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The madness begins TONIGHT

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Midnight Madness is an opportunity for Concordia students to kick off the start of the men's and women's basketball seasons. Before the 10:30 p.m. event, students can enjoy a tailgate starting at 9:30

p.m. The tailgate features free Chick-fil-A, Redbull, games and chances to win prizes. During the madness, students will pack the gym, showing school spirit and cheering on our bas-

ketball teams. There will also be special performances from the CUI Cheerleaders, the Dance Company and appearances from Concordia alumni.

Sponsored by Screaming Eagles, Midnight Madness is a tradition at Concordia that gives students the chance to come together and show support for the school. Freshman Jennifer Appling, member of the Dance Company, said, "I have heard of Midnight Madness from upperclassmen and I am excited to spend that time with my friends."

In addition to the introduction of the members, coaches and staff of the basketball teams, the night also features multiple performance

groups and a slam dunk contest. Senior Brandi Walshe, also a member of the Dance Company, said, "I love being in the gym and watching all of the students come running when the doors are opened."

Senior Matt Scott, starter on the Men's Basketball Team, said, "My favorite part of Midnight Madness is the fans. I am looking forward to seeing everyone go crazy in the stands and the excitement of the night. It's just a great environment."

The frenzy of the new season coupled with the adrenaline of the contests and performances makes Midnight Madness an exciting event for everyone involved.



The Dance Company performing at Midnight Madness. Photo taken from Youtube

The Global Village travels to the Grand Canyon

JULIAN MYERS  
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Over mid-semester break, members of The Global Village Living Learning Community traveled to Grand Canyon National Park.

The group ventured out in order to experience one of most vast and historical landmarks the United States has to offer. Along the way, the group of global villagers found themselves spending quality time together hiking, playing frisbee and bonding.

Beginning last year, The Global Village strives to travel every year for a community vacation to give the domestic and international students an authentic United States experience. Last year, the group traveled to San Francisco.

One of the organizers of the trip and a Global Village RA, Noks Shabalala, senior, said, "At the Grand Canyon, The Global Village was represented by eight different countries ranging from Ghana to England and back to the United States."

The 26 travelers represented multiple different cultures and countries. Boundaries and intercultural barriers were challenged on this trip.

"We all had to travel and hike together; intercultural and cross-cultural communication was definitely tested. We all stayed in one cabin, and people of different cultures had to share a bed or share space on the floor," Shabalala said.

Making it to the top of the Grand Canyon to see the vast and majestic view is a common bucket list check off in the United States, but is not an easy task. "Traveling in a large group is not easy because not everyone

wanted to see the same things, but we made sure everyone was satisfied. It was really cool seeing everyone of all cultures being supportive and encouraging people to keep pushing since the hike does take some physical and mental endurance," Shabalala said.

Other activities included visiting the city Oatman, which is a historical mining town established in the early 1900s. "Oatman looked like a ghost town where cowboys shoot each other in western movies," Shabalala said.

According to the CUI webstie, The Global Village seeks to "provide a

cross-cultural experience for students who are interested in broadening their understanding of world issues and cultures while living on the CUI campus. The Global Village will bring together international and domestic students."

Throughout the trip, the commu-

nity was able to do just that as local and international students saw this great landscape for their first time.

Shabalala said, "All the events we put on are geared toward giving the students exposure to America, especially the international students."



Shabalala, center in the CUI sweatshirt, with The Global Villagers at the Grand Canyon during mid-semester break



# ASCUI Corner: University updates

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ASCUI SECRETARY

On Oct. 14, ASCUI Senate met with Davis Garton, Director of University & Residential Services, and Kevin Callahan, Director of Bon Appétit. During the Senate open forum, the faculty shared with the student leaders ongoing projects and future campus-wide plans. ASCUI Senate was then given the opportunity to ask questions, give student feedback, and offer suggestions for common student life concerns.

University Services works specifically with large-scale projects: housing, the master plan, etc. Currently, University Services is working to develop more RES halls amenities and facilities. Garton shared that his team is working on getting benches, umbrellas, outdoor games and concrete Ping-Pong tables. These additions are being made in order to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunities for students to come together in fellowship and build community with one another.

Callahan also shared the current developments that Bon Appétit is working on in both the Cafeteria and Emendare. Over the course of the semester, the Caf will be working on revamping its look and environment. Most recently, Bon Appétit added new labels and decorated the walls with stenciled inspirational appliques. They also recently ordered new plates, cups and silverware to help further this revamping process. Also, Callahan shared that the Caf is looking into getting a freestyle Coca-Cola machine, to go along with their three new food stations. Callahan sees potential in the Caf possibly getting new flooring, music and high-top tables. Callahan referred to this ongoing project as “turning the Cafeteria to a dining hall.”

ASCUI Senate looks forward to working with the various campus

departments and their faculty. ASCUI Vice President Catherine Foster, junior, has the opportunity to meet regularly with Garton and Callahan to discuss ideas, concerns and student suggestions. “I am most excited to hear the ways that administration

wants to help build community on campus,” Foster said. “University Services and Bon Appétit both have great plans on getting students involved with one another here on campus. It will be exciting to see how these plans turn out.” Further, she stated, “I love

the fact that CUI cares about the students’ opinions and listen to our feedback on these big picture plans.”

ASCUI Senate meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Student Union 202. In these open forums, students are given the opportunity

to speak up on behalf of the student body. Curious as to what is being discussed next week? Check the ASCUI calendar located to the right of the CSLD door.



Concordia University’s Student Union building

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# Men’s Swim Team dives into a new season

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The Men’s Swim Team dove into the new season, competing in their first regular meet on Oct. 16 in Malibu. The team was invited to participate at Pepperdine University Invitational. At the invitational, the team achieved good early season times, along with a few personal records.

One of the most notable times was accomplished by Ryan Caverly, junior, who recorded a time of 17:04.64 in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Closely behind him was Josh DelaRosa, senior, with a time of 18:11.63.

DelaRosa also competed in the 400-yard individual medley event along with sophomore Minh Dang. Dang finished at 4:30.80 and DelaRosa behind him finishing at 4:37.42.

Included in the men who competed in the invitational was senior John Dowd, who was a standout. He finished the meet as a double event winner. Dowd ended the 50 Free at 21.31 and 100 Free at 46.13, which set a new meet record.

The Eagles had three top-ten finishers in the 200-yard backstroke. DelaRosa came in seventh, Dowd in eighth, and Martino Cervera, senior, came in ninth.

Riki Yamamoto, sophomore, came sixth in the 200-yard breaststroke event, posting a time of 2:22.56.

In the sprints, Gianluca Bandiera, freshman, finished fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke at 27.87.

Dylan Aba, junior, came in second with a time of 21.35 in the 50 Free event.

The 100-yard breaststroke held two top-ten finishers for the Eagles. Bandiera came in fourth with a time of 1:02.35 and Yamamoto in tenth with a time of 1:05.92.

It is evident that the swimmers keep in mind the wise lessons of their coach as they compete because they each continue to swim hard in every race.

Head Coach Jeff Boss makes it a priority to instill in his athletes that the best way for them to do better is to believe in their training and implement the race strategies that they are given. “The key to winning is being tough and not giving up when it starts to hurt,” Boss said. “I just continuously tell the men how fast they are going to swim.”

This success was the result of hard work and training completed by the Eagles. The athletes practice off-campus very early in the morning before classes and again in the afternoon in an effort to train for their meets. They practice especially hard to improve their endurance, speed and overall conditioning.

This year, due to losing swimmers to graduation, the Men’s Swim Team

has a smaller group of swimmers. The team is currently undergoing a NCAA transitional period and is not eligible for NCAA post-season competition. As a result, the season will conclude at the PCSC Conference meet in mid-February.

“Our primary focus for the remainder of the year will be conditional training with a focus on swimming and making best times,” Boss said.

The Men’s Swim Team will have

their next meet on Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. at the Pomona-Pitzer Relay Invite in Claremont.



Photo taken from Concordia Athletics website

# Player Spotlight: Brianna Meyer

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STAFF WRITER

Freshman Brianna Meyer is one of the newest members to the Women’s Soccer Team. Meyer earned Freshman of the Week for the week of Sept.

28 in a game against Holy Names. She led the Eagles to victory by scoring two goals within two minutes of each other.

Her positions include mid and outside forward. Meyer is a California native, hailing from the city of

Orange, where she attended Mater Dei High School and was the captain of her team both her junior and senior years. Meyer’s love of soccer and teamwork is the fire that kept her pursuing the game in college. “It gives me a way of getting my mind off of

everything,” Meyer said. “It allows me to express myself.”

Meyer is on a roll this season, playing in eight games so far and averaging 2.13 shots per game. The most memorable moment of the season for her has been the away games,

because of the team bonding that occurs on the bus. “We all sing. My team is unique. We are so close, not just in an athletic way, but in a spiritual way as well,” Meyer said.

*“She always tries to find ways to improve the team and herself, tapping into her love for her fellow teammates.”*

Meyer is a self-reflective person, and after losses she always tries to find ways to improve the team and herself, tapping into her love for her fellow teammates.

Meyer’s hobbies include listening to music and being passionate about all things pandas. Her major is psychology with a minor in sociology. Her future goals include finishing her college soccer career strong and being able to have a profession in forensic psychology. She hopes to be able to play soccer for fun after graduating.

A bright future is ahead of Meyer. Help the team continue their winning streak by supporting them at their home game tomorrow at 11 a.m. against Dixie State.



Brianna Meyer (20) taking the ball down the field

# Free Fitness

## Peer Health Educators start the “Get Fit Program”

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STAFF WRITER

You don’t need a gym pass or an expensive personal trainer to get into shape. In addition to the already-existing CU Active, a new Get Fit Program is being launched by Peer Health Educators. The Get Fit Program offers free workouts every Tuesday and Thursday right here on campus.

The Peer Health Educators are working hard to fulfill their mission statement: “To help students discover strategies to optimize their emotional and physical health during their time at Concordia and beyond.”

People of all physical levels and abilities are welcomed and encouraged to attend these free workouts.

*“Our goal is to help students discover strategies to optimize their emotional and physical health during their time at Concordia and beyond.”*

Sophomore Ellia Cornelius is excited for the workouts to start. “It sounds like a great opportunity for those like me who don’t have access to gyms and don’t have a lot of free

time.” Gym memberships can get pricey, and with students trying to save money, this is a great opportunity to get active. There are many ways to work toward a healthier lifestyle, and the Get Fit Program hopes to make it simple and long-lasting.

There are many students here at Concordia who are already part of an athletic program and get the chance to work out and practice for their sport. Senior beach volleyball player Kaila Ames likes that she can change up her workouts and enjoys working out at school. “I see it as an additional opportunity to get physical exercise. Being an athlete, I get to work out with my team, but I like this idea because I can get a good variety of exercises.” The Get Fit Program hopes to make exercise fun for everyone.

Along with the new Get Fit Program, Concordia’s Health Educators promote Student Health 101. This free online magazine provides students with articles, videos and resources for keeping themselves healthy. Each issue gives helpful information on diet, exercise, social wellness, study tips and much more. For example, the magazine has previously included advice about how to prepare better for a test and information about some popular local parks, bike paths and workout classes that are open to everyone.

For all of these helpful resources, visit the Wellness Center page on the CUI website.

Get Fit is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week from 4 to 5 p.m. in Gym 204. Current and past issues of Student Health 101 are also online on the Health Education and Promotion page. You can also follow our Peer Health team on Instagram @ConcordiaPeerHealth.

# Building God’s kingdom one mission trip at a time

LAUREN HIGBEE  
STAFF WRITER

The Global Programs Office and abbey west work with organizations and churches to provide opportunities for both local and global mission trips. Students have the opportunity to participate in mission trips to places such as Guatemala, Mexico and China throughout the school year.

Mission trips are a great way to build relationships with students from Concordia as well as those who you may meet during the mission trip. “There is a bond that forms through a shared experience of getting to know a community, church, or group of individuals that you would have never met if you did not go on the trip,” said senior Jessica Schrank, one of the Mission Coordinators at Concordia. “Then, once you get back, the group that you traveled with can share in that joy and memories you have in those relationships.”

When Rachel Blair, senior Mission Coordinator, was in high school, she traveled to Thailand and Myanmar. This is when she developed a passion for mission trips. She stated, “I am passionate about sharing God’s love with everyone I encounter. God calls us to go and make disciples of all nations so I am passionate about serving others to show Christ’s love.” Since her freshman year, Blair has served locally with Concordia. She also went on the Around-the-World semester last fall, which provided many service opportunities for students.

“I just recently went to San Francisco for a mission trip with a team from Concordia. It was wonderful serving at a food distribution called

Project Open Hand. Some of us packaged food and others prepared food for the critically ill,” Blair said. “Also, we got to work with the youth at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. This was a great experience working with the youth by helping them understand God more.”

By partnering with organizations like CALMS (Central American Lutheran Mission Society), Concordia is able to send groups on mission trips to Guatemala. This year, Concordia is sending teams to Guatemala during Thanksgiving break, spring break, and during the summer. Additionally, a team will be sent out to Hungary from June 22 to July 12 2016. There are also mission trips planned to China and Mexico coming up in 2016.

In addition to global mission trips, there are still ways for students to serve locally. Teams serve at Christ Lutheran Church in Costa Mesa to help them with a food distribution every month. Additionally, Concordia is trying to start up a weekend missions program for the spring semester. “We want to send groups of students down to build houses on a day-trip,” Schrank said.

When Schrank was a sophomore, she went on a mission trip to Kenya and Uganda. There, Schrank and her team got to work with Mirembe Cottage and FIKISHA, a partner organization with Concordia. When asked what sparked her passion for mission trips, Schrank said, “I am passionate about it because I believe that Concordia has the power and the means to impact communities throughout the world. I think that it is essential for students to spend time in a different setting and serving other people.” In fact, one of the reasons

Schrank chose to attend Concordia was because it’s such a mission-based university. Schrank said, “These experiences help students realize the gifts that God has given them and how they can use them for others. So much of our time is spent worrying about our futures, our grad plan, our this and our that; it is important to take some time to focus on others and continue to build up God’s kingdom.”

*“God calls us to go and make disciples of all nations.”*

If you are looking to get involved with mission trip opportunities, you can contact either Schrank ([jessica.schrank@eagles.cui.edu](mailto:jessica.schrank@eagles.cui.edu)) or Blair ([rachel.blair@eagles.cui.edu](mailto:rachel.blair@eagles.cui.edu)) with any questions. Concordia offers numerous mission trips and service opportunities, so grab your friends and come help build up God’s kingdom by spreading His love.

To find out more about mission trip opportunities, head over to the Office of Global Programs located in the Administration building or talk to Lisa Purcell at the abbey west front desk in the CSLD.

# 11 (more) Concordia terms to know

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Larry’s Lawn – Larry, one of the most beloved RDs on campus, can often be seen playing Frisbee out on the lawn between Uppers and Sigma near his apartment. Thus, it has been named “Larry’s Lawn.”

Sentence: “Hey look! It’s raining. Let’s head to Larry’s Lawn for a slip n’ slide.”

Lower Lowers – The Parkwood apartments, only a block from campus, house many Concordia students. Since they’re slightly lower than actual lowers, they’ve been named Lower Lowers.

Sentence: “Wanna live in Lower Lowers?” “Nah man, that ten minute walk is killer.”

French Hill – This one is used so much I forgot this wasn’t the tiny mountain’s official name, just the one even Yelp refers to it as. French Hill is the large mound of dirt that is part of the Turtle Rock loop with a trail made by someone who obviously doesn’t know the purpose of switchbacks. It is located right behind campus and is used for a variety of activities, even frenching originally as the name would suggest.

Sentence: “Going up French Hill is fun. Except for the part where you have to go up.”

The Rabbit-Hole – I didn’t know this was a term until a professor mentioned that the English department

often congregates in the Rabbit-Hole, which could also be called the courtyard behind Alpha.

Sentence: “\*smart English sentence.\* Go down the rabbit-hole. \*smart English vocab.\*”

The Outback – It’s so far out, it’s the Outback. Or at least that’s what people call the courtyard behind Founders.

Sentence: “Let’s go to the Outback and blow stuff up with Dr. Kenney.”

Concordians – This is so explanatory I used it without defining it in all of my previous posts this year. Concordians is the nickname for CUI students because its way more fun to say and may even cut out a syllable or two.

Sentence: “We should meet the new batch of Concordians. Or maybe we should hide out in Good Sheps.”

The Village – Don’t take out the article on this one. It adds some panache to Global Village, the area where international and domestic students live together.

Sentence: “The coolest people are in The Village.”

The law – One of the most friendly and well-known people on campus also has a second role: she lays down the law along with her new mixtape (it’s fire). And by that I mean Noks has some very, very clean health and safety inspections and strictly-enforced quiet hours compared to most RAs. Despite this nickname, Noks is

still loved by her entire hall.

Sentence: “Look, it’s the law! Shh-hhhh. Everyone be quiet.”

Dollar Theater – Technically it has some name like Starplex Cinemas, but really, we all know it as the Dollar Theater. Only a couple miles from campus and \$2 matinee? Concordians think yes.

Sentence: “Avengers is in the Dollar Theater! Let’s go now! Today!”

Ring before Spring – I would like to say this is a cliché... except that it’s not. Ring before Spring refers to the practice of getting engaged before May graduation. In fact, two of my friends have a whiteboard where they are keeping a tally of who got engaged this semester and who they bet will be engaged by May. The whiteboard is full.

Sentence: “It’s junior year and I don’t have a boyfriend! How will I get that ring before spring?!”

Eagles – Eagles isn’t just a mascot; it’s the email we all use that has a directory of every student on campus. It’s also helpful to write this when signing up for things around campus because writing in “Eagles” for email is way faster than [John.Smith@eagles.cui.edu](mailto:John.Smith@eagles.cui.edu).

Sentence: “Do you want info on this event?” “Just send it to my Eagles.”

I hope this list has helped clarify what in the world Concordians are saying.



# FREE SHOW

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Don't forget your Concordia gear to prepare for Midnight Madness!

# Need a place to pray?

The prayer room is open 5 days a week in Sigma Square!

M,T,W: 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

TH: 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

F: 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.



# 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.*

Dear Emy,  
I really want to do Core Cambridge, but it’s so expensive I don’t think I can afford to! Plane fares are astronomical, I’ll have to spend lots of money on food since there’s no meal plan, and any extra travel will drain my wallet big time. How can I survive a whole semester with limited funds?  
-Strapped College Student

Dear Strapped,

First of all, let me remind you how dangerous assumptions can be. While you are correct in saying that studying abroad can be a financial burden, you are wrong in assuming that it is therefore impossible to do so! Let’s start with initial study abroad costs. One of the most important things to realize is that ALL of your grants, loans and academic scholarships can be used toward Core Cambridge (other departmental scholarships may require approval from the director). Included costs are tuition, housing and other minor fees relating to the program itself. After your financial aid kicks in, the only things you pay for out-of-pocket are the items you mentioned.

Your first concern was plane fares. If you are smart, you can avoid paying more than you need to. My biggest tips are to buy your tickets early – two to four months in advance – and buy them round-trip, rather than purchasing your return ticket later in the semester. The average round-trip tickets from California to London and back run between \$1,100 and \$1,300 (that’s only \$600-\$700 each way!), but never settle for the first price you see. Compare, compare, compare; good deals are everywhere, but a little sleuthing is often required.

When it comes to food, you will indeed have to live without the assurance of a pre-made breakfast burrito from the Caf each morning, but doing your own shopping and cooking is actually much cheaper than purchasing a meal plan. In Cambridge, the local supermarket, Aldi (equivalent to Albertsons in Irvine), has everything you need to satisfy your hunger while studying in Cambridge. For 10 British pounds (represented by the “£” symbol), you can purchase all of these: a box of cornflakes, a jar of peanut butter, a package of pepperoni, three grapefruits, a package of ham, a container of yogurt, a 2L bottle of Coke, 10 eggs, a loaf of bread and a large block of cheddar cheese. That’s a week’s worth of food for 15 American dollars!

You have access to kitchens fully stocked with spices, cutlery, pots, pans and cookbooks galore. Like in America, if you eat out every day, your food costs will skyrocket, but for £10-£12 a week (equivalent to \$15-\$18), you will have no cause to complain of an empty stomach!

Finally, let’s talk travel from England itself. Westfield House itself is within walking distance of the beautiful Cam River, dozens of historic sites and mind-blowing works of architecture. But, if you feel inclined to venture outside of Cambridge, the best ways to get around are by train and bus. Both methods are inexpensive, and public transportation in the UK is easy to navigate and even easier to love.

When it comes to flying, EasyJet and Ryanair are crazy-cheap European airlines that make the occasional international jaunt a no-brainer (after you’ve finished your homework, of course). In addition to your own travel, included in the program itself are field trips and visits to churches all over England, almost free of charge! The opportunities are endless, and often shockingly cheap.

Well, Strapped, there you have it. Studying abroad may seem like a daunting financial challenge (especially to your parents), but upon closer examination, we find that it is not quite as account-draining as it may first appear. I hope this prompts you to begin planning for Core Cambridge, even as soon as Spring 2016! Just imagine the exciting England-related conversations you and your family could have over Thanksgiving turkey.

Sincerely,  
Emily Crosby

P.S. It’s not all fun and games; we really do study and learn new things here! Keep an eye out for the next *Courier* article discussing the differences in education between the U.S. and England.

## Cost of living: Is Orange County worth it?

AUSTIN WEBSTER  
STAFF WRITER

There is such a place where lush green hills roll to the gorgeous golden sands that touch the tips of the ever-blue ocean, a place where designer stores control the shopping malls, where visitors flock to feel like they are part of the one percent. This place is known as Orange County, California.

People are often seen as crazy for wanting to leave such a place. But to live in a place this amazing, you have to earn the big bucks. People have seen the beauty that Orange County holds and many have stayed. This resulted in an increase in demand and a decrease in the supply for homes. Any economist will tell you when the demand is high, prices rise.

Over the past few decades, people have flocked to Orange County. Though it is an hour drive, Orange County is considered a suburb of Los Angeles, which has aided the increase of commuters wanting to live in Orange County. Open land has diminished and residential areas have taken over.

According to a study done in 2015 by California State University Fullerton, Orange County’s population has grown by 300,000 since 2010. There are 3.1 million people living in the 1.1 million housing units in Orange County, at an average of 3 people per housing unit.

Residential construction can be seen everywhere around Orange County to help solve the lack of housing per person. But as the number of housing units increase, so does the number of people moving into Orange County.

On the other hand, many people have reached their limits on the rental costs of Orange County and as a result, they are seeking other counties where rent is more manageable with their income.

The overpopulation does not help the case of housing prices jacking up the price per square foot. The *Orange County Register’s* research stated that the U.S. median price for a home is listed at \$229,400, where Orange County’s median price has risen to \$713,200. This has shot up the average

rental price in Orange County to \$1,671 per month, double the U.S. average of \$803 per month.

People are struggling to live a comfortable life due to the high rent. Don Le Grand, a resident of Orange

County for over 50 years, has seen his last days as a renter in Orange County.

“At the end of the year, we are getting out of Orange County and moving to Placerville,” said Le Grand.

When asked why he plans to move out of Orange County and up to Placerville, Le Grand replied, “I can’t afford to retire in Orange County.”

Many people from Orange County have migrated to other counties in

California and have even left the state. Cities like Portland and Seattle have seen a rise in population from Southern Californians.

In the end, residents must decide if Paradise is worth the price.



Photo taken from visitcalifornia.com



# Latin Jazz icons come together in first annual Jazz Festival

KARINA DIEZ  
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From Oct. 9 to 11, the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa held its first annual jazz weekend. This weekend, focused on Latin Jazz, united jazz icons from all walks of life and showcased the genre's various styles and sounds. Among those to take the stage were the Eddie Palmieri Salsa Orchestra, the Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band, Ramsey Lewis, and Sérgio Mendes. The weekend was brought to a rhapsodic close by the Grammy-awarding Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club, as part of their farewell tour. After a pre-party of salsa dancing in the plaza, the guests mamboed their way to the music hall for the weekend's finale. "The audience was so warm and enthusiastic. Giving them such delight – that's the whole point," said Aaron Egigian, the Segerstrom Center's Senior Director of Music Programming.

The Buena Vista Social Club's lives changed drastically when they were discovered in Cuba almost twenty years ago. Each of the group's members happened

upon their own record labels by chance and thus the group was formed. Since 1996, the group has been recording music, making movies, and spreading their alluring Caribbean rhythm all over the world, ultimately making their farewell tour's

performances on a regular basis, but Egigian was on the search for something fresh and new. After much consideration, he realized that the best way to attract people was through a festival atmo-

over Southern California wishing to escape the average day-to-day obligations and join in the weekend-long dance party. "I wanted people to hear of the festival and say, 'What a fun thing to do,'" Egigian said. "We are all challenged with Southern

ed to the mass number of jazz-listening audience members that attended the event.

The rest of the weekend was filled with sounds from across the Americas. On Friday night, Eddie Palmieri and Poncho Sanchez filled the hearts of their audience with their Latin and South American Jazz influences. Saturday night featured Ramsey Lewis' American soul and Sérgio Mendes' South American bossa nova. The entire weekend was filled with euphoric dancing to Cuban son, son montuno, cha cha cha, mambo, swing dancing, and Afro-Caribbean movement. A sense of utter appreciation for the art of jazz could be felt among the festival attendees through their visible desire for the celebration to never end. "I hope those who attended enjoyed themselves and look forward to a future jazz weekend," Egigian said.

California [commutes] and a festival makes it easier to travel for the weekend."

KKJZ FM, one of the Segerstrom Center's jazz weekend sponsors, also provided the Segerstrom Center with immense media support, which contribut-

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performance all the more emotional.

While putting together the lineup for the jazz weekend, Egigian considered how best to bring a greater focus to jazz artists and their distinct styles. The Segerstrom Center hosts jazz

sphere. His goal was to comprise an array of artists that would complement each other as a subdivisional family of jazz culture.

The area's sizable jazz community brought enthusiasts from all

## Art for the stingy college student

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I love art! It calms me down to draw or paint and I (sometimes) like the pieces I produce. However, art is an expensive hobby. Here are a few ideas to save money:

**Reuse canvases.** I could never have afforded the two canvases used in the community art pieces raffled off at Night of Hope last week. Luckily, I contacted the art department, and they gave me a few canvases they had saved from people who graduated and left their pieces behind. I needed to buy White Latex Paint to cover the previous work, but no one could tell that there was a few extra layers of paint beneath the top one on the large canvases.

**Buy new art supplies out of your gift budget.** Hopefully you have a budget for gifts, if not, then you may have to make a few sacrifices the next time someone you know has a birthday. Either way, this is a good idea because your friends love the time you put into unique, homemade items. If you purchase things correctly, you'll have leftover supplies to use in your own projects.

**Garage sales.** I know it can be weird to go to garage sales, but one of the things people tend to sell is ugly art they no longer want. What can

you do with ugly art? Use its expensive frame, of course!

**Find cheaper forms of art.** Mixed media and found object pieces are in vogue right now, which is awesome because both can be made using cheaper items than ridiculously expensive paint you find at specialty art shows.

**Actually use the coupons.** I know no serious artist goes to Michael's, but for the rest of us who mostly have art as a hobby, Michael's is great. Since I'm an emotional art shopper, (like seriously, a bad day for me equals an emergency Michael's trip) I forget to plan ahead and use their glorious 50% off coupons. Now they just get emailed to you, so plan ahead and save big time!

**Buy how much you will use.** Buying the right amount is a real struggle with paints, but try to estimate what you will use. Don't waste money on the teeny-tiny tubes when you may want to paint again after this one project is done. At the same time, buying too much in bulk is a waste of paint because it will dry out before it's all gone. A happy medium should be found in these situations.

In the end, art is never really that inexpensive, but I hope this at least made starting or continuing this hobby a bit more attainable.

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# What's new on Netflix?

## *“Man on Wire:” the documentary of a tightrope walker*

A 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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This week on “What’s New on Netflix,” we take a look back at “Man on Wire,” a 2008 documentary about the life of the tightrope walker Philippe Petit. The documentary tells the story of how an accomplished wire walker attempted to challenge the odds, the law and himself. Using footage from Petit’s youth and present-day interviews, the film recounts the story of this quirky young man who dreamed of the impossible.

Driven by passion and a love for his craft, Petit trained his whole life. A few of his noticeable accomplishments include walking across lines placed between the towers of Notre Dame in Paris and the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia.

*“The documentary tells the story of how an accomplished wire walker attempted to challenge the odds, the law and himself.”*

He trained hard, when one day he discovered a new challenge: wire walking between the World Trade Center Twin Towers.

The documentary has three separate elements that are stylistically implemented throughout. The first element is the normal documentary style, giving you insight from the actual people involved. This is your basic documentary film style.

Meanwhile, the film visualizes the story’s events with a style reminiscent of a noir film heist. Because stringing wires above private property without permission is clearly illegal, the crew who helped Petit had to find a way to break into the towers. This gives the film a less-documentary feel, pushing you to the edge of your seat as the story unfolds.

The final element is the footage from Petit’s actual walks. With actu-

al footage of his walks, you get a feel for the extreme concentration it must have taken. Though Petit puts himself in near-death situations, his immense focus and graceful performance extract the beauty from the danger. Petit is able to make peace with the fear and turn it into an art. As one could imagine, walking between the Twin Towers is frightening, but Petit is one who welcomes the danger.

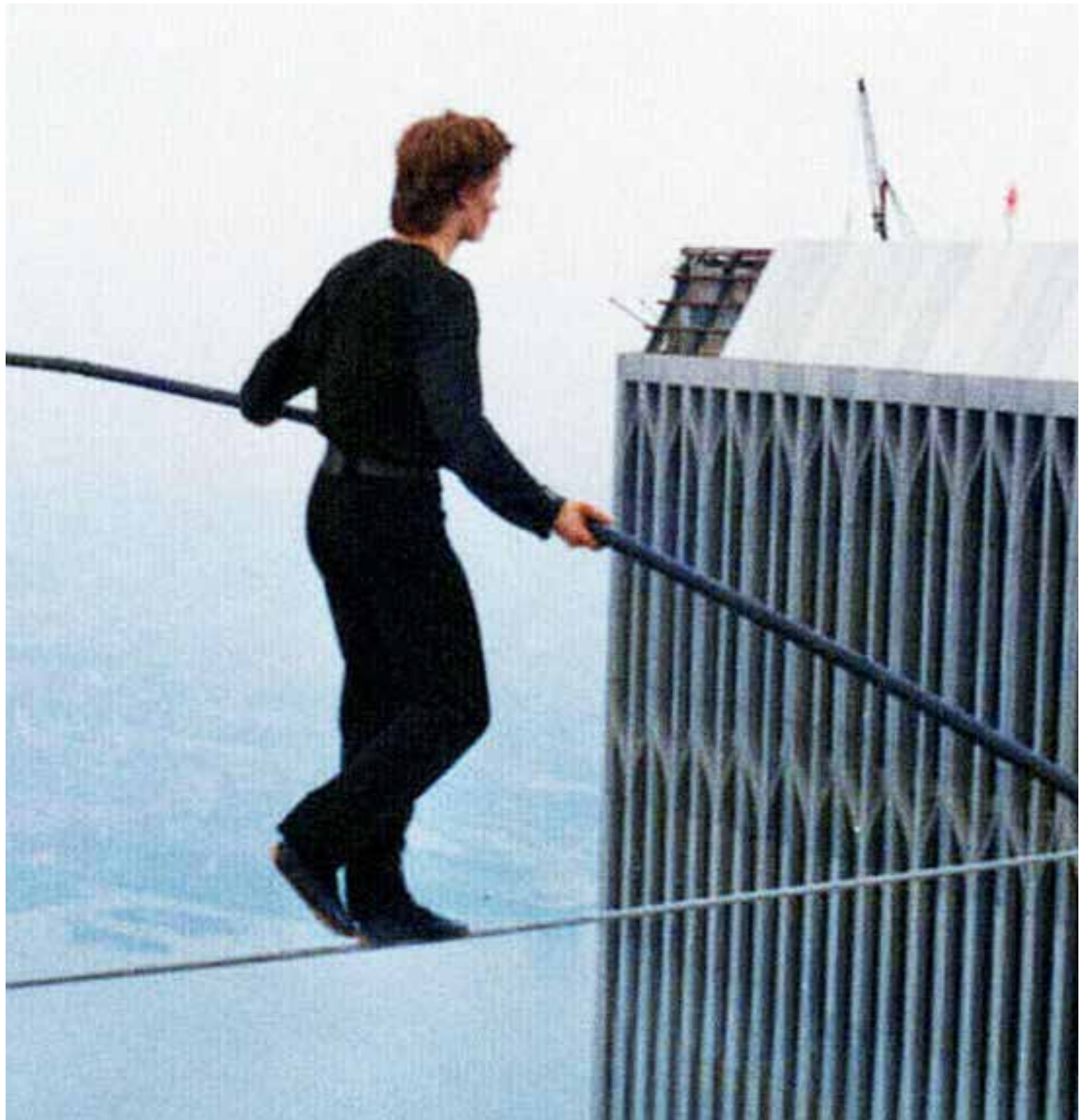
Not only does the movie enter-

tain, it also inspires. As you watch a man do anything to accomplish his goal, you learn why he goes to the lengths that he does. He tells a story about how in a dentist’s office he saw a picture in the magazine of how the Twin Towers were soon to be built. He sees the picture, rips it out and goes home, leaving without actually seeing the dentist. He joked that he might have a toothache for a week, but that he gained a dream that will

inspire a lifetime. The documentary did a great job of telling a tale that you wanted to be a part of.

Recently, the tale of Petit has been turned into a feature-length film called “The Walk.” This movie, directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt, dramatizes the events of Petit’s life, bringing Hollywood flair to an already dynamic story. This movie is in theaters now and is also deserving of view.

“Man on Wire” was a great watch. If you are a fan of documentaries, you will really enjoy a different spin on the genre. If you aren’t so into documentaries, it has different elements to keep you interested. The style served as a great way to tell the story of a man with a dream. To all those who seek an adventure, this is the film for you. I highly recommend it. “Man On Wire” is currently on Netflix for all subscribers to enjoy.



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# The Definitive Guide to Concordia's Many Acronyms (Part 2)

*CUI, as in Concordia, (hint, don't get confused with UCI) loves its acronyms. Here's part 2 of a helpful guide for acronyms around campus.*

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**RES** = Residential Education & Services. RES is in charge of all student housing and everything that goes along with living on campus. They're the ones who write you up for having candles in your room and make sure your room is clean enough to be safe and healthy.

**LLC** = Living Learning Communities. The Living Learning Communities bring people to live together around a common theme, like being a woman (Bella Amore), being a Christian (Wittenberg), or international experience (Global Village).

**RA** = Resident Assistant. RES loves acronyms, so we're only through 3 of the 4, but this one is the most important. RAs are the student workers who create communities in halls and make sure everyone's following the rules.

**RD** = Resident Director. RDs are in charge of entire buildings and manage the RAs. Also, they're not students.

**LEAD** = Leadership, Education, and Development Program. On this one, I don't think they thought up the words in the acronym until after they decided what the abbreviation should be. LEAD is basically all the specialized student leaders who run things like Diversity Awareness and Intramurals.



**UTC** = University Town Center. I'd like to say the University in this popular shopping center name is referring to Concordia, but the UCI gear sold inside Albertsons would say otherwise.

**DLRC** = Disability and Learning Resource Center. The DLRC is one of the many services around campus making sure everyone can get an equal opportunity to learn and grow here at Concordia.

**RPC** = Rho Programming Center. Basically this is the place where the freshmen seem to be All The Time. as they adjust to school and attend tons of fun events. It's in the center of Rho.

As you can see, Concordia loves its acronyms. Check out my Concordia blog at <http://kendra.blogs.cui.edu/> for more helpful hints regarding Concordia.

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