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JADON LAVIK

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CHARITY ON WHEELS AT THE END OF THE NIGHT

SARAH KRETSCHMAR
STAFF WRITER

The annual Night of Hope event at Concordia will be held on Sat., Oct. 7 from 6-9 p.m. This is a student-led benefit concert that aims to bring awareness to various organizations each year. The original Night of Hope began in 2010 after the massive earthquake that devastated Haiti. The proceeds from the inaugural Night of Hope benefited those affected by the earthquake. Since then, Night of Hope has chosen a different organization to benefit each year. The focus of Night of Hope this year will be on the organization called Charity on Wheels.

Charity on Wheels is an organization that works to care for those in need such as the homeless

and sick. The charity also works to help people out of homelessness and show the true beauty of God's grace to all His people. All proceeds from Night of Hope will be counted and given to Charity on Wheels at the end of the night.

The Night of Hope concert consists of various Concordia performers as well as local worship singer and songwriter Jadon Lavik, who is the headliner of this year's concert. Lavik specializes in modern hymns and writing contemporary songs that reach the emotion of his listeners.

Many Concordia students are involved with the planning and production of Night of Hope. One of the students actively involved with this event is junior Melissa Sarina, Service

Coordinator, who works closely with Night of Hope. Sarina encourages students to go and says Night of Hope is an "inspiring, fun event for any age."

Sarina also highlights how the benefit concert is an opportunity for students to see how organizations within Orange County are working to improve our community. Night of Hope is a great way to bring unity to the Concordia family through the selfless efforts to help those in need.

Concordia students who have attended Night of Hope in the past have enjoyed the fellowship that this night has to offer. Sophomore Mckinsey Thorpe attended Night of Hope last year. Thorpe said Night of Hope was a really fun experience and

she was glad she went. Many students enjoy the camaraderie that Night of Hope brings to the students and staff while benefiting a great cause.

Tickets for Night of Hope are just one dollar. Those who attend will receive free food alongside opportunities for raffles, art, t-shirts for sale, and various entertainment booths. This event will take place in the Nelson Amphitheater and the CU Center patio from 6-9 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 7.

In times of devastation that have unfortunately fallen upon the United States and communities affected by senseless acts, it is important to remain united in God and help those in need. All are encouraged to join the Concordia family at this beneficial, memorable and wholesome event.

Concordia
Blesses
Grounds For
New Building

KAILEY VIGIL
STAFF WRITER

On Sun., Oct. 1, Concordia celebrated the breaking of ground for the new Music, Worship and Theology building. This building has been long awaited and took a great deal of work with the City of Irvine to get approved. The new building is necessary because Concordia is a growing campus, appealing to more students each year.

The service took place in the CU Center at 4:00 p.m. and many faculty, donors and current students were in attendance. The Concordia Choir and Sinfonietta provided musical performances showcasing students' talents. Several of Concordia's alumni were in attendance, both in the audience and in the music ensembles.

President Krueger opened the service by greeting everyone in the audience. There were several mini speeches given by faculty such as Dr. Jeff Held, Assistant Dean of Arts & Sciences and Dr. Steve Mueller, Dean of Christ College. These faculty members talked about their learning experiences and what this building will mean to future students.

Executive Vice President of University Advancement, Tim Jaeger, took time to thank the approximate 130 donors for their gracious donations and pledges.

The new Music, Worship and Theology building will have state of the art rooms

Reaching and Speaking Out: How Senate Plans to Represent Students

MADDY HAASE
ASCUI SECRETARY

Senate is committed to being a voice for students to inspire change all across campus. This year we have one of the largest groups of student Senators in Senate history. With this many Senators, we are able to look into more changes and grow the span of our reach on campus. This year we are committed to improving University Services, Campus Safety, Bon Appetite and Housing. We also seek to collect input from students of all kinds: transfers, residents, commuters, out-of-staters and internationals.

The Senators are excited to help and support students in any way they can. This year we are hoping to be a strong voice and presence on campus. Senators will be going around to the diverse groups and Residence Halls and will be asking students questions about what they like, love, and what they would like to change about Concordia. We value everyone's opinion and are excited to see what students have to say and the ideas that they



CUI Senators PC: ASCUI

have for our campus.

In the next couple of weeks, surveys will go out to the various student groups and Senators will also be coming by dorms door-to-door. This is a great way for all students to have their voices heard and be able to raise

awareness for the things that they are passionate about.

Senate loves to hear the concerns and ideas of everyone on campus. As part of Senate's drive to meet every student's need, open forum meetings are held Wednesdays

at 10:30 a.m. in Sigma Square. Please come and share your voice. If you are not in Senate and have amazing ideas this is a good way to have that idea recognized and heard.

Senators learn leadership skills, get to

know more people on campus and communicate with fellow students. It is a place for students to create clubs and gather ideas to improve our campus. The ASCUI team is excited to see what this year's Senators have in store.

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Men and Women's Basketball Teams Host First Ever Tip-Off Dinner

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On Oct., 14 at 5 p.m., the Men and Women's Basketball Teams start a new tradition. The first annual Tip-Off Dinner will be held in the CU Arena. The night will feature both basketball teams as they head into their first full season as members of the NCAA Division II. The night will be filled with food, entertainment and a silent auction, as well as a Q&A session with players and coaches from both teams.

Women's basketball coach Christine Collins says the Tip-Off Dinner

is an opportunity to get an up-close look and feel of the Men's and Women's basketball teams before they get started on their upcoming season. Collins and men's assistant coach Stephen Ferry hope the dinner will help build excitement for the

upcoming season. Ferry said the Tip-Off Dinner is a great opportunity to get involved with and support both programs.

Players and coaches are excited for the opportunity to meet fans on a more personal level and thank them for their support of

the basketball programs. Junior Forward, Geoff Gerlach said that he is excited to meet and get to know the fans that put so much effort into supporting him and his team.

This is the first ever Tip-Off Dinner and both coaches are excited about

the benefits that the event will bring to the basketball programs. Ferry said they are really excited about this event, it will be fun for all who attend, and will be very beneficial to both of the programs. Collins said that they hope people walk away eager for the upcoming season with a great feel of the players on the team and coaches as well as the goals for the season.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the Tip-Off Dinner. Tickets are available for purchase for \$25. To purchase a ticket RSVP to Coach Christine Collins at christine.collins@cui.edu.

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First Person: How Concordia Class Got Me a Job at FOX Sports

BLAKE WARYE
STAFF WRITER

Not many people realize how lucky they are to be in Southern California, and have eight professional sports teams within MLB, NHL, NFL and NBA to cheer on. This means there are many opportunities for college students and graduates looking to work in the sports industry to find a

job with a sports organization. I have played hockey since I was five years old, and being an Anaheim Ducks fan my whole life, my dream job was to work in any position for the Ducks. Fortunately and by God's blessing, in September 2016, I was offered a job with FOX Sports to work Ducks home games. Getting a call and being told I was going to

get paid to watch Ducks games seemed too good to be true.

This opportunity all stemmed from taking an introduction to Sports Management class with Dr. Cattau in the Fall of 2015. One of our assignments was to interview a person in a sports-related job that you have never met before. I chose to interview Jeff Noviello, Anaheim Ducks statistician. The interview went great and we continued to communicate with each other as the Ducks season went on.

The next year I took Journalism and chose to write an article on the kickoff of the Ducks season. I again interviewed Noviello for quotes in the article. The day after I conducted the interview, Noviello called me and told me there was an opening for FOX Sports to be a broadcast statistician for the Ducks home games.

I showed up two hours before game time with an empty arena in front of me and got my stat sheets ready to go for the game against the Phoenix Coyotes. My job as the broadcast statistician is to take stats of the game, and then give those stats to the play-by-play and color analyst in the



Kings Hall of Fame broadcaster Bob Miller (left) and Blake Warye
PC: Blake Warye



Ducks play-by-play announcer John Ahlers (left), Blake Warye, and Ducks color analyst Brian Hayward (right)
PC: Blake Warye

broadcast booth. The Ducks play-by-play broadcaster is John Ahlers and color analyst is Brian Hayward. Ahlers and Hayward are an awesome duo to work with and are great to listen to when watching a Ducks game on TV.

There were many highlights of my first season working for FOX. The best and most memorable was working the last game of the 2016-17 season, where the Ducks played the Los Angeles Kings. This game was memorable because it was Hall of Fame broadcaster Bob Miller's final game in the booth. I got to meet Miller and hear stories of his 44-year career. Some other memorable moments were getting to work

for the Montreal Canadiens' French telecast and working the first round of the 2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The Ducks will be kicking off their 2017-18 season this week, with six of their first seven games at Honda Center. The Ducks will be looking to build on their Western Conference Finals loss last season to the Nashville Predators. Most of the team is returning this season, including Ryan Getzlaf, Corey Perry, John Gibson and Ryan Kesler. The expectations are high for this year's team and they should be an exciting team to watch. Go to anaheimducks.com to check out the Ducks schedule and buy tickets for games.

Deepen Your Roots: A Bible Study For Millennials

HOLLY SPENCER
LOCAL/GLOBAL EDITOR

Looking for a way to deepen your relationship with God? Curious about a Bible study made specifically for millennials? Want a 20% off coupon? Interested in a faith-based internship? Deep Roots Bible Studies has partnered with Concordia to give us all of the above!

Felicity Lorenz, owner of Deep Roots said, "[I] started Deep Roots Bible Studies after noticing many millennials struggle to keep a devotional time every day. Thus, Deep Roots sells Bible studies with millennials in mind."

"Our vision is to inspire Christians to get deep into God's Word on a daily basis, so they can have a better understanding of the Lord and His Word," said Lorenz. She noticed a great need for a "Bible study curriculum that attracted this next generation" and sought to fill that need.

Deep Roots is "here to give you structure for your devotional time, and provide historical and cultural context for each passage." Each study is designed to last about 15 minutes, so even the busiest people (like us college students!) will have time for them.



Deep Roots Bible studies are perfect for college students PC: Felicity Lorenz

Lorenz said Deep Roots also features blog posts and a podcast series to check out—perfect for commuters! "Both offer further discussion on Christian issues as well as ed-

ucation on things like meditating on Scripture, Jewish holidays, and apologetics."

Deep Roots Bible Studies was founded in July 2016. This young company invites

Concordia students to join Deep Roots in its journey to help our generation become committed followers of God.

In the future, Lorenz hopes to open a Christian bookstore that "provides insightful products in such a way that attracts this generation." She emphasized the sad trend that many Christian bookstores today are shutting down, but she believes Deep Roots can combat this. "Our bookstore would be a hip-looking space that provides an experience to customers, just like a hipster coffee shop, while also selling quality products that will deepen customers' understanding of the Bible." Additionally, Deep Roots hopes to launch Bible study small groups using their products.

Deep Roots emphasizes that their Bible studies are "designed with everyone in mind." "My desire is to see every believer empowered to know and understand God's word for themselves," said Lorenz. Millennials are "looking for Christian resources that connect with their struggles without judgment." If that's you, check out what Deep Roots Bible Studies can offer you.

While most Bible studies can cost up to \$100, Lorenz recognizes this is not realistic for college students. Therefore, the featured Bible study books range from just \$15 to \$25. "Any additional resources, like video teachings, for example, are free and on our website," said Lorenz. Use the code "CONCORDIA" at checkout to get 20% off Deep Roots Bible studies.

On Oct. 20 and 21, Deep Roots will have a booth featured at the Thrive Conference located just five minutes from Concordia. To check out their offerings in person, go to The Cloud Church at 18842 Teller Ave. Irvine, CA for the Thrive Conference.

Additionally, "Deep Roots is always looking for bright, passionate interns in the Orange County area. If you are passionate about God's Word and want to learn business skills, you can visit our website at DeepRootStudy.com/Careers for more information," said Lorenz.

To order a Bible study, access podcasts or for more information on Deep Roots, please visit DeepRootStudy.com.

A Journey with Charcoal, Pencil, Pen & Ink, and Watercolor

KARINA DIEZ
MARKETING MANAGER

On Wed., Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m., Tom Ashbrook will be presenting his artwork at the John and Linda Friend Gallery in Grimm Hall, giving students and art lovers a chance to chat about the pieces and get to know the artist behind the paintings. His exhibition, "A Journey with Charcoal, Pencil, Pen & Ink, and Watercolor," premiered on Oct. 4 and will run through Oct. 30.

Niclas Kruger, Gallery Director of the John and Linda Friend Gallery, connected with Ashbrook to curate this new exhibition. "His body of work for this

exhibit is a collection of art that is spanning over quite some time," said Kruger. "It is linked to his travels which provide him with inspiration for new topics and compositions." Ashbrook's art takes you through his lived travels, allowing you to see the world from the canvas of his paintings.

According to Ashbrook, he was also inspired by the different mediums he had at his leisure. "What inspires

me with pen and ink is the contrast between the dark and the light," said Ashbrook. "[The scenes] can be expressed with the pen and ink or charcoal — as well as the palette that I use in watercolor — and [are] able to show the contrast between the light and shadows."

Through his use of different mediums, Ashbrook captures his muse in still life for all to enjoy. "He connects with his viewers by

including topics and scenes that anybody can enjoy," said Kruger. "Art brings people together and it provides a vehicle for exploring aspects of life we might not otherwise have an opportunity to share."

Though you wouldn't know it from his natural talent, Ashbrook was not always an artist. For 36 years, he was a dentist. "I chose dentistry because I felt it was an art form, and

I still do," said Ashbrook. "Working with my hands in dentistry is an easy translation to working with my hands as an artist." Now, in his retirement, he is able to focus strictly on his artistic self.

Ashbrook hopes you see truth his in artwork. His goal is for viewers to see natural beauty, which is the essence of his paintings. "To me, what makes [art] look 'good' is if it can bring out the realism and the person viewing the art can also imagine what is being expressed," said Ashbrook. Ashbrook's art can be found in the Grimm Hall Art Gallery until Oct. 30.

"It is linked to his travels which provide him with inspiration for new topics and compositions."

Indigenous Peoples' Day to Replace Columbus Day?

NANCY PALMER
STAFF WRITER

"In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue." We've all heard this catchy phrase and believed Christopher Columbus was worthy of praise for the generations to follow because he discovered America. However, this is no longer considered historical fact.

In 2012, historians made discoveries that disproved that Columbus was in fact the first person to discover America. Columbus did land in the Caribbean, but he actually never made it to North America.

There was evidence found on the East Coast that a Norse explorer from Iceland named Leif Erikson was actually the first European to come to America. There were several totem poles that had Norse carvings and writings all over them, which revealed that Erikson found North America 400 years before Columbus even set sail.

Columbus got his own

federal holiday in 1937. Since then, there are people that believe it is insensitive

discovered America. There are multiple cities all over America that are changing

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to celebrate a person that did not actually discover America.

This year on Aug. 30, the Los Angeles City Council voted to eliminate Columbus Day and replace the holiday with "Indigenous Peoples' Day" on its city calendar. Councilman Mike Bonin said, "This gesture of replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day is a very small step in apologizing and in making amends."

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrates Native Americans and also challenges the concept that Columbus

Columbus Day to the new holiday. People have been trying to spread the word to encourage other cities to follow Los Angeles and rename the day.

The history of Columbus as we know it is changing and the way teachers speak about Columbus to the next generations has changed as well. While it is true that Columbus did sail the ocean blue in 1492, the implication that he found America is now less credible.

Samantha Cannone, high school sophomore, said, "Columbus is still taught in World History, but not

much is spoken of Leif Erikson." Cannone goes on to say that she did not know about Erikson until the interview. Noah Sharpe, college freshman, reveals how he was taught about the discovery of America. "There was a time in high school that my History teacher mentioned that the history books are going to change. I know that in high school we never learned about who really discovered America," said Sharpe.

Staying informed and do-

ing research about the origin of America is vital as a member of an American society. With Columbus Day approaching on Monday, do your own research so you can choose whether or not to make Indigenous Peoples' Day your new holiday.

For more information about Indigenous Peoples' Day, visit <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-indigenous-peoples-day-20170829-story.html>.



Spongebob remembers Leif Erikson. Do you? Courtesy of Google

First Person: International Students Plan For Mid Semester Break

LAITH MTHAN
STAFF WRITER

Mid-semester break starts Oct. 12, giving students four days to recover after midterms. Some students will be taking this time to see their families, while others plan to sleep in and recharge. A common theme among these plans is home, but for international students, four days is often not enough to travel to their home country. Since home isn't an option, I walked around campus and interviewed international students to learn what they plan to do instead.

The first student

that I met was Yousif Al-Amri, a sophomore international student who lives off campus. Al-Amri plans to go to New York City during break. "There is not

ing," said Al-Amri. He says he wants to go to New York because it's calm and he enjoys the weather. Al-Amri plans to forget about school work during break.

"Whether you have plans or not, mid-semester break is a great time to do something fun or recharge"

enough time for me to do that much, but I will be doing some shopping and try new food or just enjoy eat-

The second student I interviewed was sophomore Mohini Mulick, who is from India. Mulick plans to go camp-

ing in Irvine during break. She wanted to stay nearby but also get a chance to hike. Mulick also plans to catch up on some school work during the days off.

Diego Zoo for the very first time. Enock says his girlfriend loves animals more than he does, but Enock is looking forward to just spending time together. Aside from visiting the zoo, Enock plans to work and do some homework.

Whether you have plans or not, mid-semester break is a great time to do something fun or recharge and get ready for the second half of the semester. Have a great break and take some time to celebrate getting through the first half of this semester!

My last interview was with junior Jean Enock Berus who is from Haiti. Enock said that he plans to go to the San

ICYMI: 2017 Grad School Fair

TAYLOR STICKLE
STAFF WRITER

With the school year in full swing, many juniors and seniors are starting to wonder what to do after graduation. Luckily, Concordia offers a multitude of resources in order to help us decide which path is right for us. One of these incredible resources is the Grad School Fair—a decade long tradition organized by Victoria Jaffe, Director of Career Development. This year's fair kicked off at 10:30 a.m. Wed. Oct. 4 with over 20 schools in attendance.

Schools ranging from University of California Irvine, all the way out to Grand Canyon University were in attendance providing something for everyone at the fair this year. Each school sent representatives boasting a wide variety of potential master's programs to enter. There were schools offering medical programs, psychology programs, communication and PR programs and even online programs. If there was any doubt in anyone's mind prior to the fair about whether or not to attend graduate school, this fair was the perfect place to help you decide. UCI was even holding a raffle to win a free GRE prep course

which normally costs almost \$800!

For freshmen and sophomores who may be thinking that it is too early for them to start looking into graduate programs, Jaffe believes that it is never too early to start looking into grad schools. "It is a great opportunity for the young college student to be active in their career planning. Students can research academic areas, identify their career interests and develop a broad network."

"Graduate school is available to everyone," said Jaffe. "However, students should ask themselves whether their motivation will sustain the investment in time and expense of a graduate degree." She suggests conducting extensive research into graduate schools to find out what may be best for you. She also points out that not all careers require a graduate degree, so research what your desired career requires.

Speaking with your professors is another way to find out if graduate school is right for you. Many of Concordia's professors hold doctorates or have been active practitioners in their given field of expertise, and can offer insights ranging from the application process to what graduate



Victoria Jaffe accepts raffle entries to win In-N-Out and Target gift cards at the 2017 Concordia Grad School Fair

school is like.

"Graduate school is difficult but incredibly rewarding," said Dr. Erin Nelson. "If you are considering graduate school, I say go for it because it certainly cannot hurt your career or reputation to pursue higher education." Nelson

recommends to students who are interested in graduate school to participate in scholarly extra-curricular activities. The President's Academic Showcase in March and serving as a research assistant are good resume-boosting options.

Nelson continued, "Graduate school is centered on research, so the more exposure and training you can get now, the better off you will be in graduate school. I highly suggest students do their homework on potential schools and the steps needed to apply very early. This will give them adequate time to study for the necessary exams, such as the GRE or MCAT, and write strong personal statements to help their application stand out above the rest."

While the Grad School Fair may have come and gone for this year, for those who are considering graduate school, there is still time and resources for you to research whether or not grad school is right for you. Jaffe suggests to those who may have missed the fair to visit the Career Services page on Concordia's website. On there you will find ample resources to help you to decide which grad school is right for you and additional advice on how to get accepted into the school of your choice!

For more information on graduate school planning, visit <https://www.cui.edu/studentlife/career-services/index/id/19601>.

To make an appointment with Victoria Jaffe, email her at victoria.jaffe@cui.edu

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with double concrete slabs and appropriate insulation in order to keep practices as private and productive as possible for future students. In addition to practice rooms, the Music Department will also be receiving a new choir room and a recording studio for worship arts.

The Music and Theology departments are excited to be moving into the same building. "Lutherans have always seen a connection between theology and music. Luther said, 'I accord music the highest place next to theology.' He saw that these two are good partners," said Mueller. The two departments will have their own wing within

the new building.

At the ceremony, the audience and ensembles followed Pastor Quinton Anderson outside the CU Center to the site of the new building in order to bless it and celebrate the start of construction. Selected members of the campus community were invited to pick up shovels and turn up earth. After the ceremony, a small reception was held for everyone that came to bless the ground.

The building is scheduled for completion late Summer 2018.



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Faith On Campus: A Look at the Religious Opportunities at Concordia

ASHLEY SANDS
STAFF WRITER

Although Concordia does not have religious requirements for student admission, our school says they provide a Christian community that lives out the Lutheran Heritage. The Courier spoke with students and faculty who shared their perspective about faith on campus.

One way for students to bring faith into their life is to attend Shout, a student-led worship service that meets every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 p.m. It begins with acoustic worship, followed by a brief message, small group prayer and ends with students linking arms while singing. Senior and former peer minister, Nyssa McCarthy, describes the environment as having “low-lighting, low pressure and a low-key nature.”

McCarthy believes Shout has been a fundamental part of her Concordia experience. Since the first Thursday of her freshman year, McCarthy has gone on a regular basis. “I wanted to

know if this school had people who believe Jesus is the most important person to them,” McCarthy said.

This service welcomes students from all faith backgrounds. “Shout is the perfect mix of all the factors that allows a scared college student to find their faith,” McCarthy said. “Its exis-

“Everyone needs to be open to hearing each student's narrative because each one is unique.”

tence has provided me with an opportunity to become active in my faith and take ownership of it.”

Students who want to grow in their faith, worship with peers, or come together in times of trouble are encouraged to attend Shout. “Throughout seasons of difficulty, worshipping with my peers [and] my best friends was something I looked forward to every week,” McCarthy said. “Shout has allowed me to be vulnerable in prayer and worship.”

Students can also grow their faith around the world. Every fall semester, English professor Dr. John Norton leads approximately 20 students through 10 countries in 5 months, on a study abroad trip called Around-The-World Semester^(R), or ATW. They have student-led morning team

devotions that focus on a Bible verse and provide encouragement for the team.

The ATW trip gives students the opportunity to serve globally with missionaries, pastors and church leaders on a weekly basis. The group meets one night a week to worship together. “We sing songs, read the Bible, and share testimonies of God’s goodness and faithfulness,” Norton said.

McCarthy experienced ATW her junior year with a group of her best friends.

“One of the greatest benefits from that trip was serving God with peers,” McCarthy said. “I learned how big and present God is.”

Professors also incorporate faith into their teaching to promote growth in the classroom. “Literature is a conversation full of profound questions revolving around the meaning of life and the nature of man,” Norton said. “Authors throughout the ages have wrestled with faith, hope and love. Christianity holds a prominent place in this great conversation, and thus, in a very natural way, we discuss Christ in nearly every class session.”

Abbey West is another group on campus that organizes the student-led Bible studies that are held each week. Junior Michelle Pettet became a Bible study leader during her sophomore year because she felt called to help others. “We try to not have a closed door,” Pettet said. “We want everyone to come.”

Anyone interested in joining a Bible study can visit Abbey West in the

CSLD to learn more. “The whole purpose is to create a community and make disciples of Christ,” Pettet said. “Everyone wants to have that childlike faith in God.”

These Bible studies welcome all individuals interested in strengthening their walk with Christ. “You aren’t being tested...everyone is learning,” Pettet said. “It’s about the relationship between you and God. It’s about having faith.”

Everyone walks a different path. “We generalize people. It’s almost dehumanizing to assume each person’s story,” McCarthy said. “Everyone needs to be open to hearing each student’s narrative because each one is unique.”

According to McCarthy, God is present in the hearts and minds of each person who steps on campus. “The more time I’ve spent here, the more I’ve realized that God is so much at work here,” McCarthy said. “God is working through people even if they don’t realize it.”

Concordia Students Share Opinions on the Release of the iPhone X

SARA BARD
STAFF WRITER

Apple has revealed that the iPhone X will be available for pre-sale on Oct. 27 at 12:01 a.m. They will begin shipment soon after that on Nov. 3. A new feature of the iPhone X includes a unique facial recognition device created to eliminate the need for passwords. The iPhone X scans the face and remembers it so the phone recognizes its owner. The X is also water resistant which will eliminate the fear of water damage. Apple has improved its camera once again and has made it possible to take photos of very high quality because of its new portrait lighting features. These fea-

tures make the subject in the photo look like they are in a high quality digital photography studio.

like the Android, and it doesn’t seem any better than the Android.” Ruiz had a very strong opin-

iPhone X may seem very appealing.

Concordia student’s aren’t the only ones am-

people are probably going to stick with the phones they have.

With the increase in cellular watch technology, some are even wondering if we’ll have cellphones much longer at all. In an article titled, “The iPhone X is the Beginning of the End for Phones,” Freelance tech writer Owen Williams writes, “Essential, Samsung and LG have all released phones with “edge-to-edge” displays that look so similar to each other it’s hard to even make an informed decision.” Williams believes phone tech has peaked, and judging the few Concordian responses we have here, it’s not hard to see why.

“It looks exactly like the Android, and it doesn’t seem any better than the Android.”

The full price of the iPhone X is \$999, a price that may seem too high to match a college student’s budget. Although there is the option to pay monthly fees, college students have their differing opinions on the latest phone. Kaitlin Ruiz, a senior and Communication major said, “It looks exactly

ion about the iPhone X and was not too excited or persuaded by Apple’s latest smartphone.

Jasmin Alvarez, also a senior and Communication major stated, “I’m not going to buy it but I think it’s great- the camera is a game changer.” So, if one has an interest in photography the

bivalent about the Apple’s latest reveal. One analyst team from KeyBanc Capital Markets led by Andy Hargreaves told reporters at MarketWatch the iPhone X is “disappointing, and raises the risk that Apple will struggle to drive incremental upgrade activity in future cycles.” In other words,

Netflix Original "Atypical" Gains Momentum and Popularity

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The Netflix original series "Atypical," released on Aug. 11, 2017, is gaining attention. The show follows 18-year-old Sam Gardner, a high-functioning autistic teenager finding his way through high school and toward independence.

His main quest throughout season one is to find a girlfriend and figure out the complicated game of dating. We also get a glimpse of his family and the imperfections he faces there. While comical, the show has a definite dramatic touch, showcasing issues like distrust, cheating, personal drama and substance abuse.

In the pilot episode, we are introduced to Sam, his mother Elsa, his father Doug, his sister Casey and his therapist Julia. Sam tells Julia he wants to find a girlfriend and enter the dating world. Unbeknownst to

Sam's family (or Julia) she's the love interest Sam has in mind.

Throughout the episode, Sam's interest in this therapist actually helps him connect with his normally distant father Doug as he offers dating advice and shares his experience. We get some heartwarming moments watching their relationship improve.

This causes one of the other big struggles of the episode because Sam is wanting to become more independent and does not need his mom as much as he used to. We see him turning to his dad for dating advice where he would usually see his mom. Elsa is so used to spending the majority of her time helping Sam so she is surprised and upset by his sudden distance and interest in independence.

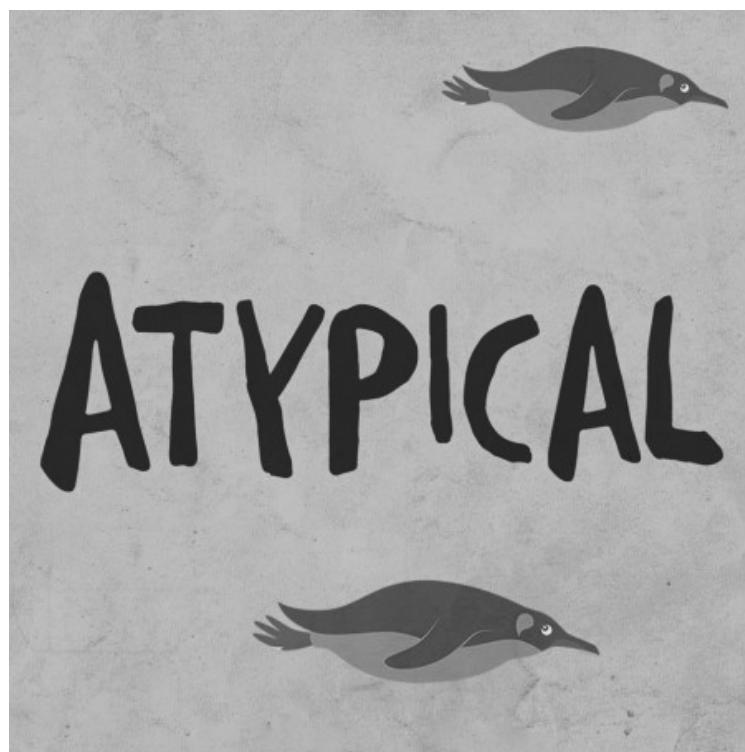
Another important character that we meet is Zahid, an employee at the tech store that Sam works at. He claims to be a natural born lady killer and

offers Sam some impractical advice on how to score a date. The advice is obviously wrong, but it's apparent that Zahid is genuinely trying to help and is just as clueless as Sam when it comes to the ladies. Throughout the show, we see that though Zahid may not always offer the most practical advice, he is always there for Sam and helps him through many of his struggles.

The show is also very informative, providing insight as to what a person with autism's daily life is like. Although no two cases are the same, and everyone falls on different places of the spectrum, it is a useful depiction of one of the many manifestations autism can take. Many of the reviews on Netflix stated that the watchers knew nothing about autism, which is why shows like this are so important. Through entertainment, it arms audiences with important knowledge about people unlike themselves.

Because the first season was a big success, it has been renewed for a second season which will hit the site in August of 2018. The new season will contain 10 episodes, two more than the first season.

Many of the reviewers stated that they await the return of the heartwarming and humorous show and are excited to see more. It definitely isn't like any other show on Netflix and is worth the watch.



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