To anyone unfamiliar with the program, "CUI Bono" may sound like an awkward juxtaposition of syllables. But for students, it is an "academic oasis on campus," as four-year CUI Bono partici pants, Mark Duerer, senior, described it. Pronounced "kwee boe know," its name is derived from a Latin phrase roughly translated as "who stands to be blessed?" For CUI Bono, the students' benefit is the priority. This program develops well-rounded and educated students through meaningful discussions and relationships with professors.

Dr. Daniel van Voorhis, Director of CUI Bono and Department Chair of History and Political Thought, hosted this year's biggest CUI Bono event: the annual retreat. On Sat., Sept. 29, a group of students and professors took a bus to Lake Arrow head to stay overnight in cabins and engage in academic discussion outside of the usual setting. Van Voorhis calculated a grand total of "fourteen students, thirty plus students...and not a quiet moment" on this retreat.

During their time in the mountains, this group studied, discussed, and debated the obligations of the educated mind. The three main facets discussed were obligations to the family, church, and state. "This specific topic was extremely applicable to everyday life because everyone, at one point or another, has to interact with these three institutions," said four-time CUI Bono retreater Kathleen Claussen, senior.

For each of the three sessions, a professor began with a question, debated with other professors, and have helped me develop a drive to learn. "The whole CUI Bono enterprise is refreshing to academics and insight. "CUI Bono gives faculty an opportunity not only to get to know students better, but also to get more deeply into their disciplined conversations with each other," said Dr. James Bachman, Dean of Christ College Grad Studies.

"We're proud of our ranking," said Dr. Peter Senkbeil, Associate Provost and Professor of Theater. "It's an external assessment of what we do here, and it helps us see areas for improvement." While numbers and statistics heavily determine rankings, Undergraduate Academic Reputation determines 25 percent of the overall score. Part of this is peer assessment, which means top administrators from universities in each region annually fill out surveys on their peers. Concordia peer assessment score is 2.7 out of 5, the same number as last year.

"Students learn to engage with their professors out of the professorial context and talking with students who hunger for more knowledge.

"To make the decision to go back to school is a huge step for the adult students," said Paul J. Marquardt, Assistant Dean, School of Business and Professional Studies and Assistant Professor of Professional Studies. "This program is really an outreach to the 21st century student!"

"The ADP was established in 2002 for adult students, typically age 21 and over, to accommodate a post-secondary education degree in order to better their lives and attain a better job in about two years. The ADP has an 85 percent graduation rate. Four majors are offered: a Bachelor of Arts in Business, a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Liberal Arts, a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, and a Bachelor of Science in Organization Psychology. Many of the adult students need to complete foundational general education courses before they start their major classes; however, the ADP makes it easier for them to achieve this...."I am very excited that this past summer, Concordia signed a partner agreement with a new company called Straightline, to be able to give our students a convenient, flexible, cost effective way to get their general education classes finished in a way that was not possible for them before," said Marquardt. Most adult students do not have the time traditional undergraduate students have to complete their degrees. "Concordia knew that there were adults that needed degrees and had no way to do the traditional format," said Marquardt. The ADP courses are offered in two formats: a completely face-to-face way and a hybrid way, which combines face-to-face meetings and online work. The face-to-face meetings are held on campus and are either weekday evenings or weekends. "This program is amazing. It really gives adults a way to go back to school but not compromise their current schedule or family time. They can still go to their full time jobs and still be able to pursue an education."
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academics find this truth obvious. A Deloitte study notes that the majority believe that 50% or more of the majority believe that 50% or more of the insurance premium dollar. This actually isn’t that novel an idea; even be -25th for mathematics. Economics students learn that to the OECD average of 9.9%. Ok, America’s healthcare system is enormously expensive and inefficient, so what? Well, let’s look at this with a broader perspective than our competitiveness. We should be asking a founda-ries? At Concordia, economics students learn that to the OECD average of 9.9%. Ok, America’s healthcare system is enormously expensive and inefficient, so what? Well, let’s look at this with a broader perspective than our competitiveness. We should be asking a founda -tion 101. In this class, I will be giving you insight 1530 Concordia West, Irvine CA, 92612
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Faculty Letter:
Professor Christopher “Kit” Nagel
Government’s role in healthcare – another perspective

As we enter the silly season of national politics, we can see an abundance of polemics and lab-els being thrown around… and a scarcity of facts. Yet there seems to be at least one clear partisan di-vided---at least on the role of government in health-care. Obama says he’ll continue to implement and refine the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This law was passed by the Congress, signed by the President, and upheld by the Supreme Court. I think that pretty much covers the three branches of our government. Romney says he’ll re-peat the Act, though to be replaced by what he isn’t saying. As a business and economics professor, 

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All of the 34 OECD (Organization for Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development) advanced economies except the US have some form of na-
tional health program. They must all be wrong. It is unlikely we can learn anything from all those foreign, especially given that our country pro-
duces students that rank 14th out of the OECD countries in reading skills, 17th for science, and 25th for mathematics. Beyond the Germans, let’s also look at our friends the Brits. Boris Johnson, the Conservative Mayor of London (with that ‘city’ being one of the world’s great financial centers), recently comment-
ed: “Americans always look at our [socialized med-

ic] system with disbelief and disapproval, but actually we make it work. Nobody goes untreated, no matter how rich or poor they are. I think that is very reassuring for people. I understand the argu-
ments against it, but it’s something that everybody buys into, everybody believes in, and it works. It shows that there is something that really binds us together” Like Germany, Britain pays less than half of what America does per person for health-
care, and with better outcomes. Again… game, set, match. Americans conservatives sometimes forget that the judicially adored Lady Justice actually supported Britain’s National Health Service. 

But while capitalism and market efficiencies can: At Concordia, economics students learn that to the OECD average of 9.9%. Ok, America’s healthcare system is enormously expensive and inefficient, so what? Well, let’s look at this with a broader perspective than our competitiveness. We should be asking a founda-
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Astronomy students see stars over new honors course offering

The first semester of a new Honors Astronomy course takes a real world approach, teaching students both inside and outside of the classroom. “This is going to be a real world class. They’re learning how the real world works,” said Michael Hoffert, Professor of Astronomy.

Those who have opted to take one of Concordia’s newest course offerings will participate in discussion, do experiments, get practice using equipment and instruments, and even simulate design plans to send rovers to Mars. “It’s part of the romance of science to get enveloped in what it is,” said Hoffert. “If it’s a test tube, or a sextant, or reading a star atlas, it’s hands on. But that’s what makes this class different.”

Throughout the semester, there will be several field trips that facilitate learning outside the classroom. These field trips will take students to places like the Mount Wilson Observatory and the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, among others. “We get to see the real deal, what’s actually going on, which is pretty neat,” said Andrea Hawkins, senior.

In addition to having a “cool factor,” the Astronomy class also develops and expands upon Concordia’s growing curriculum. “Any time we can present to students something that’s hard, but doable, I think it sends the right message about what the liberal arts is all about,” said Dr. Susan Bachman, Honors Program Director and Professor of Rhetoric and English.

“Even if you don’t ever think you’re going to be an astronomer, you should take something like Astronomy to build your academic muscles,” said Bachman. “I think this course teaches Socratic humility. We think that we’re so smart in the 21st century, and we take it for granted that we can put people on the moon, or rovers on Mars.” Upholding Concordia’s mission statement, the class is taught with a theological tie: “The connection between theology and astronomy is both vivid and intensely direct,” said Dr. John Kenney, Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Science.

“Definitely strengthens your sense of God, because how else could all of this complicated stuff happen?” said Hawkins. “Knowing how big the Universe is makes you feel really small.”

The astronomy class is part of a larger initiative to develop the physical sciences at Concordia. “Within this initiative, astronomical studies and astronomy-inspired community outreach events and activities will become key integrated components of the proposed physics program and physics major at Concordia within the next five years,” said Kenney. Part of this initiative also includes an observatory and a planetarium, to be located on Concordia’s campus.

“Each of the sciences opens up a new world,” said Bachman. “You have to be a boring person if you can’t say wow-ee to a lot of astronomy.” The class is not scheduled for the spring semester, but be sure to watch for it next year if interested.

Students rock the amp again this year
Sports

MLB Playoff Predictions

By this time this newspaper is published, the division series games for baseball will have already begun. But my SportsLine column about the October 9-12 division series will be a straightforward rundown of each series. I’ll predict the team I think will win each match, which will begin with the American League West.

In the National League, St. Louis will travel to Atlanta to play the Braves for the wild card, with the winner advancing to play the Washington Nationals in Game 1 of the Division Series. I’d plan to pick Kyle Lohse against Atlanta’s Eric O’Flaherty. St Louis, formerly a relief pitcher, has dominated batters all season and is a great pitcher in clutch situations. Both pitchers vowed to keep the ball in play, but I think Atlanta’s bats will give them just enough to pull out a close victory. Atlanta defeats St Louis.

The American League wildcard sending the Seattle Mariners (Joe Saunders, 9.1, 4.07 ERA) to Texas (Yu Darvish, 16-9, 3.90 ERA) Texas has lasted in the last couple weeks of the season, losing what was once a stranglehold on the American League West and snaking into the playoffs as a wildcard team. The Orioles and the Angels have had too many injury problems, and with Chen pitching earlier in the season, this would result in a use a mediocre starter in Panthers. Texas defeats Baltimore.

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God revealed through excellent performance

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LAUTOR EDITOR

The musical stylings of Concordia students, alumni, professors, and professional musicians graced the CU Center on Sunday for the Fall Festival of Hymns. In front of a packed crowd of community members and students, the Concordia Choir, Concordia Master Chorale, and Concordia Wind Orchestra performed wonderfully.

This is the first year that the Wind Orchestra joined the choirs for the Fall Festival of Hymns. The theme of the festival this year was God Revealed. The music focused upon how God has shown himself to us. This yearly festival brings community members and students together, to unite in our Fall Festival of Hymns for the benefit of local organist Charles Raasch, who has been a friend of Concordia for many years. This year’s festival featured a newly composed hymn, with the tune by organist Raasch and lyrics by Dr. Steve Muehler, Dean of Church College. Sunday was the first time the work had been performed, and the entire crowd and Concordia community attended. "This music is as good as or better than anything I have ever heard in my life," said Dr. Muehler. "I am forever grateful to God for all he has given and done for me!"

The choirs will get to take a break from performing to sing hymns accompanied by organ and full wind orchestra at huge venues, like on television and on stages all over the world. Every now and then I truth to express a feeling or a story using my body.

Another spiritual aspect of the performance is that the high school choir and band always try to work together and be a part of the overall experience of the students. They will create a little play and include the youth in the church, just to make sure that they were involved with something. I was always in the plays. I remember one year for Christmas we did a play called "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and I played the part of the grinch named Do-good. To this day, people still call me that at church, and I was about eight years old then. My very first play was in the third grade, and my teacher wanted to do the Wizard of Oz. Somehow I ended up being "Dorothy" (Dorothy). In middle school, I joined the drama club and fell in love with it. The woman who taught drama was instrumental in my pursuit of acting, and she also influenced me as a person. Her name is Deanna Ablesser; she is the woman who helped me learn all that I needed to be a great actor. She led me to audition for my high school, Los Angeles City College High School of the Arts (LACSHS). After getting into this school full of artists, I had the opportunity to learn so much during the span of four years. I will be forever indebted to that school. LACSHS helped me shape my craft as an actor.

I enjoy the arts because it gives me an opportunity to be creative, to make a chance to make something worthwhile. The arts basically reflect a mirror to our society and call it beautiful in my eyes. They allow me to be something other than myself. It is an expression of what God has given me with, and I will push myself as an artist, being forever grateful to God for all he has given and done for me!

I have thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with Charlie and Jeff, and the festival will be exciting," said Jacobson. The hard work and devotion that went into this production was evident in the quality and musicianship of the performance.

Choir and wind orchestra: Off to Vegas!

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The Concordia Choir and Wind Orchestra are making the most of their vacation, and Oct. 19, perform at Faith Lutheran High School.

"Faith Lutheran High School is in the southwest, and Concordia University Irvine holds annual events in Las Vegas to maintain and build community, and provide as many different, and potential students," said Dr. Marin Jacobson, Associate Director of Choral Activities.

The theme of the tour is "God Revealed," selected by Jacobson. She expressed how excited this college trip is for the first time that the Fall Festival of Hymns will have been taken off campus. Each piece of music selected for this hymn festival fits the theme of the concert well.

The choir and wind orchestra are looking forward to their upcoming performances, excitement for the trip to Las Vegas, but also because this is a rare opportunity for the students to travel. "The performance is special in that we do not get to travel very often, maybe once or twice a semester. Also, the students have a chance to showcase their talent to others, but for us, this is performance," said Jackie Hilfer, sophomore.

"The Concordia Choir traditionally does a hymn festival on campus in October. This is the first time the Concordia Wind Orchestra (CWO) has joined them. The CWO traditionally leads an out-of-town hymn festival with local church choirs. My husband and I would love to have the opportunity to praise God and offer encouraging and inspiring music to all who participate and attend the event," said Jacobson.

"We will be thrilled for the congregation to sing hymns accompanied by organ and full wind orchestra while things to occupy their time; I tried them, and for some reason, they just weren't a fit for me. I can honestly say that the arts found me. So far, I have been involved in experience in music, dance, and acting. Growing up in a Christian household had a lot to do with me starting to get involved in the arts. I was always part of a youth choir and then I moved on to the adult choir as I got older. This is where I began to realize that singing was something I enjoyed doing and wanted to continue. Because of this, I joined to join school choirs in middle school. The choir is also where I picked up drumming. There was a member of my church, who was a drummer, and he began to give me lessons. Paul and Arlene Kennedy, who were members of my church, ran a dance school called Universal Dance Designs. My pastor told my parents that if I paid for the lessons if they would let me go, I did. My dad was a little uneasy about his son taking dance lessons, but he was ok with this overall. I started dancing at age nine, taking classes in hip-hop, ballet, jazz, African, salsa, modern, and tap. As long, I was a member of the professional top group called "The Kennedy Tap Company." By taking dance lessons, so many doors were opened for me. I got to experience dancing at huge venues, like on television and on stages all over the world. Now, even dance allows me to express a feeling or a story using my body.

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CUI Bono voter awareness event

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CUI Bono voter awareness event seeks to foster unity

COMMUTER Outreach, an initiative housed un- under the Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) Program, is led by Kathryn Sagan, junior, and Abigail Langer, senior. Together, they work to coordinate events and activities to help the 600 plus commuter students feel like they are part of the community. Headquartered in the Center for Student Learning & Development (CSLD) build- ing, Commuter Outreach seeks to be the liaison between commuters and the university. "My per- sonal motto is that commuter students should spend less time in their cars and more time out in the open here around campus," Sagan said. This is in light of the fact that many commuters sit in their cars during their commute and read or take naps. Commuter Outreach was also established out of a desire to make sure registration rates for the commuter de- mograph stay high. This is due to the fact that it can be a lot easier to lose interest in school when you don’t feel like you are welcomed and included in the larger social community. While Commuter Outreach does not tutor, Sagan has seen some of the highest activity from the program in a long time, given the growing number of com- muter students.

Commuter Outreach seeks to accomplish its goal by focusing in a multitude of ways. First, weekly event emails are sent out to commuters that inform them of events and activities taking place on campus. Additionally, free commuter breakfasts are given monthly as well as monthly Buffalo commuter lunches. The next commuter breakfast and lunch are on Oct. 22 and Oct. 17, respectively. While these monthly activities have been going well, the program is seeking to form some new events to keep things innovative. Next month, Commuter Outreach is hoping to hold a Taco Tuesday event as well as a contest for the commuter who can take the most pictures of themselves at on-campus events. Amazing campus, the consensus seems to be that "Commuter Outreach is doing right on all accounts. Commuters as well as resident students seem to applaud these outreach efforts and find them to be a positive influence on campus unity and cohesion. Students think that George Talavera, senior, said, “You free breakfasts and dollar lunches are awe- some. It gets me into the caf and allows me to con- tact with people whom I might not otherwise get the chance to talk to.” Conversely, non-commuter Jordan Aaron reviewed the event, saying, “It’s nice to be able to see some of my friends who don’t live on campus at lunch every once in a while. Most commuters are just in and out and hardly ever see the other half of campus.”

In order to continue the successes of the pro- gram, Commuter Outreach encourages students who live on campus to help in achieving the goals of the initiative by socially integrating with com- muting students as much as possible. Students, regardless of where they live, can stay updated on what is going on with Commuter Outreach by "lik- ing" the CUI LEAD Facebook page.

Commuter students enjoy a free breakfast just for them, put on by LEAD.

LMI Update: Jaeger raises awareness

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This summer, Leah Jaeger, junior, volunteered at Arcadia, a youth summer camp in Missouri that supports the Lithaun Malaria Initiative (LMI). Led by her mentor Pastor John Nunes, Jaeger was able to educate both children and adults on ma- laria. The camp held Bible studies and plated educa- tional games on malaria. Playing games with the kids was her favorite part of the camp. Jaeger has been working with the camp for the past two years, but this summer was the first year LMI was intro- duced there. One important thing Jaeger learned was to appreciate the resources Americans have readily available. The main goals at the camp this summer were to spread awareness, raise money, and educate the people affected in Africa. LMI’s main program is focused on raising malaria awareness. The goal of the initiative is to stop ma- laria deaths in Africa by 2050. Some individuals who are at risk of unknowingly being malaria can be transmitted. “One little mosquito bite is all it takes,” said Jaeger. Due to poor living conditions and lack of necessary resources, many people don’t even realize they have contracted the disease. According to the LMI website, malaria causes over 700,000 deaths a year, and one child dies every 60 seconds due to this disease. These statistics were an eye-opener for Jaeger. “Everyone has a mosquito bite, but we sure kill us in the end because we have the resources here to get the help we need. People in Africa don’t,” said Jaeger. Working with LMI this year taught Jaeger to appreciate all avail- able resources.

From her experiences working at Arcadia, Jaeger learned just how important it is to spread awareness by educating the uninformed. She learned how to adapt to different people and teach information in a fun way to kids and adults alike. “Once educated, they will be able to do so much more, because now they will be able to help each other,” said Jaeger.

Now Jaeger is hoping to encourage people here on campus. “This camp taught me that, with little, you can change a life.” She hopes to spread this message around campus through various awareness events that will be held this year. Jaeger is part of the Com- cordia LMI group, which is being led by senior Mai Vu. Vu is very excited to see what the group can accomplish this year.

The program plans on having informational sessions and various events on campus. Anyone interested in getting involved with LMI should contact Jaeger or visit LMI.org for further infor- mation.

Commuter outreach seeks to foster unity

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Commuter Outreach, an initiative housed under the Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) Program, is led by Kathryn Sagan, junior, and Abigail Langer, senior. Together, they work to coordinate events and activities to help the 600 plus commuter students feel like they are part of the community. Headquartered in the Center for Student Learning & Development (CSLD) building, Commuter Outreach seeks to be the liaison between commuters and the university. "My personal motto is that commuter students should spend less time in their cars and more time out in the open here around campus," Sagan said. This is in light of the fact that many commuters sit in their cars during their commute and read or take naps. Commuter Outreach was also established out of a desire to make sure registration rates for the commuter demographic stay high. This is due to the fact that it can be a lot easier to lose interest in school when you don’t feel like you are welcomed and included in the larger social community. While Commuter Outreach does not tutor, Sagan has seen some of the highest activity from the program in a long time, given the growing number of commuter students.

Commuter Outreach seeks to accomplish its goal by focusing in a multitude of ways. First, weekly event emails are sent out to commuters that inform them of events and activities taking place on campus. Additionally, free commuter breakfasts are given monthly as well as monthly commuter breakfast and lunch are on Oct. 22 and Oct. 17, respectively. While these monthly activities have been going well, the program is seeking to form some new events to keep things innovative. Next month, Commuter Outreach is hoping to hold a Taco Tuesday event as well as a contest for the commuter who can take the most pictures of themselves at on-campus events. Amazing campus, the consensus seems to be that "Commuter Outreach is doing right on all accounts. Commuters as well as resident students seem to applaud these outreach efforts and find them to be a positive influence on campus unity and cohesion. Students think that George Talavera, senior, said, “You free breakfasts and dollar lunches are awesome. It gets me into the caf and allows me to connect with people whom I might not otherwise get the chance to talk to.” Conversely, non-commuter Jordan Aaron reviewed the event, saying, “It’s nice to be able to see some of my friends who don’t live on campus at lunch every once in a while. Most commuters are just in and out and hardly ever see the other half of campus.”

In order to continue the successes of the program, Commuter Outreach encourages students who live on campus to help in achieving the goals of the initiative by socially integrating with commuting students as much as possible. Students, regardless of where they live, can stay updated on what is going on with Commuter Outreach by “liking” the CUI LEAD Facebook page.

Commuter students enjoy a free breakfast just for them, put on by LEAD.

CUI Bono voter awareness event

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CUI Bono will be hosting a convocation event on Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dr. Ken Ebel house for the purpose of informing student voters on the United States presidential candidates. The event is tentatively called, “Political Minds of Concordia” the purpose of informing student voters on the candidates on Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Dr. Ken Ebel’s house for the students is level.

According to Gil Sullivan, a CUI Bono cabinet member, stated that the goal of the event is to build relationships, “said Sullivan. She went on to state that the professors are “professional, yet collegial,” ensuring that their conversation with the students is level.

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Banter with Canter

Josh Canter, junior, asked Andrew Webb, Supervisor at Emendare, several questions about his life. He is an awesome networker and loves talking to people. He doesn’t like his picture being taken, which is interesting for someone who just got married two weeks ago.

- Born in Orange, CA, but raised in Placentia, CA
- Life over there is “pretty cool”
- Introduced to the sport of wrestling by some friends
- Pursued all four years of high school
- Placed 2nd in League and competed in CIF (California Interscholastic Federation)
- The sun is his friend, as he enjoys rock climbing and backpacking outside
- After high school, continued his part-time job as a pool boy
- Became an educated man by taking some classes during this time.
- Started to work for Bon Appetit in January 2008
- The friend who got him the job left later that year
- Recently got promoted from a cashier to a Supervisor, which means more pay
- Loves his bosses Kevin and Cecilia, and finds joy in working here
- Met his current wife seven years ago at a friend’s engagement dinner
- Went out a few times, but thought she was stringing him along
- After much persistence, they started dating and continued for five years
- He proposed to her last March on one of their traditional walks along the beach
- Wedding took place two weeks ago on Coronado Island
- Rehearsal cake was Chewsbacca, while the wedding had mini-cupcakes
- Mini-cupcakes had European Butter Cream, but they were nothing compared to Phil’s BBQ, which catered baby back ribs.
- Specific Star Wars music from the fourth movie was played when they announced the married couple
- Two weeks later, and it’s still awesome
- They hope to honeymoon in the Dominican Republic during Thanksgiving time
- He is currently working to save up for a house in Carlsbad, CA, with two kids: one boy and one girl

Question of the Year: If you could be any type of fruit, what would you be and why?

Pineapple, because he’s sweet.

Andrew dislikes photographs, so here’s a picture of Emendare.

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Do yourself a favor

EMILY GIKSE
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A couple weeks ago at the CUI Roms retreat, the topic was “Obligations of the Educated Mind.” Though it was discussed whether one could actually be obligated to oneself, I believe there are at least a few things that every Concordia student owes to him or herself to experience while at this school.

Go to chapel or Shout at least once.

Worship is a significant part of the Concordia experience whether or not you consider yourself a Lutheran or Christian creed. Witnessing the environment of fellowship may help you better understand the school’s heritage and the way that it is intended to be run. Besides that, you may find yourself lucky enough to attend on a day when Dr. Kemno runs in to “Highway to Hell” or dresses up like Indiana Jones.

Hike French Hill

Though I’ve never seen any rattlesnakes or mountain lions up there, French Hill is a little slice of nature in Concordia’s backyard. Whether scaling it at night with the help of a flashlight, conquering an interesting feel after-hours. Though it appears deserted at first, the howling of coyotes in the distance and the mischief of a couple raccoons are just a couple of the experiences that await the adventurous.

Go to a play

First of all, they are free, so no student should have an excuse not to go to a production put on by the theatre department. Secondly, Concordia is home to so much talent in this area. Finally, the style of show varies from musical to drama to dance performance. Take at least one opportunity to be “cultured.” Attend “Rock the Amp” or “Night of Hope.”

experience turkey burger day in the caf

This too will forever alter your future. Somehow, when the flavorful spreads, succulent turkey patty, cooked peppers, and fresh avocados unite atop that perfectly toasted roll, magic happens. I like cows in my burgers as much as the next person, but dang…

Go to a sports game

Concordia is a fairly small school, but our sports teams have brought home some impressive titles, especially in recent years. Players are talented, fun to watch, and chances are you’ve seen one or two of them around campus before.

Do something memorable

I’m leaving this last point purposely vague. Some of my best memories come from doing things you can’t really experience anywhere but a college campus. I’m not necessarily condoning anything irresponsible that breaks rules, but sometimes opportunities come around where you should participate just so you can say you’ve had the experience.

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No lonely hearts here

But there is a duel...

JOSHUA YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

ATW II: The serving heart

Currently a group of Concordia students and professors are travelling as part of CUS’s Semester Around the World. Here are their thoughts.

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STAFF WRITER

We, our midterm break has officially arrived! There is no better place to be than Koh Tao Island in the beautiful Gulf of Thailand for a much-needed time of rest. After completing the hardest week of academe, we had both been completely exhausted, everyone was beyond ready to reach the island.

We are now in our fourth country and have reached the halfway point in our travel experiences. India, Ethiopia, Hungary, Bolivia, and Peru will make up the second half. God’s creation never ceases to amaze me. The people, animals, cultures, and everything else this world has to offer have been a constant reminder of how vast God’s kingdom is.

What I have learned and will continue to learn is that a serving heart never stops serving. There is not an end and of itself that we decide to use whenever we please. Though we are our own “missionaries” right here and now and don’t have a designated service project here, that does not mean that our service ends. It is easy to get too caught up in serving our type of service, the way we serve, and our result in service, especially with this being the last three weeks of the tour. We are continually reminding ourselves that having a serving heart is to remain in Christ alone, and showing that to others is an endless act. Matthew 22:28 says, “Just as the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

This break is an even better time to realize how important this is. This time has been an awesome time of reflection and spiritual growth. The sunsets, scuba diving, staying on the beach, driving motorbikes, and hiking the tops of island mountains is a plus of course, but it is more important to continue to seek the reasons why God placed us on this adventure and to surrender to his will.

We have seen some of the most amazing places in the entire world, and I feel overwhelming with a sense of awe here. I strive to show God’s love to everyone we encounter because God pours his love out to us. 2 John 1:6 tells us, “And this is the love that we walk in obedience to his command. As you have heard from the beginning, love one another, in order that your command shall be fulfilled in you.” Whether we are walking the Concordia campus or walking the Great Wall of China, we are God’s children called to always serve and love.

Thank you Concordia community for all of your support throughout our journey. Please pray for my college friends, and me, and we will see you next semester!

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higher their ranking will be. Ivy League schools will likely always hold the top national ranking largely because they receive the most applicants. By U.S. News standards, they are the most selective schools, turning away students. To put this into perspective, Harvard declines 93 percent of applicants. In light of this controversial list, Concordia’s accrediting body, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), is moving towards a transparent and accountable model for evaluating its universities. “The reports we submit to WASC will focus greatly on our students’ growing high- impact learning practices, such as the core curriculum, first-year experience program, and learning communities,” said Lee. “Even though we are still required to submit quantitative data to WASC, in- stitutions are not held to a fixed number that gives the opportunity to express how we promote student learning and student success.”

“We do want to continue to be a vigorous and fulfilling experience. If students are willing to work hard, we will bend over backwards to help,” said Senkbeil.

“But where you go to college matters far less than which people you meet,” said Young. “Maybe someday the readers of U.S. News rankings will understand that as well.”