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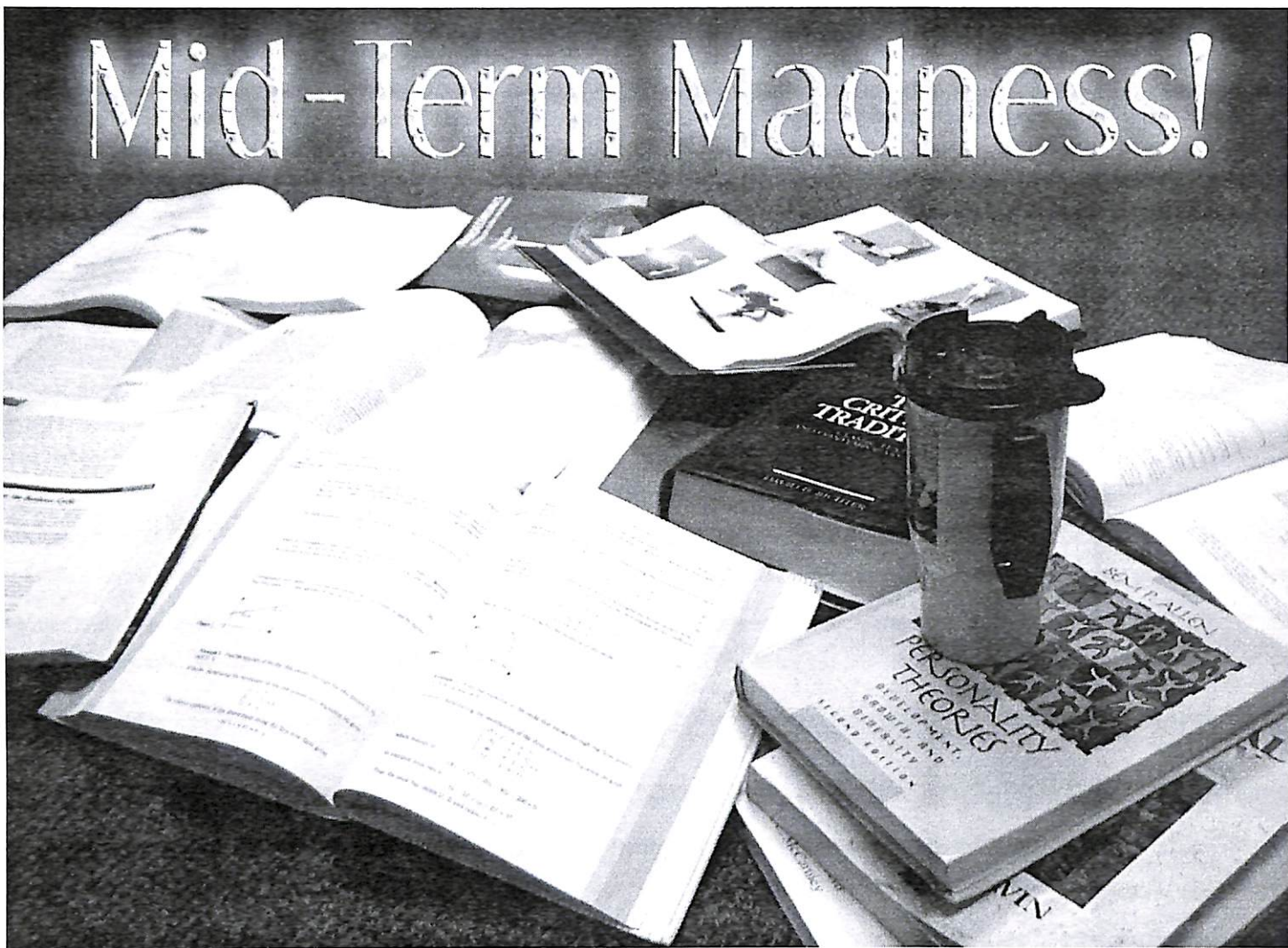
Want to Write?

We are looking for columnists, cartoonists, and writers. We would appreciate if you used the font Times New Roman. We will be editing all blasphemy as well as all unnecessary language. We need concise, well written articles that are relevant and that adhere to the mission/guidelines of Concordia University and the CSA.

Submit articles on a disk (or email) please give us your files in RTF format (Rich Text Format). We will also require a hard copy. Our email is:

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On campus In Action (Or maybe not?)

By Peggy Rose, VP Internal



In this edition of this article, I would like to address an issue that seems to be recurring surrounding the

CSA - availability. Many students do not know that being a VP at Concordia is considered a part-time job. As such, we are obliged to be full-time students and maintain a credible GPA. In addition to this, many of us have jobs to pay rent, and volunteer work to help contribute to society. I would like to make it clear that, unlike UofA, GMCC or NAIT, your Student council is considered *part-time*. This means that the members of the above-mentioned councils are not allowed to be full-time students, unlike the members of CSA, of whom it is required. In addition to this, UofA, GMCC, and NAIT Student Associations are paid much more than your council is. A full-time council would require an increase in student fees, which none of us want, so the five of us do the best we can with the time we have, in fact, many of us work much more than part time in order to please you - the students - and to make Concordia a school worth being proud of.

As VP Internal, I would like to let you know what my job entails. It is my responsibility to: plan events on-campus, maintain office hours, head the Blue and White, help all other on-campus clubs if they should need assistance, attend CSA meetings at least once a week, maintain a decent GPA, attend classes full-time, assist other VPs in their positions, plan a working budget for myself and all other on-campus committees, help fundraise for CSA, be a strong representative of our university, and, in my opinion, to ensure that the student body is satisfied with my representation.

Since my official posting of hours, I have now been consistently available Tuesdays from 12:30-1:45pm, Thursdays from 12:30-1:45pm, AND Fridays from 12:30-1:45pm. If, however, you still cannot reach me, I am always available at my cell (the number is posted on the Blue and White board). I look forward to continuing to represent you in this semester.

On to other business... events in January... As you have probably noticed by now, I have managed to get us a FOOSBALL TABLE in Tegler. I hope that everyone is enjoying this. It was arranged in December and put up

around December holidays. The Concordia Students' Association will be earning ten percent on all money in the machine, and this will go towards future events. With the cooperation of the ESA, I have also brought you Karaoke, a Blood Donor Clinic, and a FREE concert. All of which were in response to requests from students. I have also put back up the CSA board in Tegler. So if you would like to know about upcoming events, please check this for more information.

Would you like more?? I am always accepting suggestions and recommendations at the CSA offices. There is a suggestion box beside the linexlines box, or you can contact me by phone, or during my office hours.

I would also like to consider arranging an on-campus committee to help me organize events, find volunteers, and plan new activities. If you are interested, please contact me (office #479-9218) and leave a message.

I hope you have all had an excellent first month, God Bless you all, and, again, please contact me if you have any concerns or complaints. I want to do the best job I can for you, but I need communication from you in order for this to happen.

Want to read the Blue and White in Color, online and at home? Just download it at [www.csa.concordia.ab.ca!](http://www.csa.concordia.ab.ca/)

Editor's Letter

By James Gordon

You are a Gladiator. Your Professor is the Roman Emperor. Your midterms (that come in many forms; multiple choice, list questions, true and false and essays) are your opponents. This week, your professors have tossed you into the Coliseum and pitted you against the most vile, cold-hearted foes you have ever faced before; the midterm exam. Yes, we are being subjected to the attacks of the vicious and bloodthirsty midterm once again, and our professors are the ones who are sitting in the ringside seats, cheering on the beasts that they have unleashed onto us. Although it is true that you will not die from this gladiator event, but your educational goals and career dreams may die if you fail to defeat your enemy, the evil midterm.

As you may have figured out, we are in midterm week, one of the longest, and ugliest weeks in any semester. The problem with midterm week in Semester II is that all of us know, if we can just fight our way through the week, we will have a full week off, the beloved Reading Week. A week of peacefulness, sleeping in, catching a movie, doing some skiing, and having some tasty beverages. But first, we have to defeat the monsters that our professors are tossing in the ring with us. These grotesque atrocities are found in many forms.

Some professors enjoy watching their students break down and cry as they hand them that 150 question multiple choice exam. Others give us true and false, or list questions that drill us for the correct answers. Then again some professors prefer the short answer question and you can always tell which students are prepared and which are not when you hear that whimpering a couple rows behind you.

Finally, some emperors, (er professors) enjoy feeding us to the horror of humanity, the one thing that any student begs never to face. . . the essay. For the whole period students must face that fact that they really have no idea why they should have to compare and contrast Renaissance Florence to Renaissance Milan.

But, there is a glimmer of hope. Some of us gladiators will walk out of the arena with some battle scars, but we will have defeated the beasts. Those students who have taken notes diligently throughout their classes, studied their professors lessons, memorized the points under each heading, those students will survive. Few students will walk away from a midterm battle unscathed, (rarely do you see a midterm mark of 100%) but some of us will walk away with a sense of accomplishment, pride, and relief. In the movie *Gladiator*, Russel Crowe's character Maximus says something along the lines of 'what we do today, echoes in eternity'. This is true. If you study hard, know your stuff and do well in your midterms, then you will graduate and go on to a career of your choice, and you will see that your actions today will in fact 'echo in eternity'. Good luck on your midterms, and God Bless.



Career Fair Post Mortum

On January 23, 2002, Concordia held its first career fair. 25 presenters set up displays.

The goal was "2-pronged":

1) To give students an opportunity to explore various career options and to learn about some of the organizations/ companies/ professions/ and post-secondary programs represented.

2) To provide employment (either permanent full-time, part-time or summer)/ as well as volunteer opportunities for students.

There was "energy" in the Tegner that day and several presenters mentioned how much they enjoyed meeting and conversing with Concordia students.

We would appreciate feedback from students (both positive and where there could be improvements) as we look to running another fair in 2003.

If you have any comments, please put them in writing and give them to Mrs. Lenz at Student Services.

Also: Note the posters about upcoming **Career Workshops**.

For job seekers (full-time/ part-time and summer): postings which have been sent by employers to Concordia are:

- a) in a binder in the Student Services Office-ask at the office to look through it
- b) posted on bulletin boards in the hallway by the Student Services Office
- c) posted in the "Career Corner" in the library.

The Foosball Table was Brought into Tegler for the Students of Concordia. Unfortunately it may be removed at the end of this month due to the abuse of this privilege.

The only way to prevent this removal will be if the people using it have more RESPECT and do not steal balls or jam the machine because they are too cheap to pay 50 cents for a game.

This machine will be removed if there are any more balls missing or garbage is jammed into the machine.

Sorry everyone, but we should all be adults, and it is everyone's responsibility.

Sincerely,
Your CSA

15 Things to do at Wal-Mart

while your spouse/partner/significant other is taking his/hersweet time

1. Get 24 boxes of condoms & randomly put them in people's carts when they aren't looking.
 2. Set all the alarm clocks in housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
 3. Make a trail of tomato juice on the floor to the rest rooms.
 4. Walk up to an employee and tell him/her in an official tone, 'Code 3 in housewares,'...and see what happens.
 5. Go to the Service Desk and ask to put a bag of M&M's on lay away.
 6. Move a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
 7. Set up a tent in the camping department and tell other shoppers you'll only invite them in if they bring pillows from the bedding department.
 8. When a clerk asks if they can help you, begin to cry and ask 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?'
 9. Look right into the security camera and use it as a mirror while you pick your nose.
 10. While handling guns in the hunting department ask the clerk if he knows where the anti-depressants are.
 11. Dart around the store suspiciously while loudly humming the theme from 'Mission Impossible'.
 12. In the auto department, practice your Madonna look using different size funnels.
 13. Hide in the clothing rack and when people browse through say 'PICK ME! PICK ME!!!!!!'
 14. When an announcement comes over the loud speaker assume the fetal position and scream 'NO! NO! It's those voices again'.
- And last but not least,*
15. Go into a fitting room and yell real loudly ... 'Hey! We're out of toilet paper in here!'.



**Have you heard?
Early Registration is coming!**

**Watch the Blue & White
and
Your Mailbox
for details.**

A message from the Registrar's Office

Poetry Corner



Suicide River

Christopher Ducharme

November 6, 2001

I think of all the people before me that stood in this exact spot of the bridge. The people that had maybe half the head that I've got, or half the love I've felt. A place where I can stand solid feet and smile, a place tippee toes once reached. And it really makes me wonder how insignificant my life really is to the world. Too many blame these tragedies based on what they call "selfish acts" If only they could take one day out of their busy lives, they'd understand. I'm with Durkheim in that it's social issue, but I've combined personal factors. And sometimes taking that extra 60 seconds to exchange words, it's evident. It's so sad that this world is so melancholy that we struggle to find its reason. Reading books, listening to music, watching movies, studying theorists. 'Cause living without reason is not really living at all . . . it's just being existent. It makes me think of how important I am to society, how unimportant I feel. I'm a waste of skin, 'cause there's more to life than to live for sin and death. Beneath, the North Saskatchewan's green water is turning brown with red streaks. The skies don't even shine like they used to, the sun doesn't even reflect off water. But seasons are still changing 'cause the dead leaves are fallin' into mud. And so I watch corpses floating blowing bubbles of all that's left in cramped lungs. Staring at rocks and decades of human waste on the floor of the river below. Finding it too hard and inconceivable that anything exists above, disguised lies! And I'm standing one step from the edge thinking how breath-taking the scenery. How much sadness can be created in the production of only two eyes full of tears. Thinking of the names and ages, how many man-years wasted ... its sad but true. In the context it's truly understandable, 'cause when there's no hope, what's left? Imagining every other river, highway, vehicle, bathroom and bedroom floor. Seeing all the people, the last expressions on their faces, horrific images of fear. And I sometimes think, what if I could have been there to say something? But at the same time I wonder how God, by all his power didn't interrupt to save. And so in the meantime I'll stand here on this depressed bridge, with open eyes . . . waiting.

How do you define hope?



Hope is the parent of faith.
~ Cyrus A. Bartol

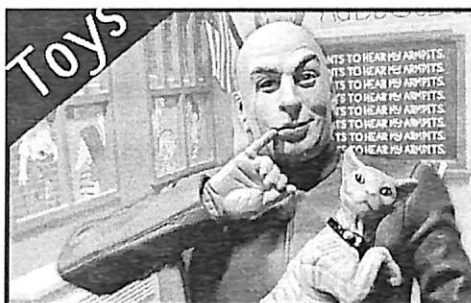
Hope is a waking dream.
~ Aristotle

Hope is nature's veil for hiding
truth's nakedness.
~ Alfred Nobel

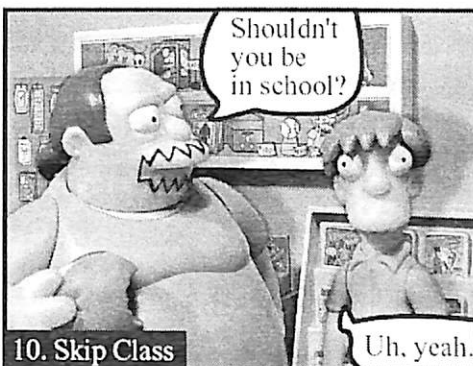
The Hope Foundation of Alberta

Presents selected photographs from the *Images of Hope* collection
On Display from February 26 - April 2
At Concordia University College of Alberta Library

— Works that inspire and give a visual definition to the word hope —



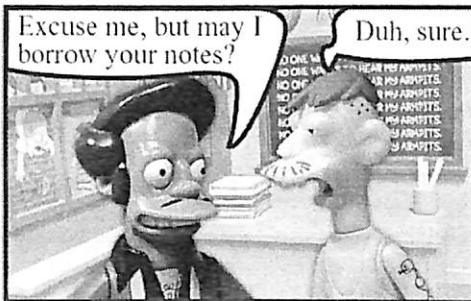
Top 10 ways to fail your midterms, hosted by Dr. Evil.



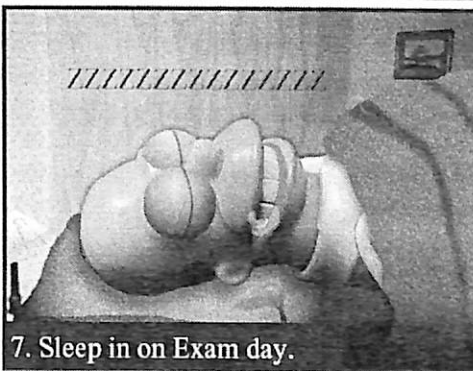
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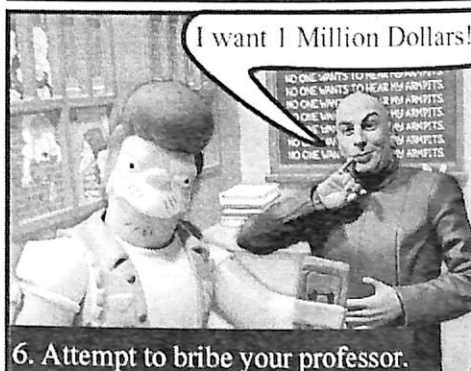
9. Talk with your friends during lectures.



8. Ask the class moron for the notes that you missed.



7. Sleep in on Exam day.



6. Attempt to bribe your professor.

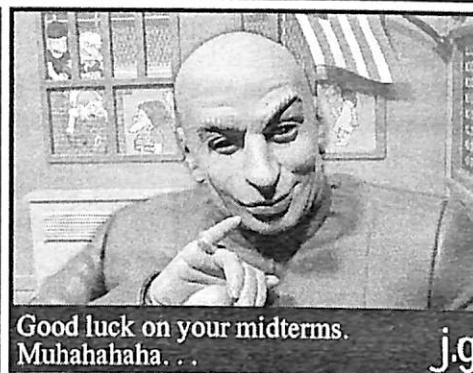
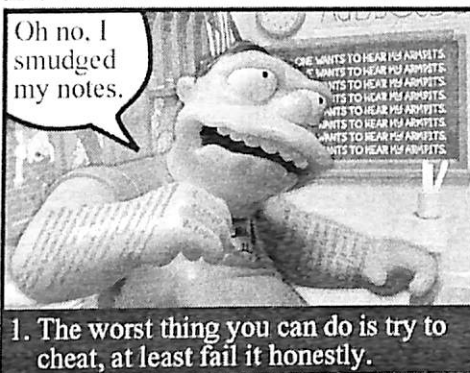
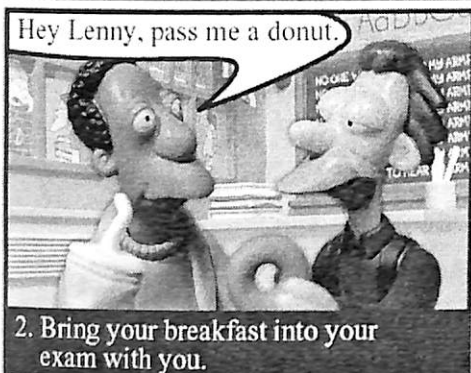
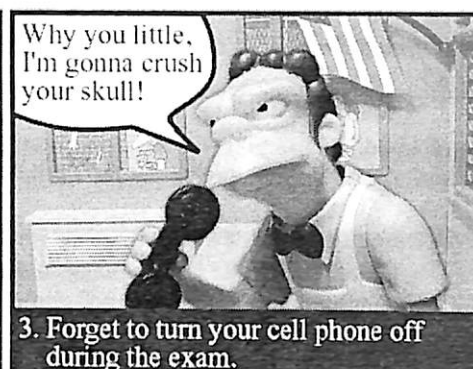
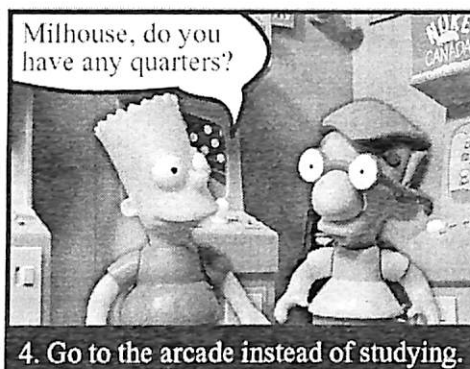
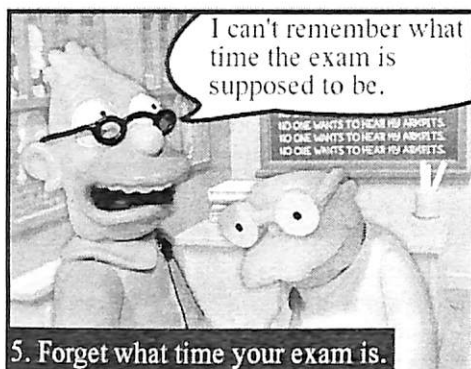
Handbell program moves into the community

Reprinted from *The Canadian Lutheran*

Concordia's handbell program is expanding into the Edmonton area by launching an auditioned handbell ensemble with members of the local community. Resulting from the group of ringers who participated in the handbell dedication last February, this new ensemble would be the first community-based auditioned group in Edmonton. The artistic committee consists of ringers from the dedication who have the vision for the future as well as solid connections among handbell ringers and directors. The hope is to secure an invitation to perform at the Ringing Link 2002 in Winnipeg in July.

While Concordia's Dr. John Hooper will serve as the initial conductor of this ensemble, the group, once established, will make decisions about future artistic direction. This as-of-yet-unnamed handbell choir will complement the existing Concordia Handbell Ensemble, which has performed at various Concordia events, including concerts and tours. Established in 2000 in part through a generous gift by the Concordia Guild, the handbell program has emerged as a vital and unique part of music at Concordia.

Inquiries about auditions or performances can be directed to reamc@telusplanet.net.



The Book

UFOs, JFK and Elvis:
Conspiracies you don't
have to be crazy to
believe

By Richard Belzer

Richard Belzer is detective John Munch on Homicide, and he is also a stand-up comic. Belzer has a very dry sense of humour, and one of his favourite subjects is political satire. In his book, Richard looks at some famous and some not so famous conspiracy theories. Fans of the X-Files, or Oliver Stone's movie JFK, will especially appreciate this book.

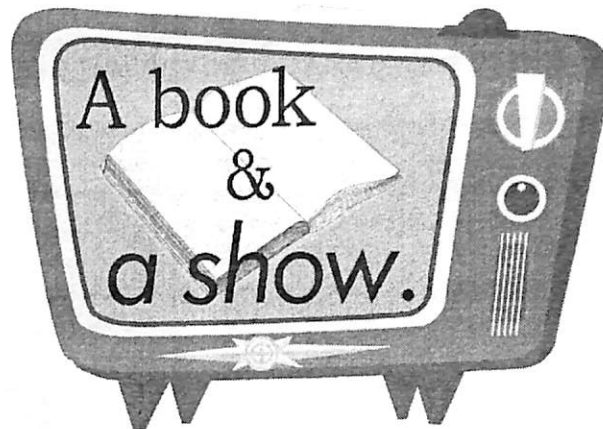
In the first part of the book, Belzer looks at the mystery and controversy surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Richard brings to light many inconsistencies, from problems with how the murder was investigated, to how the material from the investigation was hidden from the public. New information is brought out about the famous Zapruder film. According to Belzer, there seems to be evidence of doctoring of the original film footage, but to what extent seems unknown. Another conspiracy theory is that there appeared to be a shooter on the grassy knoll, and any evidence relating to this was suppressed. Witnesses to the assassination, who wanted to testify as to what they saw, were threatened and even disappeared. There are of course other theories put forth in Belzer's book; and throughout the text, Belzer lets his dry humour show.

"I wrote this book to inspire you to do what the powers that be wish you wouldn't: to question authority...and to keep an eye out for Elvis."-Richard Belzer.

Despite the title of the book, there is really nothing in the book about Elvis. The book is primarily about the murder of JFK, and the last part of the book talks about UFOs and aliens. The book is actually rather well researched, as the back of the book contains quite a few sources, but it is questionable as to whether or not these sources are reliable! I found the book enjoyable to read, and anyone that is interested in conspiracies should have a real laugh reading this book.

UFOs, JFK and Elvis is widely available through bookstores and the public library.

UFOs, JFK and Elvis: Conspiracies
you don't have to be crazy to believe
By Richard Belzer



The Show

Conspiracy Theory
with Kevin Nealon

The show takes the format of a panel discussion, with Kevin Nealon as the host. The panel consists of three guests, one or two from the entertainment industry, (usually comedians), and an expert on the show topic. Nealon poses questions to the panel, and the panel debates the questions in a humorous manner.

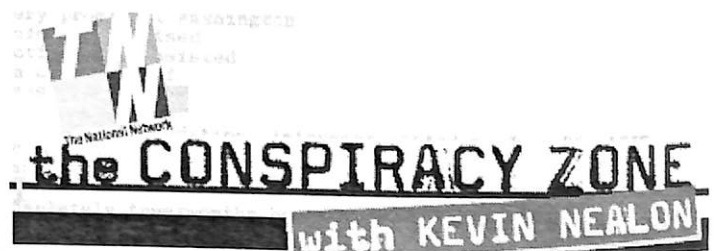
Some of the show topics have been: Is Elvis alive, Did rock stars from the 1960's-70's actually die of natural causes, or were they murdered? The show topics are interesting, and actually bring to light a few questions that are open to debate about what actually happened in certain famous events.



Kevin Nealon was formerly on Saturday Night Live, and is an accomplished comic. Throughout the show, just when serious debate is about to get under way, Nealon

interjects his special brand of sarcastic humour. Most of the time this is funny, but occasionally I found that I wanted to hear the guest's point of view. I say this despite the fact that it is hard to be serious when talking about how Elvis is still alive, and how the CIA could have killed Jim Morrison!

The show has a live studio audience, and at the end of the discussion, the audience is allowed to ask questions, and interject their own weird comments. It is clear that many people in the audience take the conspiracy theories seriously, as many of the questions appear to be asked sincerely. People have asked about sightings of Elvis in their local towns, and also serious questions about the assassinations of rock celebrities. The audience questions are actually some of the funniest moments on the show.





STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

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2nd Prize: **\$500**

High school category: **\$250**

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Application Rules:

1. Submissions will be considered from secondary and post-secondary (undergraduate and graduate) students in all disciplines. Secondary students will be considered in a separate category, with a cash prize of \$250. Outstanding high school submissions will not be excluded from winning the \$500 and \$1,000 post-secondary prizes.
2. Entry must include two clean copies of a typed essay of 1,000-1,500 words, and a cover sheet including the student's name, mailing address and phone number, and date of birth. High school students include school and grade. Post-secondary students, include school, major, and year of graduation.
3. Entries will be accepted in English and French.
4. Entries may be submitted by e-mail, **as attachments only**, not as text in the body of an e-mail message.
5. Failure to follow these rules may lead to disqualification from contest.
6. Entries will be judged on originality, expression of ideas, presentation, and understanding of competitive markets.
7. All entries become the property of The Fraser Institute. In addition to receiving cash prizes; winners may have their essays published in Fraser Institute periodicals.
8. A free-market environmentalism resource guide is available to help you research your essay. To obtain a copy, call the information number listed below.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 3, 2002

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1-800-665-3558 Ext. 571

Or submit via e-mail:

For more information call:

Jack Schitt: Coming From Both Directions

By Crock O. Schitt

For some time many of us have wondered just who is Jack Schitt? We find ourselves at a loss when someone says, "You don't know Jack Schitt!" Well, thanks to my genealogy efforts, you can now respond in an intellectual way. Jack Schitt is the only son of Awe Schitt. Awe Schitt, the fertilizer magnate, married O. Schitt, the owner of Needeep N. Schitt, Inc.

They had one son, Jack. In turn, Jack Schitt married Noe Schitt. The deeply religious couple produced six children: Holie Schitt, Giva Schitt, Fulla Schitt,

Bull Schitt, and the twins Deap Schitt and Dip Schitt. Against her parents' objections, Deap Schitt married Dumb Schitt, a high school dropout.

After being married 15 years, Jack and Noe Schitt divorced. Noe Schitt later married Ted Sherlock, and, because her kids were living with them, she wanted to keep her previous name. She was then known as Noe Schitt Sherlock.

Meanwhile, Dip Schitt married Loda Schitt, and they produced a son with a rather nervous disposition named Chicken Schitt.

Two of the other six children, Fulla Schitt and Giva Schitt, were inseparable throughout childhood and subsequently married the Happens brothers in a dual ceremony. The wedding announcement in the newspaper announced the Schitt-Happens nuptials.

The Schitt-Happens children were Dawg, Byrd, and Hoarse. Bull Schitt, the prodigal son, left home to tour the world. He recently returned from Italy with his new Italian bride, Pisa Schitt. Now when someone says, "You don't know Jack Schitt", you can correct them.

L.A.M.B.S (Service and Missions Group)

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PARENTS NIGHT OUT

We would like to give parents the opportunity to go out for the evening and we will provide the babysitting!

WHEN: Friday, March 1, 2002

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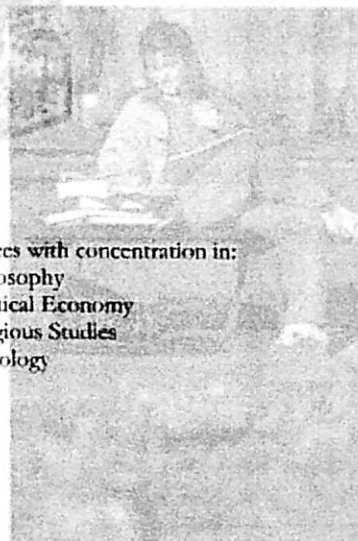


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Line X Lines

The Blue & White does not edit Line x Lines. However, we will not publish them if they are written in a threatening manner. We will only edit a Line x Line if it has an individuals full name. If you would like the Blue & White to start to edit and censor the Line x Lines, or if you would like us to remove the Line x Lines permanently, then please stop by our offices. We encourage your input. God Bless.

I wish I could take Peggy's boyfriend's place.
Good job with Karaoke last week Peggy!
Library fines: How to Avoid Them- RETURN YOUR BOOKS ON TIME (duh)
If a bald guy gets his drivers license, what do they put for his hair color?
Happy Valentines Day
Happy Reading Week!
Cristeen- I understand how you feel.
Who does those awesome cartoons? He's so cool!

Next Blue & White Due Date: Monday, February 18, 2002. We realize that this is during Reading Week, so we are not expecting a hard copy of your submissions. Thanks.

