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# Concordia's mission for Guatemala



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Tonight, a team of Concordia students and faculty members will head out on a red-eye flight to Guatemala for a mission trip over Thanksgiving break. This will be the first mission trip to the village of El Progreso with Concordia students.

Dr. Tim Preuss, Dean of Arts and Sciences, and Pastor B. Steve Hughey, Executive Director of CALMS (Central American Lutheran Mission Society), worked together to develop a partnership between two agencies in order to help establish a five-year mission relationship with the people of El Progreso. "The main goal of the team is to create a Christ-centered relationship between CALMS, the

people of Guatemala, and CUI," said senior Jordan Buuck.

Working with Buuck will be students Steven McCarthy and Kimmy Olivar, juniors, Jared Martin, April Hall, Ryan Fink, Hayden Killeen, and Taylor Quijada, seniors. The faculty members leading the trip are Dr. John Norton, Professor of English, and Pastor Jonathan Ruehs, Associate Pastor, Outreach.

Ruehs strongly believes in this trip and knows how much a village like El Progreso will benefit. Concordia will send water filtration systems that are inexpensive and easy to install to provide residents with clean drinking water. "The water system they have down there is exposed to the elements and the harmful bac-

teria is damaging the health of these people. We hope that the filtration system will work effectively so we can bring even more on our next trip," Ruehs said. He is also directing the efforts behind a mini Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the elementary-aged children of El Progreso. It is harvesting season in Guatemala, and over 350 children are out of school for the month. The team will be putting on a VBS with activities such as Bible stories, singing, and games.

Norton will be directing a project called "Storytelling," which will include interviews with the people and community leaders of El Progreso in order to learn more about their background and how to help them now and on future trips. He also will be

gathering families together for family portraits. The team will be taking these portraits with a digital camera, printing and framing them so the families can keep the photos.

Quijada is excited to work with the families who can really appreciate a gift like this. "This is a poor city in Guatemala where people don't have the means to have and display family photos in their home. I think they will really love it," Quijada said.

This trip will continue relationships that Concordia has already built with the people of Guatemala. This past summer, a CUI team visited Guatemala to assess how students could form a mutual relationship with this village. This trip will also help to gain more knowledge about

how to improve upcoming trips. Future trips to Guatemala will be held three times a year over Thanksgiving, Spring, and Summer breaks.

The Spring 2016 trip will offer an athletic camp along with the VBS. The Summer 2016 trip will team up with our Nursing Program to offer El Progreso medical check-ups and immunizations that they do not have access to.

Please pray that our team has a safe trip in Guatemala. If you would like to make a donation to help fund this or future trips, visit [www.gofundme.com/tr6pytdw](http://www.gofundme.com/tr6pytdw). More information on Concordia mission trips can be found on [www.cui.edu/academicprograms/global-programs/global-outreach](http://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/global-programs/global-outreach).



# ASCUI Corner: Concordia Christmas

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Have a Merry Thanksgiving! Concordia Christmas is right around the corner; in fact, it will be taking place four days after we return from Thanksgiving break. Mark your calendars for Thurs., Dec. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. Concordia Christmas falls under the purview of ASCUI and LEAD Student Activities. This year, the two co-chairs are Claire Brainard, sophomore, and me, Ariana Sadeghipour, junior. Brainard and I have been working on this upcoming festivity for over a month now and we are so excited for the event to take place.

We have been planning and organizing to make this event great. This year, Concordia Christmas is composed of a board, which includes one representative from every leadership team on campus (abbey west, ASCUI, ISA, LEAD, PAL/ PAC, PHE, and RES). All of

these leadership representatives have helped plan individual booth ideas and have helped in the development of big-picture event plans. Being involved in leadership, I loved having the opportunity to work alongside other student leaders to help create and develop ideas for one of the largest campus-wide events.

Prepare yourself for a night filled not only with Santa and Santa's helpers, but also with the townspeople of Whoville. This year's Concordia Christmas theme is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." At the event, attendees should expect delicious treats, two rock walls (Mount Crumpit), a Zip line (Grinch's Lair), a Nativity scene, and more of the traditional Christmas activities. Brainard is most excited to "see the community between the students and families plus the joy that this event will bring them."

Brainard said, "Everyone is in-

vited to come! Our main attendees from the past are students and the surrounding families, but this year we are also reaching out to the University's partner churches. This is going to be a fun night filled with Christmas cheer and fellowship. I'm looking forward to seeing our hard work pay off by the smiling faces of those at the event."

Concordia Christmas will begin with a tree lighting ceremony, followed by the singing of a hymn. Over the course of the event, a reading of the Nativity story will take place. Then, the event will conclude with a final word of prayer and a reminder of what Christmas is all about: the celebration of our Savior's birth.

Following the event, Brainard and I hope that students will attend SHOUT for further fellowship and community. We hope to see all students, faculty and even family come together for this wonderful Christmas celebration!



A photo from last year's Concordia Christmas celebration

## What are you doing for Thanksgiving break?

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Megan Leckich...

...is a sophomore majoring in Graphic Design originally from Mission Viejo. On Monday she plans to head to Ohio to visit her best friend. Her favorite part of Thanksgiving is seeing the "fambam" but she doesn't like how too much good food gives her a food baby.



Dylan Alba...

...is a junior from Garden Grove who plans to go to Buckhorn in the San Gabriel mountains to hike and camp with his best friends from high school. His favorite part of Thanksgiving is seeing all his friends, while the worst part is not seeing all the friends he made this semester.



Alisabeth Bacon...

...is a junior majoring in History and Political Thought. She plans to leave today right after class to her home and family in San Jose. For Alisabeth, the best part about Thanksgiving is being home, and the worst part is having papers to do!



Riki Yamamoto...

...is a sophomore from Anaheim majoring in ESS Rehab. He plans to leave for Zion National Park in Utah to vacation with friends. Riki's favorite thing about Thanksgiving is that he gets some time off school to chill out.



Kelsey Hernandez...

...is a senior from Huntington Beach majoring in Biology. Kelsey will be leaving today for Big Bear to go snowboarding. Her favorite thing about Thanksgiving is getting a break from classes, and her least favorite thing is not having her friends around.

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# Senior athletes sad to say goodbye to their sports

## A quick Q & A with senior Eagle athletes

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As many fall sports finish their seasons, senior athletes are donning their college uniforms for one last time. Every athlete struggles with coming to terms with a huge part of their life ending. Let's take a look at what the seniors are saying about their time here at Concordia.

Q: What is your favorite memory from playing for Concordia?

A: **Miranda Canales, Women's Soccer:** "My favorite memory was my sophomore year when we went undefeated and beat Westmont, with one player down in order to win GSAC. We worked so hard and came together to win our conference."

Q: What do you plan on doing after graduating from Concordia?

A: **Rhett Turvey, Men's Water Polo:** "I plan on coaching for a long time. Water polo has opened

many doors for me and I want to be able to do that for kids as well."

Q: What has your sport taught you for your life?

A: **Jasmine Barron, Women's Cross Country:** "Cross Country has taught me to be a hard worker and to have determination in everything that I do."

Q: What is your favorite memory from your senior season?

A: **Alexis Garcia-Irons, Women's Soccer:** "The night before our last game we all sat on a dock

together in San Francisco and watched the sunset. We laughed and cried and bonded. We talked about what the next day had in store for us, mostly for the seniors; it was a memory I'll never forget."

Q: What will you miss most about your team?

A: **Miguel Mejia, Men's Cross Country:** "I will miss bonding with my teammates on runs and hammering out long tempos with my coach. Most of all, I will miss the close friends I have made. I

have grown to love their company. Some of them live far away and I do not know when I will get to see them again after this year."

Q: What has your sport taught you?

A: **Jeremy Gordon, Men's Soccer:** "CUI Soccer has taught me that soccer is just a game. The relationships and friendships you make along the way are what really matter. I have met some amazing people through my four years who I call my family and I thank Concordia for that."

# Men's Basketball

## new team, new season, new division



Concordia vs. Vangaurd (photo taken from Concordia Athletics website)

KAITLYN MILLER  
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The Men's Basketball season has started and this team is set to win. Their goal this season is to take home the PacWest Championship Banner.

"In order to achieve that goal, we need to continue to improve as the season goes along and work hard every day," said Assistant Coach Matt McConnell. "We believe we have as

good a chance to win the PacWest as any team in the conference."

Eager to improve upon last season's momentum, the team is ready for success. Justin Davis, junior, said, "One of our main focuses when we practice and play is to have energy and to be the best-communicating team." Concordia was ranked eighth in the preseason PacWest Poll, but the team is confidently working toward a championship, regardless of these preseason rankings.

"Everybody is focused on the same goal. (On the team), we do not have any individuals; we all understand the task at hand and that's winning conference in the PacWest division," said Martin Thomas, senior.

"We have a great group of guards that have the ability to impact the game on the offensive and defensive end," McConnell said. The team also has the advantage of having one of the best power forwards in

the country, senior Stephen Grosey. "He is a special player who impacts the game in a number of ways" said McConnell. The potential for this team is unlimited. Moving to a new league in a new division will allow them to prove their skills.

"We have an unselfish group of players who love to compete together, which makes this team so unique," McConnell said. The team atmosphere has really had an impact on the players' performance.

"This year, [our team chemistry] is something special and something that not many people have been a part of and we will take advantage of that. Our (Head) Coach, Ken Ammann, has led us to create something that we will all never forget. And it's only the beginning," Thomas said.

Come support Men's Basketball this Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the CU arena as they face Pacific Union College.



# Women's Volleyball final game set for tomorrow

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As a successful first season in the PacWest comes to an end, Women's Volleyball prepares to finish the season strong. The team's away game against Point Loma tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. will be the last of the season due to NCAA regulations restricting them from competing in postseason play.

In their debut season in the PacWest, the team has performed well. "I think we did a really good job. We have a new coaching staff that made it fun and easy to adjust from the NAIA (to NCAA)," said Rachel Flynn, junior. "Next season we have all of the starters returning. So it's cool that we get to develop and progress our success that we've had without losing any key players."

During the season, the Eagles pushed themselves to achieve an above .500 win average. After facing harder competition than ever before, this strong win average represents a great start in NCAA Division II.

The women struggled to gain traction on the road, losing 2-7 away. At home, however, the team has played exceptionally well, winning 28 sets to 12.

What they lose in postseason play, they gain in extra offseason time to better prepare for next season. They plan to use all offseason to hone their skills in the hopes of placing among the top of the PacWest competition next year.

"Even though the season didn't turn out the way we planned, we have such a great team with great players

and I think we have a pretty good idea of what to expect as far as competition goes. We know what we need to do next year and during the offseason in order to accomplish our goals we set out for," said Taylor Dennison, junior.

"Thankfully we have the offseason to train and improve and get some new faces to add to the crew and future of the program."

Tomorrow, the Eagles face off against Point Loma in their final

game of the season. The Eagles are optimistic for the future of the program and the game ahead. Flynn and Dennison look to lead the team into battle and claim their last victory over Point Loma.

The team hopes to finish with a strong win tomorrow over Point Loma in order to carry that momentum through the offseason training to come out fighting next year.



## Power of the pupil

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From Nov. 2 to Nov. 9, a group of student activists, known as Concerned Student 1950, protested the University of Missouri's lack of response to recent perceived acts of racial inequality on campus. The name, Concerned Student 1950, derives from the year in which Black students were first granted admission to the University of Missouri.

Among these advocates for social justice is Jonathan Butler, who, a few weeks ago, performed a hunger strike in opposition to social prejudices that students felt they had been subjected to. In response to Butler's efforts, the University of Missouri's System President Tim Wolfe and Chancellor Richard Bowen Loftin announced their resignations on Nov. 9.

These actions perfectly exemplify the changes happening in our world and on our college campuses. College is a place where people come together to nurture and expand their knowledge, and should be given the opportunity to do so without fear of animosity or intolerance. Respect for diversity on our campuses creates a greater, more powerful learning environment for everyone involved, creating a domino effect of positivity and respect.

"Having a diverse community brings in different perspectives and a better understanding that people are people and [that] race is a social construct," said ASCUI Director of Communications,

*"Having a diverse community breaks down the assumptions that we have been taught and allows people to relate to each other more."*

Rose Jones, junior. "Breaking the stereotypes that society has taught us is difficult, but it can be done, and knowledge is power, thus having a diverse community breaks down the assumptions that we have been taught and allows people to relate to each other more."

As today's youth, we have the intelligence and the capability to use our voices to make a difference. "As Christians, we are told that the greatest commandment is to love one another and I think that the best way we can do that is to talk about race and our struggles or privilege, no matter how awkward that may feel for some-

one," said Jones. "The more we talk about race, the more awareness comes from it and when there is awareness, there can be change for the better."

Through Christian ideals, Concordia works to cultivate culturally and socially aware students to send off into the world. "Concordia is strongly guided by the Great Commission, which challenges us to 'make disciples of all nations,'" said Brianna Springer, Director of Multicultural Leadership & Service Learning.

Students on campus who are interested in discussing current issues such as this one in an open-minded and judgement free setting can grab a cup of joe and head over to Coffee Talks. The next Coffee Talk will be held Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. outside the Eagles Lounge.

Through these tumultuous times, our Christian faith combined with our improved cultural awareness can help us stand up against intolerance and injustice, instead promoting the Christian values of acceptance and love. Springer said, "Diversity is important because it's embedded in our mission, but more importantly because God created all of humanity in His image, and by honoring one another, we honor Christ."

## Suitcase Bingo

JASMINE POLEE  
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Last Fri., Nov. 13, the cafeteria nearly reached its maximum capacity as students gathered for the annual Suitcase Bingo event. This event is a tradition at Concordia where students play several rounds of bingo in an effort to win prizes after each round, culminating in the grand prize of an all-expenses paid weekend getaway trip for the winner and a friend to Universal Studios.

Bingo is usually fun and easygoing, but Suitcase Bingo is not your average game of bingo. The competitive energy is raised tremendously. With prizes like a GoPro, an iPad, and gift cards galore, students are focused and the rounds are tense with excitement.

Suitcase Bingo is an exciting night on the Concordia campus and is full of school spirit. In rounds two through four, instead of students covering their card with the usual horizontal or vertical lines, the goal was to make a C in round two, a U in round three, and an I in round four, spelling out CUI. In round five the goal was to make a cross. The game returned to some more traditional designs in round seven when participants had to get their entire board filled if they wanted to win the grand prize, which this year was an overnight trip to Universal Studios.

One of the lucky winners of the night was Rayvaughn King, junior. "Honestly, I didn't even really expect to win; before we left to the event I jokingly told my friends that I was

going to win a basket, but realistically, I didn't think it was going to actually happen." The winning moment was surreal for King. He took home the food basket, which is a big deal for the stereotypically poor college student who doesn't always get to enjoy a meal out. His winnings consisted of gift cards to various fast food and dine-in restaurants.

There was a large attendance of very thrilled and enthusiastic students. "I personally enjoyed the event and love the tradition that we have! It is one of my favorite events and I love seeing all the competitive students," said Nikki Ancona, LEAD Student Activities Coordinator, junior. This event is held in order to bring community to Concordia and gather students to have a fun night with friends and that is exactly what this event did.

Everyone wants to be a winner. The prizes are a big part of why so many students get excited to attend. But even if you don't win, Suitcase Bingo is still a good time. "The atmosphere alone was full of excitement and anticipation, which made me very excited to be there," said Trya Harold, freshman. "Even if it didn't look like I was going to win, I was still eager to mark a spot on my board each time one was called."

In comparison to other on-campus events, Suitcase Bingo is by far one of the biggest on campus. Each year, the student participation and enthusiasm increases, which attributes to a lot of the success of the event.



# 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. This week, the students and professors share some of their favorite memories and observations about life in England.*

Cambridge, a dynamic University, competes at the highest levels of academic excellence. So why does Cambridge statically require students every night to "sleep within three miles of Great Saint Mary's Church" during Full Term? As a Cambridge graduate student, I came to appreciate the boundary thus imposed. Now, with our Concordia students, I'm renewing my appreciation. Excellence in reasoning requires slowing things down, taking time to reflect, not always be rushing to the next amusement. While I'm stuck in town--and such a town--I might as well think.

-Dr. James Bachman



We love living in Luther Hall, even when the water heater went out last week. The shower water is freezing, but we all have to stay clean. Most of us have picked a shower song that helps us get in and get out as quickly as possible. Some examples are: "Eye of the Tiger," "Love Story," "Livin' on a Prayer," and lots more. We've learned to have fun making the best of every situation.

-Anika Peterson



Being far from home can make us seek a new family. This group can easily be formed over a hot meal at the end of the day. No matter how independent we are as college students, we all can lift our spirits with a hot meal around a table. Lessons will be learned, milk will be spilt, and food will be shared.

-Zachary Fick



You've heard of Wal-Mart Bingo; now get ready for Aldi Bingo. The first mistake I made was shopping at the Aldi grocery store down the street midday on Monday as the shelves were being restocked. Aldi has some of the best deals out of all the grocery stores within walking distance, but there are certain times that you need to avoid if you value your sanity. The narrow crowded aisles are made more chaotic by the towers of groceries waiting to be restocked, and surplus of Monday shoppers makes the checkout lines even longer. This puts more pressure on you, the shopper, to bag your own groceries before those behind you start giving you dirty looks. If you are looking for a relaxing grocery shopping experience, then Aldi at noon on Monday is the time to avoid.

-Carolyn Waite



This week I spent \$21 on food. That's fourteen British pounds sterling, and thankfully, that doesn't mean I gained fourteen pounds in weight. What has amazed me the most about living in England is the affordability and ubiquity of cooking your own meals. If you have the 19 meals a week meal plan, you are paying \$6 a meal, and more than that if you have fewer meals per week. A typical student in the Core Cambridge program will pay way less than that and has greater control over their nutritional choices, too.

-Kurt Hellwig



Travelling abroad with dietary restrictions is often terrifying, but Europe is known for strict laws on food producers. High fructose corn syrup is illegal here. England's laws require that substances that can cause an extreme allergic reaction must be labelled on the back of the con-

tainer. Restaurants are schooled in directing you towards which meals are free from peanuts, shellfish, gluten, and more. It can be hard to acclimate yourself, but becomes second-nature in time.

-Lila Musegades



I leaned on the desk, eyes following the lecturer. A short man with a vast intellect, he waxed eloquently on ancient Greek philosophy whilst walking up and down the dais. I glanced down. There, on the desk, were some curious markings. And not sloven scrawling, either: Latin conjugates and Greek conjunctions were splashed across the wooden surface. I noted the word "Yawn"—crossed out and replaced with "YHWH." Only in classics, I thought to myself in amusement.

-Caleb Speakman



Punting in the River Cam is a must here in Cambridge. The colleges are breathtaking and so much history resides in this town. Since people can choose to punt themselves, as opposed to a guided tour, you'll see boats turning in circles, running into walls, and people occasionally falling in. If you too wish to embark on this journey, have no fear; the attractive British punters are there to help you out.

-Erica Wolfe



Independence was an illusion in Irvine.

Meal plans didn't prepare me for the chaos of English independence. Grocery shopping was daunting alone—sizzling oils, smelly cheeses, and slices of cow I'd never heard of were even worse.

It's been a blessing in disguise. Cooking for myself has prepared me for life beyond college. Mistakes are inevitable, but every misstep is another lesson learned.

In the end, I'll never forget how to make a proper cuppa.

-Clara Weingarth



In America, I only have to wait about two hours to be embraced by the warm, delicious incense of clean laundry. I assumed my routine would not change in the UK. My timer goes off, my heart leaps, and I fly to the machine. Tug on the handle. But "1 hour" blinks coldly on the display. Tears begin to flow. I am undone. Netflix soothes my battered spirit as I count down the minutes. Then, finally, the wait is over. Now into the dryer . . .

-Emily Crosby



One of my favorite experiences of attending Cambridge this semester is having access to The Fitzwilliam Museum. Not only is it free, but it is also a world-class museum. The Fitz's collection includes pieces of art from France, Italy, and England, and its exhibitions encompass periods of time from the Assyrian Empire to Medieval Europe. Since the museum's content is so rich, I wanted to visit it weekly. But I also enjoyed admiring the building too. The outside is decorated with Greek columns, and the inside is arrayed with different colored marble. Visiting the Fitzwilliam proved to be the perfect getaway from the classroom this semester. I would get lost in the artwork

and forget the stress of school.

-Britton Naas



Living in Luther Hall means sharing your lives, and dishes, with 15 other people. Here we are provided with a cupboard full of mugs for tea, coffee, hot chocolate, or the occasional microwave mug cake. At least, that's how things should be. On a chilly day when you just want a hot cup of tea, you may be faced with the tragic fate of an empty cupboard. Yes, you have fallen prey to one of the true dangers of Luther Hall: mug hoarding.

-Monica Jordan



God's promise "to save us from our enemies" is sung daily in chapel at Westfield. Studying abroad prompts us to reorient spatially and temporally. Dislocations alert us to world dangers and personal obstacles. Enemies come from outside (Paris bombings) or inside. In faith, not paralyzed, we try Plan A. The bus doesn't come? A store doesn't stock mac 'n cheese? Try Plan B. A speeding biker crunches your bike into a railing (true story)? You accept his oh-so-British polite apology, live with bruises, moving to Plan C cautions. You surprise yourself by LIKING The Aeneid? Whoa....big Plan D change: serious studying in a community of faith--transformative.

-Dr. Susan Bachman





## Pop goes the art

AUSTIN WEBSTER  
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From Nov. 4 to 18, Niclas Kruger, Assistant Professor of Art at Concordia University, selected Artist Robert Holton's collection of pop art to be displayed in the John and Linda Friend Art Gallery in Grimm Hall.

Plaques next to the paintings provided insight into Holton's work. Written on one such plaque, Holton wrote that "someday [he] would be working in a creative environment." He, alongside his father, started One Day Signs, Inc. 21 years ago in their garage. Though Holton was involved in a creative atmosphere, he was never able to really devote his life to his passion of painting.

*"Holton said he wanted to use iconic logos so 'viewers can think back to pleasant memories in their own lives.'"*

"Unfortunately, I have allowed all of life's ups and downs to get in my way," Holton said. Life and work often pulls us away from what makes us truly happy and we lose sight of what we love. It is often a drastic experience, good or bad, that brings us back to what we love. Holton tragically lost his wife who had been battling cancer for four years. With the loss, Holton turned to painting. Each painting has inspired the next, releasing emotions one painting at a time to bring the mood back to happiness.

Art is constantly breaking the norm and often stirs up controversy among its audience and viewers. Art has come a long way with its progression and changes of style over time. People have constantly been drawn



to new ideas that break the cultural norm. The boom of advertising in the 1950s sparked the genre known as pop art, which expressed popular culture through art and coincided with pop music and youth culture. As a result, places and companies became well known for their iconic landmarks and symbols expressed by both artists and advertising agencies.

In this series, Holton takes pop art and adds his own twist. He paints iconic symbols like Coca-Cola, Tang and BMW and adds a technique called splattered painting. This means Holton took paint from the same color pallet of a finished painting, then splattered and sprinkled it around the canvas. Holton said he wanted to use iconic logos so "viewers can think

back to pleasant memories in their own lives" after seeing them on the wall. We all create certain memories and connect with iconic logos on a certain level. When seeing his interpretation of Tang or a BMW, it may stir up emotions from your childhood when you first took a sip of that sweet drink or your fascination with driving a BMW.

Holton's pop art is a sight to see. He took famous pop culture logos and added the splatter painting style of the famous modern artist Jackson Pollock. With these two ideas combined, he captures what pop art is really all about. Holton's display is no longer on display in Grimm Hall, but his art can still be seen and purchased on his website, [www.drizzleart.com](http://www.drizzleart.com).

After a violent and painful weekend rocked the world on Nov. 13, Concordia students united together to express sympathy for the many people suffering globally. As #prayforparis and later #prayfortheworld surfaced on social media, it became evident that Concordia students called to a God of both justice and mercy for comfort during this turbulent time. Although the Concordia community was not directly affected, with all students studying abroad in France accounted for as well as former exchange student Sergui Le Calvez checking in safe, the crisis has demonstrated Concordia has a compassionate and globally mindful community.



## Praying for Paris



# What's new on Netflix?

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



## “Master of None” - A Netflix original starring Aziz Ansari

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Aziz Ansari is the kind of comedian you link to your friends because he is always making more jokes. You might recognize him from his popular stand-up clips, or maybe from hit sitcoms like “Parks and Recreation” and “Flight of the Concorde,” or maybe even for his role in animation comedies like “Bob’s Burgers.”

Wherever you get the chance to see him in action, he will most likely leave you in a fit of laughter. In his

new Netflix original series, “Master of None,” you get the sarcastic humor and quick wit his stand-up is famous for put into sitcom setting that takes a look at life after college graduation.

To give you an idea of the audience his show is geared toward, the first episode, “Plan B,” features young adults and their conversations about starting a family and having children. Along with his quick wit and sarcasm, Aziz is also known for his hilariously relatable awkward conversations.

As the single friend of the show, Aziz deals with many awkward en-

counters while talking with old friends who have decided to start a family.

This episode may come at a perfect time for those college students looking around their own lives and being shocked to see high school friends and acquaintances who are getting engaged, married, or having kids, or even finding friends who are looking to start a family of their own.

Other episodes, like “Nashville,” talk about that one friend in every group that has a country-side to them, while episodes like “The Other Man”

deal with Aziz unintentionally flirting with girls that are married. Whether you’ve graduated or not, all episodes are very relatable, because looking for your path in adult life, while trying to maintain the things you’ve cherished in your youth, is a struggle most of us face.

Aziz plays the perfect young adult who wants nothing more than to chase relationships and enjoy food, sports or other treats of life that are sometimes sacrificed as you start a family or mature.

As you look toward the end of

your path here at Concordia, look to Aziz and his show for a laugh and a different take on how to handle life as a grownup. Seeing people with and without kids or full-time jobs should ease your fear of life after college by showing you the range of different experiences available.

While finding relief about the future through the laid-back approach to the post-graduate life, Aziz’s so-awkward-it’s-funny sense of humor is sure to keep you laughing along the way.

## An organ recital with Dr. Tom Mueller

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On Sun., Nov. 15, Dr. Tom Mueller, Assistant Professor of Church Music, delivered a solo performance that showcased his unlimited range of musical talents on the organ. He performed pieces from Johann Sebastian Bach with modern French and English pieces interspersed, including some arrangements Mueller composed himself. At other performances, Mueller accompanied students as they demonstrated their talents. Last

week, he took the spotlight.

Mueller grew up playing bluegrass with his family and had his first musical experiences listening to his parents play. As a child, he learned to play various instruments by picking one up from around the house and experimenting with it.

Today, Mueller is one of the “20 under 30” most influential figures in the world of organ and church music. Concordia’s community is privileged to have him working with our music students both on stage and in the classroom.

Mueller is just as passionate a teacher as he is a musician. “I look back at the example of my teachers, just knowing I wouldn’t be where I am today without them,” Mueller said. “I’m lucky I get to be in a position here where I can try and pass on some of the experience and knowledge I have to the next generation of students who want to do what I get to do.”

Teaching gives Mueller the opportunity to pursue different genres of music with his students. Mueller grew up in Maine and reminisced on his first organ teacher, Alan Wingard.

Wingard is an organist and composer who started working with Mueller at the age of 14 and inspired him on his path as a church musician.

Mueller loves the combination of church and music, and the fluidity between the two. “I love studying theology and liturgy, especially in the context of leading worship. I love seeing how music can interact with all of these other components.”

Mueller earned degrees from the University of Maine, the University of Notre Dame and the Eastman School of Music. He says that his master’s

program was a program where they “fused musical study with church music, liturgy, theology and all these other aspects that go into the church experience and I try to bring that background into everything I do.”

Mueller has accomplished so much in his career and has collected countless accolades and awards recognizing his artistry. To hear more of Mueller’s musical talent, refer to the Music Performance Calendar on the Concordia website to catch him accompanying or being featured in future performances.



# Thirteen facts about Friday the 13th

Friday the 13th is a notoriously superstitious day of bad luck. There are over 20 million people in the world who have a fear of Friday the 13th, a fear known as paraskavedekatriaphobia. Since last Friday was a 13th, here is a list of 13 facts about that day.

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1. Friday the 13th is the cheapest day to fly.
2. Jesus' crucifixion was said to have taken place on a Friday, and the Last Supper had 13 guests.
3. This year gives us the highest number of Friday the 13ths to happen in a calendar year (February, March and November). The next time we will have three Friday the 13ths in a calendar year will be in 11 years.
4. Taylor Swift paints a "13" on her hand before every show, since her first #1 song had a 13-second intro, she was born on the 13th, and her 13th birthday was on Friday the 13th.
5. There are no mentions of Friday the 13th before the 19th century.
6. Most high-rise buildings, hotels and hospitals skip the 13th floor.
7. Many airports do not have gates that are numbered 13.
8. Friday the 13th isn't unlucky everywhere. In Italy, it is Friday the 17th that is unlucky and in Greece the unlucky day is Tuesday the 13th.
9. Friday the 13th can only happen in months that begin on a Sunday.
10. It was believed that Judas was the 13th guest who attended the Last Supper. The next day, Judas was the one who betrayed Jesus.
11. According to superstition, there are a number of things you can do to ward off ill fate: Touch wood, cross your fingers, avoid black cats, don't look at the full moon through a pane of glass, and throw salt over each shoulder.
12. The seals on the back of a dollar bill include 13 steps on the pyramid, 13 stars above the eagle's head, 13 war arrows in the eagle's claw and 13 leaves on the olive branch.
13. Many tattoo shops ink special Friday the 13th tattoos for only \$13 on this special day.

There is very little evidence to prove that Friday the 13th is an unlucky day. Whether you're the type of person that believes in all the unlucky superstitions of Friday the 13th, or you're just the type to seek the thrill and entertainment of Hollywood films featuring Jason (the man behind the white hockey mask), evidence suggests that the only thing special about Friday the 13th is that it leads us to the best day of the week—Saturday.



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