is an event that highlights what different people are doing around the world to help others. We want to invite people to take what they see, hear, and learn at Night of Hope and share it with everyone they know,” said Vu.

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According to the Office of Residential Education and Services (RES), LLCs are small, 15-person homes that are designed for Concordia’s students, faculty, and world issues. The Concordia University Irvine (CUI) Bono society, nothing is mandatory. According to Dr. Steven Mueller, Professor of Theology and Political Thought. “That’s why we feel comfortable doing it, because it’s worked for hundreds of years.” CUI Bono will continue as a campus-wide academic society. The only change will be a designated room with an international student and get to know them and their culture. “room with an international student and get to know them and their culture. “

The event says to go and make disciples, and give resources and preventative treatments to villagers, implement malaria treatment, and drive down deaths in Africa by 2015. “The event’s purpose is to highlight art in all its different forms, to raise awareness for the non-profit being supported, and also to spread hope to all in attendance,” said Mai Vu, senior Night of Hope coordinator. “The Great Commission says to go and make disciples of all nations.”

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Attending this event will help the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, an organization that aims to eradicate malaria-related deaths in Africa by 2015.

Although the Living Learning Communities (LLCs) have an academic community that’s holistic, and world issues. Dr. Dan Waite, Executive Director of the Office of Global Programs, said, “We want a space on campus that celebrates cross-cultural life and living… and the diversity of cultures already here.” Waite hopes to see it cross-cultural life and living…and the diversity of cultures already here. “Waite hopes to see it cross-cultural life and living…and the diversity of cultures already here. “Waite hopes to see it cross-cultural life and living…and the diversity of cultures already here. “Waite hopes to see it cross-cultural life and living…and the diversity of cultures already here. “Waite hopes to see it
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Baseball and Softball all lit up

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STAFF WRITER

Light Up the Night, a bonfire organized by LEAD Screaming Eagles to introduce this year’s baseball and softball teams, took place on March 8. “The idea was thought up by the Screaming Eagles team to help celebrate softball and baseball,” said Joshua Canter, junior LEAD Screaming Eagles Coordinator. “We wanted to do a Midnight Madness-like program, but for softball and baseball.”

Light Up the Night, first held last year, gave the LEAD Coordinators a difficult time. They struggled with getting permission to have a bonfire on campus, as well as finding the right space to meet the requirements of the Orange County Fire Authority. The only space that upheld these requirements was behind the Library.

The planning process for this event began right after Midnight Madness ended. Lawrence Oxborough, sophomore, came up with the Hawaiian theme to stray away from the glowing neon theme that has been used for other events. A reggae band and free pork sliders also contributed to the relaxed mood of the gathering.

Many attended Light Up the Night last year, but this year’s Hawaiian theme brought a new atmosphere. “The difference from this year than last year was the amount of people who attended,” said Bryana Simpson, senior softball player. “This event helps bring the campus together around a unique experience,” said Canter. “It allows time to focus on the softball and baseball teams and start to recognize who is actually on those teams.”

The first 40 people received a free t-shirt that had “Light Up the Night” written on it. “My favorite part about Light up the Night was waiting in line for the free t-shirts,” said Nathan Stevens, sophomore. “I was excited to wait in line this year for another free t-shirt, but I had to bring a chair.”

The laid back atmosphere gave people the opportunity to relax and enjoy each other’s company. “This event is important because not only brings athletes closer, but everyone closer together in a fun environment,” said Jasmin Dresser, freshman softball player. Light Up the Night aims to emphasize the importance of support from spectators as well as amongst team members.

“This event means a lot to our program because of the bonding experience with the team, as well as the good memories which will help the team become happy again when things go wrong,” said Dresser.

This LEAD bonfire is quickly turning into an anticipated tradition. “Light Up the Night was a great experience, and I can’t wait for next year,” said Olivia Preciado, freshman.

Continue showing your support for these teams by going to the next baseball game today at 2:30 p.m. or the next softball game today at Hope International in Fullerton at 2 p.m.

Eagles run for charity

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STAFF WRITER

The 5th Annual 5K Eagle Run will start at 9 a.m. on Sat., March 23, to raise money for local charities. The Eagle Run is open to all students, faculty, and Concordia community members. Although there is a fee to participate in the race, the money goes back into the community through charities that have been carefully selected by the Associated Students of Concordia University Irvine (ASCUI).

The Eagle Run was created four years ago by the ASCUI Senate to bring awareness to local charities. This year, ASCUI Executive Board chose to donate to five specific organizations that are closely related to Concordia. “Either it’s an alumnus who started the organization or it is in the name of one of our students,” said Brianna Lamanna, senior ASCUI Vice President.

The theme for this year’s race is “Lace Up for Love” in hopes of encouraging people to join the race and support the organization. “The Eagle Run welcomes and encourages participation from all levels of runners, from experienced to beginner,” Participants have three hours to complete the 5K trail that starts and finishes on Concordia’s campus.

“A great opportunity to bring Concordia together and for our students, our faculty, our supporters, and people within our community to come together to support and donate to these organizations that are really close to our hearts,” said Lamanna.

“aright Eagle Run is a special event because it really brings together all types of people in and outside the school. It is a fun, non-competitive workout that raises money for a good cause,” said Jessica Marquardt, sophomore. “It is different from other events because it provides opportunities for all to participate and all to feel as though they won the race as well. The cheering was the best part; the fans made the event very worthwhile.”

Along with getting a T-shirt at the race, there will be prizes throughout the course that will be giving out prizes to the runners. Businesses like Boomers, In-N-Out, and Aquarius of the Pacific will be providing gift cards to lucky runners.

Breanna Wengel, senior ASCUI Secretary, especially enjoyed working with the sponsors. “It’s been great. It’s always nice to see how people appreciate what Concordia does to help others,” she said.

For more information or to register for the event, visit the CSLD. Registration will also be open at Concordia’s “Games of the Week.” Same day registration will be available at 8 a.m. on the morning of the race.

Want to work for the Courier?

Applications now available in the CSLD are due March 15.

For more information, contact Faculty Advisor Ashlie Siefkes at ashlie.siefkes@cui.edu

We hope to hear from you soon!
**SportsLine**

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**NBA Mid-Season Report: The Eastern Conference**

For the concluding article in the NBA Mid-Season Report, the Eastern Conference contenders will be the primary subjects. With only a little over a month remaining in the regular season, there is still a good chance for change in the East. Let's begin with the frontrunners.

Of course the Miami Heat are at the top of any conversation regarding the Eastern Conference. This team has always been one of the most competitive in the league, and their recent 15-game-and-counting win streak proves they are getting hot at the right time. Wade and James look like as good a one-two punch as you can ask for. Despite the Pacers scoring alongside Paul George. The main weapon in Indiana’s arsenal is defense; the Pacers rank second in the league and regularly hold opponents under 85 points. This is something no other team in the Eastern Conference brings against Miami. The Pacers gave Miami a tough playoff series last year. Expect them to do it again.

The New York Knicks have also shown promise in the East. It has been difficult for them to find a good balance of team chemistry with the injury to Amare Stoudemire early in the season. The Knicks have the potential to make some noise in the playoffs, but they are too inconsistent to be a legitimate title contender. It is too soon to write them off completely, but they will need to show some consistency to win a least seven-game series against some of the tougher opponents.

The Western Conference has a deeper pool of talent from top to bottom, but the Heat and Pacers will certainly challenge the West coast frontrunners. The Bulls could also improve dramatically if Derrick Rose returns to action soon, but his return remains uncertain. Though doctors have cleared him to play, Rose said that he doesn’t feel mentally ready to return to the court. The closing weeks of the season will be full of intrigue, and the NBA playoffs this year could be among the most exciting in recent years.

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**Alex Miranda**

**Staff Writer**

For the past eight years, Bryce Nilsson, 19-year-old sophomore, consumed himself in his career as a Professional Alpine Skier. Nils- son competed on the Big Bear Snow Summit Race team for the entirety of his professional career. What began as a simple interest during his adolescent years eventually developed into a professional passion fueled by his reverence of the mountain. Nilsson does not see himself competing in the Olympic Games.

Although the GSAC may not be as well known as other conferences, the Eagles have made a name for themselves this season.

“Not many people give the NAIA enough credit for how good the quality of soccer is,” said Ramirez. “I felt that we changed people’s perspective of that and showed that it doesn’t matter what division you play in, soccer is the same.”

Both players embody strong skills that will contribute to strength of the Charlotte Eagles. Ramirez is a big target forward who can combine well, make good runs, and can score goals. Will is an attacking midfielder who is a very good passer with a track record of recording big assist numbers,” said Tom Engstrom, Charlotte Eagles General Manager. “Both of the players being a passion for the game and a desire to be a part of a good team culture.”

Prado and Ramirez have been pushing the road toward the ultimate accomplishment. “They chased a dream and are living it now, said David Garcia, junior member of the soccer team. “(I’m sure) they are looking forward to the high level and speed of the game, in addition to being able to call soccer their job.”

Both players are aiming to break into the MLS after their time playing for the Charlotte Eagles.

To follow Christian Ramirez and William Prado on their journey to professional soccer, visit www.charlotteeagles.com.

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**JASON BOLTE**

**Staff Writer**

Following three consecutive wins in conference, the lacrosse team is ranked seventh in the country. After a 13-7 win over UC San Diego on Feb. 23, the Eagles (6-1) crushed UC Irvine and Cal State Long Beach with scores of 20-0 and 15-0, respectively.

Senior Kelly McMinn credits the team’s attitude for most of its early success. “This is one of the most cohesive teams I’ve ever played on. We all get along pretty well,” said McMinn. “We expect to face some solid competition but we also expect to beat a lot of our competition.”

Caesar Gomez, senior, says the team’s strong start has been a complete team effort. “Our rookies are getting a first-hand look at great college lacrosse and learning to play like veterans on the field,” said Gomez. “Our vets are stepping up in a big way not only to set a good example but also to set the bar for what Concordia lacrosse is trying to become: a national championship program.”

The team’s winning expectation is a testament to its heritage. “Over the past six years, the team has seen some tremendous feats such as recruiting players from Canada, the East Coast, and California,” said John Breerton, senior. “The team made its debut in the Southwestern La- crosse Conference playoffs in 2010 and made its first trip to the national tournament last year within just five years of being around.”

The seniors hope to end their college careers in the best way possible: by winning a national championship.

“Bringing home the trophy would be an ex- traordinary ending to my college career, espe- cially being a part of the inaugural recruiting class for the program,” said Gomez.

The team took a break from their league schedule to host Fort Lewis (Colorado) on Sat., March 9, winning by a score of 22-2.

The team stresses the importance of fan attendance at games. “For those who haven’t come to see a game, you’re missing one of the most exciting sports to watch on a field,” said McMinn. “It’s been dubbed ‘the fastest game on two feet’, so even if you don’t know the rules, it will still be fun to watch.”

The Eagles will have a break for the next two weeks before their conference clash with Cal State San Marcos on Sat., March 23. This will be the Eagles’ final lacrosse game on campus this season, so do not miss the opportunity to cheer the men on!”

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**Skiing pro finds mountain home**

**ALEX MIRANDA**

**Staff Writer**

With skiing in his blood, Nilsson scoffs at the notion of snowboarding. “Skiing is so second- nature to me, it’s just like walking. I see no point in switching to snowboarding because I have so much fun skiing,” he said. “But let’s be real, we all know skiing is cooler.”

For more information on Alpine Skiing and other various winter sports, visit the official Olympics website at [http://www.olympic.org/alpine-skiing](http://www.olympic.org/alpine-skiing).
Summer music festivals
worth the empty wallet

CARLY BISHOP
STAFF WRITER

Stagecoach, Coachella, and Warped Tour music festivals are all around the corner, and the season of pre-ordering tickets has begun. Each of these three festivals focuses on a different genre of music. Country is represented at Stagecoach, rock/indie at Coachella, and rock, hardcore, and reggae at Warped Tour.

Stagecoach is a weekend festival held in Indio, CA, at the Empire Polo Club on Apr. 12-14 and 19-21. General admission tickets are $349 for the three-day ticket. This year’s line-up is filled with many chart-topping artists such as 2 Chainz, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Alex Clare, Yeah Yeah Yeah’s, Phoenix, and many more. Different genres of music are going to be presented throughout the weekend. Conner Aiken, sophomore, is considering attending the festival in the future. “The big variety of music is the main reason [I would consider going],” said Aiken.

Apart from the entertainment from the live bands, Coachella also offers interactive art. The festival brings famous food trucks for a bite to eat as well. Coachella recently arrived home from their music tour, making stops in Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. On tour, the group was able to perform their set at various churches and high schools in the areas they visited. The home concert was the seventh performance of their tour set, as the group showed no signs of anxiety before Friday’s show. The choir was eagerly anticipating this concert in particular to be able to perform in front of family, friends, and faculty. Wesley Barnes, sophomore, was excited for Friday’s performance to be able to show people what the group has been practicing for so long.

“It is always a wonderful experience to be able to perform here in the chapel of the CU Center,” said Michael Busch, Director of Choral Activities.

Those who attended Friday’s concert were exposed to various styles of music, ranging from pieces written centuries ago to those produced in the modern era. In addition to the classical genre, there were gospel and spiritual pieces as well. “They [the spiritual pieces] are a huge crowd pleaser whenever we go,” said Choir Vice President Whitney Leethy, junior. The crowd also heard solos in various musical pieces from a handful of those on the choir including Barnes and Mutuza Duryea, junior. Duryea was glad that she was able to sing a part that contributed to the beauty of the overall piece.

The choir began preparing well in advance for Friday’s performance, as it was the last of many stops made on their tour. From the start of spring semester, they prepared for the tour, putting forth effort through hours of practice rehearsals and having to memorize a total of 14 different works.

Because there is a high level of energy behind each performance and so much hard work that was put into making Friday’s show possible, Duryea guaranteed beforehand that the concert was going to be a treat for those who attended.

The choir encourages more Concordia students to come to the home concerts in the future because they appreciate support from their peers.

“Everyone goes to watch the basketball games on campus because our friends are participants,” said Barnes. “Choir is like another team, and as often as we go support our friends on the basketball team, we should want to be able to come support our friends who are in choir.”

The choir’s next performance will be of Mendelssohn’s Elijah. This Masterworks performance will take place in April, and tickets can be reserved online at http://www.cui.edu/AcademicPrograms/Undergraduate/Music/Calendar.

Coachella: Empire Polo Club- Indio, CA
April 12-14 and 19-21
$349

Stagecoach:
Empire Polo Club- Indio, CA
April 26-28
$239

Warped Tour:
Various venues
Alls summer
$40-$50

Tuck’s Tune
American Radass

American Radass is the latest album to be released by the two-piece band from New Jersey, Duds. American Radass is a great combination of a post-rock and post-emo sound, combining the long instrumentalities and complexity of a band like Explosions in the Sky with the down to earth lyrics of love and life from bands like American Football.

Since buying this album, it has pretty much been the only thing I’ve listened to. It’s great for singing along to while driving in a car, yet it is calm in use as background music while studying or doing homework.

My two favorite tracks on the album are “If Your Song Title Has the Word ‘Beach’ in It, I’m Not Listening to It” and “Big Bag of Sandwiches.” Much like most of the music I listen to, the singer isn’t the most conventional sounding vocalist out there. Personally, I find that bands with vocalists who are slightly off-key or unusual are actually more enjoyable because you can really hear the passion in the words when they sing. It gives the idea that the singer is just an average person, which then creates a relationship between the lyrics and the listener.

“If Your Song Title…” is the opening track on the album and really sets the tone of how the CD will be. The drum track in the song is fantastic; very simple, yet very effective in creating a fan-tastic vibe. “Big Bag of Sandwiches” also opens with a beautifully laid out drum track and instrumentally is my favorite track.

A large theme throughout the album is relationships, but with a lot of the emphasis on just friendship and being there for one another. Duds, along with a lot of artists in this genre, are excellent story-tellers and are able to get the feeling of normal life, and all the ups and downs we face in it, into an album.

I definitely recommend this album to anyone reading this, and I hope that you are turned on to new artists that broaden your musical ho-rizons. As always, keep listening to music.

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Lunch and learn with community

AUSTIN BURKHART STAFF WRITER

Concordia developed a partnership with the city of Orange Chamber of Commerce for a series of "Lunch and Learn" professional development workshops. There are a total of three workshops, intended for Chamber members to gain knowledge and techniques necessary in order to help their business and succeed in today’s business world. Several Concordia faculty members are leading the workshops discussing Self-Branding, Social Media, and Sales & Marketing. Ashlie Steffes, Professor of Communication Studies, facilitated the February workshop, highlighting "Effective Marketing to Your Middle Market." "My goal was to give knowledge the owners needed to move forward and know what to look for if companies are not taken advantage of," Williamson said.

Instead of a long, drawn-out PowerPoint, Williamson created a workbook encompassing the main points of the workshop so that each member could have something concrete to take away. Williamson later sent a thank you letter from the Chamber in Orange, letting her know that her methods worked for them and invited her back.

The third and final workshop, "Sales and Marketing—Getting It Right!" will be led by Carolyn Sherry, Professor of Business, on Thurs., March 21, at noon. This initial collaboration has sparked interest from other chambers within Orange County. A similar workshop event is planned with the City of Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce in early May, as well as involvement with the Irvine and Newport Beach Chambers, according to Paul Marquardt, Assistant Dean in Business Administration.

"It has also helped Concordia gain recognition as not only on institution of higher learning, but also a friend and servant to the community," said Tim Peters, Dean of the School of Business and Professional Studies.

"Concordia is definitely well known in Orange County, but it’s not known well enough, so every time we have a chamber function, we are telling more and more people that Concordia exists," said Eugenio Galvan, MBA, Academic Program Director in Business.

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A memorial service for Monica Quan, '07, MCAA '09, and Keith Lawrence, '08, was held on campus on Sun., Feb. 24.

They will be remembered in many different ways, whether it be as an athlete, as a coach, as mentors, or just as the loving people that they were. The public funeral brought over a thousand attendees, with invited framily, close friends, and police officers quickly filling the gymnasium venue, while others filed into the CU Center.

Guests soon had to be escorted to the chapel, where they were able to view the service through projection. "There was standing room only in the gym and complete capacity of overflow Chapel viewing, and people were still coming," said Angela Head, attendee.

Los Angeles Police Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums performed a bagpipe service in honor of Lawrence and his contribution to the University of Southern California's police department. Family and friends were also given the opportunity to speak, sharing memories and saying goodbyes. Video montages were also shown.

"The two of them represented so many things for the department stands for. They were a real-life fairytale of sorts," said Jenny Hansen, Head Women's Basketball Coach. Engaged just a week before their death, Quan and Lawrence were buried next to each other to symbolize the married couple they would have been very soon.

"Monica and Keith both had so much love for the game of basketball," said Tiffany Haul, attendee. Quan and Lawrence both played for Concordia in 2005 and 2006. Quan not only contributed to the Women's Basketball team as an athlete, but also became an assistant coach for Hansen.

Randal Quan, Monica's father, said, "It's not for me or anybody else to question why God has done what he has done. I want all of you to know my faith has not been shaken as a result of this. I know that God has a plan for Monica and Keith."
Greeted by dimly-lit lighting, lively chatter, and warming morning wood interiors, Tokyo Table in Irvine gives customers more than Japanese fusion cuisine—they get a well-rounded culinary experience. After waiting about forty minutes on a cold Saturday night, our buzzer finally alarmed to notify us the meal was ready. As soon as we sat down, I immediately began going through their multi-paged menu. The choices span from your quintessential Japanese cuisine to many American-inspired Asian items.

My eye was immediately drawn to their sushi pizza. It consisted of sticky sushi rice steamed and layered upon pieces of seaweed sushi paper, topped with blackEboshi-mented sushi, scallops, jalapeños, and a spicy mayonna. I made this my first order, part- nered with pomegranate sake. When my drink arrived in a wooden box filled with ice to keep my cap and sake chilled, I poured myself a glass and was startled by the tart and powerful flavor of the pomegranate. Unlike other places where I have had flavored sake, their pome- granate actually tasted like the fruit—slightly sweet, but very tart and spicy.

My sushi pizza arrived on a wooden platter with a small, metal spatula for serving. The pizza was cut into squares and was piping hot and fresh. I tried to pick it up with my chopsticks, but the seaweed immediately folded in half.

A vegetarian tempura roll was also the night it rained, and I for some reason moved quickly. Through the drizzling rain, I plowed through the menu fairly easily. On site parking is free but very limited, so for the price of $10 to park a block or so away. Matt & Kim had arrived in a wooden box filled with ice to keep the scallops and mayo, partnered with the spicy bite from the fresh jalapeños, made my mouth water with anticipation of my next bite.

Although we shared some other bites to eat (crunch roll, dynamite lobster bomb roll, and stinky roll), the highlight of the evening was the dessert menu. According to our server—and vele.com—a customer favorite is the honey toast, which is two thick-cut pieces of French toast, cubed, drizzled with honey, and topped with velvety smooths of vanilla ice cream. Being a fan of playing with fire, our group also chose the banana flambé. They brought the dish with chocolate drizzle, banana, and ice cream to the table on a cast iron dish, poured granular mandarin over the banana, and—the best part of all—it lit on fire. The spectacular pyro- technics were amazing, but that didn't top the taste of the dish. The banana was crisp on the outside, creamy inside, and slightly warm. This partnered with the cool vanilla ice cream and the decadent chocolate drizzle left me wanting more when it was gone.

With top of the line cuisine and a close prox- imity to campus, Tokyo Table is a great loca- tion for dinner with friends, and at this place, the more the merrier. Tokyo Table has a happy hour seven days a week, both at dinner time and late night. If you happen to stop by the bustling Diamond Bar town, try the celebrity tasting that don't mind the 40 plus minute wait. Tokyo Table is a great place to enjoy exciting and creative food inspired by cuisine favorites.

Good start to keep other people around, just in case. But I'm not just talking about being in close proximity with others. I'm saying that, un- like you, people really depend on others, you will never be able to truly live a life of abundance.

In Scripture, we are told that we should be depending on one another for sharing comfort (2 Corinthians 1), for praying and worship (Matthew 18), and even for sharing our blessings (Acts 2). Years ago, a wise friend showed me that we need to be carrying each other's burdens and caring for each other's need (Galatians 6). This para- dox represents what dependence on each other should look like. Yes, we have responsibilities that are handed specifically to us, like cleaning our rooms. But we are also called to share each other's burdens, to help clean each other's rooms when parents are stopping by. And, on occa- sion, we have to allow others to serve us in love, to clean our room when we are too sick to do anything but sleep.

This concept of interdependence runs deeper than just cleaning, cooking, and letting people borrow your car. In order to truly be in com- munity with one another, we need to share our spirit (Philippians 2). The deepest, richest core of our being needs to be shared so that it can be strengthened (Proverbs 27:17). You, see, is this the greatest mystery of dependence. It's seems to be a weakness to share ourselves and to depend on other people to lift us up. In reality, a single string is too weak to hold. It is the braided made of many strands that can hold a cruise ship to a dock. It is, in fact, depending on another fully that makes us strong.

The men and women of the early church understood that they needed to depend on each other for their very survival, but they didn't just endure by being together and having everything in common; they shared. God was saving peo- ple through their confessing community every single day (Acts 2). I have learned that if you want to be better, if you want to grow, and if you want to live a life worth living, you need to depend on another fully.

The Observatory Theater was one of the better ones I have been to. If you're looking to satisfy some live music craving or just don't have much going on during a Friday night, I suggest you check out this venue. The Observatory in Irvine is a small one-stage theater that packs an incredible punch. It is the best place I have been in to see a concert. The Observatory offers different music for different types of bands. If you are Coca-Cola dependent, this is where The Observatory really provided. It was extremely dark, but every star had a neon blue line of lights running on it, which helped a surprising amount. The stage was big and the sound was great. Religion Matt & Kim were two giant screens on which they did light shows and sound effects. Booth type seat was available on the upper levels, but below was only for the concert warriors willing to stand for four hours to keep their spot.

Overall this venue was one of the better ones I have been to. If you're looking to satisfy some live music craving or just don't have much going on during a Friday night, I suggest you check out this venue. The Observatory in Irvine is a small one-stage theater that packs an incredible punch. It is the best place I have been in to see a concert. The Observatory offers different music for different types of bands.