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Walker Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates past, looks to future

JAKE PENSE STAFF WRITER

Concordia unveiled the Kenneth A. Walker Athletic Hall of Fame in the CU Arena on Jan. 27, 2017. The memorial is named after Kenneth A. Walker (1936-2015), an extraordinary Californian who served in the U.S. Army. before attending University of Southern California where he played basketball from 1956-58 and received his Bachelor's degree in business. After his time at USC, Walker became a successful real estate developer. His personal and professional achievements are impressive, however, his commitment and service to the community is what he will forever be remembered for.

Walker's daughter, Concordia's Dean of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Terilyn Jackson established the endowment

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is so visitors, players and staff members can see the history and accomplishments of Concordia Athletics. The creation and design of the Hall of Fame was overseen, in part, by Melissa Jacobi, Assistant Athletic Director for External Operations & Development. Jacobi said, "It was an overall team effort and all who had a hand in creating it are excited about the way it turned out."

One of the Hall of Fame class of 2017 inductees is Alexsondra

Peters, who was part of the wom-

en's swim team at CUI and was

named NAIA National Swimmer

of the Year in 2011, three-time NAIA National Champion 2011, and nine-time NAIA All-American 2011-2012. She is a CUI school record holder in five individual events and two relays. The other inductee is the 2011 baseball team. The team went 43-19 and gave Concordia its first baseball national championship. They were the first team in the GSAC to win a national championship. The team was also honored by the NAIA Champions of CharacPhoto credit: Jake Pense

also be upstanding citizens that value and represent the core principles of Concordia. These principles are engraved above the Hall. They are: cultivated, wise, honorable, leadership, learning and service. Jacobi explained, "We induct the people who are outstanding athletes but also the people who represent Concordia's core values on the field as well as in the community."

Check out the hall located on the second floor of the CU Arena. It is open to the public during the day and during sporting events at night.

communities."

in his honor. The endowment also created a \$50,000 renewable scholarship awarded each year to a student-athlete who demonstrates excellence both on and off the court. "Community engagement was really important to my dad," said Jackson. "That's why this scholarship aligns so well with Concordia's expected membership in the NCAA's Division II whose goal is for student-athletes to serve and engage in their communities."

Concordia is in its last year of transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II. In the spirit of honoring the past and looking to the future, it was important to the Concordia staff that helped design the Hall of Fame that the people who paved the way for the athletic program be honored and remembered. That is why it is designed in a timeline format, starting with the opening of the first intramural sports in 1976.

The timeline is split up by a display case filled with the school's National Championships, along with impressive individual awards. Next year when Concordia is allowed to compete in NCAA Division II postseason competition, the Athletic Department and its athletes are eager to add more trophies.

The idea behind this format

ter rivalus.

The Kenneth A. Walker Athletic Hall of Fame is not just for outstanding athletes, they must



Photo credit: Jake Pense

Spring Break Away

ZIXUAN WANG STAFF WRITER

The Spring Breakaway Trip will be March 6–9. It is a 4-day opportunity to visit a nearby immigrant community in Santa Ana over Spring Break. Students will participate in activities that explore their own cultural lens and how it impacts their interactions with others from different ethnic backgrounds.

"This activity, which is also known as a Local Short-Term Culture Immersion and Service Learning Experience, is being co-sponsored by the International Center and LEAD Diversity Awareness to enable students to engage in meaningful local cross-cultural services, partner with nonprofits in the community and learn about social justice issues," said Corrie Johnson, AIEP Program Coordinator.

Why conduct this experience? Johnson points to specific learning goals: first, students will be exposed to and interact with the Latino immigrant culture residing in Orange County. Second, students will gain an awareness of their own personal and cultural lens when perceiving and interpreting other cultures. Third, students will integrate new knowledge into their lives through the creation of an action plan post-experience.

"This is the first time we have hosted this experience," Johnson said. For the service-learning portion "We will have the opportunity to assist K-12th grade students with their homework, academics, computer based learning, and character development at one of KidWorks three learning centers in Santa Ana."

But the experience has several added benefits. Getting to know other cultures will expand students' minds and get them out of their comfort zones. Getting along with people who don't speak English fluently will also increase students' understanding of body language and other forms of nonverbal communication.

"It was hard when I first came here," said Brandon Lei, a sophomore international student from China. "I didn't speak English well, so it was hard to make friends. Activities like this would have helped me to get involved more and know more about American society."

Lingyi Tao, sophomore, as an international student knows that understanding a different culture also makes a person different. "This is also a chance for local students to know another culture," said Tao. "I would not think the same way if I just stayed in my comfort zone. I learned how to get along with people even if they don't share the same cultural background. They may not get your jokes or know things you're interested in, but you will find things in common, things that cross culture, race and genders, things that all humans share."

Students that may never have been abroad have a chance to see what another culture is like. In addition, students will learn more about how nonprofit organizations work. For those who want to work at a nonprofit in the future, it's a great chance to intern and talk with people in the field. For those who want to work internationally, this is their first step.

Though the application deadline for this activity has passed, anyone interested in getting involved can still apply, as there a couple of spots still available. Please contact Johnson directly at corrie.johnson@cui.edu.

If you haven't scheduled anything for Spring Break yet, there is still time to jump in and experience something new and different by immersing yourself in another culture only 20 minutes away!

Graduation is around the corner: What you need to know

FRANKIE RUBINO STAFF WRITER

Prior to Commencement on May 6, here are a few dates seniors need to be aware of:

Grad Fest takes place March 20 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Grimm Hall Conference Center. Grad Fest is an opportunity for seniors to pick up their academic regalia, order class rings, graduation announcements and win prizes. For those who would like to place an order, Jostens is sending a representative to answer any questions. In order to attend Grad Fest, students must make sure that their graduation application has been approved.

The morning of graduation will begin with the Baccalaureate Service, which takes place May 6 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the CU Center. The service offers students and their graduation guests a chance to join in worship before Commencement commences.

The graduation ceremony will take place on May 6 at 1 p.m. in the Bren Events Center at University of California, Irvine. Students may invite as many guests as they would like and purchasing tickets is not necessary. However, parking is limited and costs \$10. Doors will open at 12 p.m. Students can find additional information on all aspects of the ceremony in a recent commencement information email from the Registrar's Office or at www.cui. edu/graduation.

Aside from remembering these events, it is essential that seniors remember to finish their time as undergraduates strong. Dr. Scott Ashmon, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, oversees the graduation ceremonies and advises students to complete their final semesters successfully. "It is important that students are proactive on finishing their courses and obligations," said Ashmon.

ASCUI President and student representative on the graduation committee, Ariana Sadeghipour, senior, warns against falling victim to senioritis and letting anticipation blur your focus. "I have seen seniors in the past make the mistake of not staying on top of deadlines for important paperwork, grad school and job applications, and preparing for what lies ahead after graduation and allow senioritis to take over. [This has] negative effects on their final grades and getting into grad schools," said Sadeghipour.

For more information or questions on commencement details, visit the Registrar's office on the first level of Grimm Hall or www.cui.edu/graduation.



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Eagle Spotlight: Freshman Ugochi Anudokem shines on Women's **Basketball Team**

HOLLY SPENCER STAFF WRITER

Standing at 6'1," freshman Ugochi Anudokem has proven herself to be an extremely valuable addition to the Women's Basketball Team this year. She has hit three double-doubles (the accumulation of a double-digit number total in a single game) this season. "To me, a double double means I went all out for my team," said Anudokem. This achievement is merely the beginning of what Anudokem can, and will, accomplish while on the team.

Surprisingly, Anudokem did not start playing basketball until she was a sophomore in high school. She acknowledges that is very late compared to other people. Her first memory of basketball was at her high school tryouts at age 15. She said, "It was so hard and I wanted to quit. I stayed because I could see my growth after each day." Not long after, she experienced one the proudest mo-

ments of her basketball career. "I had a career high of 24 points and 35 rebounds. I remember being so hyped! I was proud of myself for setting a goal and achieving it," said Anudokem. She stuck with basketball and two years later she chose to come to Concordia on a basketball scholarship.

"The Lord has blessed Ugochi with an enormous amount of talent and we are so excited to help her tap into that potential. It's been awesome to see the strides in her game within just one season," said Lacey Burns, Head Coach of the Women's Basketball Team.

Anudokem's favorite part about being on the team is the many friendships she has made with her teammates. "It is really cool to have 18 people that you can lean on. We love to make each other laugh and are always there to support one another. We often remind ourselves to play for each other, meaning that whatever is going on outside of basketball must disappear for that hour and a half that you are on the court," she said.

When tough parts of this sea-



Ugochi Anudokem, courtesy of cuieagles.com

son came, Anudokem reminded herself of her passion for her sport. She said, "I really love basketball and the way it makes me feel." When she faced trials, she also had a great support system. Her mom has always supported her basketball career. "She had hopes of me playing college basketball before I ever imagined it could happen. My mom is my number one supporter," said Anudokem.

With her time left on the team, Anudokem plans on working to her full potential. She said, "I am looking forward to improving as much as I can and making lifelong relationships with my teammates. I want to be a main contributor to the success of CUI Women's Basketball."

"I believe she is starting to see improvements she has made and will continue to make with hard work. I am thankful I get to coach her and am excited for all of us at CUI to watch her game keep evolving," said Burns.



courtesy of cuieagles.com

This is not the last time Concordia will hear of the talented and determined Ugochi Anudokem. Keep an eye out for number 33 in future seasons. To read more about Anudokem or for more information on the Women's Basketball Team, please visit cuieagles.com.

Senior Night in the CU Arena

RYAN KETCHAM STAFF WRITER

Last Thurs., Feb. 23, Concordia's Men's and Women's Basketball Teams spent Senior Night hosting California Baptist University (CBU). The night also honored the senior athletes who played their final league game. Balancing collegiate athletics with the typical demands students face is a difficult task, so the students who persevere certainly deserve an-driven team. all the accolades they receive.

With Senior Night over and with it the final game, looking back at the highlights and struggles of this season is now possible. The Women's Basketball Team ended season play with a record of 10-16, an improvement from last season. Although Concordia will lose a couple of starters for the 2017-18 season, many capable athletes still remain on the veter-

Freshman Ugochi Anudokem recorded three double doubles this year. Junior Zoe Goss' energy was important for the Eagles' success this year as well. "Zoe brings a different kind of energy and jump starts this team with her tenacious defense and her ability to attack the rim off the dribble," Head Coach Lacey Brown said.

The Concordia Men's Basketball Team ended their season play

with a tough loss to rival CBU (80-82), but maintained an overall winning 17-11 record. The Eagles are 1-3 against the Lancers who remain tough competitors in the PacWest.

The men were led this year at the point guard position by senior Justin Davis. Redshirt JT Roach said, "We are losing several of our leaders for next year. But we will be hungry because it matters." As the Eagles have not been eligible for postseason play, they are looking forward to being eligible this coming season. Who fills the point guard position could be the difference for the Eagles' success in the 2017-18 season.

Senior Night gave the opportunity for the men's and women's basketball teams to honor the talented individuals graduating this year as well as to look forward to the teams opportunities next season.



Adapt & Improve

Show your support for Concordia University's New & Improved Future!

Our plans to Adapt & Improve Concordia's campus, starting with the new Music, Worship & Theology building and a traffic signal at Concordia East and Ridgeline, will be reviewed by the Irvine Planning Commission on March 16.

Your support can help get the plan approved! If you haven't done so already, visit www.CUI.edu/Adapt&Improve and:

- Click "Support the Plan" to send a letter of support to Irvine leadership
- · Go to "Questions/Comments" and click "I support it"
- Then use the Comments box to RSVP to attend the Planning Commission hearing at 5:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 16 at Irvine City Hall.

Mark your calendars and we'll see you at Irvine City Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16.

Transportation to City Hall will be provided to students from the Globe at Grimm Hall departing promptly at 5 p.m. First come, first served.

Attendees can pick up their souvenir Adapt & Improve t-shirt in marketing, located in Admin 320.



The day immigrants disappeared so their voices might be heard

DIEGO PEREZ STAFF WRITER

On Thurs., Feb. 16, thousands across the nation did not attend work to protest for "A Day Without Immigrants." The Atlantic reports, "Employees and employers gave up wages and profits in protest of the immigration policies of the Trump administration, hoping to show American consumers what an economy without immigrant labor would mean for the services and goods many rely on." While the day primarily targeted businesses and jobs, students around the nation also missed classes to stand in solidarity for

undocumented individuals.

The protest was meant to draw attention to the fact that foreign-born workers made up 16.7% of the workforce in America in 2015, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A Day Without Immigrants aimed to remind people that the economy could collapse without the labor of the 26.3 million foreigners residing in the U.S.

"I don't think people should be missing work, but if it is for a cause they strongly believe in, then stick by it and go for it," said Maricella Castillo, a mother from South San Francisco. She was not sure if she should take her kids to school or not, and said, "I don't know if putting their education on the line is the best decision." After reading more about the march and change in policies she said, "When I look around, all the people I see [are] my people, Latinos. Then I think, if my kids were older, I am sure they would protest to fight for our family, our friends and our neighbors."

National Public Radio (NPR) calls this, "a combination boycott/strike that highlights the contributions of immigrants to U.S. business and culture. Some businesses are closing for the day. Others are staying open and pledging to contribute a share of the day's proceeds to nonprofits that aid Latino communities." Minerva Rosas, Associate Director of Admissions, said she understands the cause and the risk those participating might be taking. "I am aware of 'A Day Without Immigrants.' When it comes to the bigger picture, I hope it doesn't end up hurting people rather than helping because those protesting need this money to make ends meet," Rosas said.

Unfortunately, retaliatory job loss was an issue during the day. The Atlantic furthers, "the NLRB clarified its guidelines for political advocacy. Under the new directions, while striking for 'mutual aid or protection' is legally protected, those protesting immigration policies can be disciplined 'neutrally.'' More than 100 workers across the nation were reportedly fired for their participation in the protest.

Under threat of dismissal, immigrants still left businesses and school on Feb. 16 to show the emptiness of an American economy without foreign workers. They prioritized the importance of standing up for themselves and their neighbors under tightening immigration laws and discriminatory rhetoric over any loss they might suffer.

Summer Camp Job Fair

GREG NORMANN STAFF WRITER

Concordia held its annual summer camp job fair on Tues., Feb. 7. Located in the Breezeway, potential employers representing summer camps for kids across the United States were lined up and keen on speaking with passing students. Victoria Jaffe, Director of Career Development Services on campus spoke about how summer camps from across the country are seeking especially Concordia students. Well known as exceptional citizens, summer camp recruiters make their annual stop to hire the best and brightest. Young adults who want to gain work experience while in college, and stay in Orange County or travel around the United States could not ask for a better opportunity. Jaffe has made it a point to inviting the summer camps back every year to give students the chance to work and travel every summer. The jobs offered by the camps range from counselor and lifeguard to food prep and camp maintenance. The wide variety of jobs offered by the camps give any student a place to fit in.

Megan Glozer a junior and history major was a lifeguard at a summer camp last year and really appreciated the opportunity that the school provides each year to students. "Being from Chicago I didn't really want to leave Orange County for the summer, so this was a perfect chance for me to stay in the area for the summer while making money and gaining valuable job experience." This year Glozer intends to find



Photo credit: Greg Norman



another job at a summer camp being a counselor. Gaining valuable work experience and getting to work closely with kids is a great experience that everyone. Kayla Bair, a junior and theology major, was also interested in securing a job for the summer. Being from Garden Grove Bair also wishes to stay in Orange County this summer but needs a job too. "I'm so glad Concordia puts this job fair together every year, I don't even have to leave campus to look for a job." Having camps that offer free housing and meals to others that run in 2 week cycles that are basically nine to five jobs makes it easy for any student to find a good summer job that fits into their schedule. Helping children build confidence while having fun is a powerful and valuable lesson. The fact that all summer camps represented were Christian-oriented gives particular incentive to employ Concordia students knowing that most students who are interested in employment share the same values that the camps do.

Concordia students once again

Photo credit: Greg Norman

benefit from the privileges of being an Eagle. While at the same time Concordia's reputation is upheld and raised year after year with the great students that represent it. Youth summer camp recruiters know where to look when it comes to hiring an effective and respectable employee. Concordia staff also knows how important it is to give its students the opportunity to gain real world work experience with the opportunity to travel or stay local. Students seeking additional information about summer camp jobs who might have missed the job fair can speak with Victoria Jaffe at the Career Development Services Center or visit cui.edu/studentlife/career-services.

GLOBAL INTERESTS



Christopher Wren Library, Trinity College, Reading Room, one of the first designed with huge windows (1676-95) to give maximum light. (Wren Library)

Peterborough Cathedral— Past, Present and Perfectly Beautiful

Semester by semester, Concordia students study abroad at Westfield House as part of Concordia's Enduring Questions and Ideas (Q&I Core) Cambridge program. Under the instruction of CUI professors Dr. James and Dr. Susan Bachman, these students study English and History, attend Cambridge University lectures, and take part in other required and elective courses offered by Westfield House of Theological Studies. Each week, the students or professors share with Courier readers some of their favorite observations about life and study in England.

CHRISTINE NGUYEN

When most of you think of art, I'll bet you think of a painting first. We do not usually think of architecture as a form of art because, well, it's just a building. But to me, here in Cambridge architecture ends up being one of the major forms of art that catches our eyes because churches and buildings carry so much culture in England. Everywhere we walk or take a taxi, we see different types of architecture from the big and tall, to small and even crooked buildings. Cities such as Cambridge, London and Oxford have survived many wars, so we can see old historic sites from as early as the 1000 A.D. Old buildings do not just hold art, they are also what makes the art.

Wherever you go in Europe, you see old and famous buildings, as well as many cathedrals. Back in the United States, by contrast, buildings seem flat and utilitarian. America has some, but not, many cathedrals. England has hundreds of impressive ones. We have visited five of them so far and have learned that they have a lot in common. All cathedrals are built in a cross shape, with the main entrance in the west and the altar facing east. In En gland, most cathedrals come from the 1100s or later, so they are classified as Romanesque or Gothic. Kimberly Gaona, sophomore, explained, "For an amateur, these cathedrals might look similar but they have distinct and unique features." If you don't care about cathedrals, then going to five could bore you. However, we have learned to appreciate the distinctiveness. Each cathedral has its own history-each has different, dramatic stories to tell. As art critics agree, "God is in the details"- in arches, windows, woodcarvings, ceilings and floors.

terborough, may not be the best known; I considered it a hidden gem. It might not be as fun as Ely cathedral, with its 170 steps up to the roof. Smaller Peterborough shows off with a compact beauty. Its architectural beauty won my heart. Photographs do not do it justice. You all just have to come see it!

In most cathedrals one's eyes are drawn upwards. Above the center altar in Peterborough you can see way high on the ceiling, a phenomenal picture of Jesus and the twelve disciples. It's a massive painting on wood. Nearly everyone loves the equally phenomenal stained glass windows.



Photo credit: Christine Nguyen



During King Henry VIII's reign, statues, windows and other "icons" were destroyed. Therefore, much of the stained glass had to be replaced during the Victorian era. Stained glass tells biblical stories and the lives of the saints. It's amazing that any original glass from the 12th, 13th or 14th centuries has survived. Generations of families have learned Biblical stories and Christian virtues from stained glass.

Peterborough, unlike many others cathedrals, has a symmetrical front. If you were to divide it in half, each side looks the same. The rounded arches, Romanesque features, tell us it was built as early as the 1100s. Pointed arches came in around the 1300s.

Each cathedral tried to acquire meaningful relics of important saints. Peterborough has a relic of famous St. Oswald, a pious and generous Anglo Saxon who is known for having given all his silver plates and food to suffering people. Peterborough has the honor of housing his relic.

Two famous and important women are buried at Peterborough. Queen Catherine of Aragon, the first wife of King Henry VIII (the first one he divorced), died in 1536 and is buried in a stone tomb there. Another infamous woman buried in Peterborough is Mary, Queen of Scots, beheaded in 1587. Her grave at Peterborough is empty because she was re-buried in Westminster Abbey in London in 1612.

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Cathedrals are not only a place for the dead, but they connect to the present. Peterborough feels like a parish church with flowers, places to light candles and to pray.

Back in Irvine, we focus on the present and not so much on the past. In Europe, they began with the past and weave in new ideas for Christians to stay up to date.

My favorite cathedral, Pe-

Concordia Spring Concert Elevates CU Center

SYDNEY FINCHER STAFF WRITER

Fri., Feb. 24, the Concordia Choir had their annual spring concert inside the CU Center. The concert showcased pieces the choir will be performing this summer during their tour across Germany. The concert was also part of a local mini tour. Sun., Feb. 26, the choir traveled to Pacific Beach, San Diego to sing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



Photo Credit: Sydney Fincher

Start your Career Now

ALBERTO GONZALEZ STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 5, a Behavioral Field Employer Panel looking to hire students was hosted by Victoria Jaffe, Director of Career Development Services. This event focused on behavioral sciences, psychology and education majors. The panel consisted of companies such as Autism Behavior Services, Inc., Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD), Children's Learning Connection, Easter Seals, and Autism Spectrum Therapies with a recruiter for each company. Jaffe said that "even though it was tailor-made for behavioral majors any students could have attended the event as long as they are interested in what the companies had to offer."

were posted around school. De Lamora's career goals include, "sports psychologist, because as a sports psychologist your job is to make sure that the athlete is confident enough or mentally capable of handling the pressure of a big game," said De Lamora. "It is really fascinating because I love watching sports and always wondered how they might feel when the game was on the line." For those who missed the event or would like advice on other careers, the Student Success Center can help students explore any career that they might be interested in perusing. Their mission statement is to "help undergraduate students determine and fulfill their career goals through programs" and "services that foster, in each student, career management confidence via self-assessment, research, skill development, and exposure to opportunity." Jaffe, who leads the Student Success Center encourages every student should stop by her office. Jaffe said, "It is never too early to start with your career planning." The Student Success Center's College to Career Four Year Career Development Plan is a "program that starts as soon as you become a student all the way through your senior year," said Jaffe. "Much like in your courses, there is a syllabus of what you have to do for the class. The Four Year Career Development Plan does the same thing. It shows you step-by-step what you have to do each year because once students graduate they should be career ready." Many on campus jobs are currently filled, according to Jaffe. However, about a month before school starts, students will receive an email regarding jobs on campus for next semester. Jaffe said, "about 95% of jobs that are taken by students is during this period so be aware." Students also have the option to go on www.cuicareers.com to find job listings or internships in the Orange County area.

The Good Ol' Days

PAIGE HEISER STAFF WRITER

This week marked one of Concordia's most highly anticipated food events: the annual Kindergarten Day offered students a chance to reminisce about the good ol' days. On Wed., Feb. 22, students relived their glory days, paint, get balloon animals and eat their favorite foods from school. "I look forward to this day every year," said McKenna Brand, sophomore. Students had a blast participating in this fun event that made you feel like a little kid

Alfredo De Lamora, sophomore, said, "I came to the event in the hopes of getting a job or internship in my field of study, psychology." De Lamora learned about the event through signs that

For any questions about careers, visit Jaffe at the Student Success Center. participating in fun activities they loved back in grade school, including draw with chalk, finger again.



Photo credit: Paige Heiser

- Letter from President Krueger -

Dear Concordia Family:

In just a few days, on Thursday, March 16, Concordia University Irvine's dreams for the improvement of our campus will go before the City of Irvine's Planning Commission. What the Commission does that night is in God's hands, but I am optimistic that the hard work of our planning team will be recognized, and our proposed revisions to Concordia's 2005 Master Plan will be approved.

Once approved, the four-phase proposal to "Adapt & Improve" Concordia's campus for future generations of students and teachers will unfold over several decades, but the first phase is exciting enough. With City approval, work can quickly get underway on a new traffic signal at Concordia East and Ridgeline Drive, so it can be in place in time for the start of school next fall. Gone forever will be the sometimes-terrifying left turns onto Ridgeline, making Concordia a safer place.

Also in Phase One is our new and much-needed Music, Worship & Theology (MWT) Building and the outdoor lighting we must have to comply with NCAA Division II standards. While very different, these two additions to our campus exemplify the positive changes that are coming. The MWT building will provide the very best facilities for handson education, representing a vast improvement over current facilities, and the addition of lighting will make it possible for our student-athletes to practice in the evening, so they can attend afternoon classes—a huge improvement for them!

It is vitally important for Concordia to "Adapt & Improve" so it can offer students the type of facilities they can best learn in, and so we can remain competitive as we seek the finest possible incoming classes each year.

Please consider joining us at the Planning Commission hearing on the 16th at 5:30 p.m. in Irvine City Hall. Vans will be available for students (promptly leaving from the Globe at Grimm Hall at 5 p.m.). Wear your Concordia colors so the Commissioners can see how much our university family is behind the changes their approval of our plans will bring. Attendees can pick up their souvenir Adapt & Improve t-shirt in marketing, located in Admin 320. Details are available at www.cui.edu/Adapt&Improve, and even if you can't join us, visit and click the "Support the Plan" button and send a letter of support to the City. It just takes a minute and it will make a big difference.

Sincerely,

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Kurt Krueger President Concordia University Irvine



President Krueger, courtesy of Cui.edu

Battle of the streaming services: Netflix vs. Hulu vs. Amazon

NIKKI IEZZA STAFF WRITER

Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime Video, oh my! Streaming sites are competing for popularity, so is Netflix still coming out on top? Netflix surfed its way into the homes of over 30 million people worldwide. In the past 3 years, the number of Hulu subscribers has jumped to over 10 million people. Most recently, Amazon Prime Video entered the ring, offering their own streaming service to incentivize Amazon Prime membership. With cable TV on its way out the window and streaming sites increasing availability on all devices, it's time to see which one will give you more bang for your buck.

Netflix, the front runner in the streaming industry has become so popular it is hard to find anyone without an account or without access to one. Starting off at \$8 a month it offers over 250 streaming options, with a wide range of shows, movies, documentaries and even a handful of its own original content. There is an extra cost if you want DVD's delivered to your door that are not on the website, but the newest feature they have added is the ability to download shows and movies on to any device that supports the Netflix app. This is so you can stream your favorites without internet access.

Next up is their leading competitor, Hulu. Starting at the same price of \$8 a month for regular viewing and the option to pay for premium "no-commercial" viewing, Hulu offers an array of shows and movies, alongside original content as well. What sets Hulu apart from the rest is that their network partner's TV

shows are updated weekly, so you won't miss out on any of the shows that are currently running. Popular shows like "Grey's Anatomy," "The Bachelor" and "How To Get Away With Murder" are updated as the show comes out. Netflix does not offer this feature so this puts Hulu above its competitors who do not want to wait months to catch up on a show and no longer pay for a cable provider.

Amazon Prime Video is the newest competitor of the three and is currently priced at \$8.99 a month. Amazon's streaming service also comes bundled with it's prime memberships, priced at \$99 a year or \$10.99 a month should you choose monthly payment option. The prime membership itself offers discounts for college students and free 2-day shipping on multiple products sold on

their website. The number of Amazon shows and movies is noticeably smaller compared to the first two streaming sites, but the service does have potential. They offer a wide variety of HBO shows, multiple television series and direct access to almost any movie you can think of at a very low additional cost. The site can be harder to navigate but they have developed an app specifically for Amazon video to make it easier.

Each of these stream directly to your devices whenever you want while having something unique. Junior Taili Iinuma said, "I personally use all 3, my roommate and I each have different subscriptions that we connect to our TV. I switch between them all because I love movies and am a show junkie, so whatever Netflix doesn't have the others do."

If you are the rare percentage of the world who has yet to subscribe to a streaming site, Netflix will give you the most bang for your buck. At \$8 a month you get hundreds of mainstream shows with complete seasons along with loads of movies and zero commercials. Even with all these facts, it is hard to say which is the best since Netflix had the most shows, Hulu has the newest options and Amazon has a slew of movies. If you go with the more cost effective subscription, you get shows and free shipping on products. However, if you're a true binge watcher and want to be up to date on all TV shows and access to almost any movie you can think of you'll have a subscription to all three to fill in the gaps of the shows you're missing out on. So, which streaming platform do you prefer?



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Black History Month Concludes with Night of Art, Activism

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The Black Student Union in partnership with the Forensics Team hosted a Black History Month event in Denault Auditorium last Fri., Feb. 25. Students performed poems, dramatizations, and songs to an attentive audience. Yaw Kyeremateng, Director of Individual Events, hosted the evening. Many of the carefully rehearsed pieces were meant to spark discussion about contemporary issues in African-American communities. Some of the songs, performed in a capella style, were traditional slave spirituals with haunting melodies. The oldest piece was presented by junior Acacia Varnado who performed one the first poems in the world, 'The Exaltation of Inanna,' a poem about a goddess worshipped in Mesopotamia. The event concluded Black History Month with a celebration of African-American literary and musical achievements. The audience left having tasted 'Black Joy' to enter a hostile world with an increasing need to have more discussions about culture and race.





