftly. Companies and governments are downsizing and laying off employees. Where will the jobs be when you graduate?

Although we are seeing major economic shifts, there will always be work which needs to be done. The manner in which work is done and the structure of work is what is changing.

We are used to seeing long-term work for one organization with pensions benefits. There will be less work like this.

Looking ahead, the following work forms will be more prevalent:

- (a) Short-term work
- (b) Work for several organizations within a lifetime.
- (c) Contracted work
- (d) One person companies
- (e) Multi-tracking - Holding 2 or more jobs simultaneously

This type of work implies finding or creating or own work; planning for our own retirement; writing proposals and negotiating contracts; setting aside our own benefits, savings, pensions.

Some helpful tips:

- (1) Keep an eye on current events. Watch the media and look for changes and transitions in all sectors (social, economic, etc). Each change may be seen negatively or may present an opportunity. For example: If a large oil

company lays off several workers, smaller companies may have the opportunity to propose to do the work which the laid-off employees did previously.

(2) Observe Major Trends. These may lead to work potential. Some examples are:

(a) The aging of the Baby Boomers. This is the largest population group in North America. Think about the job prospects connected to a large population of seniors.

(b) Technology. Development, use and maintenance of technology in all sectors has created work potential. One example could be work in developing security systems for computer users to maintain privacy and confidentiality.

(c) The Environment. As the environment becomes more visibly distressed, motivation to preserve it will increase.

(d) Global Economy. In all sectors we will be buying and selling and communicating increasingly worldwide.

(e) Health. Cuts in government funding will lead to more interest in less costly methods to maintain good health including nutrition and exercise.

Careful observations of the world we live in will help in using our education to do the work which is needed. It is the principle of seeing a glass as half full rather than half empty.

by Wolfgang Behrend Hryniv

I have always wondered what makes people question their sanity, and during these past Christmas holidays I was witness to an event that may shed some light on this issue. A friend of mine invited me to a party, and as I arrived at his house with my case of beer in hand I immediately noticed that I knew everyone in the room except for one person.

The entire room was silent except for the droning voice of this unknown man, and although it was clear that he was speaking to nobody in particular, he nonetheless continued telling story after story after boring story. He has left sixty dollars beneath a garbage can and blah, blah, blah. In twenty minutes he will gath-

Infection

er his army of friends to back up everything he is saying, and then they will proceed to inseminate our ears with stories unlike anything we have ever heard or are likely to hear again. I scanned the other faces in the room and it was apparent from their expressions that nobody cared in the least bit as what this man was saying; and just when his voice became nails upon a chalkboard in my ears, he picked up the telephone, made a call, and then left quietly through the front door.

Shattering a century of silence, I turned to the woman on my right and asked her if she knew who that mutant was who just left? She didn't, and with smiles breaking across the

room I said, "I watched that dude unfold his wretched existence into our ears for fifteen minutes. And then at the pinnacle of the point he was trying to pound, he turned to you for approval. Then you quickly turned to me and asked me a question, negating everything he had just said within fifteen minutes. And then it struck me, the riddle of insanity. There is his world, our world, and these two combined form the real world. Although his body was here in this location, his mind was trapped somewhere else; and therefore he had gone temporarily insane. This reminds me of the time when I"—At this point the man to my right turned to me and said, "I thought we just got rid of you?"

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by C.R.W.

The cry goes out once again, "More money, we need more money!" Will it ever end? Lately, our city has been inundated with stories of woe suffered by the ownership of the Edmonton Oilers. Daily we are reminded that unless massive amounts of dollars are infused to support the team, they will fade away. Woe is me! Time for a face-off.

Sadly, the accolades and plaudits once given to the Oilers are beginning to wane, and loss of fan support is evidence of the decline. Loyal fans, the few that remain, cannot afford to provide the means for Peter and his cohorts any more. Yes, the Oilers organization deserves recognition for the past victories and record-achieving feats it amassed. Mr. Pocklington's confidence in Glen Sather's blueprint for a championship calibre team resulted in the construction of a legendary team. The Edmonton Oilers and the Edmonton Eskimos were jointly responsible for the title "City of Champions". But the climate has changed. The moniker "City of

Champions" is no longer representative of the spirit that was so important to Edmontonians.

I would find it hard to argue with someone who is of the opinion that Edmonton would suffer serious economic setbacks should the Oilers leave this city. However, can it be any worse than the setbacks other individuals are experiencing in Alberta at this very moment. The uncertainty of health care, employment, education and financial stability affects all Albertans. Yet, when these people approach government or other institutions with their concerns, the door gets slammed in their face. Not too many individuals have the luxury of calling upon the community for financial assistance. Instead, these same individuals have to cope with what they have and what is avail-

able. Stamina and resilience are necessary survival techniques used by most Edmontonians.

The situation with the Edmonton Oilers is serious and must be looked at carefully, but the future should hold no surprises. It is time to bring an end to the Oiler tradition; time to let it go.

The needs of society are changing, and the world of sports with its outrageous salaries, demands and overall operations must be examined and redefined. Serious questions should be addressed regarding the relevance of professional sports and its importance in society. In no way am I suggesting that the concept of sports is unimportant. There are notable individuals who have gained valuable knowledge because of their involvement. Furthermore, these same individuals have made valuable contributions to their community. My concern is that the dynamics of sports has become so dominant within a city it is limiting its growth potential. Edmonton simply cannot compete with the vigorous market so prevalent

in the good ol' U.S. of A. Another example is the situation the city of Cleveland fell into when the owners of the Browns decided to move the franchise. Simple mathematics. We need to make this much money to survive and you, the city, can only give us this much. The Oilers are in the same predicament. There is no need to dwell on saving this franchise. Edmonton should begin to make plans that do not include a major league hockey team. Economically, recovery is not impossible. Perhaps in time, we may come to understand that we didn't really sacrifice that much. Time to escape from the stranglehold placed upon our city because of the ongoing financial atrocities and chaos within the arena of professional sports. It is time to cherish the memories of the past given to us by the Oilers, and then move on to a new beginning as a city determined to improve and invest in its future.

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