Honors students to present on E-Books in New Orleans

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This November, representatives from the Honors Program will be traveling to New Orleans to participate in the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Conference. The current group of students in the Honors Program will give a presentation of their findings from an experiment to catalog students' opinions of e-books titled, “Academic Rigor in the Freshman Seminar: But Ouch! Student Antipathy to E-Books.” This presentation will report how last year's freshmen in the Honors Program felt about electronic reading versus paper books. Dr. Susan Bachman, Director of the Honors Program, will travel with sophomores April Hall, Katie Jamrowski, Gianna Kozel, Kierney Lonesca, Cassidy Read, Danika Schmid, Courtney Thornton, and junior Alliastar Galindo to the conference to present the results.

Last year, Bachman traveled to Boston to attend the annual conference in order to find out more about the NCHC, and was pleasantly surprised with her findings. She thought of an idea for a presentation, and began to work with the students in her Honors Freshman Seminar breakout class during the fall 2012 semester.

That semester, the freshmen in the Honors Freshman Seminar breakout class were required to choose a non-fiction e-book from Concordia Library's online catalog of e-books, which, according to Carolina Barton, Director of Library Services, contains about 150,000 books. After reading the book electronically, the students wrote a critical book review of it and then explained why they felt about the experience of reading an e-book. At the end of the study, “everybody, to a person, hated some aspect of reading electronically,” Bachman said.

Rikelle Mendonca, sophomore, who was in the Honors Freshman Seminar breakout class last fall, shared her feelings about reading e-books. “Although electronic books would not be my ideal choice for reading a book for pleasure, they can be a great resource for students,” Mendonca said.

Gianna Kozel, writer for the Honors Program newsletter, is excited for the opportunity to present at the NCHC conference. “I think it's really interesting any time you get to interact with students outside of a classroom setting. It was really cool of them to invite us to participate in that experience with them,” Kozel said.

The podcast is produced weekly with new episodes appearing every Sunday. “It’s like listening to Virtue in the Wasteland because I think they have a fun combination of witty banter and deeper philosophical questions,” Alkema said.

Virtue in the Wasteland promotes the values of wise citizenship and cultural academic excellence that the university and CUI Bono expose.

Bachman and Van Voorhis said that the aim of the program is not to be dogmatic, but rather to find new ways to approach issues. To access the podcasts, go to www.virtueinthewasteland.com or search “Virtue in the Wasteland” on iTunes.
The Bear Necessities with Bear and Tocks: Syria? Seriously!

A blood-red line

AMANDA OZAKI POLITICAL COLUMNIST

"We have been very clear to the Assad regime, but also to other players on the ground, that the red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized. That would change my calculations. That would change my equation."

When President Barack Obama set a "red line" for the United States in 2013, people listening might have felt a little déjà vu. Former president Bill Clinton said something similar about the genocide in Rwanda, which killed over 800,000 people. "We must have global vigilance. And never again must we be shy in the face of the evidence," Clinton said. And yet the United States refused to intervene. Thankfully, it seems as if diplomacy in Syria has a fighting chance. The UN, Russia, Syria, and the United States are set to hold talks about the safe disarmament of Assad's chemical weapons. However, if diplomacy fails, there are ominous signs in the political climate. President Obama must be ready to engage in limited and perhaps covert military operations to preserve the hegemonic influence of the United States.

Whether we like it or not, the world listens when the U.S. president speaks. That means thousands of viewers across the globe heard President Obama promise to put military action on the table if chemical weapons were used in Syria. While Iraq and Afghanistan were ostensibly knee-jerk reactions to 9/11, the call for intervention in Syria is about what it means to be human.

When President Obama uttered the phrase "red line," his aides were supposedly taken off-guard. According to the Washington Post fact checker, the New York Times reported his aides to have been surprised by his "unscripted language." Nevertheless, the red line was true to stay. As the months progressed, the line became an international boundary, not limited to America. Turkey began to take up the call for a U.S.-led military strike against the Assad regime, as did France. If the United States does not intervene, another humanitarian disaster will be upon us. If everyone involved in the Syrian conflict, things would be much worse than if just the United States took action. Turkey would intervene to keep the Kurds from being independent. The Saudis and other Sunni nations would intervene on behalf of the Sunni Arabs. If the Shiite and Sunni divide is allowed to deepen any more, the violence is almost sure to spread to Lebanon. At that point, Iran would feel forced to intervene as well, since the nation has already heavily invested in the stability of Assad's regime.

According to the UN Human Rights Council, over 2 million refugees have fled Syria. That's a jump of 1.2 million over a span of 12 months. That's 100,000 each month, or over 3,000 people a day. Another 4.25 million are displaced within Syria, making Syrians displaced more than any other country's citizens. This is not just a political conflict that leaders in air-conditioned conference rooms discuss and argue about. It's a bloody, dirty, horrific, and disgusting display of violence that forces women and children to drink water that has already been exposed to human feces or faint in the heat. The World Health Organization has already issued warnings about outbreaks of cholera, a disease that kills in less than 12 hours and is highly contagious. Around 4 million people are at risk of starvation and 3 million are at risk of the Washington Post that they hadn't had more than one meal a day in months, and that they had been unable to find baby formula for her baby for about a year.

I know I sound like a "bleeding heart," but also to other players on the ground, that a failure to respond to a U.S. intervention is critical. In a world where the idea of intervention truly is.

USA Today article published Aug. 31, William Dermdory articulates how, in the event of U.S. intervention, "I, a Shiite Muslim thacary, can surp large Shiite populations in friendly Arab states to rise up against their leaders." Such an occurrence could single-handedly erasinate a climate of Fear and 1ear across several countries, essentially creating more Syria-style conflicts. Furthermore, groups such as Hezbollah could activate soldiers across the globe, necessitating further military responses, and, in turn, more 1ire. Despite the best wishes, intervention goes beyond Syria and would impac what King Abbudllah II of Jordan called the "Syria Crisis." If the Shiite and Sunni divide is allowed to deepen any more, the violence is almost sure to spread to Lebanon. At that point, Iran would feel forced to intervene as well, since the nation has already heavily invested in the stability of Assad's regime.

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Men’s Soccer continues legacy

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The men’s soccer team came back from Prescott, Arizona with positive results and a 3-3 record. With a 3-1 victory against Wesleyan, and a 2-1 victory against Embry Riddle, the Eagles were able to make adjustments and learn from their out-of-state trip. With a solid performance in Arizona, the team is ready and looking forward to the rest of the season.

The Eagles will have a big task this season as they carry on with the legacy from last year’s win. Concordia went 19-3-1 last season, including a 1-0-0 mark in non-conference games. In true Concordia fashion, the Eagles are helping the team continue this tradition with their strength and positivity both on and off the court. Standing tall at six foot one with long blonde Rapunzel-like hair, Israel makes looking like an effortless spike.

Israel is playing her third year at Concordia as opposite hitter. Although Israel spent the majority of her freshman year on the bench, she used this opportunity to grow and improve as a player. “Every game I would get subbed in for a play and get a kill and sub back out,” said Israel. “More the Israel played, the more she came out of her shell as an outside hitter.”

Known by her teammates as “Ice” because of her demeanor on the court, Israel’s dedication to her team is obvious to everyone. “The court brings out the ice in my veins and I can serve,” said Israel.

Israel’s icy ways have gained her respect and recognition among her peers and teammates. “Ice is the funniest girl in the group and she is so easy to get along with,” said Jordan Smith, senior men’s volleyball player. She was also the first Eagle of the 2013 season to be named the GSAC player of the week for her flawless performance against #20 Cal State San Marcos. “Ice is the funniest girl in the group and she is so easy to get along with,” said Jordan Smith, senior men’s volleyball player.

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ALICIA HARGER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With décor straight from a Pinterest board and a set of hors d’oeuvres to match, Joy Keith’s dorm home is the perfect place for a meeting of the Real Dormwives of Concordia.

“We like doing yard work so I’ve replaced a yard with the backyard for our dog and for yard work,” Stacie said. “I don’t miss things I thought I would have a problem with. And I miss things I never would have thought of,” Summer said. “There are so many things you get to take. It’s not just giving up.”

Stacie is the only one of this group who is employed by Concordia. She works as the Director of Alumni and Family Relations. Stacie and her husband, Dr. Jeff Mallinson, live in the Global Village hall. The family is exploring their role on campus. “We’re trying to give a piece of other cultures to students here,” Stacie said.

The Global Village hall is a great fit for the Mallinson family; even the Mallinson children, Auggie and Aidan, “love new things...especially crazy and bizarre things,” Stacie said. “Jeff has a passion for traveling and nurturing the relationship with students.” The Mallinsons aren’t afraid to tackle new challenges; the family is training their kittens to use the toilet. Stacie also feels living on campus is beneficial to her position in alumni affairs. "Families enjoy that I’m here to be part of the experience. I think I give them a little peace of mind,” Stacie said.

For Brenda, moving on campus was an immediate yes. “I really liked the idea of living on campus,” Brenda said. "Everybody thought we were crazy for it." Because her husband, Jonathan Ruehs, is a DCE, their family was around campus, “Everybody thought we were crazy and bizarre things, “ Stacie said. "Jeff has a passion for traveling and nurturing the relationship with students.” The Mallinsons aren’t afraid to tackle new challenges; the family is training their kittens to use the toilet. Stacie also feels living on campus is beneficial to her position in alumni affairs. "Families enjoy that I’m here to be part of the experience. I think I give them a little peace of mind,” Stacie said.

It Just Adds Up: Dr. Amanda Croll, new Math professor

ISABEL RAMOS
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Amanda Croll, Professor of Mathematics, joined the Concordia faculty on July 1. Croll teaches three sections of Core Math and one section of Linear Algebra. “I just love mathematics and I want people to understand that it encompasses so much more than what K-12 schools teach,” Croll said.

A Texas native with a welcoming smile and a tender approach to teaching, Croll credits her father for her love of math. When she was young, they played fun math games which created a positive association with math for her. “My goal is to show a different side of math,” Croll said.

Her aim is to be a positive influence for students, especially young women in the male-dominated math field. “Linear algebra is a very hard class, but Dr. Croll is very approachable and makes things easier to understand,” said Corey Kelso, senior.

Croll spent the past six years working on her Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Nebraska, where she also taught as a graduate teaching assistant. Besides having her doctorate in Commutative Algebra, Croll is also a certified scuba diver and loves going on bike rides. She is enjoying living in Irvine with her husband.

Tim Preuss, Dean of Arts and Sciences, explained that the procedure for hiring new faculty is very complicated and time consuming. “It takes about one year from the time the job is posted to the time they are hired,” Preuss said. It is competitive, and only a few applicants are even eligible for interviews. There are a lot of people that need to approve each potential candidate before a mutual agreement of who is the finest candidate is made. A lot of time and effort is spent on choosing just the right candidate for each available position.

More than their degrees and qualifications are taken into account; Bret Taylor, Mathematics Department Chair, explained that applicants are also considered for their faith and their contributions to Concordia. Since this is a Christian university, it is important that teachers are able to exude their faith and apply it to the subject they are teaching. As well as taking care of her three children, Noah, Taylor and Sam, Brenda works part-time as a pre-K teacher’s aide. “We want our students to know they can come to us for whatever reason,” Brenda said. “A lot of students are away from home for the first time. We want to build community and let them know we’re here.”

Living with families in close quarters to college students isn’t always the easiest situation. For Stacie and Brenda, reducing to one bathroom was a major challenge. The lack of privacy can be hard, too, especially with teenagers. “Joy misses her backyard the most. ‘I miss the backyard for our dog and for yard work,’” Brenda said. “I don’t miss things I thought I would have a problem with. And I miss things I never would have thought of,” Summer said. “There are so many things you get to take. It’s not just giving up.”

What unites these women isn’t their walks in life or even their geographical nearness. These dormwives of Concordia are united by their serendipitous, their Christian willingness to love and their familial optimism.

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Solar Decathlon to be held in Irvine

International collegiate competition emphasizes alternative energy and creative design

GARRISON DE VINE STAFF WRITER

Orange County Great Park in Irvine is going to host the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon Oct. 3-13. The competition challenges student teams to design and build energy-efficient solar homes which will be judged on a variety of criteria. The criteria include architecture of the home, engineering, communications, affordability, comfortability, hot water, appliances, home entertainment and energy balance. This is the first year the Solar Decathlon will be held outside of Washington D.C. since the competition started in 2002. The event occurs bi-yearly and will include competing student teams from around the world. One team is coming from as far as the Czech Republic to compete.

“Over the last decade, we have seen the Solar Decathlon houses integrate the latest innovations in renewable energy and energy efficiency, including more technologies and systems that are available today and affordable. This includes everything from ‘smart’ energy management systems to highly efficient appliances and efficient building design,” said Jason Lutterman, Communications Specialist at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. “In addition, the 2013 teams will be allowed to feature demonstrations in renewable energy and energy efficiency, including more technologies and systems that are available today and affordable.”

Construction of the energy efficient houses has begun at the Great Park.

Paul’s, Christ Costa Mesa and Salem in Orange. Right now, there are organized vans to Light of Christ Church and also Faith Capistrano— these are the most heavily attended churches by students—but carpools are being planned and organized by other students who are able to drive.

Information can be found online at the abbeywest website, abbeywest.org, or on Facebook. Facebook groups are being formed for each of the churches to organize rides and carpools throughout the week. Interested students can find those groups by searching for “Concordians at (church name).”

It’s important for students to get involved in local churches because it gives them the opportunity to develop their faith outside of the school community,” said Nicholas Duer, senior Care Ministry Coordinator.

The shuttle services will give students this opportunity to grow and expand their faith, along with connecting to other Christian following students.

“Having been limited to on-campus activities my freshman and sophomore years, it has been a good experience to become involved in a local church,” Duer said.

All students are welcome to meet at Concordia’s front doors in the morning to take the shuttle to church. It is also greatly appreciated if students avoid taking a van for only three students.

For more information, students can join the Facebook groups, look at the abbey west website under the section “Your Discipleship” (sub-section “ Worship”), contact Nicholas Duer or On-Campus Pastor Quinton Anderson.

Abbey west provides shuttle service to off-campus churches

QUINN BEATZ STAFF WRITER

Abbey west, the student ministry program run by Concordia, has begun Sunday shuttle services to off-campus churches for the first time this year. Students wanting to connect with Christ and to attend church with fellow classmates have been offered to students. Abbey west is helping students get involved outside of Concordia and encouraging them to establish relationships with outside churches.

Abbey west is helping students connect to Christ by implementing their mission to “make disciples of a new generation.” Every Sunday student can meet at the Grimm Hall breezeway at 9:30 a.m. to attend church of their choice. They are offering services to five different churches. Light of Christ, Faith Capistrano, St.

Physics Club’s uncertainty principle

TAYLOR HANE STAFF WRITER

Due to the increasing interest in science at Concordia, plans for a new Physics Club are in the works. Although physics has been integrated into some of the other science clubs on campus, the addition of the Physics major has sparked a demand for an individual club. “The Physics Club in particular is meant to be a complement to the new Physics major that has been introduced this year,” said Cassie Helmman, senior and Vice President of the Physics Club.

There has been a large increase in the scientific interest on campus in the last couple of years as the sciences have expanded, and more students are looking for ways to get involved and meet people with common interests. Students who wish to broaden their science backgrounds are encouraged to look into the club. “Members from other majors are, of course, welcomed and encouraged,” said Helmman.

“Although I am not a Physics major, I enjoy physics and would love to be a part of a club that allows students to explore physics in a more relaxed environment,” said Nicole Smith, junior Biology major.

“You don’t have to be a Physics or even a Science major to benefit and have fun,” Helmman said. The club is simply to encourage students who share the same interests expand their horizons and knowledge.

“We hope to have a lot of guest speakers this year, as well as a lot of well-known physicists to come to our events or to speak at our club once it is up and running,” said Nestor Nuñez, junior and President of the Physics Club.

Future plans for the club also include a trip to a theme park and various joint events with the Chemistry Club. The club is still awaiting final approval. Once the Physics Club is official, the board looks forward to scheduling their first events. Contact Nuñez for more information at nestor.nunez@eagles.cui.edu.

Global Village celebrates international heritage

BRUCE KELLEY STAFF WRITER

The 12th annual Irvine Global Village Festival is coming to the Bill Barber Park tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Irvine Global Village Festival was founded in 2001 to help raise awareness of other cultures within and surrounding the Irvine community. Around 20,000 visitors are expected to attend.

The festival offers many different attractions free of charge. From live music to unique cultural food to general family fun, there is something for everyone who attends. According to the City of Irvine, the festival is the “city’s largest and most attended community event. Recognized as the best cultural festival in Orange County, Global Village features more than 100 performances on five stages.”

“There are 81-53 tastings from 40 restaurants, over 30 cultural exhibits with free give-aways and shopping at 40 international mes- chaunts, a free raffle drawing for a trip and gift cards with completed survey,” said Mya Sanders, Cultural Arts and Activities Superintendent for the City of Irvine. “Plus it is a day outside not studying!”

There will be no on-site parking for this event. However, shuttles will be provided from many different areas surrounding the festival from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Another fun way to get to the Festival is by biking. There are many different trails to get to the event, and you can store your bike at the free Bike Valet, hosted by the Bicycle Club of Irvine and the Orange County Bike Coalition. Biking is an easy and environmentally great way to get to the festival. Handicapped parking is available at the San Juan or Civic Center parking lots adjacent to the Festival. The festival was voted the 2009 Best Festival by OC Weekly and is ready to live up to that statement on Saturday. For more information about the event, entertainment schedule or shuttle schedules, visit irvinefestival.org.

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My name is Christina Annalisa Vogt. Some odd little facts about me: I love to drive around and get lost, I like to people-watch (yes, creepy I know), and I don’t like words of affirmation. I live in glorious Laguna Niguel, California. People think, “Wow! You live by the beach. You must go there a lot!” Honestly, I am not a fan of the beach. I love going to the lake.

And now that you know me a little better—I am an artist! I am here at Concordia studying Graphic Design with a Marketing minor and I will be graduating this May. I am an illustrator, an artist! I am here at Concordia studying the beach. I love going to the lake. I love going to the lake.

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My favorite celebrities. I chose to draw Audrey Hepburn, and the second I started drawing her, I fell in love with art. I have the drawing on my wall to remind me of what I love to do, along with a quote from Audrey Hepburn that says, “Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m Possible!’”

When I began applying to colleges, I planned to apply to the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising and here, Concordia. I only applied to Concordia and obviously got in. God had this plan for me to come here, to create lasting friendships, and to help build a community through being a Resident Assistant. One thing people don’t know about me is that I never decline offers to create works of art for people. I am constantly designing logos, taking headshots, and doodling. I love that I can make people happy. I enjoy that I can make people happy.

One of my art pieces is based upon Matthew 7:24-27, the story of the house upon the sand and the house upon the rock. One of Vogt’s art pieces based upon Matthew 7:24-27, the story of the house upon the sand and the house upon the rock.

Not your high school’s Glee club

Stage Door 141 provides musical theater opportunities

ARTS AND REVIEWS

BROOKE SPRINGER

Two of Concordia’s experienced musical theater enthusiasts—Wesley Barnes and Alexandra Dominguez, juniors—have created a new group, Stage Door 141, to encourage individual performers to grow as artists.

“Stage Door 141 is a small company of Concordia students who wish to really challenge themselves and excel in the arts,” Barnes said.

“This company gives its members the opportunity to grow in areas that they may not feel as strong in. For example, a student who has more experience with singing could also use this opportunity to become a better dancer and actor.” Due to the lack of musical theater performance opportunities, the company members of Stage Door 141 meet twice a week to practice.

Since Stage Door 141 is a brand new group on campus, Barnes and Dominguez partner with Lori Sleikman, Assistant Professor of Theatre, who is the group’s mentor. She helped run the auditions and contributed to the company’s member selection process. A lot of talented people auditioned, but only a select few were picked. Barnes, however, affirms that there is still an opportunity to be a part of the company.

“We hold auditions earlier in each semester and select as many students as needed,” Barnes said.

“I am so ready to show that Concordia students can work together and produce quality work. We are a very small theater department, but we are strong,” Dominguez said. “We believe that a group like this could really represent the department well, and show what we are capable of.”

“We are artists who work hard to produce quality work, and we look forward to presenting it to the Concordia community and more,” said Barnes.

Stage Door 141, senior and member of Stage Door 141, said, “There is so much to musical theater and this group helps me to explore more of that world. Wesley, Alex, and Lukemahn really challenge us in all aspects.”

I joined the group with the hope of strengthening my confidence in performing musically, especially my singing. I also wanted to learn fun dances and hang out with my friends,” said Briana Kolmer, sophomore.

“All of the members of the company made the decision to be a part of this company because they all share a love for performing,” Barnes said.

To learn more about Stage Door 141, contact Wesley at wesley.barnes@eagles.ccu.edu.

“Where charity and love prevail, there God is found”

KATHERINE DURKE

Guest Writer

Concordia’s annual Fall Festival of Hymns returns to campus Oct. 5 at 4 p.m., and the Fall Festival of Hymns concert on Oct. 6 at 3 p.m.

The Concordia Choir and the Master Chorale will present familiar and contemporary hymns that “celebrate the Christian faith tradition from around the world,” said Dr. Michael Busch, Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music. The Fall Festival of Hymns is a tradition that began with previous choral director, Dr. Michael Burkhardt. Busch has continued this tradition, “[maintaining] an active annual festival of hymns.”

What distinguishes this Fall Festival of Hymns from Concordia’s other annual concerts is that the audience is included in the participation. It is a concert “where the audience becomes the performer” and essentially, “the audience is the most important star of the show,” said all who attend are “given an opportunity to worship.”

“I like to shape hymn festivals around themes that matter to us today,” Cherwien said. This year’s musical theme is based on the song “Ubi Caritas” by composer Maurice Duruflé. The text translates as follows: “Where charity and love prevail, there God is found. Christ’s love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in Him. Let us love each other with a sincere heart.” Cherwien mentioned the turbulence of terrorism and the chaotic world that we face daily. “When the world says war, but the song says peace, we will trust the song.”

Regarding the content of the Hymn Festival, Chenwien said, “This program makes use of songs from quite a span of time, [from tradition- al] all the way to modern chant. From Africa, from all over.” He credits organist Paul Maun for teaching him improvisatory techniques. “Most of the music will be introduced by improvised ‘preludes’—full interpretive pieces rather than perfor- mance traditions,” said Cherwien.

Palo Cherwien has prepared special reflections to accompany the music—a blending of words and song. “This love of music, poetry, theology, and spirituality has come together perfectly for me in the writing of hymn texts—words which are meant to be sung, that have to be good in the mouth,” Palo Cherwien said

In addition, Palo Cherwien will be hosting a creative writing workshop which will comple- ment the Fall Festival of Hymns with its theme of “crea- tivity” and “divine spark. When asked about the effect music and words create, Palo Cherwien said, “We present a vibrant beauty with our very breath—the heart—that place where body, mind, and spirit come together—is music, it is often changed, by what we sing.”

All are invited to attend these special events that celebrate the gifts of words and song. “I hope [this event] will provide a sense of momentary relief from the stresses of our lives and the world.” Cherwien said.

The Fall Festival of Hymns will take place on Sun. Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. General admission $15, Senior citizens $10. Purchase tickets at www.ccu.edu/TheArts.

“Do Not Let My Words Fall to the Ground: Creating Cultural and Divine Spark in Writing,” a workshop led by Palo Cherwien on Sat. Oct. 5 at 4 p.m., and the Fall Festival of Hymns concert on Oct. 6 at 3 p.m.

Support this event. Please provide a name on display in the story of the house upon the sand and the house upon the rock.
Dear Abby...

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Dear Abby,
Do how I overcome senioritis when I really, really don’t give a S%#*! Love,
Slacker Senior

Dear Slacker,
Fun fact: the term for a series of symbols used to signify a curse word is called a “grawlix.” Now, on to your senioritis: the root cause of your affliction might be that you’ve worked your butt off for three whole years to get to this point and now there’s no threat of college acceptances to keep you accountable. But keep in mind that YOU HAVE WORKED THREE WHOLE YEARS TO GET TO WHERE YOU ARE.

You’ve had 7:30 a.m. classes, countless papers and assignments and the Core, and you’ve gotten through it all. You’re also probably paid thousands of dollars to go to school here, and taken out loans you’ll be paying off until long after you’ve forgotten the importance of the Fibonacci sequence. You have worked too darn hard to get to this point and fail a class, causing you to stay an extra semester to graduate. No one wants that. So here’s how you can overcome senioritis and pass all your classes:

Step 1: Try to schedule your classes for later in the day so you’re not tempted to sleep in and miss them. This is somewhat pointless this far into the semester, but keep it in mind when scheduling next semester’s classes.

Step 2: Know exactly where you are in your classes so you can do the bare minimum and still pass. Take advantage of the easy extra credit assignments so you can afford not to do well on a test later on. Keep track of your grade so that you can slack off but also pass.

Step 3: Break up your tasks into smaller ones so they’re easier to accomplish. You can take long breaks in between and have time to live your life, but make sure you’re getting stuff done.

Step 4: Ask for help when you need it! If you are really going to fail, talk to your professor and see what can be done. Get involved in a study group with friends so you can get your work done, have fun and keep each other accountable.

Overall, just remember how much you’ve put into your education at Concordia, and don’t let yourself mess it up this far into the game. You’ve worked too darn hard to get to this point and now there’s no threat of college acceptances to keep you accountable. But keep in mind that YOU HAVE WORKED THREE WHOLE YEARS TO GET TO WHERE YOU ARE.

Good luck, and I hope NOT to see you here next year!

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Hey Marty, you don’t look so hot! Why don’t I take you to the wellness center?

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Diversity Awareness hosts movie night

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The LEAD Diversity Awareness program is hosting a monthly movie night to bring students together and promote cultural awareness. On Sept. 13 they showed the movie Selena in the Outdoor Amphitheater. The movie was shown on a projector outside, and around 25 students huddled on their blankets while they enjoyed hot chocolate, popcorn and cotton candy. Because the movie was chosen in honor of National Hispanic Awareness Month, they also served Mexican sweet bread.

“We want to support Concordia and work to educate and respect every culture our school is made of through the various events we put on,” said Ericka Cortez, senior member of the Diversity Awareness program. Another member of the program, Nikki Ancona, freshman, said, “I thought the movie choice was perfect in light of it being Hispanic Awareness month and my favorite part of the night were all the tasty snacks.”

The Diversity Awareness program is encouraging more students to participate and help Concordia become more culturally mindful.

“I am very interested in learning about other cultures and would like to attend the next movie night. I think having food from different cultures would make it more interesting too,” said Abel Landa, freshman.

There will be an announcement for the October movie night soon. They plan to show a movie that will promote German culture in honor of Oktoberfest. “We will probably show a Hannel and Gretel film,” Cortez said. A special German-themed lunch will take place on Oct. 8 in the Student Union to allow students to get a chance to taste some German cuisine.

On Oct. 20 from 1-4 p.m., there will be an off-campus trip to downtown Huntington Beach’s Old World, where students will be able to experience German culture, food and shopping. “I’m looking forward to the off-campus trip to Old World because I would like to become more knowledgeable of German culture, especially their cuisine,” said Lindsey Dula Salas, junior.

More announcements of upcoming events will be coming soon. The next movie will be shown at a new location for better viewing quality, likely the lacrosse or soccer field. “We want to keep a positive atmosphere here at Concordia,” Cortez said. “Everyone is invited and the Diversity Awareness members look forward to seeing you at our next events.”

Brant Fowl Living
Strong start for Beloved and Battalion

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The men’s and women’s Bible study groups, Battalion and Beloved, will be starting their small group studies the first week of October. Anyone interested in joining a group is encouraged to contact one of the new coordinators for Battalion and Beloved: Zach Oedewaldt, senior, or Shannon Alavi-Moghaddam, junior.

Oedewaldt and Alavi-Moghaddam had already given new life to Battalion and Beloved. One of their first prerogatives was figuring out how to create lasting small groups since attendance has tended to decline in recent years. This goal was the basis for the selection of the theme of verse this year: Hebrews 10:23-25. Instead of having one introductory meeting where students were introduced to the group, Oedewaldt and Alavi-Moghaddam decided to use the month of September to feature a joint men’s and women’s Bible study every Wednesday night. They were held in Sigma Square and led by Pastor Jim Gwaltney from Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Irvine.

The idea behind the large group Bible study with both Battalion and Beloved was because we wanted to allow students who were interested in a Bible study to be able to meet other people before committing to a group,” AlaviMoghaddam said. “It also gave students an opportunity to meet the leaders beforehand and see who they would connect with.”

Regarding Pastor Gwaltney, Oedewaldt said, “It’s great to have a local pastor lead a study; it’s someone you don’t see every day. I’ve known him for three years now, and he’s really good at engaging people and initiating discussion.”

The turnout for the first Bible study in Sigma Square was so successful that students were lined up along the back wall for lack of seats. “I wasn’t expecting a lot of students to have a desire to delve deeper into God’s Word, but I see that now through these groups,” said Cody Petersen, junior and Battalion small group leader. “But when Sigma Square is filled with people, it’s such a blessing to see, to see people eager for fellowship.”

Jessica Abel, junior and Beloved small group leader, added “Even though we had different groups of girls each week, every group already seemed really comfortable with each other. Everyone had a willingness to be honest and open regarding the topics. It felt really relaxed, even though I had only met some of the girls that day.”

Another improvement for Battalion and Beloved this year is simply having an overarching theme to unify the small groups. This gives each group the freedom to choose what they want to talk about each week instead of having to mirror the other groups.

Although Battalion is still deciding between a couple of themes, one of the options is studying the men in the Bible, such as David, Daniel, Paul and Peter. Beloved is also considering a similar option to study strong Biblical women. The small group studies will not be strict or have lesson plans, alternatively, they will flow based on the needs or direction of the members.

“People start small groups all the time,” Oedewaldt said, “but if there is an overarching theme, the Battalion group ministries are united while keeping daily.” Sun. Sept. 29 starting at 7:30 p.m., Battalion is having a “bond-fire” outside Good Shepherd Chapel for the male Bible study groups, and for any other men still interested in joining a small group. The event is informal and Oedewaldt welcomes guys to stop by for hot dogs, beatdowns, and good conversation.

Anyone interested in joining a small group Bible study can contact Alavi-Moghaddam at beloved@abbeywest.org or Oedewaldt at battalion@abbeywest.org.

Eagle Rock upcycled as Commuter Lounge

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Eagle Rock will re-open as a commuter lounge around mid-October of this year to provide a place for all students to relax, study or socialize. When Eagle Rock was a late night grill, more money was being spent to maintain it than it was making. The building is currently under construction. A wall is being put up in order to separate the kitchen area from the lounge. AS- CUI President Jamie Rivera said, although space is limited, “we are working with what we have.” Rivera sees this as an opportunity to make the lounge “a little bit more homey.” Once finished, the revamped Eagle Rock will include a refrigerator, a microwave, a television, couches, a study area and, possibly, lockers. Currently, commuters do not have any of these benefits on campus.

In order to keep the project community-based, ASCUI decided resident students will be able to enjoy the benefits as well. “I’m not sure if I’ll be spending a lot of time there, since I am currently living on campus, but it would be nice to have another place to hang out and study,” said Robert Chase, junior.

With the student population at an all-time high, places such as Emmendare are usually full. Commuter students might look forward to this new lounge as an alternative space and crowd relief. “I will definitely spend more time on campus now that this lounge will exist,” said Sean Mattila, junior, “especially in between classes when there is enough time to hang out for a little bit not enough time to go home.”

Arianna Vaughn, junior, said that she, too, is looking forward to the commuter lounge. “I can study with my friends near our rooms or not,” Vaughn said.

As soon as the lounge is finished and ready for the public, ASCUI and LEAD’s Commuter Outreach will work together to put on a grand opening event. The exact date is not yet determined, but, if everything goes as planned, the new commuter lounge will open sometime mid-October. Once it is open, LEAD’s Commuter Outreach is hoping to host commuter events there. They will likely be the group in charge of maintaining the lounge over time. Email Rivera at jamie.rivera@cui.edu for more information.

Upcoming intramural President’s Bowl

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On Fri. Oct. 4 from 6-9 p.m. on the soccer field, various intramural flag football teams will compete in the President’s Bowl. All students, friends and family are invited as the men’s and women’s flag football teams play in the championship games.

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Talking to the stars: Astronomy guest lecture

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On Sept. 17, the Departments of Chemistry and Physics hosted a seminar by Dr. Pierre V. Sokoloff, Dean of the College of Science and Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Utah. The presentation was planned in conjunction with the addition of the Physics Research Lab that was recently built.

“In the 21st century, physics is everywhere,” said Dr. John Kenney, III, Professor of Chemistry and Physical Chemistry, Director of Chemical Physics Laboratory, and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics/Astronomy. “It drives all of the computers, cell phones, and all electronic devices. Physics is ubiquitous in modern society.”

There are many job opportunities for people who have a knowledge and a background.”

Rikita Patel, senior pre-med Chemistry major and Astronomy Club President, did not miss the opportunity to witness such an amazing guest speaker. “Even though he was very distinguished, he was still able to put things into terms that undergrads were able to understand, and was very successful in keeping our attention the whole time,” Patel said.

A lot of the seminar discussed the study and relationship of ultra high energy cosmic rays. “One of the things students took away from the presentation was the excitement of scientific discovery,” said Patel. “All that we learned about cosmic rays in the last years, is still so much we don’t know.” Kenney added, “I hope this set the stage for this interesting topic, but I know it has a lot to do with physics and that’s not my strongest subject.”

“Even with [non-Physics] majors, discussions of this sort to students to learn more and could possibly change their minds about the subject,” Patel said. “They could have a fear of astronomy because they think they have to have a complete understanding of physics, which isn’t the case.”

In order to keep up with the growing expansion of the Physics, Chemistry and Biology majors, a new Science and Nursing Center will be built as part of Concordia’s master plan. To ensure that students have continuing opportunities to learn from the greatest minds in the field of science, more guest speakers will be invited to present throughout the rest of the semester.

The next seminar will be held Sept. 30 in De- nault Auditorium. For more information, contact Kenney at john.kenney@cui.edu.