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**Heritage
Garden
Club**
**Performing
habitat
restoration
with help from
the freshman
class**

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STAFF WRITER

Concordia's on-campus garden, The Heritage Garden, began in 2014 and has been growing in both vegetation and population ever since. The club associated with the garden, The Heritage Garden Club, holds a mission of cultivating community by providing students with opportunities to learn, serve and lead as they apply "ecosystem gardening" techniques to habitat restoration and food production.

This year, the Heritage Garden partnered with the Office of First-Year Experience to provide volunteer opportunities in habitat restoration for Freshman Seminar (INT 100), a course that all freshmen must take. The idea sprung from a problem: most first-year students do not have cars and therefore have no means to get to volunteer locations to fulfill the course requirements.

Piper Walker, senior and past president of the Heritage Garden Club, said, "It's really exciting because this is the first time that INT 100 has been allowed to do on-campus service projects and our garden benefits."

As the students volunteer, they are also being encouraged and trained to be good stewards of the environment with the help of the club's members, including Steven McCarthy, junior and current president of the Heritage Garden Club.

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**Seventh annual Night of Hope
to be held next weekend**

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AND
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On Oct. 10, Concordia is hosting the seventh annual Night of Hope benefit concert from 6 to 9 p.m. in the CU Amphitheater and Patio.

Night of Hope is a completely student-led event that occurs each year in support of a nonprofit organization. It is a celebration of both performing and visual arts.

This year's concert will include Kip Fox, many fun vendors, a student band, Improv-ceivable, spoken word, a community art project and testimonies from students. Night of Hope is a way for the Concordia community to come together and bring hope to each other and to the world.

The proceeds of this year's event will support the work of the Lutheran Bible Translators. At \$5 each, three tickets will print one Bible for the people of Konso, Ethiopia. It will be in the native language of the people in Konso so that they have access to Bibles.

Zoe Litzenberg, junior, is the Executive Director of this year's Night of Hope. Litzenberg was asked to be an assistant to last year's Executive Director. Since Litzenberg loved the event so much, she decided to help it in this transitional year as it changes from occurring in the spring to the fall. Concordia decided to change it permanently to the fall so that a year of global awareness at Concordia launches early in the school year.

Litzenberg said, "What really stuck out to me was the dedication the students have to Night of Hope. This is an event that started from a couple of students with a vision, and now has been seven years in the making."

The event was originally started

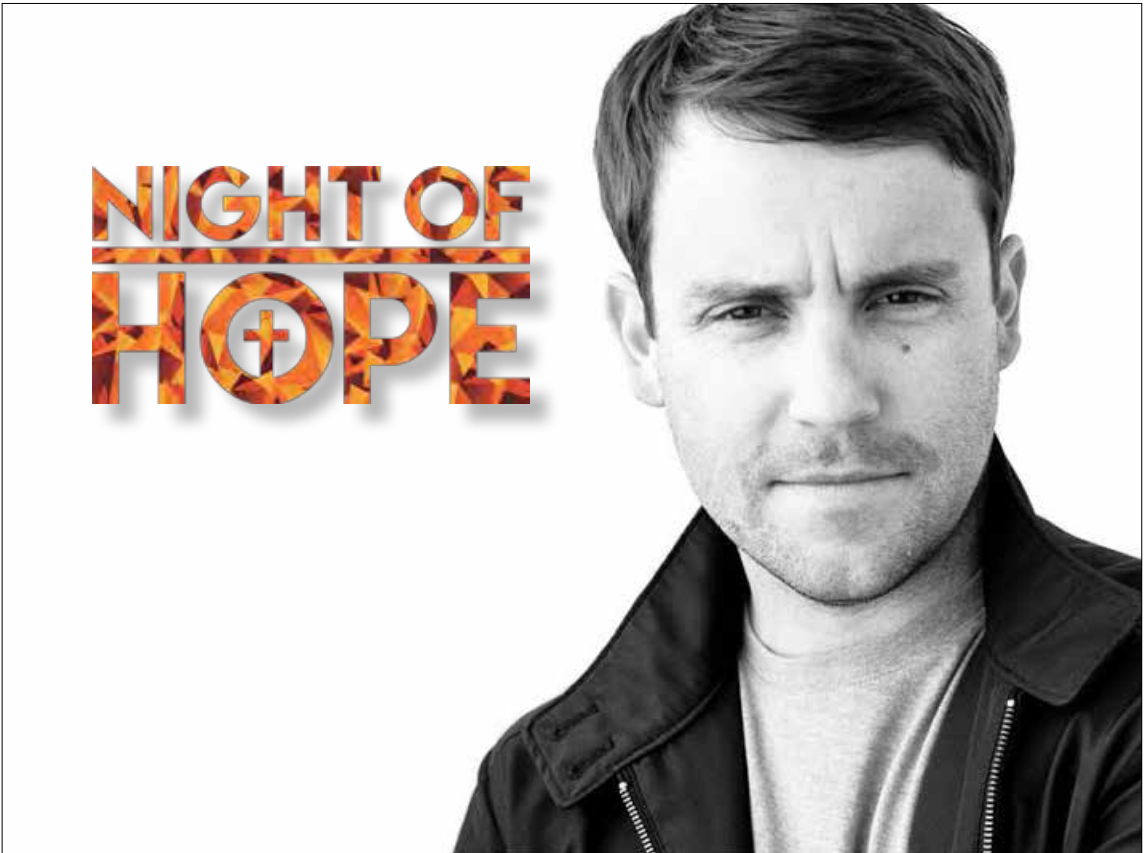


Photo taken from the official Night of Hope Facebook page

by a group of students who heard from a fellow student on a mission trip to Haiti after the devastating 2010 earthquake that the people were in desperate need of more support. This inspired these students to mobilize and plan a fundraiser for the benefit of Haiti that spring.

The event has continued each year and is a grass-roots event on campus, meaning no organization sponsors the event. Instead, students volunteer from all across campus to put it on.

Headlining this year's event is alumnus Kip Fox, the musician behind some of Concordia's most beloved worship music, including "This Dust" and "Free to Worship."

In addition to the headliner, there will be several student performances, including spoken poetry, testimonies and a mini-show from Improv-ceivable. Prayer stations for the world and for Ethiopia will be open at the event as well as sign-ups for global missions.

If there is one thing that students attending Night of Hope can take away from the experience, it is that "there is hope in the name of Jesus. There is hope on campus, across the world, and living inside of us as Children of God. We can come together, and for one night remember how wonderful it is to hope in the name of Jesus Christ," Litzenberg said.

Students, faculty and community members interested in attending are encouraged to stop by information booths outside the Student Union next week during lunch and outside of chapel on Thursday and Friday. Tickets will be sold at the event as well.

Litzenberg added, "If you live on campus, expect one of the student coordinators to come knock on your door and invite you!"

Night of Hope is great chance for the Concordia community to come together as one and support other Christians throughout the world.

From Egypt to Space Mountain: terms to know around campus

KENDRA SITTON
LOCAL/ GLOBAL EDITOR

New to campus and want to know what in the world people are talking about? Here's a guide to the most significant lingo at Concordia. All visitors and new students can use this as their go-to guide!

Egypt – The parking lot across from Dorm Road that feels like walking from Egypt when you have to park there is referred to as "Egypt." Campus Safety even puts this unofficial

name in campus maps because it's gained so much traction.

Used in a sentence: "Sorry I'm late for class; I had to park in Egypt!"

Good Sheps – Saying you are going to Good Shepherd Chapel is clearly way too many syllables. Thus the abbreviation "Good Sheps." My roommate tried to get "Sheppy Chaps" trending but that fell flat after a week. If you say "Good Sheps," most people are going to know exactly what you are referring to.

Used in a sentence: "Hey, random

friend, wanna go watch the Disneyland fireworks from Good Sheps?"

The Fishbowl – Refers to the corner classroom in Grimm that was formerly a study room, but is now currently a classroom, which has two walls of glass made optimally for prying eyes and awkward stares from people walking by below.

Used in a sentence: "Dude, I saw someone pick their nose in the Fishbowl today from across the lawn. Gnarly, right?!"

Space Mountain – To be honest,

I'm pretty sure they just say this in tours and no Concordian would actually use it in real life, but in case someone doesn't know where the CU Center is, this could be a helpful reference to them.

Used in a sentence: "And this is the CU Center where chapel is held. I'm not supposed to say this on the tour, but we call it Space Mountain because it looks like the ride at Disneyland. (wink wink)."

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ASCUI corner: F[I]GHT [CAN]CER



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Breast Cancer Awareness (BCA) Month has begun and the fund-raising is already on its way. This year, ASCUI will donate the money raised by Concordia University Irvine's students and faculty to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

The Concordia community can help fund-raise by either wearing pink or their purchased BCA shirt on every Wednesday in October. Shirts can be purchased for \$10 in the CSLD throughout the month of October, and a donation will be made when students stop in the CSLD wearing their own pink attire.

As the ASCUI coordinator of BCA Month, I could not be more thrilled about all the opportunities for student engagement that will take place throughout Oc-

tober. ASCUI has worked hard to develop events to get both the students and faculty involved in a great campus-wide tradition.

ASCUI will be donating the money raised by Concordia University Irvine's students and faculty to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

Throughout the month, ASCUI will host an event every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on the Student Union Patio. The event that I am most excited

for will take place on Oct. 28 – "Think Pink." This event will be a collaboration between the Peer Health Educators and ASCUI. The two teams will host a series of questions about breast cancer and when students or faculty answer correctly, they will receive a pink treat. Some of the pink treats include cotton candy, snow cones and lemonade.

Emily Dailey, ASCUI President, senior, is most excited to participate in the BCA event taking place on Oct. 21. Dailey said, "I am excited for this event because it is similar to last year's painting of pumpkins, except my team and I worked to make it our own this year. Instead, students will be painting flower pots and given seeds to plant and grow their own flowers. It will also be cool to see how the artistic, and maybe not-so-artistic, participants design their BCA flower pot."

Rose Jones, ASCUI Communications Director, junior, hopes "that students become more educated about breast cancer through our events." She continued by saying, "Breast cancer is something that can affect everyone, men and women, and sometimes that isn't realized. Throughout this month, I hope that people develop a better understanding of this impactful illness."

Additionally, Jones said, "I hope to see all students at the Screaming Eagles 'Dig Pink' volleyball game on the night of Oct. 5."

ASCUI hopes to see all students participating this month in the BCA festivities. Together, the Concordia community can work on raising a record donation. Lastly, do not forget to wear pink or your BCA shirt on every Wednesday this month. Let's F[I]GHT [CAN]CER.

Cross Country competes in San Diego

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On Sept. 18, the cross country team made its way down to San Diego State for the 71st running of the Aztec Invitational.

Held at Tecolote Shores in Mission Bay, the Eagles ran well enough to earn the fourth place finish on the men's side and eighth place on the women's side.

Running alongside some excellent schools from Division I and II, as well as PacWest competition, the Eagles on both sides performed at a high level. The course was full of grassy knolls as the runners ran around 2 kilometer laps. The thick grass surface created a tough challenge for the competitors.

The men's team was led by freshman Samuel Bautista, along with seniors Robert Blackwell and Miguel Mejia, junior David Pleitez and freshman Tyler Arnold. The top five runners all finished within two minutes of each other during the long eight-kilometer race.

Blackwell, team captain, said, "Unfortunately, my race didn't go as planned, but it allowed our underclassmen to pick up the work and really show what they had. As a team we showed a lot of guts and diligence on a hard course. With what we saw out of our team, we feel confident for the upcoming season."

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Women's Volleyball: Taylor Dennison named PacWest Defender of the Week



Taylor Dennison (14) and her team celebrate a successful play during the game against Point Loma.

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As the Women's Volleyball team enters the 2015-2016 season, libero (middle back) Taylor Dennison, junior, has already made an impact in the Eagle's new athletic conference. The PacWest Conference awarded Dennison the title of Defender of the Week. She earned this honor in her games between Sept. 7 and Sept. 13, where she helped the Lady Eagles go 3-2, beating CSU East Bay, CSU San Bernardino and CSU San Marcos.

"I love this team and the game. Every time I step on the court, nothing else matters."

Dennison logged 120 digs (6.00/set) and posted a .921 reception percentage, as Concordia went 3-1 at the CSUB Coyote Classic. She had at least 20 digs in each match, including a career-high 31 in a four-set win over CSU San Marcos. This past weekend in Utah, the women played Dixie State and Dennison dug 45 balls in 4 sets which broke a school record (by 1) for most digs in a single match set by Amy Bonacorsi in 1995. "Since the switch from NAIA to NCAA, we have not seen competition like this. Practice is intense, but very focused on individual skill," Dennison said. Her efforts at practice, which focus on defense,

have been rewarded. The transition from NAIA to NCAA has been competitive. "The competition is definitely number 1," Dennison said. "The balls come a lot harder and they are a lot more crafty with their shots than in the NAIA." After winning their last game of the CSUB Coyote Classic against San Marcos, the Eagles stand at 4-5 as they went 34-4 last year in the NAIA. Other than listening to the coaches, Dennison spends time before games watching film of the other hitters of the opposing team. "I watch film on game days to try to study the hitters' tendencies to prepare for what is ahead," Dennison said. After winning the award of Defender of the Week, Dennison discussed her new goals. "I would really like to win PacWest Libero of the Year, as Concordia is new in the conference. I think it would be really sweet, not just for me but for the coaches and the team, but obviously I would not have this Defender of the Week title without coaches and the support of my teammates," Dennison said. "I love this team and the game," Dennison added. "Every time I step on the court, nothing else matters." Winning the PacWest Libero of the Year award would not only be great for Dennison's efforts, but would also put the Eagles on a bigger map as they are newcomers in the PacWest conference. Moving forward, Dennison and the Eagles play California Baptist University on Oct. 3 and Brigham Young University - Hawaii on Oct. 5 in conference play.

Women's Soccer started PacWest strong

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The Eagles started their PacWest journey off strong with two wins over this past weekend in Northern California, defeating the Dominican University Penguins and the Holy Names Hawks. Their first game was played on Sept. 24 against the Penguins. The Eagles beat the Penguins in overtime by a score of 2-1. The Eagles came out strong with a goal from Kendall Reekstin, senior, in the first six minutes of play. The Penguins answered back with a goal. The Eagles were tied up until the 93rd minute when senior Alexis Garcia-Irons scored her first goal of the season and won the Eagles their first PacWest game in history. Eagle's goalkeeper Darby Clements, sophomore, recorded six saves in the game. Head Coach Chris Gould said, "I have to give credit to our team. They came together in overtime and finished off the game with a great goal from [Garcia-Irons]." The second game was played on Sept. 26 against the Holy Names

Hawks. The Eagles beat the Hawks 3-1 with 2 goals from freshman Brianna Meyer, earning Freshman of the Week. *"I have to give credit to our team, they came together in overtime and finished off the game with a great goal from [Garcia-Irons]."* The Eagles started out strong with a goal from Garcia-Irons. Next, Mey-

ers scored her two goals that were her goals of the season. The Hawks later scored making it 3-1, but the Eagles held onto their lead. Concordia out-shot the Hawks 29-9 during the game. The Eagles start off the PacWest with a record of 2-0 and show that they are ready to play. The Eagles have already had two honors with Natalie Werner earning PacWest Player of the Week, after her two goals against The Masters College. Senior Kristen Pepperling said, "Being a part of this program for four years has been awesome, because we have made such a name for ourselves. Going up north was so fun and gave our team the opportunity to grow both on and off the field, I feel so lucky to play my last year with this group." The Eagles have a long road in the PacWest and this is just the beginning, but kicking off the season with two wins is a great start. "The girls have a great mentality and we hope to keep it going next week," Gould said. The next game will be tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Azusa Pacific University.

Cross Country (continued from page 2)



Senior Ashley Bell during her race.

The Women's team was carried by the All-American senior Ashley Bell. Bell ran alongside the front pack for a fourth place finish, helping a great deal in overall points. For five kilometers, Bell continued to stride toe-to-toe with her competitors. "It was a great race for us to keep our heads strong for the season ahead of us. We are just preparing ourselves with conference in mind," Bell said. The women also were accompanied by the talents of freshmen Bethany Newton and Jocelyn Macias, senior Jasmine Barron and junior Kendall Gallegos. With some success early in the season, all eyes are set on the main goal of conference later on in October. The Eagles are preparing for their next race, the Cal Baptist University Invite.

The team will return here again later in the season for conference. This next weekend should serve as a great test and practice for the Eagles. With upperclassmen Bell and Blackwell leading the team, aided by a young team full of talent, the Eagles seek to compete with high hopes for the rest of the season.

Heritage Garden Club (continued from page 1)



Left- Hillside of non-native invasive plants
Right-Habitat restoration in progress

Over 150 volunteers have put in over 1,300 hours of work in the garden since its creation in 2014. Members of the community such as the California Native Plant Society have come to help and be a resource for the students.

“It’s a great intergenerational thing and a great community outreach,” said Thea Gavin, Professor of English and Heritage Garden Coordinator. “We are bringing people to the campus that would have never come to Concordia otherwise.”

Sarah Jayne, community volunteer and retired teacher, comes to the garden for pleasure and to harvest vegetables in the community garden. “It’s a lovely spot,” Jayne said.

Recently, the club partnered with Village of Hope, a transitional living facility for homeless men, women and children, to allow the children of the center to plant pumpkins that they harvested this past month. The club has hopes to eventually be able to grow enough crops to donate to the food bank.

The garden is also being integrated into educational curriculum on campus. Several professors, including English professor Patrick Vallee and Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Sarah Karam are using the garden as a research facility and as a source of inspiration for students.

Gavin welcomes all to the garden and believes that its existence truly

makes a difference. “I’ve gotten emails saying that people were feeling stressed and went to the garden and sat there and prayed and felt better, thanking us,” Gavin said.

Official membership into the club is not necessary to visit or volunteer. “I welcome you to come if you are even a little bit interested, or if you need a place of peace and respite from the busy,” Walker said. “You don’t always have to do work; you can just come sit on the benches. The garden is here for everyone. It’s our way to reconnect to God through nature.”

The club is working toward the goal of sustainability within the garden. In order for the club to meet this goal, they are in need of a chipper

shredder to break down green waste from the garden. The garden club is also hoping to buy a tumbling compost machine to create compost from kitchen scraps from the caf.

The club meets every Thursday from 3-5 p.m. for Green Thursday in the garden and the first and third Saturdays of every month are community workdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tomorrow is movie night in the garden at 7 p.m. “Jurassic Park” will be shown and hot cocoa is provided. Bring mugs, blankets and chairs. For more information, visit <http://heritagegarden.blogs.cui.edu>

Terms (continued from page 1)

The Caf – The Grimm Student Union is affectionately referred to as the Caf.

Used in a sentence: “The Caf closes a half hour early on Friday nights. No fair!” said by each new student after missing the memo about changed weekend hours.

The Conc – Used mostly in social media as a hashtag, this is still an important name for the school with a nice long name and an acronym too close to UCI.

Used in a sentence: “I love the Conc!”

She Bach + He Bach – Dr. Susan Bachman and Dr. James Bachman may be in Cambridge permanently now to run the Core Cambridge study abroad program, but they are still important Concordia figures on campus with nicknames to go along with that. She Bach and He Bach were created to easily explain which professor you had for your class.

Used in a sentence: “I have Dr. Bachman for philosophy.”

“Wait, which one?”

“She Bach, of course!”

Roundlings – Those accepted into the Around-the-World Semester who have not left yet. Generally can be picked out by dazed looks and lots of talk about future travel.

Used in a sentence: “The new Roundlings are so cute! Remember when we were that excited?”

Rounders – Those who have already completed the Around-the-World Semester. Seasoned travelers who are upgraded to a new nickname.

Used in a sentence: “Oh look, the Rounders are having a reunion before class to talk about tea and Thailand.”

Admin – Abbreviation for the Administration building. Pretty self-explanatory.

Used in a sentence: “I have to meet with a professor in Admin.”

CU Soon – You may think this is just an event during the summer, but jokes don’t end there when your school has such an easy acronym to use in a sentence.

Used in a sentence: “Have fun in class!”

“I’ll (exaggerated wink) CU Later.”

“Yeah, CU Soon!” (more exaggerated winks).

Look in the next issue of the Courier for more useful Concordia slang.

COFFEE TALKS

TOPIC FOR OCT 7: REFUGEES CRISIS VERSUS MIGRANT CRISIS: HOW LANGUAGE SHAPES PERCEPTION.

TOPIC FOR OCT 21: IMPOSING ON SACRED GROUNDS IN HAWAII.

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October 6
8PM-10PM
CU Center

Come and experience an event that allows you to interact with various prayer stations related to issues that are on the hearts and minds of the community.

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OCT 6TH 11AM-2:30PM
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ENJOY A GERMAN FEAST TO CELEBRATE GERMAN CULTURE!

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OCTOBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Help fight hunger in Orange County as we partner with the Second Harvest Food Bank to pack boxes of food for those in need.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20 **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FAMILY MEAL SERVICE**
Come cook a meal for families in need by day in the Ronald McDonald House.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 **NEWPORT BAY CONSERVATORY BACK BAY ROOTS DAY**
Join us as we work in the Back Bay area in helping sustain that important ecosystem and give back to community we live in!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29 **ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION CHILI VAN**
Help feed the homeless population in Santa Ana in this very popular event!

Sign up in the CSLD or email Concordia.Cares@cui.edu.

HUNGARY

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June 22 - July 12, 2016 | Aszod, Hungary | \$3200
Application and \$200 deposit due November 2

We will conduct two week long English course for junior high and high school students with the intention of strengthening their Christian faith and introducing them to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Camps will consist of English, sports, crafts, music, Bible studies, city wide evangelism, bands, disco dancing, late group games, and much, much more.

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OCTOBER 13
7PM-8PM | RPC

ARE SCIENCE AND FAITH AT ODDS WITH ONE ANOTHER?
STOP BY TO STATE YOUR CASE.
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Conquering Core in Cambridge

This semester, 11 Concordia students are studying abroad at Westfield House in Cambridge as part of Concordia's first-ever Core Cambridge program. Under the instruction of CUI professors Dr. James and Dr. Susan Bachman, these students study Core English and History as well as other courses offered by Westfield House of Theological Studies.



Is this Westfield House or Hogwarts?

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When you think of black, flowing robes, you probably think of Harry, Ron, and Hermione meandering about the corridors of Hogwarts. Here in Cambridge, however, such robes are more than fiction. As students of Westfield House, we have access to black gowns reminiscent of Severus Snape's perpetually sable regalia. We students here have the opportunity to wear our robes five days a week during chapel.

Wearing robes to chapel is a unique experience that combines formality and fun. Chapel itself is amazing. Personally, I find solace in the formality and consistent rhythm of

the liturgy found in the Lutheran Service Book that we use for chapel. Even if other parts of my life are stressful, I can depend on the chapel services. There is definitely something to be said for gathering together to worship while bedecked in attire with such a rich history.

In fact, the history of academic dress goes back at least eight hundred years. In the year of our Lord twelve hundred and twenty-two, Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, issued a decree at the Council of Oxford. Thereafter, all clerks were required to wear the cappa clausa—a type of cape worn over their robes. Thus academics began to join clergymen in their practice of wearing robes and other such garments. At first, the

robes were unadorned and black, similar to those used by Westfield students today – plain but elegant in their simplicity.

As time went on, robes became more elaborate as colleges wanted more distinctive attire for formal events. The British tradition of academic dress continued on in America even after we formed our own nation. We are all familiar with the gowns worn by graduates and professors at graduation ceremonies. Here in Cambridge, each school has its distinctive colors and its own crest, and professors, tutors, and students of various levels have their own robes.

But what made clergymen and academics wear these robes in the first place? Originally, they had both

practical and symbolic significance. On a practical level, the long robes provided a much-needed layer of insulation for scholars and churchmen who worked long hours in cold, damp rooms. On a symbolic level, the plain, black robes represent a protest against materialism. At the time, members of the upper class dressed in ornate clothing decorated with ruffles, frills, and laces. In contradiction to the extravagant dress of these individuals, clerics and scholars wore plain black and brown robes. In an important way, then, they signify a focus on spirituality and knowledge over material goods. They functioned as a sign of humility.

Today, the robes don't quite work that way. To all of us Concordia study

abroad students, they are novel and fun, not austere and humbling. Nonetheless, they allow us to participate in an important academic and theological tradition. When we put on our robes, we join the ranks of thousands of students, clergymen, scholars, and others who have worn the robes for centuries – and that's a perspective worth gaining.

Another important perspective to have while studying abroad is an understanding of finances. In our next column we will tackle the topic of how to live and study in Cambridge on a budget. If you want to learn about exchange rates, the value of the dollar, using European ATM machines, or anything else about money abroad, then you are in luck!

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Fall Festival of Hymns held this Sunday

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The Fall Festival of Hymns will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. in the CU Center. Join the Concordia Choir, along with the Master Chorale, which is a choir composed of Concordia alumni and organist Dr. Michael Burkhardt, as they invite everyone to come together and sing as people of God.

The Fall Festival of Hymns is an annual event that the Music department is in charge of putting together. Collectively, they select a guest organists to conduct the choirs and lead the congregation in psalms and hymns.

This year, the organist selected was Dr. Michael Burkhardt. Burkhardt is known on an international level for his unprecedented and motivational hymns. He is currently Director of Worship and the Arts at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia, Mich.

Furthermore, Burkhardt has both led and performed seminars for the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Lutheran Church musicians and the American Choral Directors Association, just to name a few. He also designed the organ in the CU Center.

“Being able to work with Burkhardt is truly amazing,” said Kara Der, sophomore member of the Concordia Choir. “He composed several of the pieces that we will be singing. He also designed the organ in the CU Center.”

It comes as no surprise that Burkhardt is in high demand, since he is a choral clinician, organ recitalist and hymn festival leader.

The choirs, after preparing this event for such a long time, are excited to perform with an organist as

talented as Burkhardt. Knowing that a lot of time and effort is needed to go into this concert, the choir has been practicing since the beginning of the school year.

The Fall Festival of Hymns is unique because the audience is encouraged to sing along with the skillful choirs.

“It is a concert, but it is a concert where the congregation is encouraged to sing along due to the fact that it is a festival of hymns geared toward worshipping God,” said sophomore Nate Darlington, member of the Concordia Choir.

One of the most inspirational things about this event is the joint

performances by the Concordia Choir and the Master Chorale.

Freshman Arianna Dahlia, member of the Concordia Choir, is looking forward to the Fall Festival of Hymns. “Doing anything with the Concordia Choir is exciting because I get to go and sing and create that bond with my choir family,” Dahlia said.

“People should come to this event to hear all of the voices of the students here at Concordia,” Dahlia said. The concert’s primary goal is for the people to come together and praise God in a formal event. Everyone is welcome to attend this concert.

General admission is \$10, \$8 for senior citizens, and free for students.



The Concordia Choir. Photo taken from www.cui.edu/academicprograms/undergraduate/music/

Every Frame a Painting: A YouTube channel review

KARINA DIEZ
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Since April of 2014, YouTuber Tony Zhou has been declaring his passion for cinematography and film form through analytical video essays on his channel, Every Frame a Painting.

“Film form is the way pictures and sound work together to create meaning,” Zhou wrote on his Patreon page, which is a site for viewers to support aspiring artists. “If you think of film as a language, this is the vocabulary and grammar. This channel is about helping you (and me) become more literate.”

Each essay spotlights a particular filmmaker or facet of film form, showcasing styles from Michael Bay and Robin Williams to Jackie Chan and Akira Kurosawa, and film techniques from composition, lighting and color to silence, movement, and music. Zhou’s ultimate goal is to inspire his viewers to consider the art of film from different perspectives and share their interpretations with him and other viewers.

“Chuck Jones – The Evolution of an Artist,” one of Zhou’s most recent projects, evaluates the joke structure used by Chuck Jones, director of the childhood favorite “Looney Toons.” Zhou examines the development of Chuck Jones’ imaginative decisions that have led him to become such a widely-respected artist.

The jokes within the show follow a two-part structure. First, they

lead the viewer to make an assumption about the scenario presented on screen, then they proceed to prove that assumption wrong. To do so, Jones clearly defines each character’s desires and dictates each desire through physical actions, leading to the gag. Wile E. Coyote has an unfaltering desire to eat the Roadrunner and attempts to catch him with carefully structured plans that, in theory, should work, but backfire comically every time.

Jones also disciplines himself through challenges and restrictions,

such as designing a character without a mouth or allowing a character only a single line with which to communicate throughout the entire series. Zhou does a phenomenal job of breaking down the under-appreciated aspects of film from a narrator’s standpoint with an intermingling of behind-the-scenes filmmaker interviews and on-screen acting footage.

Every Frame a Painting’s following has grown substantially in the past couple of years. With over 300,000 subscribers and millions of views on his videos, Zhou continues to strive to

produce remarkable projects. However, he could not accomplish his goals and continue to provide easily accessible content without the help of people like you. “Every dollar [donated] goes into making the essay series a better resource. Annotated videos, educational versions (without swearing or nudity) and, downloadable links for everything,” Zhou wrote. “I want to make this channel a place where we can all learn to become better filmmakers or film viewers.”

Much of Zhou’s success is attributed to his relationship with his view-

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ers. Because his main objective is to motivate people to interact with each other and exchange outlooks unique to them, Zhou often hosts discussion boards where viewers can talk amongst each other, as well as speak to him directly.

Zhou spends ample amount of time answering inquiries in regards to his thoughts on specific movies, the manner in which scenes were shot, whether or not scenes should have been cut, his own creative process, and the like. Through comments and online interactions, his viewers express their gratitude for taking the time to connect with them and creating a sense of community amidst the viewership.

“There’s a weird perception that this stuff is boring, but it’s honestly pretty fun,” Zhou wrote. “Whether you know it or not, you are actually fluent in the language of film.”



What’s new on Netflix?

Is “Scandal” worth the watch?

A new column that details the highs and lows of Netflix to assist Concordians in the ongoing struggle of picking something to watch

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My best friend, Mckenna, has been raving about the series, “Scandal” for months and this was my chance to see what all the fuss was about. “Scandal” is created by Shonda Rhimes, creator of shows like “Grey’s Anatomy” that have renewed their series season after season. She is also known for creating the series “How to Get Away with Murder” and “Private Practice.”

Kerry Washington, who plays Olivia Pope, is one of the few black female leads on a hit television show. Right off the bat, the show is fast-paced, thought-provoking and intelligent.

The content is controversial, which really challenges you to consider your own perspective and judgment. Without giving too much away, the first episode involves the President and the White House, and questions the characters’ innocence in murder charges. Pope was a former White House Communications Director and after leaving the White House, she starts her own crisis management firm.

The script is the best part of the show. The quick-witted dialogue keeps you on your toes and highly invested in the conversations—it’s a show where you feel like you constantly need to pay attention. Even more, the writers do a fantastic job



conveying the complex emotions of these dynamic characters. As strong and confident as Pope’s façade seems, she reveals another side to her – a more vulnerable side tends to get in the way of her emotional detachment between her professional life and personal life. In the first episode, the lines become blurred between her

two worlds, which influences her decisions.

“Scandal” combines the best of TV drama—romance, politics, humor and suspense. Although the main character does engage in substandard moral behavior, there are traits that Pope holds that can be very positive and inspiring to young women today. She is a strong, powerful woman, confident in her strengths and committed to her career. It’s empowering to see the portrayal of a woman who is highly educated, well-versed, and up-to-date on current events take such a commanding role in a TV show.

One of the disadvantages of this series is how closely you need to pay attention. This series is definitely not something you can understand while working on that paper due tomorrow morning. Something like “Friends” would be perfect for that, but I noticed myself having to rewind certain parts because of how fast-paced it is.

The series has been going strong for five seasons since 2012 with 71 episodes. Netflix has already made four of these seasons available, making it great to binge watch, since they provide commercial free viewing. This show is definitely worth a watch.

It’s a hot dog-eat-hot dog world

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What makes a hot dog worth the money? Is it the sausage or the fixings that come on top of it?

Originally sold as a working-class street food, establishments that sell hot dogs have upped their recipes that set each eatery apart and give them their own unique gourmet style. Commonly associated as America’s favorite pastime food, hot dogs have evolved from just being garnished with ketchup and mustard to more savory toppings.

Most places will serve two types of sausage. The first is the bratwurst, more commonly known as a “brat.” Bratwurst are made of shredded veal, pork and beef. The name comes from the German verb, “braten,” which refers to how the sausage is cooked: pan fried or roasted. A bratwurst is unique because of its thick skin, spicier seasoning and a wider body. A traditional hot dog with a regular sausage is usually steamed or grilled and skinnier in size than a brat.

Different toppings vary from restaurant to restaurant and new styles of hot dogs have surfaced throughout the country.

Here are some great hot dog places to check out in Orange County.

Crocker’s The Well Dressed Frank
Newport Beach
Prices: \$6-\$8

Chicago dogs, with their iconic refreshing flavor, have come to Balboa Island, Newport Beach. Crocker’s The Well Dressed Frank, a small hole in the wall, is not to be missed. An all-beef sausage on a poppy seed

yellow bun is topped with sweet pickle relish, tomato, white onion bits, kosher dill pickle and a couple of hot peperoncinos. This Chicago dog embodies an honest taste of the city and is refreshing with all the cold condiments. The sweet relish complements the savory taste of the sausage and is worth the cost.

Wursthaus
Santa Ana
Prices: \$6-\$9

Located in the heart of Downtown Santa Ana, Wursthaus offers an exotic menu for customers. The hickory wild boar and smoked alligator offer a completely different tasting experience than any other hot dog destination. The alligator and wild boar meats are dry, and yet they complement the taste of the alternative pretzel bun menu option. Here, the

toppings are fairly simple: sauerkraut, tomato and an occasional chili pepper. What really sets Wursthaus apart are the late hours and the generous selection of beer on tap. For all those late night owls, the restaurant is open from 11 a.m.- 2 a.m. every day. There are also over a dozen German beers, such as the dark Belgian Abt 12 that tastes superb with any meal.

Jerry’s Dogs
Irvine
Prices: \$5-\$7

Sometimes, toppings make all the difference. Jerry’s Dogs, a chain that opened in 2003, prides itself with cooking each sausage over a wood-fired grill, which gives their hot dogs a smoky taste. From mushrooms to pastrami, Jerry’s offers a variety of different toppings. “The Mac N’

Cheese Dog is one of our most favorite and popular dogs. We are always looking at fun and tasty ingredients that we think customers will like,” said owner Jerry O’Connell. The Mac N’ Cheese makes a savory hot dog but also makes for a soggy bun. On the other hand, the Fancy Schman-cy Dog, topped with garlic parmesan, herb roasted tomatoes, avocado slices, crispy onions and jalapenos, makes for the perfect consistency for a hot dog. It’s crispy, chewy, and the avocado infuses a creamy flavor to the smoky taste. The Irvine location has beer on tap.

LinX
Orange
Prices: \$5-\$9

Last but certainly not least, LinX Artisan Sausage serves a variety of

different hot dogs and even a double down burrito, which is two grilled franks, Applewood smoked bacon, pinto beans and pico de gallo all wrapped in a flour tortilla for those who are not interested in having the conventional hot dog bun. For those who are looking for a sweeter-tasting meal, the bbq, bacon, and blues dog is frankly great. It’s crunchy, chewy, and the bleu cheese adds a hint of savory taste. LinX goes the extra mile by steaming all their sausages in beer and toasting the hot dog buns.

So which restaurant serves the best hot dogs? It all comes down to personal preference. LinX, Jerry’s and Crocker’s top their dogs with loads of toppings like bacon, avocado, etc. Wursthaus has a more simple twist to their hot dogs and really focuses on the different meats they use in their sausage. So try one out yourself!



The Definitive Guide to Concordia's Many Acronyms (Part 1)

CUI, as in Concordia, (hint, don't get confused with UCI) loves its acronyms.

Here's part 1 of a helpful guide for acronyms around campus.

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PA or PQ = Pastor Quinton Anderson

Pastor Anderson is apparently too many syllables, which has spawned condensed versions of his name, PA or PQ, circulating widely throughout the school.

CSLD = Center for Student Leadership and Development

The CSLD houses the offices of abbeywest, ASCUI (we'll get to this later) and LEAD. If you're not in student leadership, it's probably most useful to find out about upcoming events and sign up for them.

MAIS = Master of Arts in International Studies

I know each master's degree program has their own initials, be it MBA or MSN, but this one seems to particularly confuse students as they wonder if it's a study abroad program. Nope. It's actually a master's program with either a year in China or now a semester in Ghana.

ATW = Around-the-World Semester

Unique to Concordia, this study abroad program sends students to several countries across the globe. It has its own special trade-marked name as well as an acronym to make it just a little faster to say.

AP = Annual Pass to Disneyland

In high school AP might have meant ridiculously hard classes, but in Irvine it can only refer to one thing: your ticket to the happiest place on earth. So buy an AP and keep it renewed!

ASCUI = Associated Students of Concordia University Irvine

This group of motivated individuals have the most power to make changes the students want around campus. They also plan lots of fun events. Think of it as your high school's ASB on steroids.

FYE = First-Year Experience

This group plans all the awesome SOAR events and basically makes sure everyone has an awesome first year!

SOAR = Student Orientation, Activities and Registration

RIP Week of Welcome (WOW). SOAR, which conveniently ties into our mascot, the Eagle, has taken over as the fall orientation week full of fun activities where new students can get to know each other. Also, I completely forgot about this new acronym until I typed it into the FYE explanation.

Look for Part 2 in the next edition of *The Courier*!



Join intramurals and get involved

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Getting involved on campus has never been as easy as joining one of Concordia's intramural sports teams. The sports offered are flag football, coed volleyball, basketball and coed soccer. Students here at Concordia have ranked our intramurals program as the top on-campus activity. As the competition gets bigger with every year, so do the prizes. Intramural teams have a chance to win gift cards and trophies at the championships at the end of each season.

LEAD Intramural Coordinator Ryan Ketcham, sophomore, gives a better look into what you will experience as an intramural participant. "The seasons last around six to eight weeks with games held at least once a week. We have official referees for all competition days, which are scheduled around times most students would be out of class to have the best turnout," Ketcham said.

Ketcham encourages students of all experience levels to join. He said that even some of our athletic team members come out for intramurals in their offseason. "As long as they get the okay from their coaches, we have some of our student athletes on teams. For example, a lot of our Men's Lacrosse Team members get together to form a flag football team," Ketcham.

The intramural flag football season is coming to an end, and LEAD Coordinator Celina Stratton, junior, said the President's Bowl Championship is the biggest event of the season. "The President's Bowl is our flag football championship game for both our men's and women's teams. President Krueger, and ASCUI President Emily Dailey (senior) come out to do the coin toss, start the game with a prayer, and finally present the trophies to our winners," Stratton said.

All of this will take place next Fri., Oct. 9 on the soccer field. The women's championship game starts at 6 p.m., and the men's game at 7:30 p.m. Food, drinks and goodies will be available for all in attendance. Screaming Eagles, the student sports fan organization, will be putting on half-time games with opportunities to win prizes.

Weekend intramural tournaments are also offered for dodgeball and capture the flag. "We will be having the Halloween Dodgeball tournament which is open for all to sign up," Stratton said. Halloween Dodgeball will take place Oct. 24 with a time and place to be announced.

To sign up for regular season and weekend intramurals, visit www.cui.edu to find the intramural sports page or visit www.IMLeagues.com to create your personal profile, start putting together your team, and view the weekly schedules.

PRESIDENTS BOWL 2015

OCTOBER 9TH ON THE SOCCER FIELD

WOMEN'S GAME

STARTS AT 6PM

MEN'S GAME

STARTS AT 7:30PM

NACHOS, POPCORN, AND COTTON CANDY, WILL BE SERVED AT 5:30 PM.